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**ACCIDENT NEAR ROORKEE**

## Rishabh Pant has narrow escape after his car crashes into divider, catches fire



The remains of the Mercedes car being driven by cricketer Pant on the Delhi-Dehradun highway near Roorkee on Friday. PTI

### Police say he apparently dozed off at the wheel; doctors say out of danger

AVANEESH MISHRA  
DEHRADUN, DECEMBER 30



Rishabh Pant has been admitted to a Dehradun hospital

INDIAN WICKETKEEPER-BATSMAN Rishabh Pant had a narrow escape early Friday morning when the Mercedes Coupe he was driving crashed into a road divider near Roorkee and caught fire. Pant, police said, lost control after he apparently dozed off at the wheel. He suffered injuries and is out of danger, doctors said.

As per the police, Pant was able to escape through the broken windscreen of his car, a Mercedes-AMG GLE43 Coupe. After being initially admitted to Saksham, a private hospital in Roorkee, the 25-year-old Pant, who was on his way to his hometown Roorkee from Delhi, was transferred to Max Hospital in Dehradun.

He has two cuts on his forehead and a ligament tear in his right knee. He has also hurt his right wrist, ankle, toe and suffered abrasion injuries on his back, doctors said.

Dr Ashish Yagnik, Medical Superintendent of Max, said that doctors "prima facie" did not find any serious injuries on the cricketer and that he is stable.

"Only after some tests, we can tell more. As of now, he is stable and there is not much to worry about. The team of doctors is talking to him and based on what he is telling us about the

injuries, he is getting evaluated. Prima facie we did not find any serious injuries. Orthopaedic and plastic surgeon doctors are attending to him," said Yagnik.

Later in the day, Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Honorary Secretary Jay Shah issued a statement that the BCCI is in constant touch with Rishabh's family while the medical team is in close contact with doctors currently treating Rishabh.

"The Board will see to it that Rishabh receives the best possible medical care and gets all the support he needs to come out of this traumatic phase... (At) Max Hospital, Dehradun, (Rishabh) will undergo MRI scans to ascertain the extent of his injuries and (to) formulate his further course of treatment," said the Board.

Haridwar SSP Ajai Singh said that as per preliminary information, Pant dozed off while driving and lost control. "The time was 5.22 am when Rishabh Pant was returning from Delhi and on the Delhi-Roorkee highway, his car hit the divider and caught fire after it turned upside down. A Haryana roadways bus was

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi carries the mortal remains of his mother Hiraba, in Gandhinagar on Friday. Nirmal Harindran

## Prime Minister's mother Hiraba passes away: A 'tapasvi...selfless'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
GANDHINAGAR, DECEMBER 30

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi's mother Hiraba passed away at an Ahmedabad hospital early Friday. She was 99. A bulletin from the UN Mehta Institute of Cardiology and Research Centre, where she was admitted Wednesday after her health deteriorated, stated that Hiraba Modi passed away at 3.30 am Friday during treatment at the hospital.

She is survived by five sons — Prime Minister Modi and his brothers Somabhai, Amrutbhai, Prahladbhai and Pankajbhai — and daughter Vasantiben.

The Prime Minister, who performed her last rites along with his brothers, said, "A glorious century rests at the feet of God. I

have witnessed three qualities in Mother: the journey of a tapasvi (saint), a selfless worker and a life dedicated to values."

"When I met her on her 100th birthday, she said one thing which I always remember. 'Kaam karo buddhi thi, jivan jivo suddhi thi' (work with wisdom and live a life of purity)," he said in a Twitter post.

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## Modi flags off new Vande Bharat train, Mamata says your mother is ours too



Modi joins the Kolkata event via video link from Gandhinagar. It was attended by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. PTI

SANTANU CHOWDHURY  
KOLKATA, DECEMBER 30

HOURS AFTER performing the last rites of his mother in Gandhinagar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the Howrah-New Jalpaiguri Vande Bharat Express — the first Vande Bharat Express in West Bengal and the seventh in the country — via video link on Friday.

Addressing the event, Modi apologised for not being physically present. "Today, I was supposed to be among you, but I could not come due to some personal reasons, for which I apologise to you and the people of West Bengal," he said.

Offering her condolences to Modi, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said: "Today is a sad day. I pray to God to give you strength and bless you so that you can love your mother with

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## REGULATOR TO MARION BIOTECH UP firm linked to death of Uzbek children told to halt production

Inspection finds 'deviations' from good practices at manufacturing unit

ANONNA DUTT  
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

ALL PRODUCTION has been halted at the manufacturing facility of pharmaceutical company Marion Biotech in Noida late on Thursday night after a joint inspection by the apex drug regulator and state drug controllers found "deviations" from good manufacturing practices. The inspection came after the Uzbekistan government linked the deaths of 18 children in the country to a cough syrup manufactured by the company.

"Following inspection by the CDSCO (Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation) team in view of reports of contamination in cough syrup Dok1 Max, all manufacturing activities of Marion Biotech at Noida unit have been stopped yesterday night, while further investigation is ongoing," Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said on Friday in a Twitter post.

The order to stop all manufacturing, "in public interest",



The Noida premises of pharmaceutical company Marion Biotech

was handed to the firm on the spot by drug controllers after the second day of the ongoing inspections, officials said. According to the officials, drug controllers had taken control samples (samples of the same batch that was exported, stored by the company for quality control purposes), along with samples of other medicines

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## Autopsy on Russians: One death accidental, second a cardio-respiratory failure

SUJIT BISOIYI  
BHUBANESWAR, DECEMBER 30

THE AUTOPSIES conducted on the two Russian tourists who died in Odisha's Rayagada district last week cites the nature of death of Pavel Antov, a Russian sausage tycoon and regional lawmaker, as "accidental" while saying that his roommate Vladimir Bidenov suffered "cardio-respiratory failure".

On the evening of December 24, Pavel, 65, was found dead on the roof of a single-storey struc-

ture adjacent to the main building of Hotel Sai International, where he was staying in Rayagada, hours after he attended the cremation of his roommate Bidenov, 62. According to the police, Bidenov was found unconscious in the hotel room on December 22 "with a few empty wine bottles around him".

Police had quoted circumstantial evidence to say that Pavel, upset over the death of his friend Bidenov, possibly died by suicide and that he may have jumped off the terrace of the hotel.

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## Baghel OKs old pension scheme; can't return NPS money: Centre

JAYPRAKASH S NAIDU  
RAIPUR, DECEMBER 30

AFTER ANNOUNCING in the Budget this year that Chhattisgarh would revert to the old pension scheme for state government employees, the Cabinet led by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel Friday decided employees can shift back to the OPS after making a submission to deposit the contribution made by the state towards the National Pension System (NPS) and the dividend earned thereon.

Under the NPS, a state government employee contributes 10 per cent of her basic salary plus dearness allowance, with



His Cabinet decides govt staff can go back to old scheme

the state making a matching contribution. The money is then invested in one of the several pension funds allowed by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority. The state's total NPS corpus as of now is Rs 17,000 crore.

After the Cabinet meeting at the CM's residence on Friday, a state government official told

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**EXPLAINED**  
**Return of OPS: many hurdles**

BESIDES CREATING open-ended liabilities for future governments, reverting to the OPS will face obstacles in the immediate also. The Chhattisgarh Cabinet decision says employees will be allowed to switch only if they return to the state the latter's contribution towards NPS. Pension fund regulator has already conveyed it will not return the corpus to the state.

## Demand for private jets soared during pandemic, now on way down

MIHIR MISHRA  
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

AS THE Covid-19 pandemic wanes, India's rich and famous are leaving the confines of private planes and opting for commercial flights, leading to a decline in the demand for private jets.

According to data compiled by the government-owned Airports Authority of India, the movement of private jets and helicopters showed a 16.5 per cent dip during April-November this year as compared to the same period last year.

of such aircraft had registered a growth of 48.4 per cent in April-November last year, as compared to the same period in 2020.

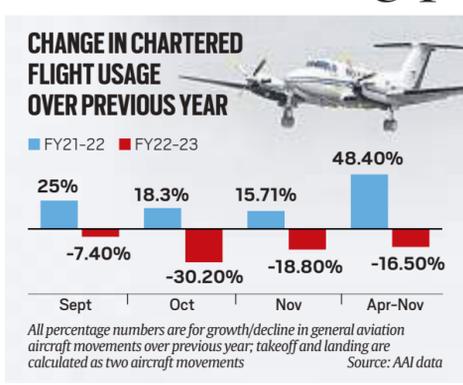
In absolute numbers, airports across the country logged a total of 1,78,860 general aviation aircraft movements in April-November 2019, before the pandemic.

In April-November 2020, the first year of the pandemic, despite travel beginning only in the second half of the year after lockdowns and other restrictions were lifted, there were 1,28,180 such movements. This surged to 1,90,580

in April-November 2021, but decreased to 1,59,130 in April-November 2022.

While general aviation movements include private jets and helicopters, a takeoff and landing is counted as two aircraft movements.

As India started to open domestic flights in May 2020, after a two-month-long lockdown, various high net worth individuals (HNIs) as well as companies opted for private jets for travel within the country and abroad. They also chose to charter flights for holidays with their families, leading to a record run for private jet and



helicopter operators.

The shift to private aircraft helped these HNIs fly in controlled spaces with known people and reduce the number of touchpoints during flights, thus decreasing the chances of getting the infection. According to industry data, a passenger travelling by a scheduled commercial flight has to pass through at least 280 touchpoints as compared to 40 touchpoints while flying private jets.

But this year, with the Covid curve falling, many of these people returned to flying first class or business class on commercial airlines.

"During Covid, there was a lot of panic and HNIs as well as corporate houses moved to chartered flights to fly with people they know. With normalcy returning, in terms of flight network of airlines, increase in number of vaccinated individuals and the pandemic reaching an endemic stage, these HNIs and corporate houses have moved to commercial flights," said Santosh Sharma, founder of bookmyjet, an online booking portal for business jets. Sharma said many of these HNIs were individuals who had never flown in private jets till Covid. Post-pandemic, after regu-

lating the number of flights an airline can operate, the government opened up the domestic sector in October last year, and allowed regular international flights from March this year.

While the business jet industry is struggling to sustain the Covid momentum, scheduled airlines in India saw a record number of passengers in the current year, despite high airfares, hotel tariffs and inflation. India registered the highest-ever domestic passenger number of 4,35,500 in a day on December 24, breaching the December 2019 high of 4,20,000.

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**28 yrs after woman and her children are murdered, police make first arrest**

**MOHAMED THAYER**  
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 30

TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS after a woman and her four children were murdered at their residence in Kashmir, the Mira Bhayandar Vasai Virar (MBVV) Police made the first arrest in the case on Thursday.

Rajkumar Chauhan, one of the three men allegedly involved in the murders in November 1994, was arrested from the Mumbai airport. The other two — siblings Anil and Sunil Saroj — are absconding.

When Aviraj Kurade took charge as the senior inspector of Crime Branch (Unit I) at the recently formed MBVV Commissionerate, he asked for a list of all major undetected cases.

In all, 11 cases were found, including the most brutal in which Jagranidevi Prapapati (27) and her four children, including one three months old, were murdered. Jagranidevi's husband had passed away in an accident in 2006, said Kurade.

The police found that all the accused in the case were from Uttar Pradesh. A team was sent to the state in June 2021. It started collecting information about the accused with help of

the UP Special Task Force, Kurade said.

Following investigation, including putting phones on surveillance, the police found that Rajkumar Chauhan alias Kalika was living in Qatar. After getting details about his passport, the police got a Look Out Circular issued against him.

On Thursday, Chauhan was detained at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport while he arrived in Mumbai. Following this, the MBVV Police took him into custody.

The police found that Chauhan had accompanied Anil and Sunil, who resided in the same area as the deceased, at the time of murder.

"Once one of the accused had held Jagranidevi's hand, which led to a fight between the brothers and her family. Later, there was another fight, following which, the accused decided to take revenge. One day, when Jagranidevi's husband went out of the house, the accused came and murdered all five, disposed their blood-stained clothes and fled," Kurade said.

"We are hopeful that with the help of Chauhan's interrogation, the other two accused will be arrested soon," he added.

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manufactured at the Noida facility, on Tuesday soon after Uzbekistan's ministry of health linked the deaths of the children to the Dok-1 Max syrup.

The samples have been sent to Regional Drugs Testing Laboratory, Chandigarh for testing.

Thursday's inspection revealed lapses in good manufacturing practices as listed in Schedule M of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940. "There are certain specifications for conducting tests that were not followed. There are areas where pressure differences needed to be maintained, but weren't. Some of the magnehelic gauges (used to record pressure differences) were not working. All the deviations

were tabulated and given to the company," a senior official with knowledge of the matter said.

A showcause notice has been issued to the company on Friday. "Further action as appropriate will be initiated based on the inspection report," the Union Health Minister had said on Thursday.

Officials said there was no need for further inspection of the facility as of now.

According to a statement by Uzbekistan's ministry of health, at least 18 children who had consumed the Dok-1 Max syrup reported sick to hospitals in the Uzbek city of Samarkand and died of kidney failure. The statement said that preliminary laboratory tests of the syrup revealed

the presence of the contaminant ethylene glycol, and that the affected children had consumed the syrup without a prescription and in higher doses than recommended for their age.

The World Health Organisation had on Wednesday told *The Indian Express* that the "WHO is in contact with health authorities in Uzbekistan and is ready to assist in further investigations".

Arindam Bagchi, spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs, said on Thursday. "The Uzbek authorities have not formally taken up the matter with us. But our embassy has contacted the Uzbek side and is seeking further details of their own investigation." Last week, *The Indian Express*

reported that a select committee of the Gambian National Assembly had concluded that the deaths of 70 children due to acute kidney injury were linked to their consumption of four contaminated syrups made by Indian pharma firm Maiden Pharmaceuticals. The committee, in its report, recommended that Maiden be blacklisted, its products banned in the Gambian market and legal action be pursued against the company.

The Gambia incident had prompted the CDSCO earlier this month to starting a nation-wide inspection of manufacturing units considered to be at risk of manufacturing products that are adulterated, spurious, or not upto standard.

**Pant has narrow escape after his car crashes into divider, catches fire**

passing and its driver Susheel Kumar helped Rishabh and called 112. Within 10 minutes, a police team reached the spot and rushed him to a nearby hospital on an ambulance," said Singh.

Rishabh Pant was on his way to his hometown in Roorkee to surprise his mother ahead of the new year. After the incident, his mother was informed and brought to him in a police vehicle, officials said.

CCTV footage of the incident shows the speeding car losing control and swerving to its right before it rams into the divider and turns upside down. Another video, shot minutes later by a passerby, shows the car engulfed in flames and some people helping a visibly injured Pant. Haryana Roadways bus driver Susheel Kumar, who was the first person to come to the cricketer's rescue, said that he left Haridwar around 4.25 and as he reached Gurukul Narsan and slowed down the bus, he noticed a speeding vehicle coming from the Delhi side, losing control, and jumping across the divider.

Kumar said he did not know Pant's identity until the cricketer told them. His conductor, however, recognised Pant. "The (car's) driver was crying for help and I turned the bus to avoid the car. I stopped the bus and jumped outside to help him. My conductor Paramjeet and some passengers also came to help. We asked the person if he was alone in the car because the car was already in flames. He said he is alone and introduced us as Rishabh Pant, a cricketer. I do not watch much cricket as I prefer kabaddi but my conductor told me he's a player in our Indian team," Kumar said to reporters.

According to Kumar, after the ambulance arrived in around 15-20 minutes, they helped Pant get inside. Kumar said that there were currency notes of around Rs 6-7,000 lying on the road and passengers collected the cash and handed it over to Pant. In another video, shot before he was taken to the hospital, Pant could be seen bleeding and trying to talk to those helping him. Uttarakhand DGP Ashok

Kumar has announced that the bus driver, conductor and other locals who came forward to help Rishabh Pant will be awarded under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways 'good samaritan' scheme.

Meanwhile, Dr Sushil Nagar at Saksham hospital who treated Pant first, said that Pant was fully conscious when brought in. He said that X-ray reports suggest no bone injuries.

"There is a ligament tear on his right knee. How serious it is can only be detected after further investigation and a detailed MRI done," he said. Ligament injuries have various grades and it can take two to six months to regain complete fitness.

"We are checking the CCTV footage and looking at other angles too," SSP Ajai Singh added. He, however, denied reports claiming that some youths robbed cash and jewellery that Pant had in the car. He said that the police team promptly reached the spot and all jewellery and cash on Pant was handed over to his mother.

**Baghel clears old pension scheme**

*The Indian Express*, "The decision has been taken despite the Central government's refusal to refund the amount of NPS to the officers and employees of the state." Under the OPS, state government employees will get 50 per cent of their last earned pay (basic salary plus dearness allowance) as pension on retirement.

Central government officials said there will be resistance for any such transfer of funds, adding that it is unlikely to be a smooth process as there has been no precedence of transfer of funds from the NPS account to account of the old pension scheme.

The state government employees will henceforth be considered as the members of the Chhattisgarh General Provident Fund from April 1, 2022. The employee contribution deposited in the NPS account from November 1, 2004, or after to March 31, 2022, and the dividend earned thereon, will be payable to the government employee under

the NPS rules, the state said. But the Central government and the PFRDA have so far maintained it would not be possible to return the money deposited so far in the pension funds back to the state government. "There is no provision in the PFRDA Act or the regulations through which NPS funds can be returned to the state," said an official, who did not wish to be named. "This has been communicated to the state government," the official added.

A state government official said, "Employees will be eligible for the old pension scheme, only after depositing the contribution of the state government and the dividend earned thereon. For this, the government employees will have to select the option of either continuing under NPS or receiving the benefit of the old pension scheme in a notarized affidavit. This option will be final and irrevocable."

"The employees will get the amount deposited in the NPS out of which 50 per cent is state gov-

ernment's contribution. The employees who are willing to shift to OPS will have to return the state government contribution to the state. After April 1, 2022, there is anyway no contribution to NPS," the state government official said.

The share deposited by the government in the NPS account from November 1, 2004 to March 31, 2022, and the dividend received thereon will have to be deposited in the government's account if the government employee opts for the old pension scheme, the state government official explained.

As per Friday's decision, state government employees appointed on and after April 1, 2022, will compulsorily be members of the old pension scheme. For future employees, it will not be a problem since the state government will not make any contribution to the NPS. "Henceforth, it will be a defined benefit pension system for employees," another state government official said.

**PM's mother**

Earlier, Hiraba's body was taken from the hospital to the Vrundavan Bungalows in Raysan where she lived with her youngest son Pankaj.

The Prime Minister flew to Ahmedabad from Delhi and drove straight to Raysan. He offered floral tributes to his mother and bowed down at her feet.

Later, Modi and his brothers shouldered her mortal remains for some distance before placing them in a van. He also boarded the van which headed to a crematorium in Sector 30 in Gandhinagar.

As the last rites were being performed, the Prime Minister and his brothers were joined by Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel. Almost all senior state BJP leaders came to the crematorium to pay their last respects. Former Chief Ministers Shankersinh Vaghela and Vijay Rupani and Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani too were present there.

A Besnu ceremony for Hiraba will be held Sunday at Vadnagar, the family village in Mehsana district.

**Autopsy on Russians**

Pavel and Bidenov were part of a group of four Russians who had checked into the hotel on December 21.

Pavel's autopsy report, signed by a team of doctors at the Rayagada district headquarters hospital on December 27, says he died of "hemorrhage shock" after a "rupture" in his "left pleura lungs, liver and spleen". It also states that "no marks of ligation" were found on his neck.

Though police suspect Pavel suffered a fall of 25 to 30 feet, the postmortem report suggests that the "vital cranium" (the part of the skull that encloses the brain) and "spinal canal like the scalp, skull, vertebrae, membranes, brain and spinal cord" are normal and intact.

The report also said there were no injuries to the muscles and that the bones were not dislocated. However, fractures were found on the left humerus (upper arm bone) and left ribs.

The doctors mentioned in the report that while there were "multiple injuries" on the body,

all of those were ante-mortem (caused before death) in nature.

The autopsy report of Bidenov, a resident of Yoshkar Ola in western Russia, cited the cause of death as "cardio respiratory failure due to cardiogenic cause".

The doctors mentioned in their report that Bidenov's stomach was filled with "100 ml of liquid with a peculiar smell of... opium, ganja (cannabis)". Doctors have collected viscera from all vital organs and sent the samples to the State Forensic Laboratory in Bhubaneswar for detailed analysis.

The doctors who conducted the postmortem said the exact cause of death can only "be ascertained from the final findings of the viscera analysis".

The Crime Branch of the Odisha Police has so far examined four persons, including the two other Russian tourists, Mikhail Turov and Natalia Panasenko, their tour guide Jitendra Singh from Rajasthan, and the driver of the vehicle in which they were travelling.

**Questions over Ajit Pawar again as he gets govt aircraft for dash to Mumbai**

**ALOK DESHPANDE**  
NAGPUR, DECEMBER 30

AS FORMER NCP minister Anil Deshmukh walked out of jail on Wednesday after more than a year, at least one more party leader gathered around him made news. Present to receive Deshmukh was Leader of Opposition Ajit Pawar, having made it on time courtesy an aircraft provided by the state

government. Trailing behind was that old lingering question: was the gesture by the Shinde Sena-BJP government for Pawar Junior just courtesy?

Pawar himself downplayed the issue. "I had requested Chief Minister Eknath Shinde to postpone a Business Advisory Committee meeting by a day. When he asked the reason, I told him about travelling to Mumbai (to visit Anil Deshmukh). He of-



Maharashtra Leader of Opposition Ajit Pawar in Nagpur on Friday. PTI

ferred to bring forward the meeting, and said I could go to Mumbai by a government aeroplane later in the day," he said.

The explanation, unsurprisingly, did not sit well with the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), including Pawar's own party, bristling still from the Shinde Sena-BJP's toppling of its government. Pawar's unquestioning acceptance of Shinde's offer is also being seen with suspicion given the NCP leader's wavering loyalty

since the 2019 election's inconclusive result left all doors open.

Few have forgotten how Pawar had left the fledgling MVA side to surface beside the BJP's Devendra Fadnavis, even taking oath as Deputy CM to Fadnavis's CM in an early-morning exercise.

The uneasiness over Ajit Pawar was also visible in the Assembly last week after NCP state president Jayant Patil was suspended for the rest of the session, for telling Speaker Rahul Narvekar to not act

like "a shameless person". While Patil refused to apologise over the same, Pawar promptly did so.

There are also murmurs over the fact that the Pawar-led Opposition's target in the House seem to be exclusively Shinde Sena leaders. MVA leaders in private also question Pawar's strategy of boycotting the House proceedings after raising the said allegations, thus leaving the field clear for the ruling side to provide explanations.

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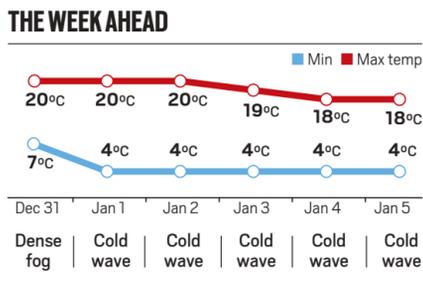
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**COLD DAY CONDITIONS ON FORECAST**

# Fog, cold wave to make comeback in new year

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

WINTER CHILL and dense fog are expected to return to Delhi in the New Year. According to IMD officials, dense fog will make a comeback Saturday evening and cold weather conditions Sunday. "Due to light winds and high moisture near the surface over the Indo-Gangetic plains, dense to very dense fog is very likely in many pockets over Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh and Delhi," a statement issued by IMD said. Officials said cold day conditions are very likely in isolated pockets over Delhi and Punjab, Haryana-Chandigarh between January 1 and 3. The minimum temperature is going to dip to 4 degrees Celsius, starting January 1. On Friday, the morning tem-



perature was unusually warm at 10.7 degrees Celsius, four degrees above normal. The day temperatures are expected to drop to 18 degrees by the end of the week. "Due to northwesterly winds from Himalayas over the plains of northwest India, minimum tem-

peratures are very likely to fall gradually by 3-5 degrees Celsius over the region during the next 3 days...A fresh feeble Western disturbance is very likely to cause light isolated to scattered rainfall and snowfall over Western Himalayan Region on January 3 and 4," the IMD said.

## Delhi AQI worsens, 'severe' air measures rolled out again

ENS & PTI  
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

IN VIEW of a spike in air pollution, the Centre's air quality panel Friday directed implementation of curbs under stage III of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) in Delhi-NCR, including a ban on non-essential construction and demolition work. Delhi's 24-hour average air quality index stood at 399 Friday. "Delhi's overall AQI is expected to slip into 'severe' category owing to calm winds and stable atmospheric conditions and is expected to deteriorate further. CAQM sub-committee, for invoking actions under GRAP, held an emergency meeting... and decided to effectuate stage-III of GRAP in NCR with immediate effect to ameliorate overall AQI of Delhi and steer clear of further deterioration of air quality," it said.

### ACTIONS UNDER STAGE 3 OF GRAP

- Further intensify frequency of mechanised/vacuum-based sweeping of roads**
- Further intensify public transport services. Introduce differential rates to encourage off peak travel.**
- CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION ACTIVITIES**  
Strict ban in entire NCR, except for the following categories of projects:
  - a) Railway services/ Railway stations
  - b) Metro Rail Services including stations
  - c) Airports and Inter State
  - d) National security/ defence related activities/ projects of national importance
- Ensure daily water sprinkling along with use of dust suppressants, before peak traffic hours, on roads including hotspots, heavy traffic corridors and proper disposal of collected dust in designated sites/landfills**

## Gym owner shot dead at Preet Vihar office

New Delhi: A gym owner in East Delhi's Preet Vihar was shot dead allegedly by two-three armed assailants on Friday, police said. The victim, Mahendra Agarwal, was killed inside his office, located on the first floor above his gym, around 7.30 pm. Agarwal, the proprietor of Energie gym, owned several others, police said. Police said CCTV footage is being examined. Amidst allegations of the DVR records being stolen from the office by the attackers, police said they could not confirm it as it was a part of the investigation. DCP (East) Amrutha Guguloth said while the motive has not yet been ascertained, police are pursuing all possible angles regarding the incident. ENS

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(IRRIGATION WING)

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STAGE II	<b>VERY POOR</b> AQI between 301-400	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People to use public transport and minimize use of personal vehicles.</li> <li>Regularly replace air filters at recommended intervals in your automobiles.</li> <li>Avoid dust generating construction activities during months of October to January.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Avoid outdoor physical activities, especially during morning and late evening hours.</li> <li>Remain indoor and keep activity levels low#</li> </ul>
STAGE III	<b>SEVERE</b> AQI between 401-450	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choose a cleaner commute - share a ride to work or use public transport or walk or cycle</li> <li>People, whose position allow working from home, may work from home.</li> <li>Do not use coal and wood for heating purpose.</li> <li>Individual house owners may provide electric heaters (during winters) to security staff to avoid open burning.</li> <li>Combine errands and reduce trips. Walk to errands wherever possible.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Avoid outdoor physical activities.</li> <li>Remain indoor and keep activity levels low#</li> </ul>
STAGE IV	<b>SEVERE+</b> AQI >450	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children, elderly and those with respiratory, cardiovascular, cerebrovascular or other chronic diseases to avoid outdoor activities and stay indoors, as much as possible.</li> </ul>	

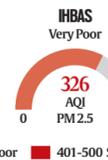
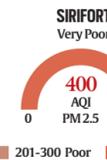
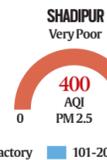
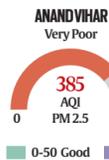
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**SKY WATCH**  
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Partly cloudy sky.  
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## DESPITE HIGH COURT ORDER

## In unbearable cold, these students are studying in a school made of tin sheets

**GAYATHRI MANI**  
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

ON FRIDAY morning, several students, clad in layers of sweaters and monkey caps, sat huddled on wooden benches in their "classroom" — which is nothing more than a tin roof supported by wooden sticks offering little protection from the winter chill. These children, among 500 enrolled in classes I to XII, study at Qaumi Senior Secondary School in Old Delhi's Sadar Bazar, which has been struggling for decades to secure land to erect a permanent building.

Originally built in 1948 in Sarai Khalil area for those who remained in India after the Partition, the Urdu-medium school was demolished in 1976 during the Emergency. The Shahi Eidgah then provided space to the management on its premises to hold classes from a semi-permanent structure. In 2018, the school got relief from the Delhi High Court, which ordered the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) to allot 4,000 square metres of land nearby to construct a permanent structure. The Delhi government was also directed to start work in six months.

Cut to 2022 and nothing has changed. When *The Indian Express* visited the school on Friday, it found four tin porta cabin "classrooms" with rickety wooden desks that can accom-



modate about 100-150 students. For the rest, the management has set up four "open-air" classrooms made of tin sheets.

Several students *The Indian Express* spoke to complained of difficulties they face while in class. Afsal Ansari, a Class VI student who studies in the morning shift, said: "It is very cold today... It was worse at 7 am when our classes began... It is very hard to read and write because of this." The school operates in two shifts — in the morning for classes VI to XII and afternoon for classes I to V.

Another student, Afsar Hussain, said, "It is equally bad during summer as there is no fan

or light... even the drinking water is dirty... I don't know when we will get a permanent classroom, like the ones they show the CM visiting on TV."

Others pointed to poor facilities. Class IV student Raziya Khatoun, who was wearing six layers of clothes to beat the cold, said, "My sister and I come here in the morning to attend the madrasa and tuition... We study in the second shift. The main problem for us is using the toilet. It is a common toilet far from our classroom and it's scary to go alone... Teachers too only allow us to go in groups... Our mother told us not to use the toilet in school...

We can control it but it is very hard to do so for 7-8 hours at a stretch..."

Several students also complained of the poor quality of mid-day meals. "Nothing is good here... The desks are broken... The puri they give us is very hard and rice is stale..." said Abdul Salim, who is in Class VI.

Another student from Class V said she will change schools after she finishes the primary section: "There are no fixed classes, we study science for two days, math and other subjects on other days as there are very few teachers... Sometimes, classes IV and V sit together."



Around 500 students enrolled in classes 1 to 12 study at Qaumi Senior Secondary School in Sadar Bazar. Amit Mehra

Irshad Ali, who teaches all subjects for primary classes and is an alumnus, said nothing has changed in the last 22 years from when he was a student to now, when he is a teacher. "The school just got an upgrade from tent roofs to tin shade roofs... We are trying our best to teach the children but it is in the hands of the government and school management."

School principal Mohabbat Ali said: "The 2018 court order was a major relief to all of us, but we could not claim the land from the DDA as we did not receive a letter of allotment. Of the 4,000 square metres of land allotted, the MCD is constructing a parking lot on

1,600 sqm... A contempt case against the DDA was filed last month and the next hearing is on February 28."

Firoz Bakht Ahmed, who filed the PIL for restoring Qaumi School, said, "Education Minister Manish Sisodia promised a permanent school building with state-of-the-art facilities but nothing has been done so far... I have now filed a contempt case against the DDA for not allotting the land."

The DDA as well as the Delhi government did not respond to calls and messages seeking comment. The institution is a co-ed Delhi government-aided school.

## Gurgaon in crime: The year that was

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
GURGAON, DECEMBER 30

SNATCHING CASES witnessed a rise in Gurgaon in 2022, with 216 cases being reported as compared to 170 cases last year — a rise of over 27 per cent — according to data released by police on Friday.

The data shows that heinous crimes reported a decline in 2022 compared to 2021. In crimes against women, cases lodged under sections 376 (rape) and 354 (assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty) of the IPC and POCO Act declined this year.

According to police data, 187 cases of rape were lodged in 2022 as compared to 220 last year, while molestation cases (under section 354 IPC) declined from 234 in 2021 to 214 this year. POCO cases reported a 21 per cent decline with 161 cases being reported in 2022 as compared to 204 cases last year.

There was not much change in the incidence of robbery/loot cases with 62 cases reported this year as compared to 63 in 2021. Similarly, 15 dacoity cases were reported in 2022, one less than last year's figures.

While burglary cases reported a marginal decline with 353 cases in 2022 as compared to 373 in 2021, vehicle thefts reduced by over 2 per cent with 3,523 stolen vehicles reported this year as compared to 3,594 in 2021.

Listing its achievements for the year, Gurgaon police said that while 16 members of the Lawrence Bishnoi and Kala Jatheri gangs were arrested in 2022, as many as 22 wanted criminals with a reward for information leading to their arrest, were arrested during the year.

Police said 800 proclaimed offenders were arrested in 2022 as compared to 546 in 2021 — a rise

of over 46 per cent — while 357 bail jumpers were held this year as compared to 128 last year.

A total of 88 murder cases were registered in Gurgaon in 2022, of which 80 per cent have been solved and perpetrators arrested, police said.

Police data shows that 162 cases were registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS) in 2022. Over 465 kg ganja, 1.8 kg sulphas, 1.9 kg heroin and 25 grams MDMA were seized in these cases.

In 2022, under the Arms Act, 354 cases were registered and 381 cases of gambling were reported in Gurgaon.

According to the data, 1,461 cases were registered under the Excise Act. Over 63,558 bottles of imported liquor, 80,914 bottles of country-made liquor and 12,917 bottles of beer were seized for violations under the Act, said police.

For traffic-related violations, 733,933 vehicles were challaned during the year whereas 1,458 vehicles (diesel vehicles older than 10 years and petrol vehicles older than 15 years) were impounded for not complying with norms of the National Green Tribunal and the Supreme Court.

Preet Pal, ACP crime, said, "Overall, the crime graph has gone down, especially in cases of crime against women. We have started new initiatives, including smart-beat system, that have improved patrolling. Though snatching cases have slightly increased, a majority of the snatching cases reported this year have been solved. Over 73 per cent of snatching cases and 88 per cent of all robbery and loot cases have been solved this year. The tracing ratio in snatching cases has improved from 46 per cent to 73 per cent."

In 2022, under the Arms Act, 354 cases were registered and 381 cases of gambling were reported in Gurgaon.

## Increasing green cover on NDMC's to-do list for 2023

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

THE NEW Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) is planning to develop 41 green strips to beautify parks in residential areas and green areas alongside roads in a bid to keep avenues and roads green and dust free, said officials.

Some of the popular gardens and parks in Delhi such as Lodhi Garden, Nehru Park, Sanjay Park and others fall under the NDMC. "We have already started work on the ground to keep the avenue roads clean and dust free. These green strips will also help reduce pollution. To maintain the lush green ecosystem, the corporation

has procured 20 tankers for tree washing," said an official. He added, "Work is already underway at 10 avenues and will be completed by March 2023. Next year, work will begin at the remaining 40 places. It will be a comprehensive initiative."

The NDMC also proposed this idea in its budget presentation and said it is planning to get all the designs finalised by engaging a consultant under its smart city projects for four major gardens. The consultant would be appointed by March 2023.

Further, it is planning a "smart irrigation technology" to save water and a comprehensive automated irrigation system for the entire Nehru Park as well as others, officials said.



Some of the popular gardens and parks in Delhi such as Lodhi Garden fall under the NDMC. Archive

BRIEFLY  
Bus catches fire after collision with truck, 1 dead

**Gurgaon:** A private bus driver was killed after the vehicle allegedly collided with a canter and a truck at Rathiwas U-turn near National Highway 48 on Friday morning, said police, adding that two occupants in the bus suffered injuries. Police said the driver suffered burns as the bus caught fire after the collision. In the police complaint, the helper of the bus said that a canter hit their bus from behind. The vehicle lost control and it collided with another truck.

## Apeejay marks founder's 103rd birth anniversary

**New Delhi:** The Apeejay Stya family recently commemorated the 103rd birth anniversary of Dr Stya Paul, founder chairman, Apeejay Education, and founder chancellor, Apeejay Stya University. His daughter Sushma Paul Berlia, co-founder and chancellor, Apeejay Stya University, paid a tribute to him, saying that Dr Paul felt everyone should believe in themselves and aspire to be their grandest version. **ENS**

## Atishi targets PM's 'jahan jhuggi wahan makaan' scheme

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

HITTING OUT at the BJP-led central government's 'jahan jhuggi, wahan makaan' scheme, senior AAP leader and MLA Atishi Friday claimed that the party is shifting slum dwellers to Narela despite promising them a flat at the newly built EWS apartment in Kalkaji.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had inaugurated 3,024 EWS flats built by the DDA for slum dwellers under the scheme in November. Ahead of MCD polls, the BJP also took slum dwellers to the newly built flats and promised them similar flats under the in-situ rehabilitation programme.

Atishi alleged that on Thursday evening, the DDA issued a notice and posted it at Navjeevan Camp and JLN Camp, saying that people living there will be moved to Narela. "During the MCD polls, BJP sought votes from people living in JLN camps and slum clusters based on 'jahan

jhuggi wahan makaan'. As soon as the MCD elections got over, DDA put up a notice that this slum cluster is being sent to Narela."

Targeting the PM, Atishi said, "Just one day before the Model Code of Conduct for the MCD elections were to come into place, PM Modi held an event in which he met some residents of the Bhoomihreen Camp in Kalkaji and gave them the registration papers of their new houses... PM Modi has now refused to give flats near slums and made slum dwellers go 50 km away. We won't let the BJP run its bulldozers over Delhiites homes as (UP CM) Yogi Adityanath does. (Delhi) CM Arvind Kejriwal has promised that he will not allow bulldozers to run over any slum until everyone in Delhi gets a house."

The BJP denied the allegations. "Atishi is a machine of extreme lies, and as punishment for this, the people of Kalkaji defeated all three councillor candidates of AAP," said Harish Khurana, state unit spokesperson.



Ahead of the MCD polls, the BJP also took slum dwellers to the newly built flats in Kalkaji. Archive



## GOODBYE, 2022

At Khan Market on Friday. Amit Mehra

## Work from home promise used to defraud thousands nationwide

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
GURGAON, DECEMBER 30

THE FARIDABAD police Thursday arrested two members of an inter-state gang for allegedly running a fake call centre in Delhi and conniving over 1,700 people across the country under the pretext of offering lucrative 'work from home' jobs. Police said 14 phones, 13 SIM cards and Rs 64,000 in cash were recovered from the possession of the accused.

Police have identified the accused as Prabhat and Om Prakash, both from Bihar. Two other gang members are on the run, police said. It was found that

Prabhat, the mastermind of the gang, had allegedly been operating a bogus call centre in Rohini and the accused had conned 1,784 people across the country.

Sube Singh, Faridabad police spokesperson, said the accused used to post advertisements on social media claiming to offer 'work from home' opportunities at higher salaries and flexible timings. "Job seekers would contact them for details of the hiring. The accused would lure job seekers by promising them lucrative job offers and conduct mock interviews and stage a recruitment process. The accused would then charge money from potential job seekers for miscellaneous charges

for interviews, registration, GST, training, courier charge and insurance and later switch off their phones after taking the money," the officer said.

Police started a probe based on a complaint filed by a Faridabad resident who alleged she was duped of Rs 1.27 lakh. A probe team was formed under Inspector Basant, in-charge of cyber police station, Faridabad. "In Uttar Pradesh, they have been involved in 563 such incidents, followed by 212 in Rajasthan, 141 in Telangana, 138 in Delhi, 101 in Maharashtra and Gujarat and 59 in Haryana among others," said Singh. The accused were produced in a court and sent to judicial custody.

## ZYDUS WELLNESS Vs DABUR INDIA

## TV commercial can't be analysed in 'hypercritical manner': Delhi HC

**MALAVIKA PRASAD**  
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

WHILE DECLINING to grant an interim order to Zydus Wellness restraining Dabur India from broadcasting TV commercials of its orange glucose drink, the Delhi High Court recently observed that a TV commercial cannot be analysed in a "hypercritical manner" and must be viewed from the point of view of an ordinary consumer.

A single judge bench of Justice

Prathiba Singh in its December 22 order observed that it was usual for companies marketing and selling products to portray their products as superior and in the "process of depicting superiority, a generic comparison ought to be permitted, and creativity cannot be stifled". Justice Singh said that in a claim for "disparaging advertisement", the message portrayed in the commercial would have to be seen, and if it is not derogatory, no objection can be raised.

On advertising freedom, the HC further held, "The purpose of

advertising any product is for marketing the attributes of that product. Such attributes could be unilateral or relative in a generic manner. An advertiser ought to have the freedom to make advertisements with generic comparisons highlighting the features of its own product, and if it is done without an allusion to any market leader, objection cannot be raised unless the representation made is absolutely false or misleading."

The HC was hearing a lawsuit moved by Zydus Wellness Products Ltd., a consumer goods



Zydus claimed that two TV commercials for 'Dabur GlucoPlus-C Orange' aired by Dabur India Ltd. denigrated and disparaged all orange glucose powder drinks. Express

company, that claimed that one of its most popular variants of 'Gluco-D' range of products is 'Gluco-D Tangy Orange' which has been marketed and sold by its predecessor for decades. Zydus claimed that two TV commercials for 'Dabur GlucoPlus-C Orange' aired by Dabur India Ltd. denigrated and disparaged all orange glucose powder drinks and especially its product 'Gluco-D Tangy Orange' which holds 74 per cent of the market share in orange glucose powder category.

Zydus claimed that the TV

commercial gives the impression that all the orange glucose powder drinks are entirely ineffective in providing energy and only Dabur's product is capable of providing energy.

On Dabur's TV commercial, the HC said that it merely highlights the qualities of its product and it does not disparage any orange glucose powder drink. The court held that Zydus's inference of the alleged disparagement was far-fetched. The HC further said it would not be proper for the court to "flip the coin to conclude —

'mine is better as yours is bad'". It said the comparison in the commercial may be unfavourable to Zydus, but it cannot be held to be disparaging and its intent and overall effect seemed to merely promote Dabur's glucose drink. Noting the messaging of the TV commercial, the court held it was "by and large truthful and there is no falsity involved".

The HC said the commercial when viewed from the perspective of an ordinary viewer does not give the impression of denigration or disparagement.

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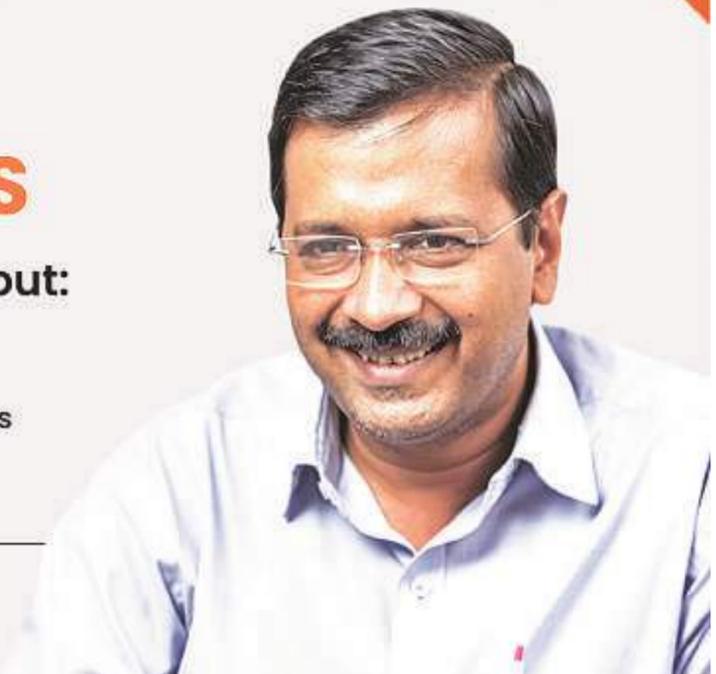
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## 6 GOVT &amp; POLITICS

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## MARK OF RESPECT

THE CONGRESS and BJP have been locked in a war of words over alleged breach of security during Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra's Delhi leg. The Congress has even written to Union Home Minister Amit Shah over the issue. On Friday, it was scheduled to respond to charges made by the CRPF, which is in charge of the Congress MP's security, that he violated protocol. However, the party postponed its press conference by a day due to the demise of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mother Hiraba. Congress spokesperson Pawan Khara said the party took the decision "as a mark of respect for the departed soul".

## IDEA INVITE

THE RURAL Development Ministry on Friday launched a unique challenge to invite ideas, solutions and actions that can transform the rural economy. The challenge, named Prajijwala, launched by Rural Development Secretary Shailesh Kumar Singh, is aimed at seeking ideas from individuals, social enterprises, start-ups, private sector, civil society and community-based organisations, among others, which have the potential to transform rural economy. They can send their ideas till January 31, 2023. The top 5 ideas will be rewarded with Rs 2 lakh each.

## Adani praises Cong PMs, party says it is against monopoly, not any company

LEENA MISRA  
AHMEDABAD, DECEMBER 30

IN AN INTERVIEW to the India Today group aired on December 28, Adani Group Chairperson Gautam Adani credited decisions taken by prime minister Rajiv Gandhi for helping set off his entrepreneurial journey, and thanked Congress PM P V Narasimha Rao and his then Finance Minister Manmohan Singh for taking measures that helped businesses like his grow.

Adani named the three when asked about the charge thrown at him that his rise was linked to the rise of PM Narendra Modi. His response comes against the backdrop of the frequent attacks on him by the Congress, particularly Rahul Gandhi, of being one part of the Modi government's "Adani-Ambani sarkar".

In the interview, Adani said he became an "easy target of such allegations" as both he and Modi came from Gujarat. He then went on to credit previous governments of the Congress at the Centre and of Keshubhai Patel in Gujarat for playing a crucial role in his journey.

"When (Rajiv Gandhi) first liberalised the Exim (export import) policy, and for the first time several items were brought into the open general list, it helped me start my export house. But for Rajiv Gandhi, my journey as an entrepreneur would never have taken off," Adani



Adani Group Chairperson Gautam Adani

said. Under the Rao government, he added, his venture had got the "second big push" when, in 1991, "the duo of PM Narasimha Rao and Finance Minister Manmohan Singh initiated sweeping economic reforms".

Congress leaders in Gujarat said Adani's remarks didn't change their views regarding a "Modi-Ambani-Adani alliance". Arjun Modhwadia cited "the befitting response" given by Rahul following Adani's announcement of major investments in Rajasthan at a summit helmed by Congress CM Ashok Gehlot. Rahul had said: "Mr Adani has committed Rs 60,000 crore to Rajasthan. No CM can refuse such an offer."

Modhwadia said Congress was against "any special treatment to anyone".

Gujarat Congress spokesperson Manish Doshi said: "Rahulji is not against an individual company, but against monopoly." Doshi also said there was no denying that the Congress governments of Rajiv Gandhi and Rao ushered in reforms.

Adani mentioned Modi's tenure, calling it "the fourth turning point in his growth story".

## Tripura polls near, BJP announces rath yatra

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
AGARTALA, DECEMBER 30

Ahead of the Assembly election in Tripura, slated for March, the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party Friday announced a statewide rath yatra — named 'Jana Vishwas Yatra' — starting January 5.

Tripura president Rajeev Bhattacharjee said one leg of the yatra will begin from South Tripura district and another will commence from North Tripura district on January 5. The two raths will meet in Agartala on the last day of the yatra, January 12.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah will visit the state and flag off both yatras from the two districts, Bhattacharjee said. Shah will also join a central gathering point at Agartala along with BJP national president JP Nadda on January 12.

The BJP Tripura committee

has floated the name of ten leaders as star campaigners for the yatra. The proposed names include Tripura Chief Minister Dr Manik Saha, former chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, and Union ministers Smriti Irani, Pratima Bhoumik and Sarbananda Sonowal.

Bhattacharjee said the two legs of the yatra will cover an estimated distance of 1,000 km after traversing through 56 of the 60 Assembly constituencies of the state. Separate raths will be taken out from the remaining four constituencies which will later join the main yatra and converge at Agartala. Due to their location, these four constituencies could not be brought under the ambit of the two raths. Bhattacharjee said BJP has planned 200 meetings, 100 padyatras and 50 roadshows.

## In Karnataka, Shah sounds poll bugle, says Cong, JD(S) corrupt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
BENGALURU, DECEMBER 30

UNION HOME Minister Amit Shah Friday described the Congress and JD(S) as "communal, casteist and criminal" at a rally in Mandya, seen as the launch of the ruling BJP's campaign for the 2023 Karnataka Assembly polls.

At the Jana Sankalpa Yatra in Mandya, considered a bastion of the JD(S) and the Congress, Shah accused the two parties of hampering the region's progress with corruption. "We will push Karnataka further into the path of progress. Both the parties are communal, casteist and are filled with criminals," he said.

"The people of Mandya and the Mysuru region have provided ample opportunities to these two parties. This time, we have to give a majority to the BJP in the region," Shah said, adding that the parties had done nothing for the region.

The BJP is trying to make inroads into the districts of the region which has a large Vokkaliga population and has traditionally been dominated by the JD(S) and



Union Home Minister Amit Shah with Union Minister Pralhad Joshi (left) and Karnataka CM Basavaraj Bommai at BJP's Jan Sankalp Yatra in Karnataka's Mandya on Friday. PTI

the Congress.

"We have seen their rule. When the Congress comes to power, it becomes an ATM for Delhi. When JD(S) comes to power, it will become the ATM of a family," he said, referring to the Gandhi family and the Deve Gowda family, respectively.

Shah also talked about the construction of the Ram temple at Ayodhya and the ban on Popular Front of India (PFI).

Announcing January 1, 2024, as the date of the inauguration of the temple, Shah urged the people of the old Mysore region to attend the event in large numbers.

He accused the Congress of delaying the temple construction by "ensuring" that the matter was caught in litigation.

"While Siddaramaiah withdrew cases filed against PFI workers, we banned the organisation and sent them to jail," he said.

## EXPLAINED Party focus on region

THE BJP is considered weak in the Vokkaliga-dominated Old Mysuru region, and has been focusing on this belt for the 2023 polls. In the 2018 polls, the BJP won one seat in Hassan. In the 2019 bypolls, it won the KR Pet seat, its first victory in Mandya district, and Chikkaballapur, another first. In the 2020 bypolls, it bagged Sira in Tumakuru district.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai also targeted the JD(S) and the Congress and said they had not been able to ensure the people's welfare despite winning from there consistently.

"In May 2023, the BJP will definitely return to power. We know the pulse of the people of south Karnataka," he said, promising to transform the region into "Suvarana (golden) Karnataka".

## To take on BJP, Nitish works to get Janata Parivar back but that's easier said than done

For, 2023 isn't 1988. Then opinion was rapidly turning against PM Rajiv Gandhi, VP Singh had emerged as a clear challenger and there was ground-level pressure to take on the Congress



THE NEERJA CHOWDHURY COLUMN

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

IF 2023 is, as the last column analysed, the year the BJP, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, prepares for 2024, there is stirring in the Opposition, too.

A move is afoot to reunite most of the fragments of the erstwhile Janata Dal which had broken up into different parties in the '90s — as the centrepiece of the Opposition for the 2024 battle.

Nitish Kumar is trying to bring together Janata Dal(U), Janata Dal(S), INLD, Samajwadi Party, Rashtriya Janata Dal, RLD, and others — parties that ruled big states of India for decades.

Earlier this month, when Parliament was in session, Nitish Kumar sent his party president JD(U)'s Lallan Singh to meet former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda in Delhi.

The meeting took place at Gowda's residence, the message was simple: JD (U) and JD (S), helmed by Gowda, should merge. Even as Lallan Singh was with Gowda, Nitish Kumar spoke to the former PM on the phone, making a pitch for the old Janata Parivar to reunite.

"Though he did not say a categorical yes or no, Deve Gowda's response was positive," Lallan Singh said. "But he asked me also to talk to the other groups... To reunite



Former PM HD Deve Gowda with JD(U) national president Rajiv Ranjan Singh in New Delhi on Dec 16. @H\_D\_Devegowda

the old JD constituents is (now) part of our agenda—if we are seriously fight the 2024 battle."

Nitish had broached the subject with the RJD, his new Bihar ally. In October, the RJD national executive had authorised Lalu Prasad and son Tejashwi to take the decision when required. The INLD in Haryana is also reportedly not averse to the idea of a merger, according to Lallan Singh.

Plan A of Nitish's mergers and acquisitions strategy is to recreate the old Janata Dal as the pivot of a united opposition. And taking a leaf out of VP Singh's book, bring regional groups to support it, forming the second tier of unity. Its third tier would bring in the Congress as a supporting party. If this does not work, there is the good old Plan B: bring as many non-BJP regional outfits on a common platform and then reach out to the Congress for support.

Though "talks" are only in a "preliminary stage", getting the old Janata constituents to get back together is easier said than done. For 2023 isn't 1988 when VP Singh managed to unite four leading Opposition parties to form the Janata Dal. Then, opinion was rapidly turning against Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, VP Singh had emerged as a clear challenger and there was ground-level pressure for these parties to merge to take on the Congress. This led to VP being installed as PM in 1989, Deve Gowda and I K Gujral as PMs in 1996 and in 1997, at the head of the Janata Dal-led coalitions.

Will the regional chieftains from the old Janata Parivar, who run empires of their own today — Akhilesh Yadav, Lalu Prasad/Tejashwi, Naveen Patnaik, Jayant Chaudhary or Deve Gowda or others — agree to submit to the leadership of another?

Clearly, Deve Gowda didn't give Lallan Singh a categorical re-

sponse because Karnataka polls are due in five months where, as of now, the Congress is ahead.

But the BJP is pulling out all stops (like enhancing the reservations for Lingayats and Vokkaligas) to stem anti-incumbency. Should the Assembly turn out to be hung, the JD(S) may not want to foreclose the possibility of HD Kumaraswamy — on a pancharatna yatra in the old Mysuru region to revive its fortunes — being propped up as CM by the BJP, as happened in the past.

On the other hand, if arithmetic allows the Congress to form the government with JD(S) support, Deve Gowda may insist on Mallikarjun Kharge as CM than accept either DK Shivakumar or Siddaramaiah.

Deve Gowda's JD(S) would hope to be either king or kingmaker. In the interim, it does not want to do anything which may queer its pitch in Karnataka. Clearly, Opposition unity is complicated to bring about in states where both the Congress and regional parties are players.

The 10 state elections in 2023 will set the tempo for 2024. The Congress, if victorious in Karnataka, will get a psychological boost for its larger battle in 2024. Losing Karnataka, which gives the BJP a presence in the South, would make the BJP look like a northern and western entity once again.

The BJP has been growing in Telangana, emerging as the main challenger to the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS), recently rechristened as Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS). Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrababhan Naidu

## Govt notifies 1-year scheme to give free foodgrains to 81 cr

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

THE UNION Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Friday issued a notification to provide free foodgrains to all eligible households under the National Food Security Act, 2013, for a year beginning January 1.

In a notification, the Ministry said: "In pursuance of the provisions of Schedule I to the National Food Security Act, 2013 (20 of 2013), the Central Government hereby decides that the rice, wheat and coarse grains shall be provided free of cost for all eligible households under section 3 of the National Food Security Act, 2013, for the period 1st of January, 2023 to 31st of December, 2023."

The ministry has also appointed 18 nodal officers to ensure a smooth rollout of the free foodgrain scheme. These officers are of the Deputy Secretary and Director levels. Besides, it has asked Food Corporation of India officials to visit fair-price shops in the first week of the rollout of

the free foodgrain scheme. The move came a day after Union Food Secretary Sanjeev Chopra held a meeting with the Principal Secretaries of the Food Department of states.

Last week, the government announced that it would provide free foodgrains to beneficiaries under the National Food Security Act, 2013, as per their entitlement, for a year beginning January 2023. The decision was taken at a Union Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on December 23.

The government, however, discontinued the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana launched in April 2020 amid Covid-19 under which 5 kg of free foodgrains was provided to every person on top of the NFSA entitlement of 5 kg foodgrains at subsidised rates.

As of now, the NFSA beneficiaries buy foodgrains at a subsidised rate — rice Rs 3 per kg, wheat Rs 2 per kg and nutri-cereals Re 1 per kg. The NFSA covers about 81.35 crore people and the Centre will bear the cost of Rs 2 lakh crore to provide them food security.

## Bihar BJP vice-president resigns, likely to join JD(U)

SANTOSH SINGH  
PATNA, DECEMBER 30

BIHAR BJP vice-president Rajib Ranjan, who had recently contradicted the party line on compensation for families of hooch victims in Saran district, resigned from the party on Friday.

Ranjan, a former Janata Dal (United) MLA from Islampur (Nalanda) who is known to be close to Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, is likely to return to the JD(U). The state BJP, meanwhile, suspended Ranjan for six years from its primary membership.

The BJP shared a letter to this effect, issued by Bihar unit chief Sanjay Jaiswal, soon after Ranjan issued a statement that he has resigned from the primary membership of the party.

Ranjan, on December 22, had expressed solidarity with Nitish over his liquor policy, opposing the BJP's demand for compensation to the families of 45 people who died after consuming spurious liquor in Saran district. Ranjan had said: "The compensation provision should be removed from Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016. The CM is right in denying the compensation demand."

The OBC kurmi leader from Nalanda has been upset with the BJP for not having given him any important role or position in the party or even a chance to contest elections. Ranjan was JD(U) MLA from Islampur between 2010 and 2015.

In his letter to Jaiswal, Ranjan wrote that BJP has deviated from the policies of PM Narendra Modi. Sources said Ranjan is in touch with Nitish, who is said to have given the go-ahead for his return to the JD(U).

is giving a national look to his party, essentially to retain his state, where polls are due end 2023. In any case, with the TRS having won 103 of 119 seats (and the BJP only 3) in 2018, the gap is big for BJP to bridge.

With the Congress likely to face an uphill struggle in Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh next winter — and it's not a cakewalk for the party in Madhya Pradesh — 2023 is expected to throw up a mixed bag for the Opposition. That's unlikely to give it the electoral momentum it could do with for 2024.

How the Congress performs in these states will depend on the kind of leverage it has when it sits across the table with the regional parties. The Bharat Jodi yatra may have made Rahul the tallest leader in the Congress again but whether that translates to any electoral gains is an open question.

So, instead of being hung up on who would lead the Opposition into the 2024 battle — an issue unlikely to be settled before the elections — it might make more sense for the parties opposed to the BJP to ensure one-on-one fights in as many Lok Sabha constituencies as possible, so that the anti-BJP vote does not get divided and the BJP tally comes down below 272. Given the hard work needed, on New Year's Eve, though, for many in the Opposition, that sounds more like a wish than a resolve.

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

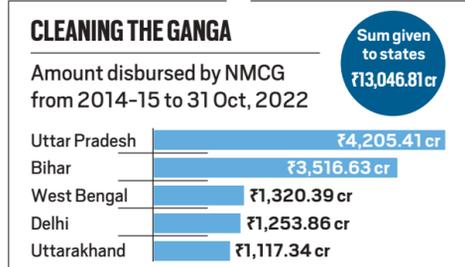
## Govt spent Rs 13,000 cr on cleaning Ganga since '14, UP got highest outlay among states

HARIKISHAN SHARMA  
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

THE UNION government spent more than Rs 13,000 crore on cleaning the Ganga since 2014, with Uttar Pradesh receiving the largest outlay among states, the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) is learnt to have informed the National Ganga Council on Friday.

The council, which met after three years, was chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi through video conference. Modi was scheduled to travel to Kolkata for the meeting but addressed it virtually owing to the demise of his mother.

It is learnt that the NMCG, which is responsible for implementation of the government's ambitious Namami Gange programme, provided a detailed fi-



nancial progress report in the agenda note prepared for the council meeting.

As per the details available, the Centre has released a total of Rs 13,046.81 crore to the NMCG from the financial year 2014-15 till October 31, 2022.

Most of that sum — Rs 13,046.81 crore — was "released/expended" by the NMCG

to state governments, State Missions for Clean Ganga (SMCG) and other agencies for implementation of projects under the programme. And out of this, Rs 4,205.41 crore was released to Uttar Pradesh, the highest among states. About 1,100 km of the Ganga's 2,525-km length falls in Uttar Pradesh.

The expenditure makes up around two-thirds of the budget allocated for the programme. The Centre had launched the Namami Gange Programme in June 2014, with a total budgetary outlay of Rs.20,000 crore.

Uttar Pradesh was followed by Bihar (Rs 3,516.63 crore), West Bengal (Rs 1,320.39 crore), Delhi (Rs 1,253.86 crore) and Uttarakhand (Rs 1,117.34 crore). The other states which received funds under the Namami Gange programme were: Jharkhand (Rs 250 crore), Haryana (Rs 89.61 crore), Rajasthan (Rs 71.25 crore), Himachal Pradesh (Rs 3.75 crore) and Madhya Pradesh (Rs 9.89 crore).

The government had launched Namami Gange in 2014-15 for a period up to March 31, 2021 to "rejuvenate" the Ganga and its tributaries. The programme was later extended for another 5 years till March 31, 2026.

## Rajasthan MLAs set to withdraw resignations pending with Speaker

HAMZA KHAN  
JAIPUR, DECEMBER 30

OVER THREE months after they submitted their resignations to Assembly Speaker C P Joshi, around 90 Rajasthan Congress MLAs, most of them loyal to Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, are all set to withdraw their letters.

While there is no official word from the party, sources told The Indian Express that the MLAs have been asked to take back their resignations. "The MLAs will visit the Speaker in person and submit a letter, in a set format, stating that they are withdrawing their resignation," a party leader said.

Angry over the Congress high command's "unilateral" decision to opt for a new chief minister of

Rajasthan — said to have been Sachin Pilot — without consulting them, nearly 90 MLAs had skipped the Congress Legislature Party meet and submitted their resignations to Joshi on September 25, which have been pending with him since Gehlot, at that time, was in the running for the post of Congress national president.

"The resignations will be withdrawn in the days to come," said the party leader.

The move follows three major developments: the announcement of Budget Session from January 23, a notice by Rajasthan High Court to Speaker Joshi over the pending resignations and discussions and feedback by new Congress state in-charge, Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, with party leaders in Jaipur for almost three days.

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## BRIEFLY

### GUJARAT

#### Saket Gokhale in three-day police remand

Ahmedabad: A day after he was arrested in Delhi by Ahmedabad cyber crime police in an alleged misuse of funds case, Trinamool Congress spokesperson Saket Gokhale was taken on a three-day remand after being brought to Ahmedabad Friday afternoon. According to Gokhale's lawyer Majeed Memon, the case for the alleged misuse of money collected through crowd-funding in 2019 and 2021 was registered on Wednesday. **ENS**

### UTTAR PRADESH

#### Two killed in oxygen cylinder explosion

Lucknow: Two persons were killed when an oxygen cylinder exploded outside a private hospital in Chandauli district Friday. The blast occurred while the victims were unloading the oxygen cylinder from a vehicle. "We suspect the explosion occurred either due to mishandling while unloading or excess pressure of gas in the cylinder. The bodies have been sent for post-mortem examination," a police officer said. The two were identified as Rajan Pal (26) and Chandrabhan Ram (28). **ENS**

### KERALA

#### Booster dose push for those aged above 60

Thiruvananthapuram: Kerala government on Friday directed that people aged above 60, those with co-morbidities and frontline health workers should urgently take the booster dose in the wake of the Centre's fresh warning that there might be a surge in Covid-19 infections in next month. The government issued the direction after a meeting of the Covid-19 review committee, which evaluated the current situation and preparedness. **ENS**

### WEST BENGAL

#### Actor's murder: Husband's brother held

Kolkata: The Howrah police on Friday made the second arrest in connection with the alleged murder of Jharkhand actor Riya Kumari. Police identified the arrested as Sandeep Kumar, brother of Riya's husband Prakash Kumar. Riya was shot Wednesday during an alleged highway robbery bid in Howrah district. Prakash, a film producer, was arrested after Riya's family filed a complaint against him and two of his brothers. **ENS**

## HIRABA MODI 1923-2022

### CONDOLENCES POUR IN FROM ACROSS THE WORLD

**SHEHBAZ SHARIF**  
PAKISTAN PM



There is no greater loss than losing one's mother. My condolences to Prime Minister @narendramodi on the passing away of his mother

**SHEIKH HASINA**  
BANGLADESH PM



With a heavy heart, I, on behalf of the people of Bangladesh, express my deepest condolences on the sad demise of your beloved mother...

**FUMIO KISHIDA**  
JAPAN PM



PM Modi @narendramodi, I would like to express my deepest condolences for the passing of your beloved mother. May her soul rest in peace.

**RANIL WICKREMESINGHE**  
SRI LANKA PRESIDENT



Deeply saddened by the passing of the beloved mother of PM Narendra Modi. My heartfelt condolences to PM Modi and the family...

**BENJAMIN NETANYAHU**  
ISRAEL PM



My dear friend @narendramodi, Prime Minister of India, please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of your beloved mother...

## Simple, warm & extraordinary: How Hiraba was described by PM, others

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
AHMEDABAD, DECEMBER 30

ON OCTOBER 7, 2001, as her son Narendra Modi took oath for the first time as the chief minister of Gujarat in Gandhinagar, Hiraba Damodardas Modi, then 78, sat in the front row of the audience. Anandiben Patel, who later became a minister in that government and then Gujarat CM and Uttar Pradesh governor, went up to Hiraba to ask her to come on to the stage. That was "the last public event" of Modi that Hiraba attended, the Prime Minister wrote on his blog post on June 18, 2022, when she turned 99 and entered her centenary year.

Hiraba died Friday at the UN Mehta Hospital in Ahmedabad at 3:30 am, two days after she was hospitalised. Prime Minister Modi arrived early in the morning for the funeral rites that remained largely a family affair. All the brothers — the oldest Amrutbhai, Sombhai, Prahladbhai and Pankajbhai, with whom Hiraba stayed, and the PM were present.

Born in Visnagar, close to Vadnagar, in Mehsana in 1923, Hiraba is described by all those who knew her as "simple and affectionate". Modi described in his blog about how his late father Damodardas also would have celebrated his 100th birthday a week before his mother: "A few youngsters from the society had come home, my father's photograph was kept on a chair, there was a kirtan, and mother was immersed in singing bhajans while playing the manjeera. She is still the same — age may have taken a toll physically, but she is mentally



PM Narendra Modi with his mother Hiraba on her birthday, in Gandhinagar this year. PTI File

as alert as ever," Modi wrote.

According to Modi, his mother never accompanied him to any government or public event. The only other time she was seen at one, apart from his swearing-in, was when he returned from Srinagar after hoisting the national flag at Lal Chowk on completing the Ekta Yatra in 1992. Hiraba did not attend his swearing-in as Prime Minister in 2014 in person, but visited him at 7, Race Course Road in 2016. She would regularly cast her vote and did so for the just-concluded assembly elections, on a wheelchair.

Modi usually would come to Gandhinagar on his birthdays (September 17) to seek his mother's blessings.

Former chief minister Shankersinh Vaghela, who was among the first to arrive to pay respects to Hiraba, told *The*

*Indian Express*: "I have known Hiraba from the time I know Narendrabhai, that is 1984-'85... she was always healthy. A real *gruhini* (homemaker) and very warm. Her first question when we met her would be 'have you eaten? Will you have something?'"

Vaghela and Modi were together in the RSS, before Vaghela quit the BJP to launch his own party and later joined the Congress. According to Modi, Hiraba lost her mother to the Spanish Flu when she was a child. "She does not even remember my grandmother's face or the comfort of her lap. She spent her entire childhood without her mother," reads his blog.

Hiraba never went to school, and her childhood was one of "poverty and deprivation", and she would "wash utensils at a few

houses to help meet the household expenses", the PM wrote.

"She was the eldest child in her family and became the eldest daughter-in-law after marriage. During her childhood, she used to take care of the entire family and manage all the chores. After marriage, too, she picked up all these responsibilities. Despite the onerous responsibilities and everyday struggles, mother held the entire family together with calm and fortitude."

"In his life, my father never became a burden on anyone. Mother too tries to ensure that she does her own chores as much as possible... I have no doubt that everything good in my life, and all that is good in my character, can be attributed to my parents," Modi wrote. "My mother is as simple as she is extraordinary. Just like all mothers."



**DROUPADI MURMU**  
PRESIDENT  
PM Shri Narendra Modi's

mother Hiraba's hundred years of struggle is a symbol of Indian ideals. Shri Modi imbibed the spirit of '#Matradevobhav' and the values of Hiraba in his life. I pray for the peace of the holy soul. My condolences to the family!



**AMIT SHAH**  
HOME MINISTER

The struggles faced by Hira Ba to nurture the family are a role model for all. Her sacrificial ascetic life will always be in our memory. The entire nation stands with PM Modi and his family in this hour of grief. The prayers of crores of people are with you (Modi). Om Shanti



**RAJNATH SINGH**  
DEFENCE MINISTER

I am deeply pained by the passing away of Hira Ba, mother of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The death of a mother leaves such a void in one's life that is impossible to fill. I express my condolences to the Prime Minister and his entire family in this hour of grief.



**OM BIRLA**  
LOK SABHA SPEAKER

Hiraben's virtuous life is an inspiration for all of us. My deepest condolences to the Prime Minister and his family in this hour of grief.

### CUTTING ACROSS PARTY LINES

**MALLIKARJUN KHARGE**  
CONGRESS PRESIDENT



Deeply saddened to hear about the demise of Smt. Heeraben Modi. My heartfelt condolences to Sri Narendra Modi ji on the loss of his beloved mother...

**RAHUL GANDHI**  
CONGRESS LEADER

The news of the demise of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mother Hiraba is



extremely saddening. At this difficult hour, I extend my deepest condolences and love to him and his family.

**M K STALIN**  
TAMIL NADU CM

Dear PM Narendra Modi, we all know the emotional bond you had with your beloved mother Hiraba. The grief of losing one's mother is too hard to bear for anyone. I am deeply saddened and no words can describe

how sorry I am for your loss.

**HEMANT SOREN**  
JHARKHAND CM

Deeply saddened to hear the news of the demise of hon'ble PM Narendra Modi ji's mother. A parent's loss is irreplaceable and at this hour of grief, I express my sincere condolences...

**MAMATA BANERJEE**  
WEST BENGAL CM

Condolences to PM Narendra Modi ji on the passing away of his mother, Heeraben Modi. I



pray that her soul rests in peace. In this hour of grief, I hope that he and his family members find strength.

**PINARAYI VIJAYAN**  
KERALA CM

Deeply saddened to hear the passing of Smt Heeraben Modi, beloved mother of the Hon'ble PM Narendra Modiji. She was a noble person who had a fulfilling life by being the guiding force behind him...

**LALU PRASAD**  
RJD CHIEF

May the almighty grant the departed soul the comfort of his holy feet and give strength to the family and loved ones to bear the loss.

**AKHILESH YADAV**  
SP CHIEF

Extremely saddened by the passing away of Heeraben Modi, the mother of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. May her soul rest in peace. I extend my deepest condolences to the bereaved family members.

## Rs 1.47 cr 'scam' to pay for wedding of Channi's son: Vigilance Bureau

NAVJEEVAN GOPAL  
CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 30

THE PUNJAB Vigilance Bureau on Friday opened a probe in a complaint alleging that bills were inflated during the Daastan-e-Shahaadat programme (held in November 2021), and the additional Rs 1.47 crore hence collected was "adjusted" for the wedding of former Punjab CM Charanjit Singh Channi's son that was held in October.

One Rajbinder Singh, a resident of Bhagu village in Bathinda, had approached the Vigilance Bureau with a complaint against erstwhile chief general manager of state tourism department SK Chaddha, and executive engineer Prem Chand. Rajbinder, in his complaint, had requested a probe into the Daastan-e-Shahaadat



Former Punjab CM Charanjit Singh Channi

function "scam" held on November 19 last year at Chamkaur Sahib — a couple of months before the Assembly elections were held in the state.

The complainant claimed that the tourism department had spent Rs 1.47 crore on Daastan-e-Shahaadat programme, the bills of which were exorbitantly inflated to "adjust" the expense incurred during Channi's son's wedding.

Rajbinder alleged a cup of tea at the function cost "Rs 2,000, as against Rs 12 per cup fixed by the EC for 2022 Punjab elections". He

claimed that the "government money loot" was done "on the pretext of Daastan-e-Shahaadat function to adjust expenses incurred during the wedding ceremony of former CM Channi's son, which took place on October 10, 2021."

Ex-CM Channi held the tourism portfolio at that time. The complainant alleged that the tourism department floated four tenders, and awarded work worth Rs 1.47 crore in "violation of the laid norms, on the same day".

Contacted by *The Indian Express*, both Chaddha and Channi denied the allegations. Chaddha said the tenders were floated with the "approval of competent authority". Channi dubbed the allegations as a "witch hunt". He said the Vigilance Bureau had been "directed by the AAP government to arrest him as soon as he is back from abroad".

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
JAIPUR, DECEMBER 30

THE JAIPUR police on Friday detained three minors after theft was reported at the house of Rashtriya Loktantrik Party (RLP) convener and Nagaur MP Hanuman Beniwal's residence in Jaipur. The theft was reported in the wee hours of Friday.

As per the police complaint, the RLP founder had last visited his home on December 25 and left the next day. However, when some of his staff reached the government quarters around 10 pm on Thursday, they found the office and residence broken into.

Taking to Twitter, Beniwal said, "Today, a case of theft came to my notice at my government residence in Jalupura, Jaipur. As soon as I got information of the

incident, I went to the spot and talked to the Home Secretary and gave him all the details."

"The law and order situation in the state has collapsed and thieves and criminals are committing crimes fearlessly," he said.

As per the FIR, the thieves stole Rs 1.5 lakh in cash, two sets of silver utensils, two gold rings, four gold bangles, a water bottle made of silver — bottle being the party's symbol, a silver crown, 50 silver coins, two watches, five blankets, five mattresses, four quilts, and even utensils from the kitchen.

Paris Deshmukh, DCP (Jaipur North), said the police checked "hundreds" of CCTV cameras to zero in on the accused and detained three minors "within 24 hours" of the FIR. He said the police have also partially recovered the stolen items from them, while efforts are on to nab other accused.

## Tourists cheer as Manali, Kufri get fresh snowfall ahead of New Year

AMIL BHATNAGAR  
SHIMLA, DECEMBER 30

WITH SNOWFALL in several parts of the state and 24x7 hotel and restaurant services, tourists traveling to Himachal Pradesh are gearing up for an exciting New Year's Eve.

In the past 24 hours, snowfall took place in parts of Manali, Chamba and Lahaul and Spiti. Even parts of Shimla's Kufri and Narkanda received a brief spell of snowfall. Meanwhile, a large number of tourists stranded in over 400 vehicles near South Portal of the Atal Tunnel in Rohtang Pass following snowfall have been rescued, officials said on Friday.

The vehicles were stuck as slippery conditions prevailed after snowfall at the tunnel on the

## Kerala lawyer held for training PFI hit squad: NIA

SHAJU PHILIP  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,  
DECEMBER 30

THE NATIONAL Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday arrested an advocate from Kerala a day after conducting searches at 56 locations connected to activists and leaders of the banned outfit — Popular Front of India — across the state.

The NIA, in an official release, said the advocate, Mohammed Mubarak, a resident of Edavanakkad in Ernakulam district, is a member as well as a trainer of the PFI's martial art and hit squad. It said the squad was engaged in "training and raising gangs to target leaders of other communities".

Mubarak, a practising lawyer at the Kerala High Court, is the 14th PFI activist to be arrested from Kerala in connection with the raids held in September.

He was produced before the NIA special court in Kochi, which remanded him in judicial custody for 14 days. The investigating agency will move the court seeking his custody for further interrogation.

According to the NIA, an assortment of weapons, including axes and swords concealed in a badminton racket bag, was recovered from Mubarak's house during the raid. He is an active member of the PFI and had recently started imparting training in martial arts, said the agency.

Earlier, the NIA had told the court that the PFI had prepared a list of leaders of other communities whom they aimed to target.

## Chargesheet filed against 11 PFI members

REENIVAS JANYALA  
HYDERABAD, DECEMBER 30

THE NIA has filed a chargesheet against 11 members of the banned Popular Front of India, who are accused of organising terror training camps and recruitment of persons to carry out terrorist acts.

According to the chargesheet, the accused persons were "radicalising" gullible Muslim youth and recruiting them into the PFI through speeches "filled with hatred and venom" against the Union government as well as other organisations and individuals.

Once recruited into the PFI, the youth were sent to training camps organised by the PFI under the guise of yoga classes and physical education beginners course where they were "trained in the use of everyday articles (knife, sickle and iron rods) to kill a person by attacking vulnerable body parts, such as throat, stomach and head, and for commission of terrorist acts", said the NIA chargesheet.

The PFI's alleged activities were busted in July and a case was registered at Nizamabad Town police station. The chargesheet against the accused — 10 from Telangana and one from Andhra Pradesh — was filed before the NIA special court in Hyderabad on Thursday.

## Coach who accused Haryana minister of sexual harassment files police complaint

SAURABH PARASHAR & NITIN SHARMA  
CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 30

A DAY after accusing Haryana Sports Minister Sandeep Singh of sexual harassment, the woman junior coach filed a police complaint against him at Chandigarh Police headquarters in Sector 9 on Friday.

The woman submitted her complaint to SP (city) Shruti Arora. Later, the woman athlete met SSP (UT) Manisha Chaudhary along with SP (city) Shruti Arora. The complainant interacted with the two women IPS officers for at least one hour, narrating her allegations against the sports minister.

"We received a complaint against the Haryana sports minister from a woman. We will investigate all the allegations thoroughly," SP Arora said.

A police officer said, "The complaint filed against the Haryana Sports Minister was marked to Sector 26 police station SHO for investigation. The SHO will examine all aspects of the complaint."

The minister, an Olympian

and former captain of Indian Hockey team, has already termed all the allegations baseless.

After lodging the complaint, the woman coach, who was a member of Rio Olympics Indian women's squad, said, "I was assured an impartial probe. I also raised my personal security concern. I have been receiving intimidating messages on my social media accounts. I have stopped attending phone calls. The minister harassed me between February and November in his office and other places. Once he conveyed to me to see him in Sector 7. Mostly he communicated through social media. He had touched me inappropriately at his cabin in his Chandigarh house. I narrated the sequence of events before the Chandigarh Police officers."

The coach, who came to police headquarters alone, said, "I was forced to give an undertaking that I would fetch medals in an international event. I was told that if I failed, I will be shifted. I recently got transferred to Jhajjar, my home district, where there is no athletics track. Many others too are facing harassment in the department."



Tourists stranded after fresh snowfall in Manali, Friday. PTI

Manali-Leh highway and adjoining areas on Thursday.

While Dalhousie was covered in 4 inch snow, Atal Tunnel and Rohtang Top witnessed 17 inch and 18 inch snow, respectively. Hoteliers said the unexpected snowfall has prompted more

tourists footfall. They said snowfall has added to the last-minute bookings. "We are looking at 55-70 per cent occupancy on the New Year's Eve. Many hotels are offering packages," said Ashwani Bhamba of Hotel and Restaurant Association, Dharamshala.

**भारतीय वानिकी अनुसंधान एवं शिक्षा परिषद्**  
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महानिदेशक, भारतीय वानिकी अनुसंधान एवं शिक्षा परिषद् के पद को प्रतिनियुक्ति के आधार पर सातवें सी.पी.सी. के बतन मैट्रिक्स का स्तर-17 पर करने हेतु आवेदन आमंत्रित किए गए थे। इस विज्ञापन के अनुसार आवेदन जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि जो की 31.12.2022 तक थी को दिनांक 31.01.2023 तक विस्तारित किया जाता है। अण्डमान निकोबार द्वीप समूह एवं लक्षद्वीप के अभ्यर्थियों के लिये विस्तारित तिथि 15.02.2023 होगी। अन्य नियम व शर्तें पूर्व में प्रकाशित विज्ञापन के अनुसार रहेंगी। उपरोक्त पद हेतु इच्छुक अभ्यर्थी भा0वा0अ0शि0प0 की वेबसाइट <http://www.icfre.org> में दिये गये विस्तृत विज्ञापन के अनुसार आवेदन कर सकते हैं।

Applications were invited for filling up the post of Director General, Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education on deputation basis in Pay Level of 17 of 7<sup>th</sup> CPC Pay Matrix.

As per the Advertisement the last date for receipt of application which was 31.12.2022 has now been extended till 31.01.2023. For the Candidates residing in Andaman Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep the last date will be 15.02.2023.

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**Enact Lift Act for safety, Centre tells states**  
New Delhi: The Centre has asked states to enact Lift Act/Rules to ensure compliance to Indian Standards on Lifts. In a letter to Chief Secretaries of states, Union Consumer Affairs Secretary Rohit Kumar Singh wrote, "Bureau of Indian Standards has published several Indian Standards on Lifts covering various aspects for ensuring safe travel in lifts. However, it has been noted that only 11 states have Lift Act/Rules in place." ENS

# SIA files chargesheet against four LeT militants in Jammu

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, DECEMBER 30

THE STATE Investigation Agency (SIA), an agency set up by the Jammu and Kashmir administration to investigate terror cases, here on Friday filed a chargesheet against four Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militants who, it said, were involved in a number of militant attacks in the Union Territory.

According to the chargesheet, Mohammad Qasim and Zia-ul-Rehman, who actually are the residents of J&K, after joining militant ranks had ex-filtrated to

Pakistan. From there, they used drones for supplying of arms/ammunition and explosives in Jammu and Kashmir, which were collected by Talib Hussain Shah and his associates, including Faiz-ul-Bashir Dar of Pulwama, it said.

The investigation further established that on the directions of Pakistan-based handlers, Talib Hussain Shah had recruited many youth from Jammu and Kashmir and he had revived the terror ecosystem in Chenab Valley and Peer Panjal area comprising the districts of Kishtwar, Doda, Ramban, Reasi, Rajouri and Poonch.

Investigation also proved that the accused persons are involved in the killing of members of minority community, as also creating fear psychosis among people. They had also been directed to carry out attacks on security forces/vital installations to meet the objective of secession of J&K from Union of India, the chargesheet said.

The case has been minutely supervised by the SIA Director. During the course of the investigation, few more persons involved with the accused surfaced and investigation is still on vis a vis their involvement.

**जल संसाधन विभाग**  
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1.	UHBVN	CLEANING & SWEEPING ACTIVITY FOR 14 NOS. 33 KV SUB STATION AND OFFICES UNDER "OP" DIVISION ASSANDH FOR THE PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS.	CLOSING DATE 11.01.2023	EMD 10000/-	<a href="http://www.uhbvn.org.in">www.uhbvn.org.in</a> NIT-09/2022/OP/ASD	7988661392

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**HSIIDC Corrigendum**  
e-Auction of Industrial Plots in IMT Sohna (under General Category)

HSIIDC had opened the registration for participation in e-Auction for allotment of industrial plots in IMT Sohna with closing date as 14.10.2022. e-Auction was scheduled for various plot size categories (450 sqm to 32000 sqm) on 2.01.2023, 3.01.2023 and 4.01.2023.

It is hereby informed that the Corporation has decided to defer auction of all plot size categories due to administrative reasons. Further status in this regard shall be updated on the relevant websites ([hsiidc.org.in](http://hsiidc.org.in) and [hsiidc.bid.in](http://hsiidc.bid.in)) in due course of time.

**Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd.**

Regd. Office: C-13 & 14, Sector-6, Panchkula, Ph. 0172-2590481-83  
E-mail: [contactus@hsiidc.org.in](mailto:contactus@hsiidc.org.in), Website: [hsiidc.org.in](http://hsiidc.org.in)

**सेण्ट्रल बैंक ऑफ इंडिया**  
**Central Bank of India**  
Regional Office, Mauryalok Complex, Patna-1

**POSSESSION NOTICE**  
Under Rule 8 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement (Security) Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002), and in exercise of power conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule 2002. The Authorized Officer issued a Demand Notice on the dates noted against account as mentioned herein after, calling them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. The borrower/guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the under noted borrower/guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sec. 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the date mentioned against account. The borrower/guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of Central Bank of India for the amount and interest thereon mentioned against account herein below.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section (13) of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Sr. No.	Name of the Branch	Name of the Account/ Borrower/ Guarantor	Name of the Owner & Description of the property mortgaged	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession Notice Affixed	Amount outstanding as on date of Demand Notice	Amount outstanding as on date of Possession Notice
1.	Central Bank of India, Choudhary Tola Branch, Patna	Borrower/ Co-borrower/ Guarantor : <b>Mohammad Ehsan</b>	Description of the Immovable Property (Land & Building): Name of the Mortgagor: <b>Mohammad Ehsan, Full particulars of Property:- Sale Deed No. 8096 dtd. 20.12.2013, Area: 9 Dhur(1.4062 dismil), Thana Code 094, Khata No. ...., Kheshra No. ...., Municipality Plot Number 532(Part), Holding No. 22/23a part old and 48/26b new, Ward No. 16/22/39/51, Sheet No. 134, Circle Number: 56, Mauza: Sandalpur, Thana ...., Sub-registry: Patna City, Sadar Registry: Bankipur Patna, District: Patna, Location of the property: at Mohalla Sultanganj Ashok Rajpath, Patna-800006, Boundary: North: Described Holding and Part Plot, South: Ashok Rajpath, East: 05 feet wide road left by purchaser and thereafter Sanjida Khatun and Md Muslim, West: Md Fakhruddin.</b>	11.10.2022	27.12.2022	₹ 28,22,588.50/- (Rupees Twenty eight lakhs twenty two thousand five hundred eighty eight and fifty paise only) with future Interest and incidental charges w.e.f. 11.10.2022	₹ 28,22,588.50/- (Rupees Twenty eight lakhs twenty two thousand five hundred eighty eight and fifty paise only) with future interest thereon

Date : 27.12.2022  
Place : Patna

Authorised officer  
CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA

**SBI STATE BANK OF INDIA**  
STRESSED ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH (SARB)  
2nd Floor, Patna Main Branch Building, West Gandhi Maidan, Patna-800001  
Ph. No. (Office) : 0612-2219043, 2219385, Fax No. : 0612-2219385, E-mail : [sbi.05176@sbi.co.in](mailto:sbi.05176@sbi.co.in)

**SUBSEQUENT SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor (State Bank of India), the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As Is Where Is", "As Is What is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 21/01/2023 (date of sale) for recovery of Rs. 25,51,276.00 (Rupees Twenty five lakh fifty one thousand two hundred seventy six only) as on 16.11.2019 plus accrued interest, Charges, other miscellaneous expenses etc and less the amount of recovery made after 16.11.2019 due to the secured creditor from the borrower, Mr. Dharmendra Kumar Singh, and Guarantor, Mrs. Anju Devi w/o Mr. Dharmendra Kumar Singh.

Short Description of the Immovable properties:

Sl. No.	Borrower Name	Description of the property	Mortgagor	Reserve Price
				EMD Amount
1.	Mr. Dharmendra Kumar Singh S/o Ravindra Kumar Singh Address: Jyoti Chowk, Koerpurwa, Buxar	All that land measuring 01 Katha located at Mouza-Buxar Kila, Ward No. 23, Thana No. 332, Anchal - Dist-Buxar, Bihar. This land is covered under Khata No. 253 (Old)/116 (New), Plot No. 3123 (old)/247 (new) and registered in the name of Smt. Anju Devi w/o Dharmendra Kumar Singh vide Sale Deed no. 8180 dated 19/07/2005. The Boundaries of the land are: - North : Road, South: Bihar Sarkar, East: Manju Devi & West: Usha Devi (Property Id for e-auction : SBIN 85417255911)	Smt. Anju Devi w/o Mr. Dharmendra Kumar Singh	₹ 15,00,000.00
				₹ 1,50,000.00
				₹ 20,000.00

**e-Auction Terms And Condition**

- Date & Time of e-auction : 21.01.2023; time 120 Minutes. From : 12:00 Noon to 02.00 PM. with unlimited extension of 10 Minutes each.
- The auction sale will be "online through e-auction". The intending Bidders/Purchasers are required to participate in the e-Auction process at e-Auction Service Provider's website <https://mscecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp>
- SBI contact no (for property related enquiry): 9402506404 & 8811060438.
- The General Terms and Condition of e-auction sale is available on the website: <https://sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/auction-notices/sarfaesi-and-other>.

This publication is also a 15 days notice to all the borrower/guarantors require under Rule 8(6) of Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002  
NB: 15 days Sale Notice to Borrower/Guarantors has already been sent by Regd. Post at their last known address. In case they do not receive the said notice then E-auction sale Notice may be treated as substituted mode of service.

Date: 27.12.2022  
Place: Buxar

AUTHORISED OFFICER  
STATE BANK OF INDIA, SARB, PATNA

**जल संसाधन विभाग**  
कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय  
बागमती प्रमण्डल, रुन्नीसैदपुर

**अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या -01/2022-23**  
(केवल ई-टेंडर पद्धति के अनुसार वेबसाइट [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) पर)

1. कार्य का विवरण -

क्र. सं.	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (लाख ₹ में)	अग्रघन की राशि (लाख ₹ में) (ऑन लाईन अथवा फिजिकल/मैनुअल मोड में भुगतान)	परिमाण - विपन्न का मूल्य (अप्रत्यर्पणीय) (केवल ऑन लाईन मोड में भुगतान) ₹ में	बेल्डॉन को देय बिड प्रोसेसिंग फी (अप्रत्यर्पणीय) (केवल ऑन लाईन मोड में भुगतान) ₹ में	कार्य समाप्ति की तिथि
01	बागमती दर्या तटबंध के कि०मी० 46.00 खड्डका ग्राम (दो धारा के नजदीक) में बने खड़ीन (कोफर डैम) का मजबूतीकरण एवं नदी किनारे का सुरक्षात्मक कार्य। (एजेण्डा संख्या-194/41/2023)	90.13	1.81	10,000.00	3540.00	15.05.2023
02	बागमती दर्या तटबंध के कि०मी० 51.100 से 51.400 एवं कि०मी० 51.400 से 52.250 कि०मी० के बीच (निराकर से शिवनगर) कटाव निरोधक कार्य। (एजेण्डा संख्या-194/42/2023)	70.38	1.41	10,000.00	3540.00	15.05.2023

2. निविदापत्र की पदनाम एवं पता : कार्यपालक अभियंता, बागमती प्रमण्डल, रुन्नीसैदपुर  
3. निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना निर्गत करने की तिथि : दिनांक 29.12.2022  
4. निविदा कागजात डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड करने की अवधि : दिनांक 07.01.2023 से दिनांक 11.01.2023 के 3.00 बजे अपराह्न तक (सिर्फ वेबसाइट [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) पर )  
5. प्री-बिड मीटिंग का समय, स्थान एवं तिथि : दिनांक 09.01.2023, 3.00 बजे अपराह्न में, मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय, बाढ़ नियंत्रण एवं जल निस्सरण, जल संसाधन विभाग, मुजफ्फरपुर। दिनांक 13.01.2023 समय 3.30 बजे अपराह्न में। (सिर्फ वेबसाइट [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) पर )  
6. तत्कालीन बिड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 13.01.2023 समय 3.30 बजे अपराह्न में। (सिर्फ वेबसाइट [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) पर )  
7. विज्ञापन खोलने का स्थान : [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) पर  
8. विशेष जानकारी प्राप्त करने हेतु वेबसाइट [state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar](http://state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar)

पर ही देखी जा सकती है। कार्यपालक अभियंता  
बागमती प्रमण्डल, रुन्नीसैदपुर

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**बिहार सरकार**

**कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय,**  
लोक स्वास्थ्य प्रमंडल, फारबिसगंज

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**निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या-01/2022-23**

1. विज्ञापनदाता का नाम एवं पता : कार्यपालक अभियंता, लोक स्वास्थ्य प्रमंडल, फारबिसगंज  
2. निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना निर्गत करने की तिथि : दिनांक-23.12.2022  
3. निविदा विपन्न (अप्रत्यर्पणीय) की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक-10.01.2023 से दिनांक 15.01.2023 तक  
4. निविदा प्राप्ति (अपलोड) की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक-13.01.2023 को 15.00 बजे तक  
5. निविदा कागजात डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड करने की अवधि : दिनांक-14.01.2023 को 17.00 बजे तक

1. कार्यपालक अभियंता, लोक स्वास्थ्य प्रमंडल, फारबिसगंज  
2. अधीक्षण अभियंता, लोक स्वास्थ्य अंचल पूर्णियाँ  
3. मुख्य अभियंता, लोक स्वास्थ्य अभियंत्रण विभाग, पूर्णियाँ प्रखण्ड पूर्णियाँ

1. दिनांक- 11.01.2023 को 15.00 बजे, कार्यपालक अभियंता, लोक स्वास्थ्य प्रमंडल, फारबिसगंज  
दिनांक-16.01.2023 को 17.00 बजे।  
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12. कार्य की विवरण:-

क्र०	कार्य का नाम	परिमाण विपन्न की राशि (रुपये में)	अग्रघन की राशि (रु० में)	परिमाण विपन्न का मूल्य (रु०में)	बिड प्रोसेसिंग चार्ज सेवा कर सहित	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Construction of Executive Engineer office under P.H. Division, Forbesganj	11067700.00	2,21,400.00	10,000.00	5,000.00 As per eproc2	9 माह

13. कुल प्राक्कलित राशि में वार्षिक खर्च का एक प्रतिशत राशि श्रमिकों के लिए सेस के रूप में बिल भुगतान के समय काट लिया जायेगा।  
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17. Defect liability period तीन वर्षों का होगा।  
18. भवन निर्माण विभाग, बिहार सरकार का पत्रांक-568(मं) दिनांक 17.01.2020 के आलेक में प्रविष्टित दर निविदा पद्धति में निविदा दर की न्यूनतम अधीनीता को तत्काल समाप्त कर दिया गया है, तदनुसार निविदा दाता को उक्त पत्र के आलेक में एकरचनाम के संकथ के द्वारा निविदा दर के अनुसार Additional Performance Guarantee जमा करना अनिवार्य होगा।  
19. इस निविदा का विज्ञापन वेबसाइट <http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।  
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कार्यपालक अभियंता  
लोक स्वास्थ्य प्रमंडल, फारबिसगंज

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नये से बचाना दूरी है, क्योंकि परिवार जरूरी है।

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		ARR.	DEP.	ARR.	DEP.	
22653 Thiruvananthapuram Central-Hazrat Nizamuddin Superfast Express	Vadodara	09:10	09:20	09:10	09:18	07.01.2023
22654 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Thiruvananthapuram Central Superfast Express	Vadodara	18:10	18:20	18:10	18:18	09.01.2023
22633 Thiruvananthapuram Central-Hazrat Nizamuddin Express	Vadodara	23:51	00:11	23:51	23:59	04.01.2023
22634 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Thiruvananthapuram Central Express	Vadodara	10:50	11:10	10:50	10:58	06.01.2023
22659 Kochuvelli- Yognagri Rishikesh Superfast Express	Vadodara	17:03	17:23	17:03	17:11	06.01.2023
22660 Yognagri Rishikesh-Kochuvelli Superfast Express	Vadodara	01:10	01:30	01:10	01:18	09.01.2023

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**2023**   
**LOOKING AHEAD**  
**TECHNOLOGY**

WE DON'T always realise how big an enabler technology is in our times. A lot of what we do or don't do would have been different if present technologies were not available. The past year, 2022, has only reinforced our dependence on technology, but maybe in a fashion that will be harder to change in the coming years.

Around the same time last year, we were on the cusp of a big tech leap in India: the shift to 5G. That finally happened towards the last quarter of the year. Many of us have moved to this latest generation 5G, but maybe we are still waiting to see how that has made our life better. That is exactly how a lot of the tech shifts will be in the coming years — incremental changes that don't seem like a huge experiential leap, but still change the way we do a lot of things, maybe without us even registering it.

The past year was not the best for tech companies around the world. It was the year which told them a lot of the shift in demand they saw during the Covid-induced lockdowns was not here to stay, and people would go back to their old ways. The year ended with near mayhem across most Silicon Valley companies, especially those in the Internet business. There is still no real redemption in sight.

There is a feeling 2023 will be a bellwether year in more ways than one. There is a lot of saturation across realms of personal tech, which is impacting user engagement. This is already forcing a rethink across companies, but it remains to be seen if these new technologies mature enough to be released to users in the new year. However, you will certainly see the first public entry of a lot of new platforms, especially those in the Metaverse and those leaning on artificial intelligence.

So what will be the big trends to look out for in 2023? Here are our picks:

### More intelligent, more pervasive AI

ChatGPT has shown the world that conversational artificial intelligence is an idea whose time has come. Yes, it is intelligent enough now to start writing leave applications that are believable, but most such AI elements are now in standalone products, which is more play than work. In the new year, you will see this intelligence coming into more products that we use everyday — think of a Gmail that will not just auto-suggest but also write your next mail to the boss.

In fact, a lot of conversations we are already having are with AI bots, and these will become more intelligent and start going well beyond the formulae that have been fed into their backends. You will see a lot of online

services presenting themselves as conversations, especially when you are searching for something. A boring listing page which hasn't evolved much over the years might not be as attractive to the Instagram generation as it was to the AltaVista generation. However, as more AI flows into our lives, we

will need to find ways to trust it more — or be more sceptical.

### Time for post-social?

If Twitter has taught us something this year, it is that social media as we know it might soon become a thing of the past. Even

if Twitter survives the storm it has driven itself into, it is a fact that Facebook too is struggling to remain relevant amid an increasingly younger and digital native audience. Their concepts of social engagement are very different, often sans text and notice-board behaviours.

Meta, for instance, knows that it will have to think beyond its present social media platforms and wants to be the social link when users move to the Metaverse, if at all. But that might not be something that will shift soon. Till then, there seems to be a vacuum emerging in the social media space, for now

plugged by users sticking to short videos. But that fad too shall pass and not all platforms are good in that segment anyway.

So don't be surprised if social media platforms lose even more relevance and conversations in 2023, slowly becoming consumption platforms where users don't say much. This is a great opportunity for something new to emerge, but that won't be easy, given how challenging it is to find a new hook for the young.

As Facebook's user base becomes older by the year, younger users are preferring new platforms like Discord, where conversations happen more in closed groups than in virtual town squares. The evolution of such platforms are already challenging traditional methods of monetising social media engagement. And Twitter's apparent implosion will not immediately benefit a not-very-easy-to-use Mastodon or a limited-location Koo. The micro-blogging platform's role as the pressure valve of the Internet will need a completely new solution that is better and certainly not smaller.

### More regional, darker social bubbles

As the Internet spreads to new users, especially in countries like India, it is also becoming more localised and multi-lingual. Across the world, the English language internet seems to have plateaued, making platforms like Google focus more on opportunities to serve smaller, regional languages. This is a tech challenge in more ways than one, but also presents an opportunity to test out new technologies that can convert the content of the internet for these new users without much human intervention.

But already in markets like India, this is leading to local bubbles with their own trends

that rarely surface at the national or global level. This emerging mosaic-like structure of users will mean that new platforms will need to solve more localised problems and the success of the one-size-fits-all features will be even more limited. You will also

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see this spawning more dark social behaviour, where we really don't know what the Internet is thinking, in part because a lot of it is happening in encrypted pipelines.

### And what about the Metaverse?

The first usable version of the Metaverse might actually end up coming in the workplace, but it is unlikely to be Mark Zuckerberg's cartoony version. As hybrid workforces become the norm and with travel still not as easy as earlier, extended reality (XR) could become the answer to collaborate and communicate virtually.

Since the headsets and other paraphernalia to facilitate these virtual interactions are still very expensive, it might be up to companies to make these available to their employees for regular XR meetings. The first experience of this could end up looking like an upgraded version of video conferencing, but with the ability to interact with objects in the virtual space.

Expect a few more commercial versions of the Metaverse to be accessible to regular users during the year. However, the challenge will be with the hardware that lets you access these virtual worlds without making you bankrupt in the real world. The big disruptor could be an affordable device that logs users into the Metaverse easily — maybe it will just be a smartphone.

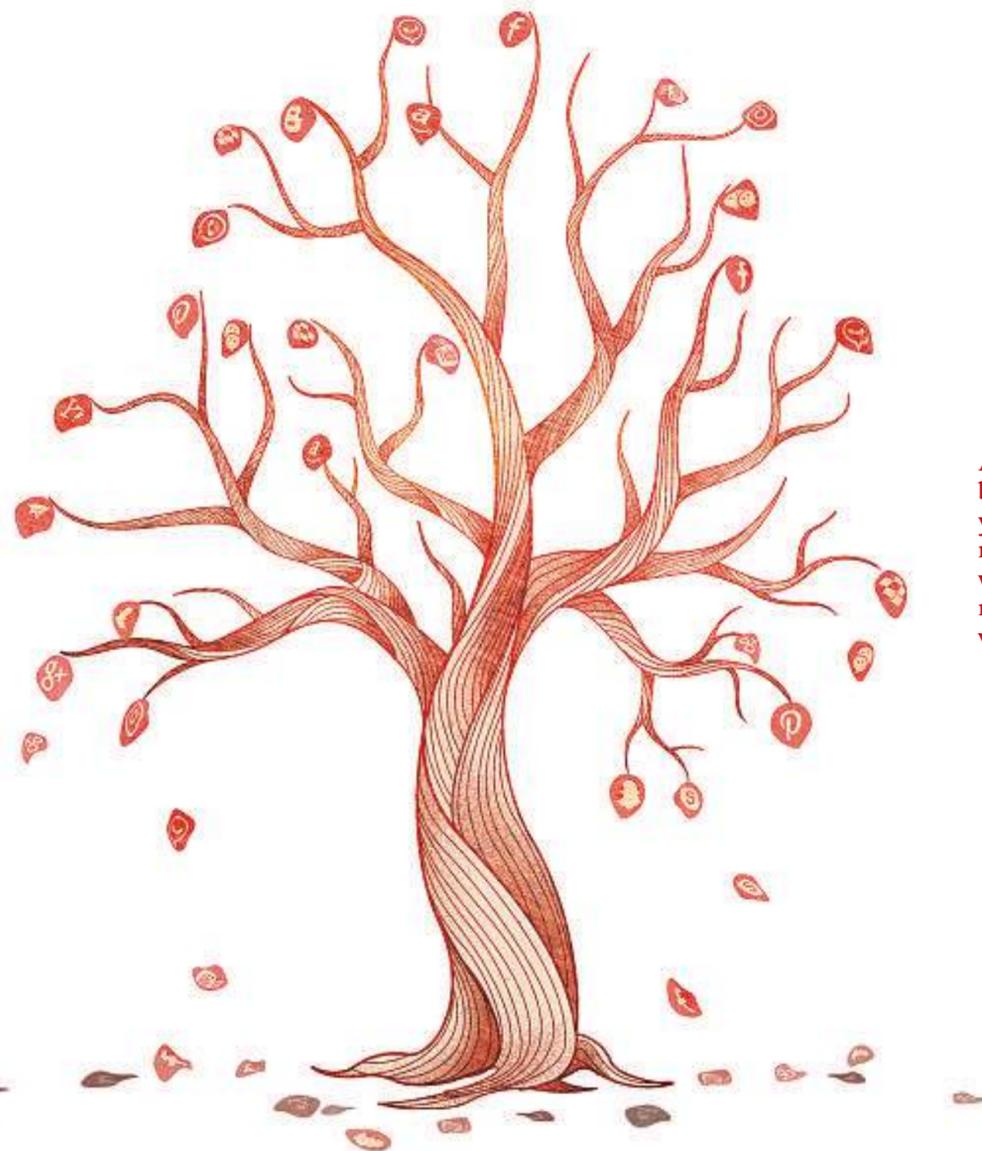


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## EXPLAINED BOOKS

# 5 non-fiction works, and a bonus memoir, to look forward to



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IN 2022, as the pandemic eased its grip and war returned to Europe with Russia's attack on Ukraine, as protests rocked Iran against its conservative regime and, at home, a rising tide of polarisation marked conversations, we turned to books to make sense of our changing world and break it down for you.

Will 2023 be the year when things take a turn for the better? When climate conversations take precedence, tensions de-escalate and the threat of the virus is left behind? It's hard to tell. But one thing is guaranteed: there will still be books to make sense of new aspirations and old fears. Here's our pick of the best non-fiction books to look forward to in the coming year, that address not just the pressing concerns of our time, but also the possibilities of fuller, more self-contained lives:

### The Half Known Life

**PICQIYER**, Penguin  
In *Autumn Light: Season of Fire and Farewells* (2019), a meditation on how death reminds us to take nothing for granted, Pico Iyer writes, "Autumn poses the question we all have to live with: How to hold on to the things we love even though we know that we and they are dying. How to see the world as it is, yet find light within that truth."

In his new book, *The Half Known Life*, scheduled for publication in early January, he

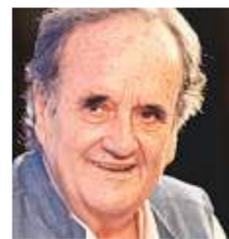
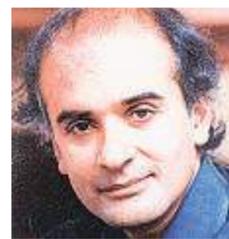
chases the light across a polarised world beset with conflict, to arrive at what it means to seek — and find — paradise in these times. In a journey that is both interior and outward, Iyer travels across a holy mountain in Japan, to mosques in Iran, from the Australian Outback to a film studio in North Korea. Weaving together his chance encounters with strangers on these trips with his own memories of his mother speaking of pre-Partition India; of accompanying the Dalai Lama on his travels, and spending time in a Benedictine monastery above the Pacific, Iyer makes unexpected connections that throw up possibilities of arriving at paradise in this angry, restive world.

### Smoke and Ashes: A Writer's Journey Through Hidden Histories

**AMITAV GHOSH**, HarperCollins  
Tea, opium and relationships with China have featured in Amitav Ghosh's fiction over the years, mostly notably in the *Ibis* trilogy, but in *Smoke and Ashes*, Ghosh examines his abiding interests through the lens of non-fiction, connecting the dots between colonialism, capitalism and ecological imbalance; exploring indigenous understandings of the environment; the difference in perspectives between Asia and Europe and the lacuna in our understanding of China. Through it all, Ghosh's experiences as a writer, his memories and anecdotes, run like a thread and bind together these diverse interests, making it a fascinating compendium of contemporary history and its compelling concerns.

### Why We Die

**VENKIRAMAKRISHNAN**, Hachette  
From Nobel Prize-winning structural biologist and academic Venki Ramakrishnan comes a deep exploration of the science of ageing and the necessity of death. *Why We*



From left: Pico Iyer, Angela Saini, Amitav Ghosh, and Mark Tully. Express Archives

*Die* looks at the human urge for immortality that modern advances in biological sciences appears to have made tangible. Yet, death and its imagination have been at the core of cultures, religions, and, even science. If immortality stands within grasp, what do individuals stand to lose and what could their ramifications on civilisations possibly be?

As science hurtles forward at breakneck pace, Ramakrishnan, whose work on the structure and function of the ribosome won him the Nobel Prize in 2009 alongside

Thomas A Steitz and Ada Yonath, explores the social, cultural and ethical fallouts of an indefinitely long lifespan.

### Indians: A History of a Civilization

**EDITED BY GN DEVI, TONY JOSEPH, AND RAVI KORISSETAR**, Aleph Book Company  
In contemporary India, with its predilection for social othering based on lopsided majoritarian narratives, a collection of 100 essays, with contributions by eminent historians, linguists, sociologists, biologists and

other domain experts from India and abroad examines India's contested past.

Edited by GN Devi, Tony Joseph and Ravi Korisetar, the collection, scheduled for publication in April, examines mass migrations, the diversity of languages, formation of social and political organisations, social movements, colonialism and its impact, the freedom struggle and modern India since 1947 to show how banal the discussion over antecedents can be when not grounded in empirical evidence.

While the editors themselves have an enviable body of work to their credit — Devi's work with People's Linguistic Survey of India and the Adivasi Academy needs little introduction; Joseph is the author of the prize-winning *Early Indians: The Story of Our Ancestors and Where We Came From* (2018); and archaeologist Korisetar's discovery of volcanic ash of Sumatran origin in peninsular river deposits has thrown open the debate on the early human migration out of Africa — the list of contributors is equally impressive.

It includes Narayani Gupta, Nivedita

Menon, Partha Pratim Majumder of National Institute of Biomedical Genomics, Kolkata, Rajmohan Gandhi, American historian Richard Maxwell Eaton, to name a few.

### Patriarchs: How Men Came to Rule

**ANGELA SAINI**, HarperCollins  
Award-winning independent science writer Angela Saini, known for works that include *Superior: The Return of Race Science* (2019) and *Geek Nation: How Indian Science is Taking Over the World* (2011), returns with a work that explores the origin and history of patriarchy, the phenomenon behind one of the oldest inequalities in the world — of gender. From the Americas to Asia, Saini explores socio-political histories, analyses research findings in science and archaeology to show how the hold of patriarchy varies between civilisations and the role women play in enabling patriarchal structures.

### BONUS:

#### A Lucky Man: The Memoirs of a Radio-wala

**MARK TULLY**, *Speaking Tiger*  
Mark Tully, the voice of the BBC in South Asia for over six decades, and the intrepid journalist whose vivid accounts made news come alive in the pre-internet era, will publish his memoir in 2023.

The octogenarian, known for his non-combative and unfailingly courteous style of reportage, since outdated in the shrill din of primetime anchors, writes of his childhood in Calcutta, his years in the BBC and his meetings with some of the biggest newsmakers of his time from the subcontinent — Indira Gandhi, Narasimha Rao, LK Advani, Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, Mujibur Rehman and General Zia-ul-Haq, among others.



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## THE YEAR OF WAIT

2023 sets stage for Battle of 2024. BJP, Opposition must know that democracy is about ideas in play, not only those that win

POLITICALLY SPEAKING, 2023 will be the year of waiting. It will be assessed by the ways in which it shapes the parliamentary contest of the year after, in 2024. Some things are already clear, though. The ruling BJP, using resources of party and government, has crafted a dominance fundamentally based on a set of appeals that invite the individual to locate herself in larger projects, and wholes imagined as more than a sum of their parts. On the one hand, in no particular order, the Hindu community, the nation, the civilisational state. The likes of Aatmanirbhar Bharat, Digital India, Start-up India, on the other. Plus, more and more, India-in-the-world. The Modi-led BJP has honed a multivocal pitch that switches from one project and whole to the other with ease, and uses one to prop up the other when it sags. In the new year, the projection of India-in-the-world is likely to grow more insistent — the G20 presidency has come at an opportune time for the party. While foreign policy is still not a bone of electoral contention in this country, the Modi-BJP has had great success in carrying it to voters as an instrument of national pride, a touched-up photo-op that makes India look good to itself.

Of course, there are exclusions in the BJP's imagined communities — the wholes are also divisive. There are senses in which its projects overpromise and flatter to deceive. It will be the task of the Opposition parties to highlight those areas that the BJP's hand-held spotlight does not show. But the parties of the Opposition will have to do more than just that if they have to prove to the voter that they are counting on more than rote anti-incumbency. They must also come up with an affirmative agenda that creates larger spaces and claims larger wholes. If they want to take on the BJP, they must be more agile, recover a will-to-win. But most of all, they must fight the narrowing of their platforms and resist shrinking into corners of their own making. As they do this, they will confront a large question: Should they fight the BJP on terms set by the BJP? Or can they summon the political grammar and organisational nerve to shift the contest's terrain in 2023? The question in the year ahead will also be: Where will Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra reach? Can it arrive at the heart of Congress, or close to it?

For both the BJP and its Opposition, the challenge in the year ahead will also be to look past the parliamentary contest. In its best version, democracy is about the ideas in play, not only those that win. It is about the vivacity of the fight, and the humility of players. They must know that no one is larger than the game. And that their biggest achievement is to add to the width and depth of the argument, whoever wins. That, more than anything, should be the spirit behind a happy New Year.

## FOOTBALL'S GOD

Pele is no more. Flashes of memory of his goals, and even near-goals, will continue to arrive unannounced

IT'S UNIMAGINABLE NOW, but Brazil were once underdogs in football — second best to Uruguay or Argentina. And it had taken the 17-year-old Pele's bursts of brilliance and dogged inspiration drawn from watching his father weep when Brazil lost the World Cup final, to yank his country out of a sulking sea of under-confidence. After 1958, Pele took Brazil and the blacks and the favela poor out of those miserable times forever. His beautiful game offered them a sense of pride that merely being an economic superpower could never bestow.

The pull of Pele — who died on Thursday at 82 — wasn't bound by geography. He once paused hostilities in the Nigerian Civil war by getting the federal troops' chief to open up a bridge so that rebel troops could come watch him play in Lagos. Maybe the greatest Pele legacy was his aura, in a world before not just social media, but even television and the PR machinery. Millions knew of his genius through radio commentary. Then in 1970 millions more bought new TV sets to see "with their own eyes" how magic could unfold. At that World Cup, Pele brought to Latin America an everlasting legacy of being beautiful and creative, which can never be shaken off.

Not everyone liked his politics, but even his detractors dug up reasons to adore his football. Brazil's president elect Lula da Silva who watched Pele play live at Pacaembu and Morumbi would correct himself saying that he didn't just watch Pele, but saw him give a show, even when Santos were thrashing Lula's beloved club, Corinthians. "Because when he got the ball he always did something special, which often ended in a goal. I confess that I was angry with Pelé, because he always massacred my Corinthians on field. But, first and foremost, I admired him." Pele transcended politics by never ever transcending football. His dashing silhouette, chasing after the ball goal-wards, till it hit the netting, was the YouTube loop everyone knew they needed in life. Pele at football, Pele of Brazil, Pele as the greatest, is tattooed on minds in a script of the game that even those who know little to nothing of football, know of. Flashes of memory of Pele's goals and even near-goals will always arrive unannounced. Three days of mourning is a mere license to openly cry for the departure of football's lighthearted, light on his feet, god.

## DEAD WEEK WHAT?

As old melts into new, a compulsion to meet friends and family, engage in unnecessary socialising, drink unreasonably

THE WEEK BETWEEN Christmas and New Year is unofficially termed "Dead Week", and not because of the hangovers. It's the week when most office workers do little that is "productive". The idea is that ambition takes a backseat in the holiday season, and people don't do any more work than is absolutely required. While this concept may have originated in the West, it is now ubiquitous in Indian corporate culture as well, with MNCs allowing their employees one week of relief — or deadness — as this name suggests. What may yet be required, though, is to attend office parties and come up with the not-too-expensive-yet-thoughtful Secret Santa gift. Then there's the compulsion to meet friends and family, engage in unnecessary socialising, and drink unreasonably.

But imagine obediently spending a whole evening with chachi/chinnamma/chitta/kaaki/cheriyamma droning on about her Tinu's *phoren* promotion. Isn't that work? Plotting an escape past the jolly drunk uncles is probably the most painstakingly thorough planning many do all year. It takes its own kind of work to be a good family member, who is, much like a good employee, part of an organisation. Being at leisure is also work when you don't live in a "good fences make good neighbours" society because there are no fences to begin with, with neighbours or family.

And while this may be a dead week in terms of working it is certainly not one in terms of spending. Spending on the gifts, the wine, the sweaters and spreading all that merry holiday cheer. Come the new year, the new you returns to work exhausted from the spending and socialising to be rejuvenated only by the idea of more earning. Maybe it is the spent social battery that lends itself to the deadness, or the continuous smiling as if on stage at your own wedding reception. Either way, calling this the "dead week" may be apt — not because of the unproductivity, but rather, for the productivity of it all.



PRATAP BHANU MEHTA

THE IDEA OF a "Vishwaguru" is a new addition to the Indian political lexicon. It defines a lofty ambition, a call to lift India above itself, and be a beacon to the world. The highest offices in the land, from the President to the Prime Minister, promote it with gusto. If you were ever confused by the question, "What are India's aspirations?" help is at hand. Think of India as a Vishwaguru. All your doubts will melt away. It is the cure for an enervated soul, a healing balm for a wounded world. But how do we imagine India as a "Vishwaguru"? What tasks does it set before us? It is a beautiful concept that is imagined by our leaders in so many different ways.

Vishwagurus aspire to be teachers to the world. They point to the true spring of LIFE. You might think the idea of the Vishwaguru is simply MARKETING. But this is unfair. There is the pedantic point that no one ever became Vishwaguru without marketing. It is the genius of communication. But it is much more. Slogans stick in people's minds. They make the world familiar, and subconsciously motivate and inspire. Like a MANTRA, the incantation itself will have magical effects. We will become who we chant, if we chant it often and sincerely enough. It is the power of more than a billion Indians chanting the same thing in unison.

They do this in many ways. Vishwaguru signifies the comforting warmth of the MOTHERLAND. India that is Bharat is sacred territory. The territory itself washes off all sins. This is a signifier of purity; mere contact with it gets you redemption. Vishwaguru signifies the MOTHER. It is associated with natality. Much that is good in the world was already born here. It is an already accomplished fact. India is the mother of all democracies, the mother of all science, the mother of all ecology, the mother of all inventions, and the mother of all spirituality. Merely retrieving or acknowledging achievements in these areas is not enough; India has to be the mother if she is to be the Vishwaguru. No origin story, no title for the Vishwaguru.

If this maternal mode does not satisfy you, you can think of the Vishwaguru in the more itinerant mode. This is the land of MENDI-

## Vishwaguru

It is an infallible idea that encompasses everything from marketing to manliness

CANTS — those selfless purveyors of knowledge, the gurus to the world who, discarding all possessions and ego, go forth and transform people's souls. They give you a glimpse of the union of *atman* and Brahman. They free you from the bondage of desire, setting you on the path of true liberation. They provide glimpses of a life of service. They spread knowledge. India is the Vishwaguru because it is saintly. True, sometimes mendicants are known more for their MENDACITY than saintliness — all the new age gurus that have spread spirituality across the world. But that mendacity also has its uses: It points to an alternative world, a yoga in a different register.

The Vishwaguru, at its most useful, is a MEDIATOR. The world is wracked with conflicts: Russia versus the West, North versus South. The Vishwaguru is above all conflict, and is therefore the ideal mediator, the non-aligned that aligns the world, the swing state that stabilises it, the bridging power that unites it. Its own conflicts don't need mediators, since the Vishwaguru is mediation itself. In a world wracked by great power hypocrisy, the mediator stands for the common good.

But if all this is too spiritual for you, the Vishwaguru has much else to offer. It can offer a new vision of MANLINESS. As Aurobindo put it in his less enlightened phase, we shall show ourselves "to the nations as a people with a great past and ancient civilisation, who still possess the genius and character of their forefathers, have still something to give the world, and therefore deserve freedom — by proof of our MANLINESS and fitness, not mendacity." Never mind that Aurobindo, probably wisely, renounced manliness for mendacity. But the ideal of manliness endures, now made vivid by a leader who personifies it.

The Vishwaguru imperiously walks on the world stage. It stares down every external challenger, hunts down every internal enemy. But these are the more exalted ideals. The Vishwaguru is also MATERIAL power, the factory of the world, a leader in manufacturing, the self-sufficient powerhouse in defence production, the land of abundance and overflowing jobs that the rest of the world will envy and covet.

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The Vishwaguru is MODERNITY itself, the top of every index of development, cutting edge on every future trend. The Vishwaguru is the idea of the MARVELLOUS itself, India as an ethereally sublime experience that leaves you shaking your head and leaves you speechless. It is truly Incredible India, a riot of colour and culture like no other. Everything about it, its politics, its social idioms, defy classification. It is one of a kind. Behold the wonder.

I would not underestimate the power of the Vishwaguru. God knows humanity needs someone to claim that mantle to help it overcome the epidemic of collective narcissism that is sweeping the world. Someone needs to infuse a world wrecked with crony capitalism, dysfunctional nation-state forms, great concentration of power, ethnic tensions, territorial obsessions, ecological catastrophe, with new wisdom, bold new ideas and a track record of impeccable execution. The ideal of the Vishwaguru is exactly what we need: The spiritual, the material, the historical, the aesthetic and the political all rolled into one. Maybe it will help us rise above ourselves.

And while we are moved by the idea of the Vishwaguru, please make sure you do not commit a grammatical mistake. The philosopher Arindam Chakrabarti tells the story of the great saint Sitaramdas Omkarnath of the Ramanuja Sampradaya, who once gently reprimanded someone for using the epithet "Vishwaguru" to signify the teacher of the world. He turned around and pointed out that syntactically, Vishwaguru need not mean the teacher of the world. It is the one who thinks the whole world is my teacher (*jo vishwa ko guru mane*). But how dare Bhartahari's descendants, even liberated souls like Saint Omkarnath, come up with this interpretation? Its political corollary is deeply disturbing. For it implies not an India bringing enlightenment to a benighted world. But India being the place where anyone and everyone can freely feel at home.

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## BEYOND THE MALE GAZE

For south Indian cinema to build on its 2022 success, it will need to be more diverse



PADMAPRIYA JANAKIRAMAN

THE BIGGEST TALKING point for the entertainment industry in 2022 has been the north vs south debate. And rightly so. After all, 71 per cent or Rs 3,600 crore of the top 10 all-India box office collections came from Telugu, Kannada and Tamil-language cinema. Over-the-top (OTT) trends show a closer fight, but content from the four southern languages in terms of the number of films released and the weeks they trended is sizeable and comparable to the Hindi language stable.

As a pan-India actor who has worked across six language industries, primarily in the south, these numbers feel like much-needed fresh air. But it's important to see where this trend is stemming from. Have southern language films crossed the milestone of being perceived as successful Hindi remakes or redubs to now standing on their own because their content is unique? Undoubtedly, the visualisation standards of the films that were part of the top 10 list were remarkable. But will this suffice in the long run?

Southern language films — barring the advantages that technology brings — haven't inherently changed much in the last decade. Malayalam, including its new wave, much like Marathi, focuses on story-based narratives. Telugu on exaggerated action and fantasy dramas. Tamil does a balancing act between making strong stories with socio-cultural realities and mass, male adrenalin-led action fantasy films. The industry that has actually changed in the last decade is Kannada with experiments taking place in small and big ways. In other words, what is new for the rest of the world is fairly predictable for regular southern Indian viewers. What changed is the revolution that one film, *Baahubali*, brought with regard to eyeballs, followed closely by OTT opening up the viewership base.

This sudden rage for southern Indian content is because they bring a new, diverse appeal of regionality coupled with massive technological investments in storytelling to the rest of India. But this cannot form a sustained recipe for success. It's not that in the southern Indian market, all big-budget movies with massive marketing spends or all rich story-based films with the best cast and reviews become hits. Compared to the Hindi film industry, southern Indian filmmakers are perhaps more rooted, and risk-

taking, making the effort to produce mind-bending work. But on the diversity quotient, it has enormous ground to cover, which if left uncorrected will dilute its current "I am new and novel" trend.

Globally, OTT has moved the viewing experience from theatres to phones and screens. This means that access to visual content is now available to those who traditionally couldn't afford it. In other words, its audience is no more the "I can pay for entertainment" male members of the family, but also includes people of different gender dispositions, races and castes. As this trend gets mainstreamed, the patriarchal privileged Indian male cinema gaze is going to be challenged. Of course, it will have its share of viewership, but both the global and the evolved Indian audience coming from diverse spectrums is going to seek much more representation in terms of gender and caste.

The 2022 diversity report produced by UCLA on Hollywood, which was the earliest adopter of OTT, holds valuable clues for Indian cinema. Eight of the top 10 Hollywood films in 2021 had main casts that were at least 30 per cent non-white. Films that had casts that were over 90 per cent white had poor box office outings and were in the lowest 10 per cent in regards to performance. The box office numbers naturally reflected workplace stats — the inclusion of women on-screen grew, with 47 per cent of film leads being women. Between 2011 and 2021, women's share of directors increased more than fivefold — from 4.1 per cent to 21.8 per cent. Women's share of writer credits rose to 33.5 per cent in 2021, from 26 per cent in 2020. Non-white underrepresented individuals made up 30 per cent of directors and 32 per cent of film writers.

But is Indian cinema, even southern Indian cinema, recognising this change in its content and workplace? The answer would be a roaring no. The 2022 O'Womaniya India diversity report found that even in promotional trailers, women accounted for only 25 per cent of the time in which characters are talking. As many as 48 titles allocated 10 seconds or less to female characters. And these trends are worse in southern Indian cinema. The report further reveals that OTT is driving the change in representation — films and TV series streamed on OTT platforms performed better than theatrical films across all parameters.

On the other hand, the easy access to rich, global OTT content has ensured that the Indian viewer, long considered a captive by Indian filmmakers, is spoilt for choice and is going to be more demanding. In 2022, non-Indian language content was the most watched on Netflix in India. So, unless my industry friends and I leverage this moment and bring forth unique stories underscoring India's inherent diversity, we will forever be playing the catch-up game with our global peers.

One of the easiest ways of doing this is to befriend the domestic publishing industry, which naturally attracts more diverse writers (men of all ages, women, Dalits, LGBTQIA people), more diverse genres (sci-fi to folklore, dramas and young adult content) and across different regional languages. And this applies to not just past works published but also the books of the future. According to Urvasi Butalia, director at Zubaan Books, the strength of Indian publishing houses is that they have the independence to publish on a variety of topics and issues as the decision-making lies with them. Butalia says that the young today are interested in reading diverse voices and that's what makes an Indian publishing house relevant.

This trend isn't new. An incredible 70 per cent of the world's top 20 grossing films are based on books. Only in the Indian film industry, though, do we rely heavily on original screenplays, although it is easier to turn to a completed work and a fully envisioned (and beloved) world than to develop a story in-house. Why are we so dependent on the same staid, computer graphic-infused, thinly-laden young, angry male-driven plots?

It's time for the Indian film industry to embrace the change standing at its doorstep. We finally don't just have a southern or northern belt audience; we are at the brink of attracting a global audience that wants to see what is truly and distinctively Indian. Let's embrace the diverse literature in our visual stories to get the cash registers and critics ringing praise to what is naturally us — an India that is urban and very rural, empathetic but weirdly ignorant, scientific yet dogmatic, complex yet basic, very rustic real yet myth laden, glamorous and plural.

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# THE IDEAS PAGE

## A leader, no naysayer

India's image as an influential leader of the Global South is set to evolve. 2023 will see the nation continue on the road to its rightful place on the world stage



BY RAM MADHAV

IN SEPTEMBER 2014, in his first meeting with President Barack Obama, Prime Minister Narendra Modi talked about making the US a principal partner "in the realisation of India's rise as a responsible, influential world power". This was in a way the first time that any Indian prime minister had talked about the country's ambition to grow into a "responsible, influential world power". That ambition manifested in the functioning of the Modi government in the last eight years. From wars to the economy to climate, India has become integral to the contemporary global discourse.

India is not new to playing a proactive role in world politics. Right from Independence, India's leadership had actively pursued an agenda that favoured the interests of developing or less developed countries. Whether it was the GATT negotiations or the Non-Proliferation Treaty, India took a principled stand and stood up to the policy domination of the developed world. India's role as the protector of the interests of the developing world during WTO negotiations has been significant. Murasoli Maran, as the Minister of Commerce in the Vajpayee government, played a very critical role in preventing developed countries from pushing through their trade and commercial agendas. The UPA government continued that approach, inviting opprobrium and occasional isolation from the interested players. However, that didn't deter India from opposing agendas that were seen as against the interests of not only its people but also the larger developing world.

India's significant contribution in all these fora was that it added a moral dimension to the developed world's monetary vision. However, India, in the process, acquired the image of being a nay-sayer and obstructionist.

PM Modi affected a shift in this approach. While standing up for the developing world and zealously upholding its strategic autonomy, India started playing a proactive role in finding solutions. The Paris Climate Summit in 2015 provided the first major opportunity for India to highlight its new priorities. It played a pivotal role in clinching the climate deal while ensuring that the interests of the developing world are not compromised. PM Modi cogently articulated this stand in an article in the *Financial Times* on the eve of the Summit: "Justice demands that, with what little carbon we can safely burn, developing countries are allowed to grow. The lifestyles of a few must not crowd out opportunities for the many still on the first steps of the development ladder." India's efforts resulted in developed countries agreeing to the principle of "common and differentiated responsibility". India also convinced developed countries to agree to the formulation of not



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externally imposed targets but "intended nationally determined contributions" or INDCs.

India's arrival on the global stage as an important player was further augmented by its constructive response during the Covid pandemic. Besides undertaking the massive exercise of vaccinating its billion-plus citizens, India came to the rescue of more than 90 countries by ensuring a timely supply of vaccines through its "Vaccine Maitri" programme. As we enter the post-Covid world, India's growing importance is conspicuous in many areas. Its post-Covid economic recovery has been commendable, with the World Bank even revising its projections for 2022 GDP growth from 6.5 per cent to 6.9 per cent. The IMF estimated it to be at 6.8 per cent while the rest of the world was projected to grow at 4.9 per cent.

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While achieving that, India must not lose sight of the principles that it always championed: It must continue to act as the voice of the Global South. That means its diplomatic, strategic and political investments in its neighbourhood and Asia, Africa and Latin America must increase. With SAARC failing and BIMSTEC remaining a non-starter, India's attention to the ASEAN and Indian Ocean neighbourhood must grow. Its Act East policy needs more teeth.

The India Africa Forum Summit (IAFS), started in 2008 as a triennial event by then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, met for the third time in 2015 in Delhi. PM Modi took a special interest in cultivating stronger ties with African nations which led to the highest-ever participation in the Summit. It is im-

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portant to revive the process. Similarly, India's relations with countries in Latin America too need greater impetus.

At the Bali G20 Summit, India played a crucial role in ensuring that both Russia and its critics like the US had their say on the Russia-Ukraine war in a dignified way without being interrupted. On its part, India conveyed to the Russian leadership that it was not a time for war. The new year will bring an opportunity before India to play a role in ending the war. How deftly the Indian leadership handles that burden will determine its future status.

As G20 chair, India has the opportunity to set a new agenda before the world's most powerful block of nations. In the past, it always worked for the judicious sharing of global public goods. It is time now to undertake similar efforts for global digital and genetic goods. The advent of artificial intelligence and genetic manipulation technologies is going to throw the world into turmoil. If not regulated globally on time, these technologies are going to play havoc with humanity's future.

India always upheld moralism in global politics. In climate talks, too, the Indian side is resorting to traditional wisdom to achieve global good. India must bring that moralist dimension to new technological developments.

There are a couple of spoilers in India's ambition to grow bigger on the world stage. Externally, China may try to curtail India's ambitions by keeping the border tense. Domestically, the aggravation of religious and political fault lines for electoral or ideological reasons may jeopardise the leadership's ability to rise in global stature.

Opportunities come with challenges. The year 2023 brings both for India. "Modi hai to *mumkin hai*" is needed now more than ever before.

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## WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The TTP, or any other armed group, must pledge to respect the Constitution, lay down their arms and cooperate with the state in bringing to justice those responsible for the mass murder of thousands of Pakistani civilians and security personnel. Anything less will be abject surrender." — DAWN, PAKISTAN

## 2022 in AI, in verse and prose

This year had a fascinating mix of goodies. Now seek AI talent from across the world, not just from a few mega-clusters



BHASKAR CHAKRAVORTI

THERE ONCE WAS a year called "Twenty-Two" / In which AI breakthroughs were brand new / We saw synthetics that think / And robots that can link / To the world in a way that is true.

No, I didn't write this limerick. Neither did I swipe it from anyone else. In fact, no human was involved in its composition. I had simply set out to write a year-end column on whether 2022 could be a turning point in artificial intelligence (AI) and turned to AI itself for help to get things going, having read far too much already about ChatGPT. This is the new AI-powered chatbot that has the chattering classes chattering like never before. It gives alarmingly well-composed, well-researched and well-punctuated responses to practically any question you can think of. I asked ChatGPT for a year-end sum-up of AI — in limerick form. You can judge the results: No Edward Lear, but serviceable.

I wondered if ChatGPT gets irony. I asked for an AI summation for the year, in the form of a joke. ChatGPT wrote back: Why was the AI researcher feeling depressed? Because he was having a breakthrough crisis! (I apologise if this joke falls flat. I am just a computer programme and do not have the ability to judge what humans might find humorous.)

Clearly, the stand-up comic industry has little to fear about being disrupted for now, but I would note that the AI is more self-aware than your uncle or school classmate who keeps sending you one bad WhatsApp joke after another.

How about a haiku? I got this: AI at new heights this year / Synthetics that think and feel / Quantum computing, wow.

My respect for AI, I must admit, was growing. At least it is modest. The "wow" was reserved for quantum computing, with no mention of the fact that ChatGPT itself has been the biggest wow-factor this year. But my reasons for getting impressed and worried at the same time increased further as I realised that the programme is good at faking it as well: Technically, it is trained on all internet data up to 2021 and doesn't let on that it hasn't caught up. No doubt, limericks, haikus and even the jokes will improve as its awareness of 2022 improves and it learns as more people use it. If it takes off, essays, legal documents, books, educational materials — even this newspaper column — can be assembled by a machine.

We may all struggle to tell if a composition comes from man or machine. You can see why ChatGPT has got the chattering classes in a stir as it is their jobs that would be among the earliest on the chopping block. Even the mighty Google is on Code Red: It is far more natural for people to ask a question and get a well-composed response from an articulate but extraordinarily nerdy assis-

tant than type in search words and get lists of website links in return. The dethroning of Google search alone could make 2022 an AI milestone.

While "generative" AI, such as ChatGPT — and its cousin DALL-E, unveiled earlier this year, that produces images in response to text commands — stole the limelight, this summer, AI cracked the code to the very core of human existence — proteins, the building blocks of life. AlphaFold, developed by an AI research group, DeepMind, reported that it has predicted the structure of over 200 million proteins from more than 1 million species — nearly all proteins relevant to humans. The tool could revolutionise our understanding of disease and the search for new cures.

This development is especially encouraging considering AI's performance during the greatest hour of need for AI. Earlier this year, I wrote an article in the *Harvard Business Review* analysing AI's role in managing the surge of Covid-19 worldwide. Here's what I found. The pandemic had created the perfect opportunity for AI to, literally, save the world. We needed fast, evidence-based decisions, there were datasets spilling out of every corner of the world and humanity was overwhelmed. For health-care systems battling a novel, fast-spreading disease whose tests took too long to deliver results and a need to prioritise the most critical cases, AI was — in theory — the ideal tool. It could rapidly process vast amounts of information on symptoms and patient types and circumstances and make lifesaving triage decisions. Indeed, numerous AI tools were developed for this purpose. I found that across numerous reviews of hundreds of these tools, the conclusions were unambiguous — they failed miserably in practical clinical settings.

Now, failures themselves can prove to be prologue to breakthroughs. They lead you to ask, what went wrong? 2022 gave us an opportunity to reflect on why AI failed and consider the work to be done in the years ahead — breaking down barriers to the sharing of disparate datasets, constant iteration and learning through repeated use, fixing incentives of humans vested in the status quo, anticipating algorithmic biases and taking pre-emptive steps to overcome them and seeking AI talent more broadly from across the world and not just from a few mega-clusters, such as Silicon Valley, and a handful of elite companies.

2022 gave us a fascinating mix of AI goodies — a truly disruptive application that has already caused a stir, a foundational breakthrough that could mean a quiet revolution in the years to come and an epic failure that highlighted all that we must get right in 2023 and beyond.

To close out this year's final column — in rhyme, of course — I turned to ChatGPT: AI breakthroughs at the year's end as if Tagore had written it (in English translation, perhaps)? I got: As we move into the new year / We wonder what AI will bring / Will it solve problems or create new ones / Only time will tell, with a single ring.

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NEELKANTH MISHRA

## A better year than expected

While the economy may be slowing, it is growing above most estimates

RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON activities were fully eased only around March this year. But, they had mostly been lifted by September 2021. We can now attempt to answer the two main questions about India's economy with better accuracy: How far is current output from the pre-pandemic path, and what will be the growth going forward? For nearly three years, growth percentages were being distorted by pandemic-driven disruptions.

On the pre-pandemic path, the economy would have continued growing at 6.7 per cent annually, as it did on average in the decade preceding the pandemic. Output, as seen in the official GDP statistics, seems to be stabilising about 10 to 11 per cent below this path, as seen in the September quarter of 2021 as well as the June and September quarters of 2022. This also suggests that year-on-year numbers can now indicate the trend of growth going forward.

The consensus among economists (and the RBI) currently is that growth will be below pre-pandemic levels, with output drifting away from the pre-pandemic path: Think of two lines slowly diverging. While turbulence in the global economy is a valid concern, the anaemic growth forecasts are also affected by the weak GDP levels reported in recent quarters, which imply significant economic scarring due to the pandemic.

For forecasters, the trend is a friend. Individuals, households, and often entire populations, have predictable habits. While all inputs affecting economic output are not as consistent, the reason different forecasts for the output of 1.4 billion people vary by only a few decimal points is that economic

growth has a certain momentum. If trend growth is 6.5 per cent, the economists who fear a slowdown may forecast 6.2 per cent, and those that expect an acceleration would peg growth at 6.8 per cent. But when this trend breaks, like it has since 2020, both the output level and its trend growth get unanchored. Paucity of data and heightened uncertainty force forecasters to listen to other forecasters (there is safety in being with the crowd), resulting in estimates coalescing around relatively randomly chosen numbers. In the process, incongruities emerge. For example, while consensus forecasts 4.5 per cent GDP growth in the second half of this fiscal year, they then project a return to 6 per cent growth next year.

As new data comes in, though, forecasts will get recalibrated. What if estimates of current GDP were flawed, and the gap versus the pre-pandemic path was 8 and not 11 per cent? Would that not mean current growth is meaningfully higher, and therefore, despite the slowdown due to global headwinds and higher interest rates, growth next year may still be above pre-pandemic averages?

Compared to 2019, annualised growth in GDP (CAGR) in the September quarter this year was 2 per cent. However, a wide range of volume indicators, like car sales, e-way bills (for GST), freight (both road and rail) and cement demand show much stronger growth. A limitation of these indicators is that they do not track the sizeable informal sector and are biased towards the consumption of upper-income households. However, while growth in sales of fast-moving con-

sumer goods (FMCG), which are more broadly consumed, is indeed slower than for discretionary items, even this is comparable to reported GDP growth.

We can also use energy consumption as a proxy, as GDP growth cannot be achieved without a rise in energy use. Nearly all forms of dense energy (like coal, oil, gas and solar) are formal, and monthly data is available. An index of energy use shows 7 per cent annualised growth in the September quarter, compared to the same period in 2019. Even after adjusting for coal shortages in 2019 and the mix shifts in the economy, this method too suggests the 2 per cent CAGR reported in GDP may be too low. Energy demand generally grows slower than GDP.

Further, economic normalisation occurs a few quarters after lifting of activity restrictions, and there are signs of a pick-up in demand for low-wage jobs. Restrictions mostly curtail consumption of contact services, which mostly means forgone consumption for upper-income households and lost income for lower-income households. As is now visible in the strong momentum in travel and tourism or footfalls in malls, this is now rising above pre-Covid levels, implying more hiring.

Another drag on growth has been weak government spending, the constraint being the ability to spend instead of fiscal space, as visible in the burgeoning government cash balances with the RBI. These balances have now fallen despite continuing strength in tax collections, implying that state governments are now starting to spend. This too should support a revival in low-wage jobs.

Thus, even the shortfall in low-income consumption should get bridged going forward.

Growth is likely to slow from current levels. Not just due to the tapering of pent-up demand and the lagged impact of higher rates, but also because of turbulence in the global economy. The concerns about India's balance-of-payments are intact, though the reasons have shifted. Whereas earlier in the year the stress came from high energy costs, the pressure is now from slowing exports and potential capital outflows. BoP pressures are hard to offset quickly and given the elevated risk of accidents in global financial markets in the coming quarters, to which India, given its dependence on foreign capital flows is particularly vulnerable, a mild though deliberate slowing down of the economy may be necessary.

The conclusion is that while consensus may be expecting growth to slow from 7 to 5.5 per cent, it is likely that growth may be slowing from well above 8 per cent to around 7 per cent in the next fiscal year. Whether the statistics office can accurately capture this growth is less important. That it is below the growth we need to sustain to ensure India does not grow old before it gets wealthy will remain a policy challenge. However, near-term, it is also likely that the taxes the government collects, sales companies see, and the earnings stock markets invest on, can be higher than currently forecasted.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### CAUSE FOR CONCERN

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'A party undone' (IE, December 30). Three months after its launch by Congress rebel Ghulam Nabi Azad, the Democratic Azad Party appears to be imploding. It suffered a major blow when 126 leaders and workers quit. The exit came on the heels of Azad expelling three top functionaries for hobnobbing with the Congress. Right from the beginning, the DAP had been dubbed as a proxy of the BJP. Many claim that the DAP has been formed at the BJP's behest to divide the Muslim vote in the erstwhile state. These are all worrying signs for Azad's party and Jammu and Kashmir.

SS Paul, Nadia

### YATRI'S APPEAL

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Yatra & The Yatri' (IE, December 30). Taking a cue from successful padyatras undertaken by leaders in the past, the present crop of politicians have hit the roads presumably to connect with the electorate and revive their sagging fortunes. The Bharat Jodo Yatra must also be seen in that light. After over a decade in politics, Rahul Gandhi seems to be unaware of how the field works. He still lacks the gravitas needed to have mass appeal as a leader. He needs a plan of action beyond the Yatra.

Vijai Pant, Hempur

### MAJORITY'S TASK

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Across the table' (IE, December 30). The suggestions on bridging the Hindu-Muslim divide look good on paper but are entirely unreasonable if they were to be adopted on-ground. Mahatma Gandhi's words might help contextualise the religious fault lines in India today and offer a constructive approach in addressing them: "The majority must therefore make the beginning and thus inspire the minorities with confidence in their bona fides. Adjustment is possible only when the more powerful take the initiative without waiting for response from the weaker." How can one expect a community to think of reconciliation when their religious identity, heritage and dignity is being targeted on a daily basis?

SZA Husain, Delhi

### PROTECT LIBERTY

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'A citizen's new year wish' (IE December 30). The law minister would do well to remember that undermining the judiciary's independence will nullify its role as the protector of citizens' liberty. Under the garb of ensuring accountability, the government is intent on delegitimising the judiciary's role in our democracy. No government can claim to be democratic unless it works under the oversight of the judiciary and the mandate of the people.

Dev Athawale, Amravati

## Classifieds

### PERSONAL

**I, SHIV SHANKAR KUMAR, S/O. JIBASHVI YADAV, HOUSE-N-156, SHIV DURGA VIHAR LAKKARPUR, SURAJKUND, FARIDABAD, HARYANA 121009, changed my name to SHIV SHANKAR, for all, future Purposes.** 0040647568-3

**I, Avuthu Meenakshi W/o Avuthu Linga Reddy R/o 4-26A, Pandurangapuram, Nandyal Mandalam, Nandyal (Rural), Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh-518502, have changed my name to SHIV SHANKAR, for all, future Purposes.** 0040647568-3

**I, Kundan Lal Mahi S/o Bishana Ram Mahi R/o RZ-258/B 41 A House No. 207, Gali No. 11, Raj Nagar-2, Palam Colony, New Delhi-110077. Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Kundan Lal Nirankari** 0050210760-1

**Myself, Kamal Agrawal, Kamal Kishore and Kamal Kishore Agrawal S/o Late Mr Bimal Kumar Gupta and Residential of KM-49 Kavi Nagar Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh are names of the same person. I may be recognized by any name Kamal Kishore Agrawal for any assignment in future** 0070819995-1

**I, Sunny, S/o Umesh Thakur, Address: 257/KH.NO.22/5, GALLI.NO.4, BLOCK-A, HARIT-VIHAR BURARI DELHI-110084, have changed my name to Sunny Thakur.** 0040647568-2

**I, Shynimol Panachickal Alexander W/o Joseph Cherian, R/o 170, Ward No-2, Mailansar Apartment, Mehrauli, Gadaipur, New Delhi-110030, have changed my name to Shyni Joseph.** 0040647563-1

**I, Seema Anand D/o Krishan Gopal Anand R/o A-56, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi-110027, have changed my name to Seema Sachdeva.** 0040647637-1

**I, Pooja Sharma W/o Anil Sharma R/o, Pocket C-11, H.No-168, Sector-3, Rohini Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Pooja Saxena.** 0040647637-3

**I, PARAMDEEP SINGH CHANDHOK, S/O SURINDERSINGH CHANDHOK, AND PARAMDEEP SINGH, S/O SURINDERSINGH CHANDHOK, R/O-3-B, BLOCK, CB, SHALIMARBAGH, DELHI-88, BOTH ARE ONE AND SAME PERSON.** 0040647568-1

**I, Neha Gupta W/o Udit Narayan Garg R/o G-06, Amarpali Zodiak, Sector-120, Noida, G.B.Nagar (U.P) have changed my name to Neha Gupta Garg for all purposes.** 0040647573-1

**I, Mithlesh W/o Hetram R/o House No.307, Sector-21C, Faridabad-121007 Haryana, have changed my name to Mithlesh Sharma.** 0040647637-4

**I, Mahesh Chand S/o Jetha Nand Khatri R/o B-3A/50B, Janak Puri, New Delhi-110058, have changed my name to Mahesh Chand Khatri.** 0040647637-2

**I, Jyoti D/o Ghan Shyam R/o D-1/11, Rohini Sector-20 Delhi-110086 have changed my name to Jyoti Banswal.** 0040647637-6

**I, Jagjit Singh, S/o-Swaran Singh Narula, R/o F-140, Ashok Vihar, Phase-1, Delhi-110052, have changed my name to Jagjeet Singh Narula.** 0040647637-11

**I, FARDEEN KHAN, S/O, GHULAM RASOOL KHAN, ADD-A-39, 3RD FLR, FLAT, NO-16, FREEDOM FIGHTER COLONY, NEB SARI, SOUTH DELHI-110068, changed my name to GHULAM MUSTAFA KHAN, for all, future Purposes.** 0040647568-4

**I, Shafali, W/o Arun Kumar, R/o N-1501, Prateek Laurel, Sector-120, Noida, U.P., have changed my name to Shafali Chaudhary for all future purposes.** 0070819991-1

**I, Bichhan Singh, S/o Bhawan Singh Negi R/o H.No.48/5 B-Block, Kaushik-Enclave Burari, Delhi-110084, Have Changed My Name To Bichhan Singh Negi, For Future Purposes.** 0040647637-10

**I, Ashutosh Biswas S/o Nisikanta Biswas R/o C-54, Gauri Shankar Enclave, Prem-Nagar-3, Kirari-Suleman-Nagar, Delhi-110086, have changed my name from Ashutosh Biswas to Ashutosh Biswas for all purposes.** 0040647637-5

**I, Vimla, W/o Vimal Kumar, R/o A-97, Block-B, Near Mangal and Shani Bazar Road, Rajiv Nagar Extension, Begumpur, North West Delhi-110086, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Vimla Devi.** 0070819955-1

**I, Shafali Chaudhary, W/o Arun Kumar, R/o N-1501, Prateek Laurel, Sector-120, Noida, U.P., have changed my Son's name from Vedant to Vedant Fogat for all future purposes.** 0070819993-1

**I, Alok Kumar Mishra and Alok Mishra S/O, Late Bhola Nath Mishra R/o D-1502, Civitech Sampatti, Sector-77, Noida-201301 are the same person. Henceforth, I shall be known by the name of Alok Mishra for all future purpose.** 0040647570-1

**I, Santosh Kumari Gupta W/o Radhey Shyam Gupta R/o Tower 02/802, The close north, Nirvana Country, Sector-50 Gurugram Haryana-122018 changed my name to Santosh Gupta.** 0070819987-1

**I, Ramakant Gupta alias Rama Kant alias Ramakant, S/o Jawahar Lal Gupta, R/o Indraprastha 1276, Y-Block, Kidwai Nagar, Kanpur Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-208011, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Rama Kant Gupta.** 0070819957-1

**I, Raja, S/o Shiv Shankar Singh, R/o F-19, Block-F, DCM Colony, Ibrahim Pur Extension, Ibrahim Pur North West, Delhi-110036, have changed my name from Raja to Raja Singh permanently.** 0070819989-1

**I, Pawan Kumar, S/o Kanshi Ram, R/o House No-193, Sec-16, 17, Near Civil Line Thana, Hisar, Haryana-125001, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Pawan Sharma in my minor Daughter Anisha Sharma, aged about 17 years, in her Education Document. The actual name of mine is Pawan Kumar, which may be amended accordingly.** 0070819958-1

**I, Narendar Yadav S/O M.S.Yadav, R/o 177/T-9, Ward No-2, Mehrauli, Gadi Pur, South Delhi-110030, I have changed the name of my minor Son Aarush Yadav aged about 13 Years and He shall hereafter be known as Saaransh Ra Yadav.** 0070819958-1

**I, Monica Oswal W/o Shri Atul Jain R/o H.No. A-65, New Friends Colony, New Delhi-110025, have changed my name from Monika Oswal to Monica Oswal for all purposes. That Monika Oswal and Monika Oswal are the names of one and the same person.** 0040647561-1

**I, Lakshmi Kumari, D/o Kishan Lal & Jaishanti Devi, changed my name as Laxmi Kumar, D/o Kishan Lal and Jaymanti, DOB-22/06/1988 R/o House Number-C-3/261-262, Sultan Puri, Delhi-110086 permanently.** 0070819990-1

**I, Kriti Kumari D/o Pawan Kumar Jha R/o 375, L&T Apartment, Dwarka Sector 18B, New Delhi changed my name to Kriti Chandra for all future Reference** 0040647592-1

**I, Kamlesh Kumar wife of Om Prakash Residence of 42 Block D1 Sita Puri Part-1 Near Dabri Parkh Road New Delhi-45 have changed my name to Kamlesh for all purposes.** 0040647566-1

**I, Inayat Rai Bharti Mittal D/o Harbindar Singh Rai R/o D-17A, Ansal Villas, Satbari, Chhattarpur, New Delhi-110074 have changed my name to Inayat Rai for all purposes.** 0040647605-1

**I, Sanchita Kapoor w/o Mohit Khatri r/o D-73, First Floor, Saket, Delhi-110017 have changed my name to Sanchita Khatri after marriage.** 0040647584-1

**I, Aksh Srivastava, S/o Niraj Kumar Srivastava, R/o 141/A, Shyam Nagar, Khambapur, Near Old Bargad Tree, Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh-212601, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Utkarsh Srivastava.** 0070819960-1

**I, hitherto known as JOOLI DEVI, W/O KISHAN SINGH, R/O X-153/6, STREET No-6, NEAR SHIV MANDIR, BRHAMAPURI, GHONDA, NORTH EAST DELHI-110053, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as VIDHYA. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.** 0070820023-1

**I, Narender Kumar S/O, Netram R/o Flat No-902, 9th 10th Floor Chinarap Apartment Pocket-a Sector-18, block-A, CGHS Plot-3 Dwarka Sector 18A, Delhi-110075 have changed my name to Narender Kumar Narula** 0040647569-1

**I, Keshari Pavankumar Shivprasad alias Keshari Pavan Kumar Shiv Prasad S/o Shiv Prasad Keshri R/o Punsia Bazar, Village- Punsia Bazar, Rajauan P.S, Katia, Banka, Bihar-813109, have changed my name to Keshri Pawan Kumar** 0070819999-1

**I, Jahanvi D/O, Gopal Lal Sharma R/o 7/99-3, Balaji Appals, A Block F, Floor, Old Delhi - Gurgaon Rd, Gurgaon have changed my name to Jahanvi Joshi for all future purposes and same may be changed in my father's service records.** 0040647571-1

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**I, Praveen Kumar Chauhan S/O D/L Dharampal Singh R/O M-23 Sector-66 Noida, have been lost property paper Transfer Memorandum dated 15.01.2008 and Mutation Letter Dated 04.02.2008 of Residential Property M-23 Sector-66 Noida UP-201301 Found Please Contact-9811370706** 0070819997-1

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to General Public that my client Sh. Shiv Raj Singh, S/o Late Hakim Singh, 278, Roop Nagar, Delhi has lost following documents: 1. Original Title Documents of the land situated at Meenakshi, in the name of Keshri Construction Pvt. Ltd. 2. Charge Book of Anar Service Station, Delhi. 3. Original House Tax Receipt issued by MCD. Whoever finds these documents kindly send it to my client Sh. Shiv Raj Singh of the above given address.

Sd/- Jitendra Pandey (Advocate) Ch. No. 338, Western Wing, The Hazari Courts, Delhi-84

### PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform public at large that my client Sh. Kanwal Raj Kapoor, S/o Late Sh. Madan Lal Kapoor and Mrs. Reema Kapoor, W/o Sh. Kanwal Raj Kapoor, both resident of A-1118, Sector-13, Connaught Place Sector-4, Rohini Delhi-110085 have cut off their family relation and have disowned their son i.e. Sh. Priyansh Kapoor and his wife Mrs. Gunjan Sachdevy from their movable and immovable properties due to their disobedient act & conduct and quarrelsome nature and my clients were not/are not/shall not be responsible for any act, deed and dealing done by Sh. Priyansh Kapoor and his wife Mrs. Gunjan Sachdevy in any manner. Any body dealing with Sh. Priyansh Kapoor and his wife will do so at his/her their own risk and responsibility.

Sd/- K.K. Migdal (Advocate) Ch. No. 337, Western Wing, The Hazari Courts, Delhi-84

### PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that my client, Sh. Shivraj Singh, Aggarwal, S/o Sh. Karan Singh R/o House No. 361, Gali No. 1, Shyam Kunj Bhandosi, Tehsil Sohna, Distt. Gurugram - (Haryana), has unconditionally DISOWNED / Debarred his Son Mr. Suraj Kumar (age 38 Yrs) and his daughter in law Smt. Pooja Kumari (W/o Suraj Kumar), from all his movable and immovable properties, my client shall not be responsible for their actions in future.

Sd/- Anand Kumar (Advocate) A. V. S. Chhabra, Advocate & Legal Consultant, ENL. No. P1391/1999, Chapter Court, 70, Block-A, District Courts Gurgaon

### PUBLIC NOTICE

IT IS HEREBY INFORMED THAT MY CLIENT SHRI KAPIL MANIYA & SMT. NEENA WASAN PURCHASING THE FRESH DEED OF TITLE OF THIRD FLOOR, WITH FULL RIGHTS OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO MR. RAJESH KUMAR MEASURING 90 SQ. YARDS, KHARSA NO. 84/100, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF DELHI, VILLAGE THARU, COLONY KNOWN AS B-16, BLOCK, HARI NAGAR, SOUTH DELHI, DISTRICT OF SOUTH DELHI, INFRATECH PVT. LTD. & IN THIS PROPERTY SURETY DEPOSITED AFTER HIS DEATH. HIS LEGAL HEIR, SHRI. MANISH CHANDER, S/O. RAJESH CHANDER SINGH RELINQUISHED RELEASED THEIR RIGHTS IN FAVOUR OF SMT. NEENA WASAN. WHO FURTHER SOLD THE SAID PROPERTY TO MS. SKY DRO PROPERTIES PRIVATE LTD. ANY OTHER CLAIMANT HAS ANY RIGHT IN THE ABOVE SAID PROPERTY, HE/SHE SHOULD INFORM & GIVE INTIMATION TO THE UNDERSIGNED WITHIN 05 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE OF THIS NOTICE.

Sd/- NEELAM GUPTA (Advocate) 125, FIRST FLOOR, ANANDI ENCLAVE, INDRKOLK, DELHI-110055

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Public at large is hereby informed that my client, State Bank of India, I hereby inform that Freshly built up property built on plot bearing No. 8, Block No. 4, area measuring 70 Sq. Yards, situated in the Convent Plot at Panchsara Residential Zone, Delhi-110016, presently owned by Sh. Anand Singh, S/o. Santaraj Lal by virtue of Registered Sale Deed No. 98/25, dated 03.02.2009 in New Delhi, Delhi, and in person version of the said property. My client has free from all of encumbrances. The documents which are missing are as follows: 1. Original Title Deed No. 103/09/2002, dated 23.02.2002 with SRO Circle Branch, Delhi. It is hereby notified that any person or entity, firm, Company, Bank, 80% member of firm, financial institution having any claim, on the subject or the claim on the basis of the documents and/or objection to the deed, he/she/they may lodge only the same to the undersigned with documentary proof / court judgement within 15 days from the date of publication of this public notice. Failure to do so by the interested party (objector) shall be rejected & my client's proprietary benefits as a bona fide purchaser/owner of the title shall be deemed to be unaffected in favor of my client or in the name of his/her legal heirs and shall be deemed to be a bona fide purchaser without any defect, encumbrance, loan & impediment.

Mithlesh Kumar (Advocate) Ch. No. 70, District Courts, Rohini, Delhi-8 & 988599200-1

### PUBLIC NOTICE

IT IS HEREBY INFORMED THAT MY CLIENT MAHESH CHAND MISHRA & DAYA MISHRA ARE PURCHASING THE SAID THIRD FLOOR WITH FULL RIGHTS OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO MR. RAJESH KUMAR MEASURING 90 SQ. YARDS, KHARSA NO. 84/100, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF DELHI, VILLAGE THARU, COLONY KNOWN AS B-16, BLOCK, HARI NAGAR, SOUTH DELHI, DISTRICT OF SOUTH DELHI, INFRATECH PVT. LTD. & IN THIS PROPERTY SURETY DEPOSITED AFTER HIS DEATH. HIS LEGAL HEIR, SHRI. MANISH CHANDER, S/O. RAJESH CHANDER SINGH RELINQUISHED RELEASED THEIR RIGHTS IN FAVOUR OF SMT. NEENA WASAN. WHO FURTHER SOLD THE SAID PROPERTY TO MS. SKY DRO PROPERTIES PRIVATE LTD. ANY OTHER CLAIMANT HAS ANY RIGHT IN THE ABOVE SAID PROPERTY, HE/SHE SHOULD INFORM & GIVE INTIMATION TO THE UNDERSIGNED WITHIN 05 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE OF THIS NOTICE.

Sd/- NEELAM GUPTA (Advocate) 125, FIRST FLOOR, ANANDI ENCLAVE, INDRKOLK, DELHI-110055

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is informed at large that Mr. Manish Babbar, S/o Mr. Sudarshan Kumar, has entered into Agreement with Mr. Sunil Goyal alias Sunil Kumar, to purchase Entire Property No. W-284-A/1, Flat No. 5, Meerapuri Garden, Sector-13, Tihar, New Delhi. That Mr. Manish Babbar has approached State Bank of India, RACQ Branch, Naraina, New Delhi, for availing loan to purchase the same and has also offered the said property for mortgage. That Original Sale Deed is in the name of Mr. Surinder Kumar Ahuja, Will dt 27.01.1982 by Mrs. Krishna Wanti, Sale Deed dt 23.01.1983 in favour of Mrs. Krishna Wanti & Mr. Ramesh Chander are missing/untraceable. That information Report regarding LR No. 87/00/2018 has been lodged by Mr. Sunil Kumar. If any person has any information of said documents or if he has any objection or any interest in the said property, may submit their objections before the undersigned vide E-Mail: ash.shahajain@gmail.com, or vide telephone No. +91-9717215434, with supporting documents within 15 days from the date of this public notice.

SHALASH GUPTA, ADVOCATE ENRL. NO. D/600/2013

### PUBLIC NOTICE

My client, Usha Rani Jain wife of late Sh. N. C. Jain, resident of M-15, Lajpat Nagar-III, New Delhi - 110024, who died on 10/01/2022, to inform you that she has lost the title documents i.e. 1. sale deed dated 19.09.1960, 2. Conveyance Deed dated 24.12.1966 executed by L&D O in favour of Usha Rani, Jain wife of late Sh. N. C. Jain, 3. Lease Deed dated 12.08.1966, 4. Mutation letter dated 05.12.1960, 5. Provisional Possession Letter along with the other documents relating to the property being No. M-15, Lajpat Nagar-III, New Delhi - 110024. If any person who find these title documents, is requested to return the same at the below mentioned address.

For and on behalf of Usha Rani Jain wife of late Sh. N. C. Jain Pravin Kumar (Advocate) Ch. No. 342-E, Saket Courts, New Delhi-17

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

MY CLIENTS SH. SATISH CHANDRA PANDEY S/O LATE SH. GOMATI PRASAD PANDEY ALONGWITH HIS WIFE SMT. TARU DEVI BOTH R/O 12/19 NITI VIHAR, KIRARI GULSHAN NAGAR, SULTANPURI, DELHI-110086, DO HEREBY DISOWN/DEBAR THEIR SON SUBOCH RANJAN PANDEY FROM ALL THEIR MOVABLE/IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES AND SEVER THEIR RELATIONS FROM HIM DUE TO HIS MISCONDUCT AND MISBEHAVIOUR, THEREFORE, MY CLIENTS WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS ANY ACTS AND OMISSIONS.

Sd/- (KAUSHAL KISHOR MISHRA) ADVOCATE Enrl. No. D/2268/2006 Ch. No. 222, Lawyer's Chamber, Block, Rohini Court Complex, Delhi-110085

### NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

**E-Tendering Tender Notice No.: 69/2022** Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.) N.E. Railways Iztanagar For and behalf of president of India invites "OPEN" e-tender through on Line (E-tendering) for the following work. **S.N. 1:- Description of works:** Construction of HT & LT panel Room size (4.5m X 5m ) with 1.5 wide verandah for Sub station near pit line at Ramnagar, Lalkuan & Kathgodam station and Diesel store room of size 12 m x 6 m with 3m wide verandah for electric department at Kathgodam station. (Under sanctioned work Provision of 750 volts Local Power Supply System for maintenance of HOG-Compliant rake at washing Pit depot Ramnagar, Lalkuan & Kathgodam Railway station and Construction of Diesel store room of size 12 m x 6 m with 3m wide verandah for electric department at Kathgodam station.) Approx. Value (Rs.): ₹ 1,46,200/- Cost of Tender Forms Rs.NIL, Completion time/period from the date of issue of acceptance letter 04 Months **S.N. 2:- Description of works:** Balance work of Construction of 07 units Type-II Quarters (02 nos. Co. W staff and 01 nos. RPF staff) at LKU station. Approx. Value (Rs.): ₹ 73,07,168.34, E.M.D Money(Rs.): ₹ 1,46,200/- Cost of Tender Forms Rs.NIL, Completion time/period from the date of issue of acceptance letter 05 Months **S.N. 3:- Description of works:** Provision of fencing (X type extra) for protection of Haldwani encroachment under the section of DEH-I of IZ/N/Division. Approx. Value (Rs.): ₹ 1,13,30,938.77, E.M.D Money(Rs.): ₹ 2,06,700/- Cost of Tender Forms Rs.NIL, Completion time/period from the date of issue of acceptance letter 45 Days.

1-Series No. 01 & 02 On line e-tender can be submitted up to 15.00 hrs of dated 19.01.2023. 2-Series No. 03 On line e-tender can be submitted up to 15.00 hrs of dated 12.01.2023. 3-For Full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in **Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.) CP/OW-317 Iztanagar** About any passenger amenity complaint SMS on Mob. No. 09794845955 **Never travel on roof and foot boards.**

### कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता

दोहावात विद्युत विवरण निगम लिमिटेड विद्युत विवरण मण्डल, कामपुर, देहात २१२१२/१३, विकीरमकांठ रोड/दिनांक-२८/१२/२०२२ रास्ट्र हित में विजली बचाव

### अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना

अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता द्वारा विद्युत विवरण मण्डल-कानपुर देहात के अन्तर्गत निम्नलिखित विवरण के अनुसार कार्य हेतु अनुभवी व सक्षम निविदादाताओं द्वारा निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती हैं, निविदा सम्बन्धी पूर्ण सूचना वेबसाइट <http://e-tendering.up.nic.in> पर देखी जा सकती है। क्रमसं १. अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सं ७९/विद्युतविवरणकांठदेहात/२०२२-२३ विवरण विद्युत परिक्षण खण्ड-कानपुर देहात हेतु ११ कठोवी मीटरिंग सी०टी० (१०/५ए-६ नग, १५/५ए-६ नग, २०/५ए-३ नग, २५/५ए-३ नग, ३०/५ए-३ नग, ५०/५ए-३ नग, ७५/५ए-३ नग, १००/५ए-३ नग एवं १५०/५ए-३ नग) की आपूर्ति का कार्य।

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SECTOR WATCH  
BANKINGRBI's stress test:  
Why is it needed & what does it show?HITESH VYAS  
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 30

THE RECENTLY released Financial Stability Report (FSR) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said the macro-stress tests conducted by the RBI indicated that the gross non-performing assets (GNPA) ratio of all scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) may improve from 5 per cent in September 2022 to 4.9 per cent by September 2023 under the baseline scenario.

but plausible stress events. Stress tests are conducted covering credit risk, interest rate risk and liquidity risk and the resilience of commercial banks in response to these shocks is studied. Using the stress tests, the central bank projects impairment or bad loans and capital ratios over a one-year horizon under a baseline and two adverse - medium and severe - scenarios. The RBI assesses the strength of the banking system through these tests.

## What are the different types of test scenarios?

Generally, RBI considers three scenarios: baseline and two adverse - medium and severe, for stress tests. The baseline is derived from the steady state forecast values of key macro-economic variables such as GDP growth, GNPA may worsen to 5.8 per cent and to 7.8 per cent in case of a severe stress environment by September 2023. On the capital front, the stress test results revealed that banks are well capitalised and capable of absorbing macroeconomic shocks even in the absence of any further capital infusion by stakeholders, the RBI said.

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## What does the RBI say on the latest stress test?

The latest GNPA estimate of 4.9 per cent is based on the assumption that no further regulatory reliefs are given to borrowers under the baseline scenario of the stress test. However, in a

medium stress scenario, GNPA may worsen to 5.8 per cent and to 7.8 per cent in case of a severe stress environment by September 2023. On the capital front, the stress test results revealed that banks are well capitalised and capable of absorbing macroeconomic shocks even in the absence of any further capital infusion by stakeholders, the RBI said.

## Why does RBI conduct macro-stress tests?

Macro-stress testing on the banking sector is undertaken on a continuous basis in the Reserve Bank to assess the resilience of the financial system to exceptional

ables such as GDP growth, combined fiscal deficit-to-GDP ratio, CPI inflation, weighted average lending rate, exports-to-GDP ratio and current account balance-to-GDP ratio.

By design, the adverse scenarios used in the macro stress tests are stringent conservative assessments under hypothetical adverse economic conditions. RBI says that the model outcomes should not be interpreted as forecasts. They are indicative of the possible economic impairment latent in banks' portfolios, with implications for capital planning.

Full report on [www.indianexpress.com](http://www.indianexpress.com)

## SMALL SAVINGS RATES FOR JAN-MAR 2023

## One-three year deposits see at least 1% interest rate hike

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

AMID RISING yields on government securities and interest rates, the Finance Ministry on Friday hiked the interest rates for some small savings schemes by 20-110 basis points for the upcoming January-March quarter. While interest rates have been kept unchanged for a 5-year recurring deposit, public provident fund scheme and Sukanya Samridhi scheme, rates for 1-year, 2-year, 3-year and 5-year time deposits and senior citizens savings scheme have been hiked.

After keeping small savings rates unchanged for nine consecutive quarters, the Finance Ministry had hiked interest rates on some of the small savings schemes by 10-30 basis points for October-December and not done it uniformly for all schemes. Interest rates were marginally hiked for 2-year and 3-year time deposits, senior citizens savings scheme and Kisan Vikas Patra, while rates for other schemes

## SMALL SAVING CHANGES

Instruments	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar
Savings Deposit	4%	4%
1-year time deposit	5.5%	6.6%
2-year time deposit	5.7%	6.8%
3-year time deposit	5.8%	6.9%
5-year time deposit	6.7%	7%
5-year recurring deposit	5.8%	5.8%
Senior Citizen Savings Scheme	7.6%	8%
Monthly Income Account Scheme	6.7%	7.1%
National Savings Certificate	6.8%	7%
Public Provident Fund Scheme	7.1%	7.1%
Kisan Vikas Patra	7%	7.2%
SSAS	7.6%	7.6%
EPF	8.1% (FY22)	

were unchanged in the previous quarter. The changes have come amid a higher inflation rate and a rising interest rate cycle. Since April, the Reserve Bank of India has hiked the key policy rate by 225 basis points. In its Monetary Policy Report released on

September 30, the RBI noted that with government bond yields increasing, the revised small savings rates were 44-77 basis points below the formula implied rates. The view within the ministry for hiking rates has been to balance the interests of senior citizens, per-

## India's forex reserves down to \$562.81 bn

Foreign exchange reserves dropped by \$691 million as of December 23, as per RBI data

\$498.49 billion: Foreign currency assets decreased by \$1.134 billion

\$40.969 billion: Gold reserves increased by \$390 million

\$18.19 billion: The Special Drawing Rights were up by \$8 million

\$5.159 billion: India's reserve position with the IMF was up by \$45 million

\$563.499 billion: Overall reserves had dropped by \$571 million



Source: Reserve Bank of India/PFI

## THE STREET GAINED 4.44% IN 2022 AS AGAINST 22% IN 2021

## Bourses brace for volatility in 2023 after a dull year

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 30

AFTER GAINING a lacklustre 4.44 per cent during the year 2022 as against 22 per cent in 2021, stock markets are bracing for sustained volatility in the coming months of 2023 amid high interest rates and a slowing economy.

On Friday, the SENSEX lost 0.48 per cent, or 293 points, at 60,840.74 and the NSE Nifty

Index shed 85.70 points at 18,105.30. With this, the Sensex gained 2,587 points from 58,253.82 a year ago.

According to analysts, a major reason for the lacklustre show of the markets in 2022, after the stellar gain in 2021, was withdrawal of Rs 1.11 lakh crore from Indian stocks as inflation rose steeply across the world forcing central banks to hike interest rates. For the month of December, the Nifty index was down by 3 per cent while end-

ing CY23 with gains of over 4 per cent. Broader market saw a mixed trend with Nifty midcap 100 closing the year with gains of +3 per cent while Nifty Smallcap 100 saw a sharp decline of 14 per cent.

"As we start the new year 2023, we expect markets to remain sideways in a range in the near term. While fears of recession and spread of covid outside China is capping the upside, we are witnessing strong buying at lower levels which are support-

ing the markets on the downside," said Siddhartha Khemka, Head - Retail Research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

Other than earnings, key developments to be tracked in 2023 would be state elections, Union Budget, RBI monetary stance, trends in trade and fiscal deficit, inflation moves, geo-political situation globally, commodity price trends globally and economic growth momentum in the world. Full report on [www.indianexpress.com](http://www.indianexpress.com)

## 'EPFO guidelines on higher pension still silent on many issues'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

EVEN AS Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) came out with a circular on the issue of higher pension for a specific category of members Thursday, details for other members who retired after the deadline of September 1, 2014, or those who joined service before it, is still awaited.

The retirement fund body's board members and experts said the circular remains silent on many other issues arising from the November Supreme Court judgment.

In its first set of guidelines nearly two months after the SC order, the EPFO on Thursday told its field offices to implement the ruling's directions for employees who had contributed higher pensions on actual wages, but the provident fund offices denied their request.

The notification said the members who contributed for pension on salary exceeding wage cap of Rs 5,000 or Rs 6,500 and exercised the joint option, along with employers for such contribution and their option

was declined by PF authorities, can apply online to validate their option for a higher pension payout.

"In the field, many were asking field officers for directions from the EPFO on the SC judgement. As this involves the careful, simple and easy implementation of the SC order and ensuring no misuse, wherever there is no ambiguity in the

## The circular asked the field offices to follow SC ruling for employees who contributed higher pensions on actual wages

judgement and a clear direction issued, the EPFO has issued a circular.

"The detailed directions and steps of implementation for other members is under active consideration and expected to come out shortly," EPFO's CBT Member KE Raghunathan, who represents employers, said.

Full report on [www.indianexpress.com](http://www.indianexpress.com)

## Fiscal deficit reaches 59%

New Delhi: The government's fiscal deficit in end-November touched 59 per cent of the full year Budget Estimate on increased capital expenditure and slow growth in non-tax revenue, according to the Ministry of Finance data released on Friday.

The fiscal deficit, which is the difference between expenditure and revenue, was Rs 9.78 lakh crore during the April-November period of 2022-23.

In the corresponding period last year, the deficit was 46.2 per cent of the Budget Estimates of 2021-22. The government has budgeted fiscal deficit to be Rs 16.61 lakh crore or 6.4 per cent of the GDP in the current year ending March 2023.

As per the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) data, the net tax revenue at Rs 12.24 lakh crore was 63.3 per cent of BE 2022-23. PTI

## Core sector output up 5.4%

New Delhi: Production of eight infrastructure sectors increased by 5.4 per cent in November against a 3.2 per cent growth in the same month last year on a better show by coal, fertiliser, steel, cement and electricity segments, according to the official data released on Friday.

Crude oil, natural gas and refinery products, however, recorded negative growth in November this year. The production growth of eight key sectors

slowed down to 0.9 per cent in October.

The growth rate of eight infrastructure sectors - coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertilisers, steel, cement and electricity - stood at 8 per cent in April-November this fiscal.

The production of coal rose by 12.3 per cent, fertiliser by 6.4 per cent, steel by 10.8 per cent, cement by 28.6 per cent and electricity by 12.1 per cent in November 2022. PTI

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL DIVISION NO-II, IRRIGATION & FLOOD CONTROL DEPARTMENT, GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI, GROUND FLOOR, E-WING, VIKAS BHAWAN-II, CIVIL LINES, DELHI-110054**  
E-mail: - [lfcmdii@gmail.com](mailto:lfcmdii@gmail.com), Phone NO. 011-23814010 (Off.)

## Expression of Interest

Irrigation and Flood Control Department (IFCD), Government of National Capital Territory Delhi, India invites Expression of Interest (Eoi) from eligible National or International Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM)/Original Equipment Supplier (OES)/Other Authorized Agency, for identifying potential technological options and explore the suitability/selection of machine/equipment with latest/innovative technology adopted worldwide for effective de-siltation and removal of floating municipal waste/garbage/C&D Waste/hyacinth/cow dung etc from the drain and its proper disposal/reuse.

The Eoi Document can be downloaded from the following website(s): <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in> Parties may contact IFCD on telephone at (0091) (11) 23814010 i.e. Executive Engineer (MD-II), the nodal officer. Those who applied against the earlier advertisement need not to apply a fresh, their earlier application submitted will hold good. However, they may submit Eoi for their new machines/equipment in addition to their earlier submission (if any).

Applicants are requested to keep on checking website <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in> regularly for any corrigendum which shall not be published in any newspaper.

Last date for submission of Applications in all respect 21.01.2023 up to 15.00 Hrs.

(Tender I.D\_2022\_IFC\_233696\_1)

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**Executive Engineer**  
**Mech. Division-II, I & FC**  
**Govt. of Delhi**

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## BRIEFLY

## Eicher, Stark

Mumbai: Auto firm Eicher Motors Ltd has announced a strategic collaboration in the space of electric motorcycles with Spain-based Stark Future SL. The board of Eicher Motors has approved an investment of 50 million euros for a close to 10.35 per cent equity stake in Stark Future. ENS

## Digital India

New Delhi: The Centre will soon launch a Digital India Innovation Fund that will support start-ups working on areas like artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies, Information Technology Minister of State Rajeev Chandrasekhar said on Friday. ENS

## Sebi, IRRA

Mumbai: Sebi on Friday asked stock exchanges to set up an Investor Risk Reduction Access (IRRA) platform to give investors an opportunity to square off their position or cancel pending orders in case of disruption of trading services provided by trading members. ENS

## Tata Motors to acquire Ford India's Gujarat plant by Jan 10

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 30

TATA PASSENGER Electric Mobility (TPEML), a subsidiary of Tata Motors, Friday said it has received all regulatory approvals for acquisition of Ford India Private Ltd (FIPL)'s manufacturing plant at Sanand, Gujarat and will complete the transaction on January 10, 2023.

In August this year, the car-makers entered into an agreement to acquire the plant, which includes entire land and building; vehicle manufacturing machinery and equipment; and transfer of all eligible employees, for Rs 725.7 crore.

"Pursuant to the fulfilment of the necessary condition precedents for the transaction, including receipt of relevant government approvals, the parties have decided to proceed towards completion of the transaction on January 10, 2023," the company said in exchange filing.

With existing capacities near saturation, the acquisition will unlock an additional state-of-the-art manufacturing capacity of 300,000 units per annum which is scalable to 420,000 units per annum, the company said.

## KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : Re-E-Tender 74/2022-23/SE/PHC/CHN  
Jai Jeevan Mission (JJM)-WSS to vengoor, Asamannoor & Mudakkuzha panchayaths - Providing Distribution network & FHTCs in vengoor Panchayath Part II Vakkuvalli Zone - General civil work. EMD : Rs. 500000 Tender fee : Rs. 17700, Last Date for submitting Tender : 17-01-2023 03:00pm Phone : 0484-2360645 Website : [www.kwa.kerala.gov.in](http://www.kwa.kerala.gov.in), [www.etenders.kerala.gov.in](http://www.etenders.kerala.gov.in)

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## NPCL NOIDA POWER COMPANY LIMITED

CIN:U31200UP1992PLC014506

## Notice Inviting Bids for Procurement of Hydro Power with HPO benefit on Short Term basis with Greenshoe option

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 50 MW hydro power with HPO benefit with Greenshoe option during 01.05.2023 to 30.09.2023 as per the Guidelines of Ministry of Power, Gol dated 30.03.2016. Bid Document is available on [www.mstcecommerce.com](http://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](mailto:powertrading@noidapower.com) or mobile no. 9718804966.

Head (Power Purchase)

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LEAD, CADMIUM IN DARK CHOCOLATE

## HERSHEY SUED OVER METALS IN PRODUCT

A consumer has accused the company of selling dark chocolate containing harmful levels of lead and cadmium. Christopher Lazazzaro said he would not have bought or would have paid less for the chocolates had Hershey disclosed their metals content.

## Suu Kyi's marathon trials end, 7 years added to jail term

77-yr-old deposed Myanmar leader was arrested during a coup in 2021

REUTERS  
DECEMBER 30

DEPOSED MYANMAR leader Aung San Suu Kyi was convicted of five counts of corruption on Friday and jailed for seven more years, an informed source said, wrapping up a marathon of trials condemned globally as a sham.

In a closed-door court session in army-ruled Myanmar, Suu Kyi, 77, who was arrested during a coup in February 2021, was found guilty of offences relating to her lease and use of a helicopter while she was the country's de facto leader, said the source.

The jail term adds to 26 years of prison time already handed down to Suu Kyi, for a range of offences she has dismissed as "absurd".

A Nobel Peace Prize winner for her decades-long campaign for democracy in Myanmar, Suu Kyi has spent much of her political life detained under military governments. She led Myanmar for five years from 2015 during a decade of tentative democracy that came after the military ended its 49-year rule, only for it to wobble back control early last year to stop her government from starting a second term, accusing it of ignoring irregularities in an election her party won.

Human rights groups condemned Friday's ruling and said



Aung San Suu Kyi. File

**EXPLAINED**  
**Total term now 33 yrs**

THE CHARGES against Suu Kyi range from incitement, breach of Covid-19 restrictions and illegally owning radio equipment, to violating a state secrets law, multiple counts of corruption and trying to influence election officials.

its timing, just over a week after a UN Security Council resolution on Myanmar crisis called for tougher sanctions against the generals.

"The trumped-up cases against Aung San Suu Kyi have been politically motivated, unfair, and completely lacking in anything resembling transparency," said Amnesty International's regional director, Meg de Ronde.

## PUTIN INVITES 'DEAR FRIEND' XI TO MOSCOW

# As Russia drones pound Ukraine, Xi to Putin: Road to peace talks not smooth

REUTERS  
BEIJING, DECEMBER 30

CHINA'S PRESIDENT Xi Jinping told Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin on Friday that the road to peace talks on Ukraine would not be smooth and that China would continue to uphold its "objective and fair stance" on the issue.

Xi said Beijing and Moscow should closely coordinate and cooperate in international affairs and emphasised Russia's willingness to engage in negotiations over Ukraine, Chinese state broadcaster CCTV said in its report.

"The Chinese side has noted that the Russian side has said it has never refused to resolve the conflict through diplomatic negotiations, and expressed its appreciation for this," Xi was quoted as saying.

Speaking to Xi for eight minutes, Putin said he expected a state visit to Moscow from his "dear friend" Xi in the coming spring, to "demonstrate to the world the closeness of Russian-Chinese re-



Putin and Xi during a video call on Friday. AP

lations". Putin said he aimed to deepen military cooperation between the two countries, whose relations were growing in importance as a stabilising factor.

Xi responded for just two minutes, saying China was ready to increase strategic cooperation with Russia against the backdrop of what he called a "difficult" situation in the world at large.

Xi, however, made clear the ideological affinity between Beijing and Moscow when it came to opposing what both view as the hegemonic US-led West. He told

Putin: "China is ready to work with Russia and all progressive forces around the world that oppose hegemonism and power politics...and firmly defend the sovereignty, security and development interests of both countries and international justice."

The meeting came hours after Russia attacked Ukraine with 16 Iranian-made Shahed drones overnight, Ukrainian officials said on Friday, a day after Moscow fired dozens of missiles in its latest barrage against critical infrastructure.

## US: China jet came within 10 ft of our military plane

Washington: A Chinese military plane came within 10 feet of a US air force aircraft in the contested South China Sea last week and forced it to take evasive manoeuvres to avoid a collision in international airspace, the US military said on Thursday.

The incident, which involved a Chinese Navy J-11 fighter jet and a US air force RC-135 aircraft, took place on December 21, the US military said in a statement.

"We expect all countries in the Indo-Pacific region to use international airspace safely and in accordance with international law," it added.

A US military spokesperson said the Chinese jet came within 10 feet of the plane's wing, but 20 feet from its nose, which caused the US aircraft to take evasive manoeuvres.

The US has raised the issue with the Chinese government, a



The Chinese fighter jet seen from a US aircraft. Reuters

separate US official said.

The Chinese embassy in Washington DC did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

In the past, China has said that the US sending ships and aircraft into the South China Sea is not good for peace. US military planes and ships routinely carry out surveillance operations through the region. REUTERS

## TOPOF THE WORLD



Bill Gates. File

## UNITED STATES 2022's biggest charity by Gates

THE CHRONICLE of Philanthropy's annual list of the 10 largest charitable gifts announced by individuals or their foundations totalled nearly \$9.3 billion in 2022. Two of the gifts exceeded \$1 billion, and six of the eight donors (one donor made three gifts) are multibillionaires. Topping the list is Bill Gates, who gave \$5 billion to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to back the grantmaker's work in global health, development, policy and advocacy, and US education. AP

## Israel indicts 2 soldiers for bombing West Bank house

ISABEL DEBRE  
JERUSALEM, DECEMBER 30

ISRAEL'S MILITARY said its prosecutor has filed indictments against two soldiers who allegedly hurled an explosive device at a Palestinian home in the occupied West Bank, a rare instance of Israeli troops facing serious charges over an offence against Palestinians.

Prosecutors charged the two soldiers with making an explosive device, aggravated intentional assault, intentional harm to property and impeaching the investigation, the army announced

late Thursday. The indictment said the two defendants acted out of revenge for the abduction of the body of an Israeli schoolboy in the flashpoint West Bank city of Jenin on November 22.

Palestinian militants in Jenin had snatched the body of 17-year-old Tiran Fero, a member of Israel's Druze Arab minority, from a local hospital where he was receiving treatment after a car crash.

The military said it would issue an indictment against the third soldier in the coming days. The three soldiers were not named. The military did not immediately respond to request for comment. AP



Andrew Tate and brother Tristan outside the headquarters of Directorate for Investigating Organized Crime and Terrorism, in Bucharest on Thursday. Reuters

## Andrew Tate, brother detained by Romania in trafficking, rape case

REUTERS  
BUCHAREST, DECEMBER 30

ROMANIAN PROSECUTORS said on Thursday they have detained divisive internet personality and former professional kickboxer Andrew Tate on suspicion of human trafficking, rape and forming an organised crime group.

Tate, banned from many social media platforms for misogynistic comments and hate speech, and his brother Tristan will be detained for 24 hours

alongside two Romanian suspects, prosecutors from the anti organised-crime unit said in a statement after raiding their properties in Bucharest.

The Tate brothers have been under criminal investigation since April. They declined to comment but their lawyer confirmed they had been detained.

"The four suspects... appear to have created an organised crime group with the purpose of recruiting, housing and exploiting women by forcing them to create pornographic content meant to

be seen on specialised websites for a cost," prosecutors said.

"They would have gained important sums of money."

Prosecutors said they had found six women who had been sexually exploited by the suspects. Tate has said women are partially responsible for being raped and that they belong to men.

Earlier this week, the British national was told to get a life by climate activist Greta Thunberg on Twitter after he told her he owned 33 cars with "enormous emissions." AP

## TURKEY 7 dead in gas canister blast

A GAS canister explosion at a restaurant in western Turkey killed seven people on Friday, officials said. The blast injured five others, Gov. Huseyin Aksoy tweeted. The blast occurred at around 3.30 pm as a gas canister was being changed at a Turkish doner kebab shop, the Nazilli public prosecutor's office said. Earlier, Justice Minister Bekir Bozdog tweeted that one person who is "alleged to have caused the explosion" was detained and three prosecutors were probing. AP

## UNITED STATES Man held over student deaths

A 25-YEAR-OLD man was taken into custody in Pennsylvania on Friday in connection with the homicides of four University of Idaho students in November, NBC News reported, citing law enforcement sources. Police in Moscow, Idaho, a college town of about 25,000 people, on Nov. 13 found the bodies of three female students and one male student inside an off-campus house. The victims appeared to have been killed with a knife or some other "edged" weapon, police said at the time. AP

## At long last, US panel releases Trump tax info

REUTERS  
DECEMBER 30

DEMOCRATS IN Congress released six years of Donald Trump's tax records to the public on Friday, disclosing documents the former president long sought to keep secret and dealing another setback as he again seeks the White House in 2024.

A Democratic-controlled US House of Representatives committee released Trump's redacted returns for 2015 through 2020, capping a multi-year battle between the Republican former president and Democratic lawmakers that was settled only last month by the US Supreme Court.

Aside from the returns themselves, the release did not contain much new. In response, Trump warned of dire consequences and used the occasion to seek campaign donations.

Trump's tax data will now be available for in-depth investigations by journalists, independent tax experts and others during the run-up to the 2024 presidential election, and could shed light on Trump's wealth, his businesses' performance and how he reduced his tax liability.

## 'Godmother of punk' Vivienne Westwood dies at 81 in London

MARISA MELTZER  
DECEMBER 30

VIVIENNE WESTWOOD, the designer who defined the look of punk, using rock iconography, royalty, art and religion as recurring motifs in collections that brought a rebellious edge to British style, and who later went on to a long career in high fashion, died on Thursday in the Clapham neighbourhood of London. She was 81.

Her death was announced by her company, Vivienne Westwood, which did not specify the cause.

Westwood was just 30 when she and her boyfriend, Malcolm McLaren—who as a music impresario would go on to manage the Sex Pistols—opened a shop called Let It Rock at 430 King's Road in London. The business, which had a pink vinyl sign out front, was an unconventional one, selling fetish wear and fashions inspired by the Teddy Boy look of the 1950s.

In shaping the look of the era, Westwood came to be known as the godmother of punk. After her partnership with McLaren ended, she began designing collections under her own name, and she soon established an in-



Westwood with models after her London show in 2015. AP

ternational reputation.

"People really associate her with punk and that whole aesthetic, which is accurate and how she made her name, but she's so much more than that," Veronique Hyland, the author of "Dress Code: Unlocking Fashion From the New Look to Millennial Pink" (2022), said in an interview for this obituary. "She was influenced by art history, old master paintings."

In a memoir published in 2014 and simply called "Vivienne Westwood," Westwood wrote that people "seem surprised still that you can have been in punk and then also be in couture, but it's all connected."

"It's not about fashion, you

see," she wrote. "For me, it's about the story. It's about ideas."

Christie Hynde, who would later become the lead singer of the Pretenders, was quoted in Westwood's memoir as saying that "I don't think punk would have happened without Vivienne and Malcolm."

Sometimes the choices made by Westwood and McLaren, an art school dropout who was inspired by the theater of the absurd as championed by the French Situationists, could be controversial; they once included swastikas in their designs. ("We were just saying to the older generation, 'We don't accept your values or your taboos, and you're all fascists,'" she later explained.) NYT

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**ENGAGEMENT ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS**  
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Oil India Limited intends to engage 06 (Six) Retainer Doctors on contract for Medical Department. All details viz. date of Walk-in-Interview, reporting time, venue, eligibility criteria etc., for Walk-in-Interview of Retainer Doctor on contract for Medical Department are included in the detailed advertisement number HRAQ/CONT-EX-B/22-58 dated 31/12/2022. Please read the said detailed advertisement carefully which is available in the website of Oil India Limited i.e. www.oil-india.com under careers menu > current openings section.

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**POSSESSION NOTICE [SECTION 13(4)]**  
(For Immovable Property)

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice calling upon the borrower and also owner of the property/surety to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from date of the said notice.

The Borrower/Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said rule on the dates mentioned against account. The Borrower/Guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Canara Bank for the amount and interest/costs thereon, mentioned against account herein below.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

(1) Borrower: M/s Abdin Enterprises & Company (Prop:- Mr. Rahbar Abdin S/o Mr. Sarwar Abdin), Mortgage Name: Mr. Rahbar Abdin, S/o Mr. Sarwar Abdin, Amount outstanding of ₹ 1,85,54,393/- (Rupees One Crore Eighty Five Lac Fifty Four Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Three Only) with further interest, cost etc., Date of Demand Notice- 10.10.2022, Date of Possession- 27.12.2022, Description of the Immovable Property:- All that part and parcel of the property in the name of Md. Rahbar Abdin situated at Pushpanjali Complex, Flat No. 406(Type F), 5th Floor located at Mohalla- Boring Road, Opp. Police Check Post, Mauza Rajapur Hassan, P.S. - Sri Krishnapuri, Dist.- Patna bearing P.S. No. 03, Taunzi No. 182254, Thana No. 3, Khata No. 16, Part of Survey Plot No. 899, Ward No. 14/23(N), Circle No. 249, Holding No. 144/631 within the registration Sub-District Patna & District Patna, Extent of Land/Area: 1119 Sq.ft., Bounded by:- North: Flat No. 407, South: Flat No. 405, East: Corridor, West: Open Space.

(2) Borrower: M/s NISSA Realtors Pvt. Ltd., Director Sri Sudhir Kumar Singh and Mr. Deepak Singh, Amount outstanding of ₹1,32,14,862.34 (Rupees One Crore Thirty Two Lac Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Two & Thirty Four Paise Only) with pendentite and further interest, cost etc. (As per order of Hon'ble DRT in O.A No.- 710/2019), Date of Demand Notice- 12.09.2022, Date of Possession- 27.12.2022, Description of the Immovable Property:- (i) Name of Title holder: Sri Prabhat Kumar Verma, S/o Ashok Kumar Verma, Discription of the Property: Mauza: Sri Krishna Nagar (Sri Krishna Nagar Housing Colony), Thana: Budha Colony, Paragan: Azimabad, Circle: Patna Sadar, District: Patna. LIG Housing Nagar: LH/149(Part), Municipal Holding No. 233/262, Ward No. 15/25(New), Circle No. 245, Patna, Area: 1263.98 Sq. feet (2.9016 Decimal), Boundaries:- North: LIG Housing No. LH/143, South: 30 Feet Wide Road, East: LIG House No. LH/148, West: Part LIG House No. LH/149.

(ii) Name of Title holder: NISSA REALTORS PVT. LTD., Discription of the Property: Flat No.- O-1, Block - D, On ground Floor of the Building named Ghar Apna Phase-2, Mahendra Puram Apartment, Area- 1361.00 sq.ft.(Approx) along one covered parking space, Mauza- Keshwarpur, Digha, P.S - Digha, Distt.- Patna, Thana No. 1, Khata No. 2046 & 1919, S.Plot No. 1590& 1585, Boundaries:- North - Flat No. Q-1, South - Open Space of Apartment, East - Open Space of Apartment, West - Flat No. P-1.

(iii) Name of Title holder: NISSA REALTORS PVT. LTD., Discription of the Property: Flat No.- P-1, Block-D, ground Floor of the Building named Ghar Apna Phase-2, Mahendra Puram Apartment, Area- 1361.00 sq.ft.(Approx) along one covered parking space, Mauza- Keshwarpur, Digha, P.S - Digha, Distt.- Patna, Thana No.- 1, Khata No. 2046 & 1919, S.Plot No. 1590& 1585, Boundaries:- North - Flat No. R-1, South - Open Space of Apartment, East - Flat No. O-1, West - Open Space of Apartment.

Date: 27.12.2022  
Place: Patna  
Authorized Officer  
CANARA BANK

Office of the Election Returning Officer  
**दि विश्वेश्वर सहकारी बैंक लि., पुणे**  
**The Vishweshwar Sahakari Bank Ltd., Pune**  
मल्टी स्टेट बैंक  
Multi-State Bank  
471 / 472, Market Yard, Gullekdi, Pune - 411 037

**Notice - Provisional List of Member Voters**  
(Only for Share Holder Members)

Whereas myself i.e. Anand Ashok Katakate am designated as Election Returning Officer in terms of section 45 of the Multistate Co-operative Societies Act, 2002 and Multistate Cooperative Societies Rules and Resolution No. 4.28 in the meeting of the Board of Directors held on date 14th December 2022, for the elections to successor Board of Directors.

In exercise of the authority vested therefrom, I hereby declare that the provisional eligible Voters List in respect of voters registered upto 18th December 2022 in the voters list prepared as per the provisions with respect to the election for the Board of Directors of the Bank (2023 - 2028). The concerned voters are requested to kindly take a note of the same. Soft copy of the provisional eligible Voters List is available at the branches and head office of the bank.

Anybody having objection with respect to the name and address of the voters or feels that the discrepancies or errors therein are required to be rectified and those institutional members who desire to participate in the election process by designating their representatives for proxy voting should submit their applications in writing along with proper resolution, authority and documents in the name of Honorable Election Returning Officer, to the Head office of the Bank at 471/472, Market Yard, Gullekdi, Pune - 411 037 on or before 03 : 00 p.m. of date 5th January 2023.

Anand Katakate  
Election Returning Officer,  
Pune.  
Dated : 31.12.2022  
The Vishweshwar Sahakari Bank Ltd., Pune

Government of India  
**Ministry of Railways Research**  
**Designs & Standards Organisation**  
**LUCKNOW - 226011**

PRE-BID/EMS/01/2022-23  
**PRE BID CONFERENCE**  
**For Roof Top Solar Plant at RDSO Lucknow in RESCO Mode**

RDSO Lucknow intends to install roof top Solar Plant 425 kWp (Approx) in RESCO Mode at various places in RDSO Campus. The Scope of Work shall include Survey, Design, Procurement, Erection (including civil and structural works), Cabling , Installation, Testing and Commissioning of the solar PV system(s) including Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of the system(s) for period of 25 years after commissioning of projects). The SPD will supply power based on a PPA.

The interested firm may visit the Director/EMS office (Room No -137, Admin Building , RDSO Manak Nagar Lucknow- 226011) on 18/01/2023 at 11.00 Hrs. Please come prepared to have a complete discussion with our technical team. The Details shall be available on the website at <https://www.rdsol.in> → Tender → Electrical/EMS (Works)Tenders

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# 15 REVIEWS

## CINEMA & MUSIC



SHUBHRA GUPTA

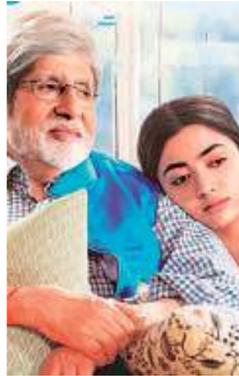
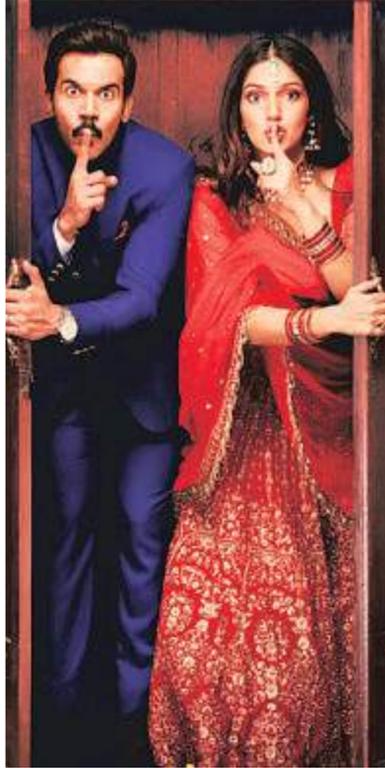
I MUST confess that I've had a tough time zeroing in on my best of Bollywood 2022. If 2021 was *annus horribilis*, this, the year of our lord 2022, has been worse. Not because there weren't enough films, unlike in the last two years that were lost due to the pandemic. As Covid receded, there was a steady flow of films. But one after the other, starchy vehicles began dying at the box office. 2022 will go down in Indian movie history as the year we were forced to ask ourselves over and over again: has Bollywood lost the plot?

This was the year the unthinkable happened. *RRR* (Telugu) roared pan-India and is still doing so around the world. *KGF 2* (Kannada) cast its net far and wide. And *Kantara* (also Kannada), grew so big that even its strongest votaries are surprised. *SS Rajamouli* was already a familiar name because of the mega-success of *Bahubali* and its sequel; Yash and Rishabh Shetty have now firmly taken hold of popular imagination. While this turnaround has been underway, big-budget Bollywood films starring the biggest A-listers, from the biggest studios, have literally bitten the dust.

Right on top of that sorry heap is Yashraj's *Shamshera*, a period film starring Ranbir Kapoor and Sanjay Dutt, which saw empty halls on its opening Friday. Another Yashraj production, *Samrat Prithviraj*, starring Akshay Kumar, fell flat. Two more Akshay films, the mothballed social drama *Raksha Bandhan*, and the beyond-gastly *Bachchan Pandey* were roundly rejected. The much-anticipated Aamir Khan starrer *Laal Singh Chaddha*, three years in the making, was a major disappointment.

There are several reasons for the no-show. The #BoycottBollywood gang working non-stop to spread disavowal, people still a little worried about the virus, the plentitude of 'content', including the much-more interesting OTT shows. But, and this is the thing, these big Bollywood movies were nothing but expensive duds, buried under star egos and dangerous complacency, ranging from terrible to plain bad to simply not good enough.

Clearly, Bollywood in 2022 has been stuck plumb in the middle of a rock and a hard place: almost no films, mounted on as big a scale as *RRR* or *KGF 2*, blockbuster written all



## Hits and Misses

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over them; and not much in the smaller, smarter zone, either (this space was mostly colonised by a series of terrific Malayalam films). You could argue that Dharma Production's lavishly mounted *Brahmastra* was meant to be precisely that first kind of film, and it may have scraped into the year's bigger box office successes list because some of its comic book elements embedded in the overarching theme of good *devs* and evil *asuras* appealed to a section of the audience, but how I wished it was a better film. And we didn't need an Israeli filmmaker to tell us that *The Kashmir Files* was vulgar and propagandist, whose strong run at the box office was clearly down to the kind of film it was.

It is equally clear that the road to resurrection for Bollywood will be tough. For one, it doesn't seem to be learning fast enough. You would have thought *Govinda Naam Mera*, also from Dharma, starring the New Gen trio of Vicky Kaushal-Kiara Advani-Bhumi Pednekar,

would be a course correction. But ugh, what a crashing bore.

### Bollywood's Best of 2022

**LOVE HOSTEL:** The dystopian world Shanker Raman creates reminds you of his debut *Gurgaon*, but this companion piece, about a pair of runaway lovers in Haryana, is darker and harder, compelling you to watch despite yourself. Did I want to breathe a little easier through the film? Did I want a ray of light at the end? Yes and yes. But is this the fate of young people who want to follow the dictates of their heart in this part of India? Yes, pretty much.

**BADHAAI DO:** Theme-wise, amongst the bravest this year. What does a man who likes men, and a woman who likes women, do? Get into the mutual convenience of a lavender wedding, while trying to be true to their authentic selves. If it hadn't become the familiar joint-family-comedy-central in

the second half, the film would have been much better. Still, props to Rajkummar Rao, Bhumi Pednekar, and director Harshvardhan Kulkarni for going down a path so rarely travelled.

**GANGUBAI KATHIAWADI:** Sure, the beautiful Alia Bhatt looks too young and untouched to be the legendary hard-nosed madam of a brothel. But if you surrender to Sanjay Leela Bhansali's universe, where each bit of grunge is gorgeous, you see Bhatt owning every beat of her role. That early scene, a stunning chiaroscuro, with the camera pulling back as the newborn Gangubai learns to call out to potential punters, is a classic.

**DARLINGS:** Domestic abuse *nahin chalega*. And no really means no, even if it comes from a girl who lives under the thumb of a tyrannical husband. Alia Bhatt and Shefali Shah form a great pair as they tackle misogyny, and Vijay Varma aces it as a man who has learnt how to pay hatred forward



## Shades of Grey

**WHITNEY HOUSTON: I WANNA DANCE WITH SOMEBODY**

Director: Kasi Lemmons Cast: Naomi Ackie, Stanley Tucci, Ashton Sanders, Tamara Tunie, Nafessa Williams, Clarke Peters ★★★

### SHALINI LANGER

AS SHE threw that head back and those arms wide open, Whitney Houston was a singer in total command, pirouetting that voice to reach an impossible range, dipping and soaring, again and again, and then again.

No writer herself, she sang cover versions of old hits, mostly about finding oneself, nothing too serious, nothing too high-brow. However, the power of her lilting voice lifted whatever she touched — including that pretty mediocre film that became the blockbuster, *The Bodyguard*, riding on her ballad that would also become one of the biggest hits ever, *I will always love you*.

In comparison, *I Wanna Dance with Somebody* can seem tame, following a familiar trajectory of discovery, fame, fragility and fall, with a capricious family hanging in the shadows. Houston didn't face the struggle that lifts some of these stories, coming from a family that was already in the business. The rest of her short life didn't stray far from those of other artistes before and after her, except for the fact that she was no "victim".

Unlike, for example, *The Bohemian Rhapsody* — that film on Freddie Mercury and *I Wanna Dance with Somebody* have a common writer/producer — where Mercury's peccadilloes are gently blamed on someone else, Houston is the driver of her

own story. Still, the filmmakers remain as cautious of showing the consumption of cocaine that caused Houston's quick downfall.

Given how clear Houston is in the film about her money, her music, her label, and keeping on her girlfriend Robyn (Williams) who could have been more, the accusations that she turns around and throws at her father (Peters) can seem inconsistent.

And this is what the film suffers from — a serious effort to tell her story and not just compile a series of incidents and hits, and hope to do the job. You know what you know about Houston, and you come away not knowing anything more.

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Ackie, who lacks that star quality of Houston, makes it up with an almost flawless performance — down to her beating fingers on a mic in the eponymous song of the film's title. Tucci is good without trying hard while Tunie as Houston's mother does well with the little she gets. However, this film belongs to Ackie — or rather Houston — alone. It is an unapologetic ode to one of the greatest voices, and for the duration of its length, it's a memorable reminder of this. And of all that Houston accomplished before she was found, in a cliché, in a bathtub, of accidental drowning with drugs in her system — she beat records set by both the Beatles and Elvis 'The King' Presley, became America's first Black sweet-heart, erased those titles, and paved the way for others to follow.

## Songs of the Year

Tunes that stood out in an otherwise grim year

### SUANSHUKHURANA

FOR BOLLYWOOD, a film industry built on the foundation of great music riding on the airwaves in people's living rooms, life fell through the cracks due to a bunch of reasons as movies with big stars failed to make a mark. A significant reason that plunged things into darkness was lack of anyone being able to compose and carry a basic tune. How we wished for a usual from the high-pitched Rahat Fateh Ali Khan!

While *Kesariya's* earwormy quality at the back of the Alia Bhatt-Ranbir Kapoor romance made some splash, the issue went beyond the term 'love story' and stopped at — can it even remotely manage to stand the test of time? It isn't surprising that it's already out of circulation. While the quality of music brought out by music companies plummeted to a new low with constant horrors delivered by Tanishk Bagchi by remixing old songs in slick packaging, even the established composers lacked fresh ideas. The two songs from *Pathaan* by Vishal-Sheykhar were an absolute disappointment. But there was some ray of hope from independent artistes, from across the border and one filmmaker who had it all figured out.

**PASOORI:** "I really hope that this song is able to cross borders, boundaries and binaries," said musician and writer Ali Sethi in a 'making video' accompanying *Pasoori*, this year's only song that mattered and made it big. Sethi's hope was heard by the powers that be as the piece received overwhelming love. A rock solid tune, brilliant lyrics and a sturdy hook from across the border, and lyrics that spoke of estranged lovers and forces that kept them apart (an interesting metaphor for the two countries who eventually loved it the most), *Pasoori*, meaning difficult mess, topped the global charts, finding genuine affection and fandom around the world that mouthed its Punjabi lyrics. It was significant in giving Pakistan a massive boost on the pop playing field.

**MUSKURAHAT, GANGUBAI KATHIAWADI:** Sanjay Leela Bhansali's most underrated masterpiece in the Alia Bhatt starrer. Sung by Arijit Singh, Bhansali got him to gently stroke the lowest of the low and highest of the high notes on the spectrum in a ghazal-*numa* piece in the sorrowful *Madhuvani*. Lines such as *Gham ko bhi itni khushi do, wo musku-*



Stills from the songs *Pasoori*, *Bai ga* and *Ghode pe sawar*

*raane lage* from AM Turaz stood out. The piece may not even be a marquee favourite for the crowds, but musically, it was a gorgeous moment from Bhansali.

**JAB SAIYAAN, GANGUBAI KATHIAWADI:** The gorgeous harmonium prelude merging into a sarangi piece and a cascading guitar is an attempt by Bhansali to take you back to the old kothas of a world that exists very differently even in his film. But the attempt delivers the lifeblood needed to project his story. Shreya Ghoshal eases into this thumri-esque piece in the joyful *Pilu* to deliver one of the finest film songs of the year.

**AISE KYUN, MISMATCHED:** The song, which was earlier sung by composer Anurag Saikia and Nikhita Gandhi, found a new lease of life the moment Rekha Bhardwaj touched it. Saikia got her sing it like a ghazal and voila, the freshness was immersive. The gentle and tender poetry by Raj Shekhar with a question *Sab kuch kehkar hi sabko bataana, zaruri hai kya*, a reminder of that first instance of falling in love, took one into a space where one wanted to dig deeper. A surprise winner.

**ALAIKADAL, PONNIYINSELVAN 1:** From the prelude which is a metered *alaap*, the scale

temperings, the violin interludes, soaring synths, and edgy percussion, the tender melody — a reminder of Tamil music from the '50s — is sung brilliantly by debutante Anatra Nandy and sticks. An enchanting piece from AR Rahman after a long time, it was featured in Mani Ratnam's very popular film of the year.

**GHODE PE SAWAR, QALA:** The piece is likely to have been a very tough composition to create because composer Amit Trivedi had to place it in the golden era of Hindi film music. Amitabh Bhattacharya and Trivedi keep it on point with this simple, straight piece which tried to attempt an OP Nayyar-meets-SD Burman style. Sung starkly by Sireesha Bhagavathula, the song only makes it here for the beautiful way in which it manages to stick to the brief and be endearing in the same vein.

**SHAUQ, QALA:** What stands out, much more than Trivedi's tune here or how the singers sing it, are Varun Grover's arresting lyrics and the song's wonderful arrangement. It's been a while since a fine line such as, *Bikhare ka mujhko shauq hai zara, sametega mujhko tu bata zara (I have a fondness for breaking apart, Tell me, will you come gather me)* made it to a Hindi film. It's mischievous, charming and profound in the same breath.

**THE ELEPHANT'S FUNERAL HOME:** It was the death of a pregnant elephant after being fed a pineapple stuffed with firecrackers in Kerala that left Carnatic vocalist Sushma Soma devastated. As Soma grieved, she decided to turn her lament into *The elephant's funeral* in the sorrowful raag *Mukhari*. She sang the pain of death, her voice cracking as she wailed in one of the finest albums of the year.

**BAI GA, CHANDRAMUKHI:** A compelling Marathi composition from Ajay-Atul, it may not have found much attention beyond Marathi-speaking audience, but it's one of the finest pieces to have been created for a film this year. The beginning of the piece in raag *Parajai* is a reminder of *Kahe chhed* from *Devdas*, but this one is opposite in execution. It's intricate, demure and so watertight as a composition, just as most of the work from Ajay-Atul usually is. Aarya Ambekar's piercingly beautiful voice will float in the memory for long.

**RASERKALIBO:** Amid her numerous concerts, singer Sonu Mohapatra recorded an Odia love song as an ode to the balance in nature. She picked a Sambalpur folk and composer Ram Sampath paired it with the guitars and Afro dance sounds. Full marks to Mohapatra for bringing an Odia folk to the fore amid the humdrum of the usual.

## STREAMING WATCH LIST

BY ALAKA SAHANI



### GEORGETOWN

NETFLIX  
Ulrich marries Elsa, a wealthy and notable figure in politics, who is three decades older than him. But after one of their lavish parties, Elsa is found murdered and Ulrich becomes the prime suspect. This 2019 crime film, based on the true story, is Christoph Waltz's directorial debut. Waltz also stars in the movie alongside Vanessa Redgrave, Annette Bening and Corey Hawkins.



### AARYA PAAR

DISNEY+HOTSTAR  
This series revolves around a valiant tribal archer who becomes a deadly assassin to safeguard his tribe from the onslaught of the brutal modern world. The show features actor-writer Aditya Rawal in the lead role. The cast also features Patralekha, Ashish Vidyarthi and Sumeet Vyas. As the police try to nab him, a cat-and-mouse game ensues.



### 7 WOMEN AND A MURDER

NETFLIX  
When their family patriarch is stabbed, seven women, each with ulterior motives, become trapped together in a mansion to solve the puzzle of his murder. Directed by Alessandro Genovesi, the film's cast features Margherita Buy, Ornella Vanoni and Micaela Ramazzotti. This Italian whodunnit murder mystery is a remake of director François Ozon's 2002 dark comedy film, *8 Femmes*, which is based on French play.

### THE MAN BEYOND THE BRIDGE

MUBI  
Set in Goa, this Konkani-language movie is about a recently widowed forest ranger who lost his wife to a wild animal. Living alone in the forest, he strikes up an unlikely relationship with a woman who seems to be lost. The film premiered at the 2009 Toronto International Film Festival, where it won the prize of the International Federation of Film Critics (FIPRESCI Prize) for Discovery. The film tries to destigmatise mental illness. It also talks about greed and corrupt practices of people in power.

### ON THE EDGE

BOOKMYSHOW STREAM  
The movie follows the story of Peter (Aramis Sartorio) who gets more than he paid for when he books a 36-hour session with the sadistic mistress Satana (Jen Soska) as she wants to make this family man suffer for his sins. This is the sixth film by the Soska twins, Jen and Sylvia Soska, who have established themselves as horror film directors to watch out for. The Soska Sisters have not only directed this psychosexual thriller but also acted in it.



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2 Name of work with its location Construction of washable apron based on BLT-concept at new line no 5 & 6 and extension of PFs including allied civil works at Subzimandi Station in c/w Additional Train handling facilities at Subzi Mandi station of Delhi Division.  
3 Approx. cost of work. Rs. 2,14,55,078.12/-  
4 Earnest money Rs. 2,57,300.00/-  
5 Completion period of work 5 Months  
6 Date and Time for submission of tender and opening of tender Upto 15.00 hrs. on 24.01.2023 opening of Tender at 15.00 hrs. on 24.01.2023  
7 Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
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Whereas complaint has been made before me that **accused Mahesh Puri S/o Lt. Jagtar Singh, R/o T-29/B, 5/4, Ground Floor, Bheel Basti, Bajjeet Nagar, Anand Parbat, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide **FIR No. 192/2021 Dated: 10.06.2021 U/s 323/341 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Anand Parbat, Delhi** punishable and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **accused Mahesh Puri**, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **accused Mahesh Puri**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).  
Proclamation is hereby made that the said **accused Mahesh Puri**, of case **FIR No. 192/2021 Dated: 10.06.2021 U/s 323/341 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Anand Parbat, Delhi** is required to appear before this court (or before me) to answer the said complaint on or before 16.02.2023.  
By Order  
Mr. Sh. Shubham Devadiya  
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1	Name of Work	Request for Proposal for Selection of Bidder for "Bioremediation and Clearing of Legacy Waste (Scientific Dumpsite Land Reclamation through Biomineral and Resource Recovery) at at Trencing Ground & Sewaigarha Kaitha Dumpsite, Ramgarh Nagar Parishad, Jharkhand
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3	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Rs. 14,34,32,000/- (Rupees Fourteen Crores Thirty Four Lacs Thirty Two Thousand Only)
4	Tender Fee (Rs.)	Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)
5	Bid Security (Rs.)	Rs. 14,34,000/- (Rupees Fourteen Lacs Thirty Four Thousand Only)
6	Time of Completion	213 Days
7	Date/Time of Publication of Tender on Website	31.12.2022 by 3:00 PM
8	Date of Pre-Bid Meeting	10.01.2023 by 4:00 PM at Office of Nagar Parishad Ramgarh, Near District Sadar Hospital, Chatramandu, Ramgarh Jharkhand 825101
9	Last Date/Time for receipts of Bids Online	13.01.2023 by 3:00 PM
10	Date of Receiving Hard Copy of Earnest Money & Cost of Tender Fee	Upto 17.01.2023 by 3:00 PM at Office of Nagar Parishad Ramgarh, Near District Sadar Hospital, Chatramandu, Ramgarh Jharkhand 825101
11	Tender Opening Date	19.01.2023 From 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM
12	Name & Address of Officer Inviting Tender	Executive Officer, Ramgarh Nagar Parishad, Jharkhand
13	Contact no. of Procurement Officer	6393812374
14	Helpline number of E - Procurement Cell	9110072039

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**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON**  
**See Section 82 Cr. P.C.**  
Whereas complaint has been made before me that **accused Gagan Khurana S/o Sh. Surender Khurana, R/o J-69A, Bander Wali Kuli, Ramesh Nagar, Delhi, 2nd Address: H.No. 360/2, 3rd Floor, Kharsa No. 805, Om Vihar, Ph-1, Uttam Nagar Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide **FIR No. 468/15 U/s 356/379/34 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Kirti Nagar, Delhi**, punishable and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **accused Gagan Khurana**, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **accused Gagan Khurana**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).  
Proclamation is hereby made that the said **accused Gagan Khurana**, of case **FIR No. 468/15 U/s 356/379/34 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Kirti Nagar, Delhi**, is required to appear before this court (or before me) to answer the said complaint on or before 22.03.2023.  
By Order  
Mr. Kapil Kumar  
Chief Metropolitan Magistrate  
West Dist., Room No. 146, 1st Floor  
Tiz Hazari Court, Delhi  
DP/4222/WD/2022 (Court Matter)

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**TENDER NOTICE**  
SN Activity Description  
1 Name of work with its location Contract for Development of Gat Shakti Mult modal Cargo Terminal (GCT) at PATAUDI ROAD Station Entirely on Railway Land  
2 Approx. cost of the work Rs. 7,63,11,926/-  
3 Cost of Tender form 11,800/-  
4 Address of the office Sr. DCM/New Delhi, DRM's Office, Northern Railway, State Entry Road New Delhi-110055.  
5 Earnest Money to be deposited Rs 76,31,200/-  
6 Completion period of the construction work 18 Months.  
7 Date & Time for submission of e-tender and opening of e-tender 11:00 hrs. on 23/01/2023 11:30 hrs. on 23/01/2023  
8 Website particulars where complete details of e-tender can be seen. Website of Northern Railway [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
No. 1C-MG-PTRD-35-GCT-2022 Dated 30/12/2022 3493/22  
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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH SAMAGRA SHIKSHA**  
STATE PROJECT OFFICE, KBC BOYS HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS, OPP. RAITHU BAZAR, PATAMATA, VJAYAWADA, ANDHRA PRADESH  
**TENDER NOTICE**  
e-procurement notice No. SS-18/3/2022-CMO SEC-SSA, dt. 30.12.2022  
Samagra Shiksha, Andhra Pradesh is inviting tenders through e-procurement for supply of Uniform Cloth under the scheme of 'Jagananna Vidya Kankana' for all the students (approximately 41.38 lakhs in number) studying classes I to X in Government/MPP/ZPP/Municipal/KGBVs/ Model Schools/ Residential/ Aided Schools of Education and welfare department in the State of Andhra Pradesh during the year 2023-24. For details please visit <https://tender.approcurement.gov.in> from 31.12.2022. Tender/RFQ form can be downloaded from website. Eligible firms are requested to upload the prescribed format as per the schedules given in the above website. Contact No. 0866-2426599.  
Sd/- State Project Director,  
Samagra Shiksha, Andhra Pradesh  
R.O.No. 1457PP Date 30.12.2022

**PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited**  
Regd Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, (Patiala)  
CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website: [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in)  
(Contact Number: 01881-275289,  
E-mail: [Se-hq-ggsstp-ropar@pspcl.in](mailto:Se-hq-ggsstp-ropar@pspcl.in))  
Tender Enquiry No. 7346/P-3/EMP-12154 Dated: 26.12.2022  
Dy. Chief Engineer/Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2022\_POWER\_94463\_1 for Procurement of Mill drive bearings of Bowl Mills XRP-803 & HP-803.  
For detailed NIT & Tender specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 30.12.2022 . 05.00 PM onward.  
NOTE: Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.  
RTP-104/22 20091/Pb

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**TENDER NOTICE**  
(Through E-Tendering)  
Name of work with its location Replacement of Analog Axle counter in loop line in SSB-JHI section of Delhi Division.  
Approximate cost of the work (₹) ₹53,39,582/- only  
Earnest Money (₹) ₹1,06,800/- only  
Address of the office Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C, Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annexure-1, DRM office, New Delhi-110055  
Date, Time for upload the tender / closing date & time 20.01.2023 upto 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](http://www.ireps.gov.in) and Notice board at S&T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM Office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055  
Tender No.: 558-Sig-16-M-Tender-1386 Date: 29.12.2022 3480/22  
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**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**TENDER NOTICE**  
SN Activity Description  
1 Name of work with its location Contract for Development of Gat Shakti Mult modal Cargo Terminal (GCT) at PATAUPI Station Entirely on Railway Land  
2 Approx. cost of the work Rs. 7,03,34,446/-  
3 Cost of Tender form 11,800/-  
4 Address of the office Sr DCM/New Delhi, DRM's Office, Northern Railway, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055  
5 Earnest Money to be deposited Rs. 70,33,446/- R/o 70,33,500/-  
6 Completion period of the construction work 18 Months  
7 Date & Time for submission of e-tender and opening of e-tender 11:00 hrs. on 23.01.2023 11:30 hrs. on 23.01.2023  
8 Website particulars where complete details of e-tender can be seen. Website of Northern Railway [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
No.: IC-MG-PRTP-34-GCT-2022 Dated: 30.12.2022 3494/22  
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**  
  
**Ravi Dass**  
General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a man namely **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown was found dead on 26.12.2022 at 8:33 AM** Infront of Crepi Shop, Ghanta Ghar Road, Subzi Mandi, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 16A dated 26.12.2022 has been lodged at Police Station, Subzi Mandi, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:  
**Name: Unknown, Age: 50 Years, Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Black Jacket, Checkdar Shirt, Purple Pant and Bare Footed.**  
If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.  
SHO  
Police Station Subzi Mandi, Delhi  
DP/4323/IN/2022 Ph.: 011-23823161, 8750870126

**JAIPUR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
Indira Circle, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Jaipur-302004  
No : JDA/EE&TA to Dir.Engg.-II/2022/D-148 Dated : 30.12.2022  
**NOTICE INVITING BID**  
**NIB No. : EE & TA to Dir.Engg.-II/40/2022-23**  
Bids are invited for works given below in various zones as per details given below :-

S. No.	Zone	UBN No.	Cost of Work (Lacs)	A&F	Nature of Work	Last Date
1.	EE-Elec-I	JDA2223WLOB00593	859.93	266/2022-23	Night Beautification by Dynamic Architectural Facade Lighting	18.01.2023

Details are available at Procurement Portal website [www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in](http://www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in), [www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in](http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in) and [www.jda.urban.rajasthan.gov.in](http://www.jda.urban.rajasthan.gov.in).  
Executive Engineer & TA to Dir.Engg-II  
Raj.Samwad/C/22/12541

**GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA**  
**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION, BHANDARA (Phone No. 07184-252412)**  
**E-TENDER NOTICE No. 19 of 2022-2023 (Second Call)**  
Online e-tenders in B-1 form for following works are invited by the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Bhandara from the eligible contractors. Tender document may be downloaded at Govt. Website <http://mahatenders.gov.in>. Rights to accept or reject the tender without assigning any reason reserve with Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Bhandara.  
Sr. No. Name of Works Esst. Cost. (Rs. in Lakhs) Earnest Money (Rs. in Lakhs) Cost of E-Tender documents Class of Contractor  
1 Construction of State Excise Administrative Building At Bhandara, Taluka & District Bhandara. (Second Call) 560.67 2.80 3360.00 Registered/Unregistered  
2 Construction of Dy. Regional Transport Office Building Bhandara At Mouza Paladi Tahsil & District Bhandara. (Second Call) 560.03 2.80 3360.00 Registered/Unregistered  
3 Extension To Circuit House AT Bhandara Taluka & District Bhandara. (Second Call) 196.78 1.50 1120.00 Registered/Unregistered  
Note:-  
1. Other terms & condition can be seen in the bidding documents.  
2. The details tender notice can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the e-tendering portal <http://mahatenders.gov.in>.  
3. The bidder shall submit the Hard Copy of Tender Document (Technical & Financial Envelope) in sealed Envelope with in 72 Hrs. on the last date of submission at the office of tender opening authority.  
Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
Public Works Division  
Bhandara  
C 5119  
New Delhi

**गार्डेन रीच शिपबिल्डर्स एण्ड इंजीनियर्स लिमिटेड**  
Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited  
Regd and Corp Office: GRSE Bhavan, 61, Garden Reach Road, Kolkata - 700 024  
(भारत सरकार का उपक्रम / A Govt. of India Undertaking)  
Web: [www.grse.in](http://www.grse.in) (CIN: L3511WB1934GOI007891)  
**E-TENDER NOTICE FOR ONLINE BIDDING**  
NIT No: SCC/NK/OT/BRC/B/P/063/ET-1920 DTD.23.12.22  
Sub: BIENNIAL RATE CONTRACT FOR BLASTING-PRIMING AND SYSTEM COAT PAINTING OF INTERNAL AREA (MACHINERY BILGES, INSIDE TANKS, DRY AND WET COMPARTMENTS) USING C.I. GRIT  
Due Date: 19 Jan 2023 (12:00 Noon)  
1. Details will be available in e-procurement portal <https://eprocuregrse.co.in> ; Central Public Procurement Portal <https://eprocure.gov.in/cppp/> and GRSE Website <http://www.grse.in/index.php/tender.html>  
2. Any addendum/corrigendum to this tender notice will be published in above websites only.  
"In pursuit of Excellence and Quality in Shipbuilding"  
Visit us at : [www.grse.in](http://www.grse.in)

**EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
**CORRIGENDUM**  
Tender No.: 04225049 Batch No.: 151A/22  
E-Tender Notice for supply of materials-"participation in through" web portal of IREPS-[www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) offers are invited for supply of the following materials: The closing time for all tenders is at 14:00 hr.:  
SLNo Item Existing Entry To be read as  
01 Tender Closing date 02/01/2023 09/01/2023  
02 Special Eligibility Criteria Nil Firms must possess valid license from Legal Metrology department for manufacturing, repairing, and sale of weight or measure, Firm must submit valid license along with offer, otherwise offer of the firm is liable to be rejected.  
Participants are required to submit their offer only on-line through the web portal of IREPS-[www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) before the closing date and time. Other details regarding consignee and detailed description of stores are available in tender document in tender notice on the above portal.  
PR/01779/HQ/STORE/C/22-23/48 SMM-cum Secy. to PCMM

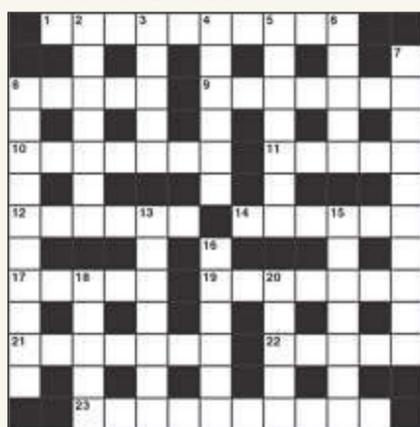
**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)**  
1 N.I.T. No. GSU/DLI/08/22-23 Dated :- 30.12.2022  
2 Name of work with its location Linking of B.G.P. Way track and other allied works such as Assembling, linking and dismantling of BG Railway track, points & crossing, traps, at welding work, glued joints, Supply of ballast, leading, loading & unloading of P.Way material & PRC sleepers Subzimandi/ Delhi in c/w Additional Train handling Facilities and Delhi Subzimandi-Delhi Main Additional line.  
3 App. Cost of work Rs. 5,50,87,568.38/-  
4 Earnest Money Rs. 4,25,400.00/-  
5 Completion period of work 8 Months  
6 Date & Time for submission of tender and opening of tender Upto 15.00 hrs on 24.01.2023 Opening of tender at 15.00 hrs. on 24.01.2023  
7 Website particulars & notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
No.: CPM/GSU/Engg./NIT/08/2022-23 (NIT-08) Dated : 30.12.2022 3495/22  
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**SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED**  
  
**Ravi Dass**  
General Public is hereby informed that one person **Namely: Ravi Dass, S/o: Lt. Suse Dass, R/o: H.No. 8/32B, DDA Flats, Sarai Kale Khan, Delhi** has been missing since **26.12.2022** at 12:00 pm from G-5/264, Sector-16, Rohini, Delhi from the area of P.S. K.N. Katju Marg, Delhi. In this regard a case vide **DD No. 72A dated 27.12.2022** has been registered at P.S. K.N. Katju Marg, Delhi. The description of the missing person are as under: **Age: 35 years, Sex: Male, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Oval, Built: Thin, ID Mark: Mentally Weak, Wearing: Light blue colour jacket, blue colour jeans, brown colour cap and black colour shoes in his feet.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this missing person kindly inform to the following.  
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>  
E-mail Id - [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 SHO  
Fax No. 011-24368639 P.S. K.N. Katju Marg, Delhi  
DP/4285/RD/2022 Ph.: 011-27571162, 8750870327

**EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
**OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE**  
Open E-Tender No.: EPC-ECR-ST-4  
GM (S&T)/Hajipur invites e-tenders on behalf of president of India for following work.  
1. Name of work with its location: Provision of automatic block signalling system between Sonnagar (SEB) Manpur (MPO) (inclusive) of DDU division of East Central Railway. 2. Approx. cost of the work : Rs. 84,76,03,264/- (Rs. Eighty Four Crores Seventy Six Lakh Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Four only). 3. Earnest Money to be deposited : Rs. 42,38,100/- (Rs. Forty Two Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand One Hundred only) and Cost of tender Document :- Rs. 0.00 (Rs. Zero Only). 4. Last Date & Time for Submission of tender:- 25/01/2023 up to 12.00 Hrs. and Opening of E-Tender 31/01/2023 after 12.30 hrs. 5. Full details of tender may be seen on [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) If there is any change in tender document/Date of opening/ closing, it will be updated on [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) The railway administration reserves the right to change/cancel/postpone the Tender at any time without assigning any reasons.  
Dy.CSTE/Works/Hajipur  
PR/1780/HQ/S&T/T/22-23/36

**कार्यालय परियोजना प्रबंधक, युनिट-25**  
कन्दूरेश्वर एण्ड डिजाइन सर्विसेज  
उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम (नारीय) (उपग्र सरकार का उपक्रम)  
मकान नं०-5, गंगा जवाहर कालोनी, निक्ट प्रशान्त नरिग होम, रामनगर रोड, अलीगढ़  
Visit us at: [www.cdsupjn.org](http://www.cdsupjn.org)  
E-mail id: [unit25aligarh@gmail.com](mailto:unit25aligarh@gmail.com)  
फ़ोन: 2115/ई-टेंडर/26 दिनांक: 30.12.2022  
**ई-निविदा सूचना**  
उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम (नारीय) को ओर से अयोध्याखरी द्वारा जनपद अलीगढ़ की नगर पंचायत कार्य सिकन्दरपुर में कल्याण मण्डल के निष्पादन कार्य हेतु अनुमानित लागत ₹ 241.43 लाख (जी.एस.टी. रॉल्ट एवं टैक्स सेस सहित) हेतु सी.एण्ड डी.एस. में योजित श्रेणी में पंजीकृत उम्मीदवारों से दिनांक **25.01.2023** के अपरान्त **14:30 बजे** तक ई-निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। उक्त कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा प्रारंभ दिनांक **31.12.2022** से दिनांक **25.01.2023** के मध्य उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की e-procurement वेबसाइट <https://etender.up.nic.in> से डाउनलोड किये जा सकते हैं तथा ई-निविदा दिनांक **25.01.2023** को अपरान्त **15:30 बजे** सी.एण्ड डी.एस. युनिट-25, उ.प्र. जल निगम (नारीय), अलीगढ़ में खोली जायेगी। ई-निविदा प्रारंभ का मूल्य ₹ 10,000+GST (18%) अतिरिक्त देय होगा। निविदा से संबंधित विस्तृत विवरण विभाग की वेबसाइट [www.cdsupjn.org](http://www.cdsupjn.org) एवं प्रोक्वोरमेंट पोर्टल <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध है। समस्त शुद्धि पत्र (Corrigendum) <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर ही अपलोड किये जायेंगे, इन्फो प्रूफ़ के कोई प्रकाशन नहीं किया जायेगा। निविदावाताओं को सलाह दी जाती है कि वे उक्त वेबसाइट का समय-समय पर अवलोकन करते रहें।

## CROSSWORD 4939



- ACROSS**
- Cleaners appear to put fellows off (10)
  - Shoot for almost the whole season (5)
  - General protection away from the wind (7)
  - To be sparing is of no avail (7)
  - Girl needing daily refreshment (5)
  - Confirm if a try is made correctly (6)
  - A track made by mountaineers (6)
  - He keeps on accumulating endless unhappiness (5)
  - Time of day for smoothing things out (7)
  - A model workplace (7)
  - Give a rough estimate (5)
  - Priest very disposed to obstinacy (10)
- DOWN**
- Serious article grasped by a man (7)
  - Bird - but not birdie (5)
  - Worn-out shoe? (6)
  - They're unnecessary pointless but still pointed (7)
  - Said to have remained sober (5)
  - Sat and gave new privileges for some people (10)
  - Yet it's enough food to go round (6,4)
  - Skin specialist (7)
  - A hole in ten unusually high minutes (6)
  - Educational award made in 60 minutes (6)
  - Cleaner oar (5)
  - Sides and top cut off hedges (5)

**Solutions Crossword 4938:** Across: 1 Cinema, 4 Impose, 9 Prairie, 10 Prior, 11 Ethic, 12 Ewe lamb, 13 Memorabilia, 18 Induces, 20 Sever, 22 Anoma, 23 Ironies, 24 Obtruse, 25 Reason. Down: 1 Copper, 2 Neath, 3 Morocco, 5 Maple, 6 Origami, 7 Enrobe, 8 Generalship, 14 Endmost, 15 Inshore, 16 Mikado, 17 Prison, 19 X-rays, 21 Vells.

## 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 clue.

Everything you \_\_\_ to the truth \_\_\_ from the truth. - Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn (3,.,9)

**DMAAR**      **NOYCTU**

**AHSST**      **EIOBDD**

Answer: DRYING, STASH, COUNT, BODIES  
Solzhenitsyn, Aleksandr

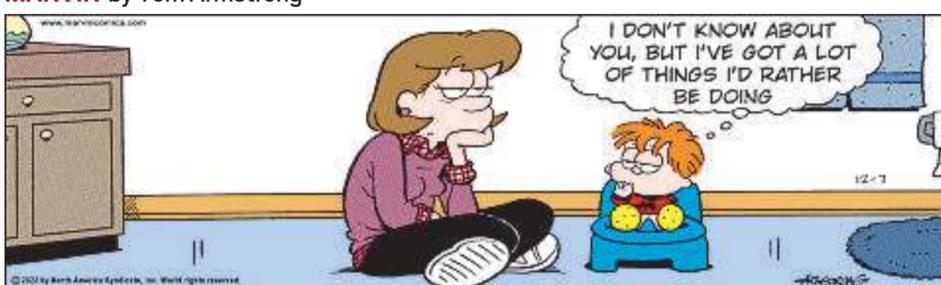
## OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



## CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



## MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



## Difficulty Level 3s

**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 5064



## DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

**ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**  
Some people say that you can't gain without some pain! However, when all is said and done there is little to stop you from enjoying yourself. In point of fact, four uncompromising planets are lined up with the regions of your solar chart signifying creative expression and self-indulgence. Go for it.

**TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)**  
While it is true that the general planetary trends are on your side, I do feel that this is the time for measured responses. In spite of what astrologers often claim, you can blow up, but this is perhaps not the best time to do so. There's nothing to be gained from blaming the first person who crosses your path.

**GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)**  
You should listen to other people instead of lecturing them. When partners are given a fair hearing, they may contribute some extremely useful advice. It is now the moment for you to realise that your ideas must be backed up with true facts. The time for bluff is over.

**CANCER (June 22 - July 23)**  
The financial situation is looking more and more favourable, although you would be foolish to take a large risk. You must always keep sufficient in reserve to cope with any contingencies. You might do well from mixing business with pleasure.

**LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)**  
You may either be putting in some overtime, or otherwise doing more than is necessary. But don't forget important leisure activities; stay active, keep moving and take steps to develop a new interest. If you go for a confrontation, you must take your share of the responsibility.

**VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)**  
You can fulfil your social engagements if you wish, but your stars are looking so monastic that the ideal way to spend the next few days would be far away on a spiritual retreat. One way or another, you must make more time for yourself, but family members overseas do offer a fruitful point of contact.

**LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)**  
Leaving to one side more profound issues, this is a day for retail therapy, window-shopping, browsing through catalogues and generally involving yourself in the consumer society. A generous gesture will help happy social gatherings go with a swing.

**SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)**  
What transpires between now and eight weeks' time will totally transform many of your opinions and attitudes - and some of your decisions. Hopefully, a few hard knocks will also help you smarten up your act and enable you to see just how well-off you are in many respects.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)**  
Part of your horoscope is shouting about fun, another is pulling you towards spiritual and philosophical dimensions. The solution would seem to be to enjoy yourself but never lose sight of the meaning of life. A loved one from far away is about to get in touch, so wait for the news to arrive.

**CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)**  
There is some way to go before you need experience any further shake-up. I know that some of you are still feeling bewildered and confused, but such feelings will pass, especially if you realise that you must get on with ordinary life. Plus, someone will surprise you by coming up with the best advice.

**AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)**  
While it's true to say that your solar chart is generally light-hearted, this is a very appropriate moment for serious discussions and important choices which will affect your practical affairs for a very long time indeed. A partner has the answer to an old question - if only they knew it.

**PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**  
It's a thoroughly useful period, and the most helpful thing you can do for yourself is sit down, have a good, hard think, and talk to people about all practical matters involving home and work. There are arrangements to make which can be deferred no longer.

## National Health Mission (Haryana) Bays No. 66-68, Sector-2, Panchkula

Adv. No.: 1/2022-23/HWC-CP/527/1293 Date: 30/12/2022

The State Health Society (Haryana) invites applications for 527 posts (143 New + 384 Backlog) of Mid-Level Health Providers-cum-Community Health Officers (MLHPs-cum-CHOs) on contract basis under National Health Mission (NHM) for providing Comprehensive Primary Health Care Services at "Sub Center level Health & Wellness Centres" (SC-HWC) being upgraded under Ayushman Bharat in the 19 Districts, as per detail given below:

District	Total	Gen	SC	BC-A	BC-B	ESM-Gen	ESM-BC-A	ESM-BC-B	EWS-Gen	PH-BC-A	PH-BC-B	EWS-PH
Ambala	27	5	7	4	3	3	1	2	0	0	0	1
Bhiwani	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Faridabad	14	5	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
Fatehabad	6	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Gurugram	15	1	6	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1
Hisar	27	3	10	5	1	2	1	2	2	1	0	0
Hajipur	32	6	12	4	1	0	2	1	3	3	0	0
Jind	45	3	18	5	5	1	3	2	3	3	1	1
Karnal	21	0	6	3	2	2	1	0	2	3	2	0
Kurukshetra	34	7	8	6	5	0	2	2	2	1	1	0
Mewat/Nuh	51	9	12	9	4	5	1	2	2	7	0	0
Narnaul	40	4	13	11	3	2	3	2	2	0	0	0
Panwal	27	2	8	4	5	1	2	2	2	0	1	0
Panchkula	9	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Panipat	46	16	8	5	4	3	2	1	2	4	0	1
Rewari	4	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sirsa	43	6	9	2	7	5	2	1	1	6	2	1
Sonepat	72	17	18	11	9	2	4	3	3	4	1	0
Y-Nagar	11	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	0
Total	527*	93	142	77	53	30	26	21	30	38	9	5

\* Total 527 advertised Posts of MHLPS-cum-CHOs are consisting 143 new seats & 384 Backlog, which has been considered on the basis of overall backlog of all previous recruitments and as per the category-wise and district-wise positions earlier advertised.

1. Eligible Candidates are required to apply online at the website [www.nhmharyana.gov.in](http://www.nhmharyana.gov.in) and to follow the below mentioned schedule for filling of Application Form, OMR Based Exam and Interview and Counselling etc.

Activities	Date/Time/Venue*	Remarks
Opening Date & Time: Submission of Online Application & Fee	01 Jan. 2023 by 10:00am	* Information about the actual Venue / Centre & Time for OMR Based Exam will be sent through SMS to the Candidates "one day before the Exam" at their Contact No. provided by them in the Online Application Form, as well as, same will be made available on their Admit Card one day in advance of the OMR Based Exam.
Closing Date & Time: Submission of Online Application & Fee	14 Jan. 2023 by 5:00pm	* Information related to this advt. will be sent through SMS, therefore, candidates are advised to provide their own functional Contact No., which is always available with them for most of the time.
Date, Time & Venue for Written Exam	29 Jan. 2023 at Chandigarh 10:30am to 12:30pm	* Candidates to ensure to reach at their Exam Centres atleast 02 hours before the given time for OMR Based Exam at Chandigarh.
Date, Time & Venue: Document Verification	06 to 14 Feb. 2023 at Panchkula	* District-wise Schedule & Venue for Document Verification and Counselling to be separately uploaded on NHM Website only i.e. <a href="http://www.nhmharyana.gov.in">www.nhmharyana.gov.in</a>
Date for Declaration of Final Merit (Written Exam + Additional 05 Marks for BPCCHN/MLHP)	17 Feb. 2023 at NHM Website only	* NHM Haryana will be not responsible for any type of delay in receiving/confirmation of SMS, as no physical information shall be communicated to candidates for this advt.
Date, Time & Venue: Counseling & Subsequent Joining	20 to 22 Feb. 2023 at Panchkula	* All referred dates are provisional, and if there is any change, it will be uploaded on the NHM website only. Thereby, all are hereby suggested to check the NHM Haryana Website for regular updates.

### 2. Essential Academic Qualifications:

- BAMS or Basic B.Sc. / Post-Basic B.Sc. Nursing Degree Holders, who have completed their Six Months Mid-Level Health Provider's Bridge Course Programme on Certificate in Community Health for Nurses (BPCCHN) from IGNOU or any University/Institution assigned by the State.
  - Basic B.Sc./Post-Basic B.Sc. Nursing Graduates, who have completed their Degree with Mid-Level Health Providers' (MLHPs) Course integrated in their Basic B.Sc./Post-Basic B.Sc. Nursing curriculum; in compliance with the Circular/Notifications(2019) issued by Indian National Nursing Council (New Delhi)\*\*.
  - BAMS, or Basic B.Sc. / Post-Basic B.Sc. Nursing Degree Holders\*\*\*
- Important Note regarding Essential Academic Qualifications given at Sr. No.2.1, 2.2 & 2.3:**
- \* \*\*The candidates with academic qualifications as per Sr. No. 2.1 or 2.2 are required to provide Valid Certificates only to ensure their eligibility for Six Months BPCCHN from IGNOU or any University / Institution assigned by the State, or MLHPs Course integrated in the Curriculum of Basic B.Sc./Post-Basic B.Sc. Nursing curriculum in reference of the Circular/Notifications issued by the Indian National Nursing Council, New Delhi in 2019 in compliance with the directions of the MoHFW/Gol.
  - \*\*The candidates with academic qualifications as per Sr. No. 2.1 & 2.2 shall be given preference in selection, for which additional 05 marks will be given to them, and they shall be given direct appointment as Mid-Level Health Providers-cum-Community Health Officers (MLHPs-cum-CHOs) on order of overall merit (i.e. Marks obtained in OMR Based Exam + Additional 05 Marks for particular Course as mentioned at Sr. No. N. However, the additional 05 marks will be considered only after production of the valid certificate of BPCCHN or MLHP Course, at the time of Document Verification, which is final stage for considering additional 05 marks, and after document verification no additional time shall be provided for producing the certificate of BPCCHN or MLHP Course.
  - \*\*The candidates with academic qualifications as per Sr. No. 2.3, will be considered for 06 Month Mid-Level Health Provider's Bridge Course Programme on Certificate in Community Health for Nurses (BPCCHN) from IGNOU in order of Marks obtained in the OMR Based Exam only, and in view of the availability of seats in particular District for which the candidate has applied.
  - \*\*Important Note to ensure her/his eligibility for claiming additional 05 marks on account of the said Course (as mentioned at Sr. No. 2.1 and 2.2) at the time of applying through Online Application Form. In case of claiming additional 05 marks on account of invalid/fake certificate(s) and for producing an invalid or fake certificate

(i.e. Other than BPCCHN issued by IGNOU or State University/ Institution, or MLHP Certificate integrated in the curriculum of Basic/ Post-Basic B. Sc. Nursing) legal and administrative action will be initiated by way of (i) Lodging FIR with Police against candidate and Certificate issuing Authority, and (ii) Cancellation of such candidate shall be rejected at the time of document verification and her/his seat shall be transferred to the next candidate in order of merit.

- Other Essential Qualifications:**
  - Age Limit 18 to 42 years and age relaxation shall be considered for reserved category candidates as per Rules of Haryana Government.
  - Hindi/Sanskrit language upto Matriculation level.
  - All selected candidates shall require to be registered with respective Council of Indian Medicines Haryana / Haryana State Nurses & Nurse Midwives Council (Panchkula), or Central Council of Indian Medicines / Indian Nursing Council (New Delhi) within two month after joining as MLHP-cum-CHO.
- Monthly Remuneration and Other Financial Benefits:**  
The advertised posts come under pay band of PB-2-9300-34800-4800-18750 as per Service Byelaws prescribed for employees of NHM Haryana. However, following emoluments may be given:-
  - Month honorarium of Rs. 25,000/- (i.e. Rs. 18750/- as per Pay Band-2 + Rs. 6250/- additional honorarium) will be given for initial 05 years. After completion of 05 years' satisfactory service, salary and all increment / allowances will be given as per NHM Haryana norms.
  - Benefit of Annual Increment of 5% on initial salary after completion of 01 year satisfactory service.
  - Benefit of Dearness Allowance after completion of 05 years satisfactory service.
  - Benefit of House Rent Allowance after completion of 10 years satisfactory service.
  - Monthly performance based incentive upto Rs. 15000/- will be given for initial 05 years on satisfactory performance for prescribed indicators at SC-HWC. Once, the salary and increment/ allowances are fixed as per NHM norms, then the monthly performance based incentive for prescribed indicators will be discontinued.
  - However, after deployment as MLSP-cum-CHO, she/he shall be entitled to monthly honorarium which will be subject to decision taken by Govt. of Haryana, Health Department / NHM Haryana from time to time, and she/he shall be abide by the subsequent improvisations / directions made by Govt. of Haryana, Health Department / NHM Haryana from time to time.

5. **Fee Details:** After submitting online application form, the candidates shall require to online deposit fee in the provided Bank Account by logging into the online application portal, as per detail given below:

Category	Fee (In Rs.)*	Remarks
General Category	Rs. 200/- per Application	Excluding General Category Physically Challenged Candidates with not less the 40% disability
Physically Challenged candidate belonging to General Category who suffer with not less the 40% disability	Rs. 100/- per Application	Subject to the Physically Challenged with not less the 40% disability Certificate issued by the 0/0 Civil Surgeon or Chief Medical Officer of their District.
All Reserve Categories (i.e. SC, BC-A, BC-B, EWS, ESM)	Rs. 100/- per Application	Although reservation benefits to be given to the Candidates belonging to Haryana State only

\*If any candidate submit more than one application in different District/Categories, she/he shall to pay requisite fee for each application separately and her/his candidature shall be considered only against the application for which she/he appeared in the OMR Based Written Exam. Requisite fee is required to be deposited online only, and no cash/physical fee is allowed.

**Important Note:**

- The requisite fee is non-refundable or non-reimbursable in all circumstances, once it is deposited in favour of NHM Haryana.
- In case, the candidate fails to deposit required fee, her/his application shall stand automatically cancelled / rejected and shall not be considered for further processing.
- It is reiterated that if any candidate applies more than one time, she/he is required to deposit requisite fee separately for each application, and her/his candidature shall be considered only for the District & Category for which she/he appeared in the OMR Based Exam and another application(s) automatically stand cancelled.

### 6. Other Important Information and Necessary Formalities for Candidates:

- Last date for receiving Online Applications alongwith online fee is 14/01/2023 by 5:00pm.
  - District-wise merit list will be prepared for the selection.
  - The post is non-transferable & non-deputational, and selected candidates shall be posted at Sub Centre level Health & Wellness Centre in the District, for which she/he to be selected.
  - OMR Based Written Exam of two hour duration will be conducted, which will be tentatively based on the below given syllabus and programmatic information:
- | Tentative Coverage of Syllabus  |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Syllabus/Programmatic Information*  | Approx. Coverage in Question Paper- |
| BAMS, Basic BSc & Post-Basic BSc Nursing Syllabus of CCIM & INC   | Upto 60 %                           |
| General Knowledge & Current Affairs   | Upto 10%                            |
| Reasoning & Mathematics Aptitude  | Upto 10%                            |
| Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child Health+ Adolescents (RMANCH+A) and all National Health Programmes covered under NHM  | Upto 10%                            |
| MLHPs Course integrated in the Basic BSc Nursing & Post-Basic BSc Nursing Curriculum, as per Circular/Notifications (2019) issued by Indian Nursing Council (New Delhi) | Upto 10%                            |
- \*References are Just Indicative & additional questions may be considered for OMR Based Exam.

- Candidates applying for advertised post should ensure that they fulfill all eligibility conditions particularly for respective Courses as per advertisement/corrigendum (if any). Their candidature at all the stages of the recruitment process will be purely provisional subject to satisfying the prescribed eligibility conditions. Mere submission of application form and depositing of requisite fee shall not imply that candidate is eligible for the advertised posts.
- If any ineligible candidate apply, then her/his Application Form shall be rejected without any information. Although necessary steps will be taken not to consider the applications of ineligible candidates for the advertised posts. Still if, any ineligible candidates apply or appeared in the OMR Based Exam, she/he shall not be considered eligible for further selection and her/his candidature shall be rejected at any level.
- District-wise provisional selection will be done on the basis of scoring of marks in the OMR Based Exam and additional 05 marks to be given to the candidates, who have already completed the BPCCHN Course, or MLHPs Course integrated in the curriculum of Basic BSc /Post-Basic BSc Nursing. Additional 05 marks will be considered on the basis of production of valid Certificate.
- Candidates, who have completed their BAMS or Basic BSc/Post-Basic BSc Nursing Degree before 2019 are state-wide not eligible for additional 05 marks to be given on account of Essential Qualifications, as respective Course (i.e. BPCCHN / IGNOU or University / Institution assigned by the State, and MLHPs Course integrated in the Basic BSc/Post-Basic BSc Nursing Curriculum) were not in existence before 2019.
- Candidates for claiming additional marks on account of essential academic qualifications, are required to attach the copy of the "BPCCHN Certificate issued by IGNOU or University/ Institution assigned by the State", or "MLHPs Course integrated in the Basic BSc /Post-Basic BSc Nursing Curriculum issued by their Institute, in reference of the Circular/ Notifications issued by the Indian National Nursing Council, New Delhi in 2019 in compliance with the directions of MoHFW / Gol.
- It is clarified that no other Certificate will be considered for additional 05 marks for referred Courses and Original Certificate(s) for claiming benefits of reservation and additional marks on account of essential academic qualifications

are required to be produced at the time of document verification. The Certificate(s) other than the prescribed format(s) shall not be considered for claiming any benefits of reservation and academic qualifications.

- Final merit will be subject to the Documents Verification and District-wise & Category-wise merit finalized on the basis of marks obtained in OMR Based Exam plus 05 Additional Marks to be given to the eligible candidates, who have already completed the BPCCHN, or MLHPs Course integrated in the curriculum of Basic BSc / Post-Basic BSc Nursing; for which original certificates shall require to be produced at the time of document verification to ensure their eligibility in terms of academic qualifications, BPCCHN or MLHPs Course, age, reservation benefit (if any), Eligibility Certificate, Haryana Domicile etc.. After document verification, no additional time shall be provided to any of the candidate for production of any certificate for claiming additional 05 marks on account of BPCCHN or MLHPs Course, and reservation benefit. Therefore, all candidates are required to produce relevant certificates at the time of document verification.
  - Reservation benefit in different categories will be considered for bonafide residents of Haryana only, who have the valid Haryana Domicile Certificates. Further, in case of candidates claiming reservation benefit for Ex-servicemen (Self/Dependent), Other Backward Classes (A & B Category) and Economically Weaker Sections (General Category), they are required to upload Valid Eligibility Certificate(s) issued by the concerned Competent Authority.
  - Candidates for claiming the reservation benefit(s) under particular category, are required to attach the copy of Certificate(s) of Scheduled Caste (SC) / Backward Class-A & Backward Class-B (BC-A & BC-B Certificate issued in the current financial year 2022-23 only) / Economically Weaker Sections (EWS: Certificate of Annual Income of Rs. 6,00 Lakh issued for financial year 2022-23 for Haryana Govt. Services only) / Ex-Servicemen (ESM: Latest Eligibility Certificate not more than 01 year old from the date of its issuance in case of Dependent, and Discharge Book / NoC in case of Self), issued by competent authorities only. All Candidates (except Scheduled Castes & Physically Challenged), who claim Reservation Benefits under any reserve category are required to get issue their Updated Certificates, as only Updated Certificates shall be considered for Reservation Benefits during document verification.
  - Reservation Benefits shall not be given to any of the candidate at the time of document verification, if she/he fails to produce the required Certificates as per the conditions specified above. No further time shall be given to any of the candidate for producing relevant Certificates for claiming any reservation benefit after the date of document verification. Therefore, all candidates are suggested to get completed / renewed their respective Certificates for claiming reservation benefits, before the date of document verification.
  - Each Candidate shall submit a Self-Undertaking at the time of document verification regarding their eligibility in case, if she/he is claiming the reservation benefit under any particular category. If the quota reserved for Ex-servicemen remains unfilled due to non-availability of suitable Ex-servicemen or dependents, then chance will be given to the Freedom Fighters' Children/Grand Children upto the extent of available reserved seat(s) under ESM category.
  - If there is any requirement of Assessor in case of Physically Challenged candidate in accordance of Competent Authority (i.e. Mission Director, NHM Haryana) is essential to be taken at least 3 days in advance of the OMR Based Exam. The Disability Certificate issued by the Medical Board /O/o the concerned Civil Surgeon alongwith all the relevant documents are required to be produced before the competent authority after the facility of Assessor.
  - All Candidates are required to bring printed copy of the online issued Admit Card/Rolling No. and Identity Proof for appearing in the OMR Based Exam.
  - Selected Candidates are also required to appear for the Document Verification and Counselling; for which Candidates are required to bring self-attested five sets of all Certificates, 5 passport size photos, Blank Non-Judicial Stamp Paper of Rs. 100/- for Surety Bond of 3 years job, Blank Non-Judicial Stamp Paper of Rs. 10/- for Contract under NHM.
  - Sample copy of Surety Bond at time of Counselling may be seen at NHM Website for advance information of Candidates to understand Terms & Conditions, which will be printed by NHM SHQ team at the time of Counselling and subsequent joining.
  - If any candidate fails to attend the Document Verification and Counselling Session as per fixed schedule, her/his candidature will be considered cancelled for the said post even if she/he is topper in her/his category/ district, and no further opportunity will be given to such candidates.
  - The selected Candidates are required to serve Health Department/NHM Haryana for at least 3 years continuously in the same District for which she/he has applied/selected, and in case any candidate left the service before three years, she/he shall be liable to financial penalty as per the Surety Bond. For this purpose, a Surety Bond for three years' service has to be signed by each candidate with NHM Haryana.
  - In case of equal marks obtained in the Written Exam by two or more Candidates in a particular Category, then merit will be considered on the basis of her/his seniority in age. In case of further equal status, final merit will be decided on the basis of marks obtained by them in their qualifying degree (i.e. BAMS or Basic BSc/Post-Basic BSc Nursing).
  - All Candidates are required to fill their Online Application Form carefully, as there is no provision of amendment after submission of the same. If any information is inadvertently filled wrong in the online application form, the candidate has to get it correct at the time of document verification her/him-self and department will not be held responsible for the same. The "District Applied For" shall not be changed in any circumstances, if any candidate filled it wrongly, she/he is suggested to fill another application form for her/his choice of District.
  - The MLHP-cum-CHOs already working under NHM Haryana are abide for three years' Service Bond as per existing norms. Hence, they are suggested not to apply for the current advertisement; if any of them apply, then she/he shall be responsible for administrative action, as per the conditions of the Surety Bond signed by them with NHM Haryana at the time of their earlier selection.
  - The existing MLHP-cum-CHOs already working with NHM Haryana, who will apply against the current advertisement, are required to declare their status in the Application Forms for information of the NHM SHQ. In case, any existing MLHP-cum-CHO, who hide the fact(s) regarding her/his working with NHM Haryana as MLHP-cum-CHO, her/his candidature for current advertisement will be rejected at any level.
- 7. Other Important Instructions:**
- Please read the following instructions & procedures carefully before filling the Online Application Form and depositing requisite fee:
- Candidates are advised to ensure the eligibility criteria that they fulfill all qualifications for the said post.
  - Job Profile and Term of Reference etc. are given in the Concept Note and Operational Guidelines for Comprehensive Primary Health Care, available at NHM website link i.e. [www.nhmharyana.gov.in](http://www.nhmharyana.gov.in)
  - After successful submission of online application form alongwith requisite fee, Candidates should take out print of online filled Application Form for further use.
  - Application & fee by post or by hand shall not be accepted and only online application & fee will be considered.
  - No TA/DA will be paid for appearing/attending OMR Based Exam/ Document Verification & Counselling, etc.
  - If it is found that any Candidate has furnished false information/document(s) at any stage of the selection process, her/his appointment/ recruitment will be cancelled/ terminated immediately once it came into the notice of NHM Haryana.
  - Reservations & age relaxation will be given as per Haryana Govt. policy and NHM rules only.
  - NHM Haryana, reserves the right to cancel the whole recruitment process at any time at any stage without assigning any reason(s) to the Candidates.
  - Qualification/Eligibility conditions, age and other documents will be determined with regard to last date fixed to apply online/eligibility also called as closing date i.e. 14/01/2023 given in the advertisement.
  - Candidates are advised to visit NHM Haryana website i.e. [www.nhmharyana.gov.in](http://www.nhmharyana.gov.in) regularly for latest updates regarding the selection for these posts, as no special communication will be sent for any update.
  - In view of COVID-19 situation, all candidates may have to be asked to follow the COVID-19 Guidelines; particularly for wearing of mask, maintaining social distance, and using of sanitizer etc. at the time of appearing for the OMR Based Exam & Counselling/Document Verification.

## RONALDO SIGNS FOR SAUDI CLUB: REPORTS

After his acrimonious exit from Manchester United, Cristiano Ronaldo has signed a two-year contract with Saudi Arabian club Al Nassr, local media reported on Friday. While the move is yet to be announced officially, Al Arabia claimed his contract will run up to 2025 while CBS added that the Portuguese star will be paid \$75 million per year, apart from bonuses. **ENS**

## BCCI headquarters swamped with fan calls seeking Pant's health status

DEVENDRA PANDEY  
DECEMBER 30

THE BOARD of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) headquarters in Mumbai has been receiving constant calls from fans across the country asking for updates on India wicket-keeper batsman Rishabh Pant, who was injured in a car accident on Friday morning. Fans wanted to know whether Pant's injuries are serious, when he will recover and whether he will be able to play the home Test series against Australia starting in February. Some of them also wanted to know which hospital he has been admitted to.

Pant suffered multiple injuries when his car collided with a road divider on the Delhi-Dehradun highway on Friday morning. The 25-year-old, who was going to his home in Roorkee, was taken to a local hospital before

being shifted to Dehradun. He suffered injuries on his head, back and feet but is in a stable condition.

Prayers and support for Pant poured in not only from India but from across the cricketing world. India captain Rohit Sharma, who is in Maldives, spoke to the doctors treating Pant, while many other teammates got in touch with his family members and manager to enquire about the health of the Delhi Capitals skipper.

Former Australia captain and Delhi Capitals coach Ricky Ponting tweeted, "Thinking of @RishabhPant17. Hope you're on the mend and back on your feet soon."

England wicketkeeper-batsman Jonny Bairstow wrote, "Speedy recovery @RishabhPant17 never nice to see people in accidents but relieved he's stable and at the hospital! For now I think now people should

let him rest and recover in private! #RishabhPant" India wicketkeeper-batsman Dinesh Karthik appealed to social media users to respect Pant's privacy. "Also request everyone to pls pls not share photos of him in bandages and injuries and give him and his family some space and privacy. Let's be human."



Prayers came from Pakistan too. All-rounder Shoaib Malik wrote, "Just came to know about Rishabh Pant's accident in India. Sending many prayers and wishes for you @RishabhPant17. Wishing you a speedy recovery, get well soon brother... #RishabhPant" Other Pakistani players such as Mohammad Hafeez, Hasan Ali, Shaheen Shah Afridi and Shadab Khan took to social media to send their wishes to Pant, as did Afghanistan star Rashid Khan.

Pant was recently dropped from the India

white-ball squad for the Sri Lanka home series. It is learnt that he flew from Dubai and drove his car alone. Some teammates said he wanted to give his family a surprise and wanted to spend the new year with his family. In a video that has gone viral, Shikhar Dhawan had earlier requested Pant to give up driving fast.

BCCI secretary Jay Shah also spoke to Pant's family. In a media release, the board stated that Pant had suffered two cuts on his forehead and a ligament tear in his right knee. He had also hurt his right wrist, ankle, toe and suffered abrasion injuries on his back, the statement added. "Rishabh's condition remains stable, and he has now been shifted to Max Hospital, Dehradun, where he will undergo MRI scans to ascertain the extent of his injuries and formulate his further course of treatment.

"The BCCI is in constant touch with

## BCCI TO APPOINT NEW SELECTORS IN FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY

The BCCI has called a meeting on January 1 to review the Indian team's performance in the T20 World Cup and on the Bangladesh tour, where the visitors lost the ODI series. The meeting will be attended by the board office-bearers along with the team management, which comprises coaches Rahul Dravid and VVS Laxman, and captains. Meanwhile, the new selection committee will be

appointed in the first week of January ahead of the New Zealand home series, which starts on January 18. The Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) composed of Ashok Malhotra, Jatin Paranjpe and Sulakshana Naik met BCCI secretary Jay Shah on Friday in Mumbai. The CAC will shortlist candidates and interviews are likely to be conducted online on January 2 and 3. **DEVENDRA PANDEY**

Rishabh's family while the Medical Team is in close contact with the doctors currently treating Rishabh. The Board will see to it that

Rishabh receives the best possible medical care and gets all the support he needs to come out of this traumatic phase," the BCCI stated.

## A star is gone

'We'll never forget him': Monuments lit up, tributes pour in as millions mourn the loss of football great Pele

REUTERS  
SAO PAULO/SANTOS, DECEMBER 30

BRAZIL ON Friday mourned the death of one of its brightest stars, fptbba; legend Pele, with fans and friends paying their respects to the sports icon who died at the age of 82 after battling colon cancer for just over a year.

Outside Sao Paulo's Albert Einstein hospital, where Pele had been undergoing treatment, fans gathered to mourn the loss of one of the greatest ever exponents of the beautiful game, displaying Pele memorabilia on a clothesline by the entrance.

"I'll never forget him, the Brazilian king of soccer," said 67-year-old Antonio da Paz. "He provided us with joy even in our saddest times." Pele's death has unified Brazil, a country starkly divided by a bruising presidential election.

Outgoing far-right President Jair Bolsonaro, who leaves office on Sunday, declared three days of mourning.

"I had the pleasure of meeting him, talking to him for a few minutes in 1991 - a simple man who raised Brazil's name in the four corners of the world," Bolsonaro said in a social media broadcast on Friday. "The whole world is crying today".

Monuments have been lit up to honour the only man to win the World Cup three times as a player, including Rio de Janeiro's Christ the Redeemer statue and Sao Paulo's NeoQuimica Arena, where the opening match of the 2014 World Cup was played.

"I lost my brother," Pele's longtime personal assistant Jose Pepito Fornos told Reuters. "But we'll have all eternity to be together in the Father's house."

Edson Arantes do Nascimento - Pele's given name - died on Thursday at 3:27 p.m. local time "due to multiple organ failures resulting from the progression of colon cancer associated with his previous medical condition," the hospital said in a statement.

Pele's wake will take place on Monday, only after the inauguration of President-elect Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, in the center of the field at the stadium of Santos, his hometown club, which experienced a cloudy and rainy Friday morning.

Most of the people around the stadium were reporters, while the club's staff prepared the venue for Pele's memorial. A message on the stadium's big screen read "Thank you, Pele".

On Tuesday, a procession carrying his coffin will pass through the streets of the coastal city of Santos, ending at the Ecumenical Memorial Necropolis cemetery, where he will be buried in a private ceremony.

## 'He could do everything'

Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola likened the legacy left behind by Pele to the script of a movie on Friday, saying football would not be what it was without the Brazilian soccer legend.

"On behalf of Manchester City, biggest condolences to his family. Football is football thanks to these types of people, players and human beings," Guardiola told reporters ahead of Saturday's Premier League game against Everton.

"I think Neymar said it, before the number 10 was just a number and after it became something special - every top player wants to wear it for their team. What he has done for football is there and always will remain.

"He didn't just win three World Cups - it was a new thing when he came up. I was not born when he was playing but it's like a good movie, no? The legacy after many years is still there." Guardiola added that Pele had the potential to be successful in any era of the sport.

"When I was in the academy at Barcelona I had a physiotherapist who was in love with Brazil and Pele. And after when I was nine or ten, I started to watch some clips," Guardiola said. "Now I realise he was so strong and could do everything. People say that rhythm was completely different. These type of players, if he was playing now, he would adapt to the rhythm and the pace.

"He was so intuitive and in skills and mentality, he could play in every generation. Everyone has their own greatest."



A girl walks among a floral arrangement for Brazilian football star Pele at the City Hall in Santos. **AP**

## Greatest feint: The magical Pele miss that is part of football folklore

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PELE IS rushing towards the ball. So is the celebrated Uruguayan goalie Ladislao Mazurkiewicz, who would win the best goalkeeper of the tournament award in that 1970 World Cup. Pele is blurring across from the right of the midfield when his team-mate Tostado kicks the ball up towards centre from left, an almost perfectly weighted pass. Perhaps, a milligram or two less of force would have made it absolutely perfect but Pele was tearing up after it like a man possessed.

And he was a man possessed. When he was just 9 years old, he would slip out of his home, leaving his footballer father Dondinho and friends hunched over a radio, listening to the commentary of the 1950 World Cup game against Uruguay. They were all sipping a beer and laughing as Brazil were in lead, but when Uruguay scored an equaliser and Pele remembers in his autobiography that the commentator had to re-iterate it again as he knew the Brazilians wouldn't believe it.

Young Pele was dawdling around with a football but when the fireworks in the neighbourhood suddenly stopped and his father's friends walked out of the home looking dazed. When he called out, his father would turn around with tears streaming down his face and blurted out twice, "Brazil lost, Brazil lost, Dico!".

Dico was Pele's nickname at home. His mother had to gently take him away, telling him to let his father be. A shocked Pele would cry and tell his father not to worry, one day he will take revenge against Uruguay. Now, it's 1970. On the eve of the game, someone tells Pele and other players, "They have been like a bone in our throat for 20 years. We have to beat them." They didn't know that Pele had his own motivations too. And so, now, he was galloping after the ball.

So was Mazurkiewicz, sprinting out to reach the crescent outside the box to meet the ball. The ball is between them, closer to the advancing Pele but increasingly tumbling towards the goalie, who enters the crescent first, the ball is still rolling between them, with Pele encroaching. Like a good goalie, Mazurkiewicz



The goal Pele didn't score - in the semifinals of the 1970 World Cup vs Uruguay - is one of the greatest moments in history of football. **AP**

bends his knees, spreads his arms wide, trying to inflate himself into as big a shield as possible as he now expects the moment of the Pele strike is upon him.

The dread thought in Mazurkiewicz's mind must be what if Pele doesn't strike at this moment but taps the ball to his right, position himself as a shield and sink in a left-footer at the open goal. With no time for the defender Anqueta to provide any cover, Mazurkiewicz would be left with no option but to foul Pele and hope. Would Pele take that move?

## Why didn't Pele do it?

The question as the ageing journalist Murilo once posed the author Sergio Rodrigues: Why didn't Pele do it? "Now I'm asking you, Neto, why didn't Pele do that? It was the right thing to do, wasn't it?" He answers it himself with this gem.

"In his refusal to touch the ball, Pele stripped football to its most rarefied essence. Football became a pure idea, and all of a sudden neither men, nor the ball, nobody at all was behaving as one would expect them to do in this illusory world. Taken by surprise, like the rest

of us, Mazurka sees the ball passing to his left and cutting like a knife across the right flank of the penalty area, while Pele becomes a golden and blue light flashing by towards the opposite side," he is quoted in the Hazlitt magazine.

"Pele by now is Pele. He is sick and tired of hearing that he is a legend, a demigod, so what has he got to lose by trying to become an absolute god? So he doesn't do the right thing, he does something sublime."

Pele doesn't touch the ball. Instead, at that very point where he could have either fired a shot or dribbled, he chooses not to touch; he runs into a little detour to his left.

The effect on Mazurkiewicz is even more startling. As if he were transfixed, caught in the Pele trance, he distrusts his eyes. World's best goalkeeper mixes up the illusion with the reality. The ball is in front of him to pluck, but so sure he is about Pele's greatness, that wondrous mind and the springy right foot, he follows that illusion. As if in fear that the ball right in front of him is a mirage, it's actually attached to the greatest right foot known in footballing history at that point. And so, Mazurkiewicz lets the ball alone, and lunges towards Pele, dazed.

Of course, then Pele cuts to his right and hurries after the ball and even as Anqueta huffs into the box, Pele would make his only mistake. He would rush into the pivot turn at the far end, but as he was at the wrong side of the ball, the half-turn he attempted goes awry, and his kick would take the ball just wide of the goal. He then saunters back, popping a gum or an ice-cube, as it's been said, into his mouth, as if he is tooth-picking after a satisfying wedding feast - relaxed and ever-so cool.

Decades later, he would write in his autobiography, "Sometimes I dream that I hit the back of the net. I didn't play that thinking how it would look though - I just really wanted Brazil to win; it seemed a good scoring option then. But sometimes life gets in the way."

The other day during the Qatar world cup, a Pele snapshots video would go viral: Pele doing all the modern dribbling moves decades earlier than all the modern variants by other strikers from Messi to Maradona to Ronaldos (R9 and Cristiano). Been there, done that - Pele style.

A few years after the 1970 game, in a club match, Norberto "Beto" Alonso would do the Pele 'runaround' move, scoring in a 7-2 win against Independiente. In 1995, in another club game, the Swedish professional Jesper Blomqvist too would successfully do a Pele, the left-footed striker cutting to his right, letting the ball pass through the goalie, before pivoting to strike the ball into the net. The ball was moving at a far less speed this time, though, and moreover, it's the original vision - that this can be even thought off - belongs to the pioneer Pele. The greatest goal would remain the goal that never was; perhaps it's more romantic this way. That even the great(est) can fail. Sometimes, life does get in the way.

The last word, then, to Murilo, the journalist who was there at the stadium that day. "What happened there was simple: Pele challenged God and lost. Imagine if he hadn't lost. If he hadn't lost, the human race would never have slept peacefully again.

Pele challenged God and lost, but what a majestic challenge. That goal he didn't score is not only the greatest moment in the story of Pele, it is also the greatest moment in the history of football."

Centurion Pradosh Ranjan Paul dismissed Jonty Sidhu (14), who holed out to Vijay Shankar at long-off.

Sai Kishore got into the act with a lovely tossed-up delivery, deceiving Himmat Singh to have him stumped. Warrior had Lalit Yadav (2) nicking behind and Washington Sundar cleaned up Pranshu Vijayan (1) to leave Delhi reeling at 242 for 8 at tea.

Post the break, Sundar ended Harshit Rana's blockathon, trapping him lbw, and bowled the No 11 Kuldip Yadav to wrap up the innings. Vaibhav Rawal was left stranded on the other end as he missed his third first-class century by five runs.

Tamil Nadu bowlers led by Washington Sundar (4/43), Sai Kishore (2/53), Sandeep Warrior (2/64), L Vignesh (1/43), Pradosh Ranjan Paul (1/17) bowled their heart out. TN's bowling has been excellent in the season so far, picking up all 60 wickets in the three matches.

Delhi's senior batter praised the Tamil Nadu attack. "They bowled better than us. They had a plan and they executed it perfectly. We have a very inexperienced bowling attack but they did reasonably well," said Shorey.

Shorey, who has amassed 579 runs in six innings rued the fact that he missed out on hundreds in both innings. "It's a crime when you get out after spending so much time on the wicket," he said.

Tamil Nadu spinner Sai Kishore rated the Kotla surface a "sporting track" and if not for bad lights they could have got an outright win.

"Pitch was result oriented. In the first innings, there was no help for the spinners and in the second innings, we (Sai and Sundar) realised that bowling slow is the way forward on this track. Few things are not in our hands but we are happy with the three points," said Sai Kishore.

Tamil Nadu will travel to Mumbai for their next match, while Delhi will be up against Saurashtra in Rajkot. **Brief Scores: Delhi: 303 & 242 (Vaibhav Rawal 95 not out, Dhruv Shorey 70); Washington Sundar 4/42, Sai Kishore 2/53) Tamil Nadu: 427 for 8 declared & 54 for 3**