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HYDERABAD FORGES AHEAD

Metro Connectivity to Airport!

- After successfully commissioning of world's largest PPP in Metro (Phase I) covering 69 kms with 4.3 lakhs daily commuters, a game changer in public transport for southern Hyderabad and Airport - Airport Express Metro

Benefits Beyond Airport Connectivity

- Multi location check-in facility at metro station will be a crucial public transport link for southern Hyderabad and suburban areas
- A crucial link for the Aerocity at Adibatla and proposed Pharma City
- Will help decongest the city transport significantly
- City to Airport in Just 26 Minutes

31 KMS in first phase

100% Funded by State Government

Laying of Foundation Stone

of Hyderabad Airport Express Metro at IKEA Junction by

Sri K. Chandrasekhar Rao

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Telangana



Over the last 8 years, Telangana Government has set the finest examples in thoughtful and holistic development across both rural and urban landscapes. Guided by the visionary leadership of our Hon'ble Chief Minister **Sri K Chandrasekhar Rao**, the flourishing state, with each project, is transforming Hyderabad into VISHWANAGARAM - a truly global city.



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HYDERABAD METRO RAIL

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HYDERABAD THE FASTEST GROWING METRO IN THE COUNTRY



Roads - Pathways for Development



Durgam Cheruvu Cable Bridge taken up under SRDP

Strategic Road Development Project (SRDP):

Road Infrastructure in Urban Areas is taken up under Strategic Road Development Project (SRDP). 47 major road works are constructed at the cost of 5930 Crs of which 34 works including 18 flyovers, 14 underpasses/ROBs/RUBs, 1 cable bridge at Durgam Cheruvu are completed- This has helped to decongest the traffic ensuring seamless connectivity within the city.

Missing Link Roads under HRDCL:

A total of 21 important missing link road structures are completed and another 11 are in progress, with the total outlay of 490 Crs. covering 44 kms. These missing roads have helped to cut down the commuting time and reduced traffic congestion.



Comprehensive Road Maintenance Program (CRMP):

812 KMS of major important roads used by almost 3/4th of Hyderabad population have been taken up for regular maintenance under PPP for a period of 5 years at the cost of Rs.1839 Crs. This has had salutary effects on the upkeep even during peak rainy season



Strategic Nala Development Program (SNDP):

In order to provide the natural flow of excess surface water during rainy season, 56 works - mainly important storm water drains and 'nalas' costing Rs. 985 Crs., have been taken up under Strategic Nala Development Programme (SNDP). Based on the Natural Micro Basin Gradient, this will help control urban flooding on a permanent basis.

Free Residential Water and 100% Sewerage Processing

Water Security till 2050

- The number of Water supply reservoirs (OHSRs) were more than doubled since the formation of the state in June 2014. A total of 286 water reservoirs with a capacity of 486 ML were added since then to the existing 230 reservoirs and thus a total of 516 reservoirs with a capacity of 766 ML storage.
- Hyderabad had a total water supply availability of 18 TMC at the time of formation of the state on 2014. Since then, another 15.5 TMC has been added making it a total of 33.5 TMC presently.
- In addition, another 33 TMC from Sunkishala& 20 TMC from Kaleshwaram i.e a total of 53 TMC is being added for Hyderabad
- And this source augmentation will take care of water supply requirement upto 2050.



Set to be only city in India ensuring 100% Sewerage Treatment

An additional 1259 MLD sewerage is proposed to be processed with ongoing construction of 31 STPs and with this Hyderabad will be the only city in the country to achieve this status of 100% sewerage treated by March 2023



24/7 Assured Power Supply

Hyderabad islanding scheme is in place with installed capacity of 3700 MW to meet the requirement of Hyderabad and other critical loads. The islanding scheme operate at worst grid condition at frequency 47.9 Hz Telangana State Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (TSSPDCL) - 17 Nos of 400 KV substations, 55 Nos of 220 KV substations and 87 Nos of 132 KV substations have been constructed in Hyderabad city

In addition 153 Nos of 33/11 KV substations, automation of 228 Nos of 33/11 KV substations and are provided with SCADA/DMS equipment

24/7 uninterrupted power supply



Safety and Security...

Command Control Centre

State of the art facility built at a total cost of Rs 600 crores. A data centre and a war room connected to lakhs of surveillance cameras with a live feed from across the city. The building also has a Helipad on top and a disaster and crisis management centre.

In all 10 Lakh CC cameras have been installed ensuring safety throughout the city



She Teams

- A one-of-its-kind initiative offering safety and security to women
- Successfully dealing with eve-teasing in public places
- Completely confidential with online and offline complaint system
- Reforming errant with counselling and stricter measures

Dignity Housing for Poor



A total of 3 lakh urban 2-BHK dignity houses each with an area of 560 sq.ft. and cost ranging from 6 lakhs to 9 lakhs are being constructed in urban areas in Telangana Out of this 1 lakh are ready in Hyderabad

Flourishing Industry - Thriving IT

PRO-INDUSTRY POLICIES

Introduced TS-iPASS system for time bound and single window clearance of industrial applications with minimum inspection and maximum facilitation, 24 X 7 Power Supply, Multiplicity of incentives to attract investment – 100% Stamp Duty Reimbursement; 25% Land Cost rebate up to Rs.10.00 lakhs; 25% Land Conversion cost rebate up to Rs.10.00 lakhs; Power cost reimbursement @Rs.1/- per unit for 5 years; 15% Investment Subsidy up to Rs. 20.00 Lakhs investment; 100% VAT reimbursement up to 5 years, Interest Subsidy, Seed Capital for 1st generation entrepreneurs... etc.,

T-HUB

The world's largest innovation ecosystem. T-Hub is perfectly positioned to help young entrepreneurs get off the ground and gain access to the 6Ms, namely - Money, Mentorship, Mindset, Market Access, Motivation and Manpower and the 2Ps, namely Policy and Partnership. Supporting 2000+ startups across 50+ sectors such as Health, EV, Blockchain, HR Tech, Agritech, Ed Tech, FinTech.. etc.





THE IMAGE TOWER- Boosting Animation Industry

Thrust for Animation and Gaming: A state-of-the art facility in 16,00,000 sq.ft., acting as a catalyst for the Animation, Visual effects, Gaming & Comics (AVGC) sector. It's a Telangana government initiative through PPP mode at an investment of Rs. 946 crore near HITEC City, the IT corridor of Hyderabad.

Favoured destination of global giants - Top 6 IT Companies

GOOGLE
- Biggest technology development centre outside US
- 3 Million sq.ft building coming up in Gachibowli

AMAZON
- World's largest campus

APPLE
- Largest tech development centre outside US

QUALCOMM
- Largest campus outside US
- Focussed on Semiconductors, Wireless Technology, 4G & 5G

META (FACEBOOK)
- Hyderabad - Largest and the only development centre in Asia

MICROSOFT
- Largest campus outside US

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Telangana

A leader in urban initiatives



HEALTH

BASTHI DAWAKHANA

263 Basthi dawakhanas are functional, apart from regular OPD services 57 types of medical testing facilities provided. So far 1,96,53,217 people utilized the medical services.



TELANGANA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES AND RESEARCH (TIMS), GACHIBOWLI

The medical facility setup at the peak of Corona Pandemic by the earnest efforts of Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri K. Chandrasekhar Rao is being transformed into a world-class multi-speciality hospital and research centre, adding to the fast-paced growth of medical infrastructure and institutions in the state.



ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS

TS-bPASS

- Facilitating seamless and hassle free Building / Layout approvals through single window online system
- No Building Permission or Occupancy Certificate is required up to 75 Sq. Yards. Applicants can get instant registration by paying a token registration fee of Rs.1/-
- Instant approval through self-certification for plot sizes from 75 to 600 Sq Yards
- Over 600 Sq Yards, approval within 21 days
- 1,63,307 applications processed under TS-bPASS so far

Unlimited FSI:

There is no restriction on FSI, which is encouraging more housing projects in private sector at affordable cost compared to other metro cities in the country

Liberal TDR:

The affected land owners are being given TDR @ 400% of the land affected, which facilitated the local corporation to take up formation of Major Link Roads, Road Widening / Nala Improvement etc. Land worth Rs.7,500 Crores is acquired by GHMC in last two years without any financial implications, to form / widen 174 roads



TS-iPASS

- A unique futuristic policy
- Self-certification & Automatic approvals
- Online application filing
- Time-bound clearance
- 15 days for approval of mega projects
- Zero tolerance to graft

CREATION OF NEW DISTRICTS

- To bring administration to the doorstep of citizens new districts, new revenue divisions and new mandals have been created in the state. Districts increased from 10 to 33, Revenue Divisions from 37 to 74, Mandals from 464 to 611, ULBs from 68 to 142 and GPs from 8690 to 12769

HERITAGE

PROTECTING THE RICH HERITAGE

The state government has taken up initiatves to protect the heritage and historical legacy of the city. Step-wells, Mozamjahi Market, Qutb Shahi tombs etc., are restored to earn UNESCO recognition. A stepwell in Bansilalpet is already restored and made into a tourist spot.



URBAN TELANGANA INITIATIVES



INTEGRATED VEG AND NON-VEG & MODEL MARKETS

- Furthering economic growth and creating facilities for public the government is set to build separate Veg and Non-Veg, Model markets at a cost of Rs.500 cr. Lands for the facilities have been allocated. Construction of 7 Market Bhavans are completed, works for 125 more facilities are in progress.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES



- Awarded the prestigious "World Green City Award 2022" by AIPH
- Hyderabad was awarded as the "Tree City" of the world consecutively for 2020 and 2021 by the Arbor Day Foundation and FAO of the United Nations
- Hyderabad was recognized as UNESCO Creative city in Gastronomy category in 2021
- Telangana state won 26 awards in Swachha Sarvekshan Awards and Indian Swachhta League, instituted by MOHUA, GOI; the second highest as a state in the country in the year 2022
- UNESCO Honour for restoration of stepwells at QutbShahi Tombs (2022)
- And number of other awards by HUDCO, HSMI & other institutions for urban initiatives …

LAKES & URBAN PARKS



PARKS

Hyderabad under the personal initiative and drive of Hon'ble CM KCR has bagged the prestigious AIPH World Green City award. Only city in India to have achieved this feat. GHMC developed 977 parks in the city and also maintains them in partnership with RWAs, NGOs and Colony Associations.

LAKES

More than 100 lakes have been adopted by Corporates and are being taken up for rejuvenation, cleaning and greening to create urban lung spaces.



SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

ANNAPURNA MEALS
SATISFYING HUNGER

- Running 150 centers and providing a meal at Rs.5.
- Benefitting 45,000 and more people daily.
- Till today 10,16,09,672 meals provided to the poor people with an expenditure of Rs.196.19 Crs.





MULTIPURPOSE FUNCTION HALLS

Construction of 25 Multipurpose Function Halls undertaken with an outlay of 95.69 Crs. Further GHMC is maintaining 1504 community halls for the requirements of local community.

SPORTS AND GYMS

GHMC has 521 playgrounds and 15 swimming pools. GHMC is providing Gym facilities at 135 places. Nearly 45,000 people use these facilities regularly.





MODEL GRAVEYARDS

Construction of 34 Model Grave yards undertaken with an outlay of Rs. 49.15 Crs. 30 completed and the remaining are in advance stage of completion. All required facilities are provided in a total of 560 graveyards

BUS SHELTERS

For the convenience of the citizens, GHMC constructed 1220 Bus Shelters in private partnership.





PUBLIC TOILETS

With an idea of one seat for every 1000 population, modern toilet facilities are created and maintained in hygienic conditions. 50% reserved for women.

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MoU-ONGC

ONGC signs a MoU with Shell for cooperation in CCUS studies. ONGC CMD, RK Srivastava & Chairman of Shell Group of companies in India, Nitin Prasad signed the MoU in the presence of Secy. MOP&NG,Pankaj Jain.



CSR PROGRAM-SBI

Under its CSR program, SBI has donated an ambulance to Alshifa Multispecialty Hospital, Okhla, New Delhi. KK Avasia, CGM of New Delhi Circle handed over the vehicle to MA Nazar, Director of the hospital.



AWARD -PNB

PNB won the runner-up award for the Best Fintech Collaboration & the Best AI &ML Bank award at the 18th Annual Banking Technology Conference, Expo&Awards 2022. AK Goel, MD & CEO, PNB & H Verma, CGM-IT, PNB received the awards.



INAUGURATOION-PSB

P&SB has opened its three new branches in the month of Oct.& Nov. 2022. The Branch at Andhramath, Madhubani district in Bihar was inaugurated by Ramprit Mandal, MP. Gajraj Devi Singh Takhur,GM, P & S was also present.



NAVY DAY -NATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC

CM of Uttarakhand, PS Dhami, was the distinguished guest in the 'At Home' function held at the National Hydrographic Office premises marking Navy Week celebrations' culmination. Gov. of Uttarakhand, G. Singh, released the India- WINS webpage.



MEETING-RBI

Town Hall meeting on "Forex for You" was organized at Bengaluru by RBI. Gurumurthy R, RD, RBI Bengaluru, LV Prakahakar, MD & CEO, Canara Bank, Dr K Balamurugan, Commissioner, Customs Bengaluru were present.



RETAIL BANKING MANUAL-PNB

PNB observed "IDPD" in a unique way by introducing an upgraded version of Retail Internet Banking Manual for customers who are visually impaired. The manual was unveiled in the esteemed presence of George Abraham, CEO Score Foundation.



EVENT-BIS

An event was organized at BIS, New Delhi, to felicitate All India First license to M/s SMPP Pvt. Ltd., Palwal for Bullet Resistant Jackets & to M/s Star Safety Hub, Faridabad for Protective clothing for industrial workers exposed to heat.



G-20-PHDCCI

PHDCCI Delegation led by Saket Dalmia, President, PHDCCI met Amitabh Kant, India G-20 Sherpa, to further discuss organizing meetings and events at the sidelines of G20.



PRIZE DISTRIBUTION -ITPO

The 41st edition of ITPO mega event India International Trade Fair concluded with prize distribution ceremony on 27 Nov. in which ITPO Pragati Choir led by poet & vocalist Prakash Chander presented Saraswati Vandana with it members.

SPECIAL ADDRESS



EIL Vartika Shukla, C&MD, EIL delivered the Special Address during Inaugural Session of Economic Times Energy World Gas Conclave 2022 held in New Delhi during Dec. 5-6, 2022. The inaugural session was graced by eminent thought leaders of Indian energy sector including Dr Anil Razdan, former Secretary, Ministry of Power & Dr Ashutosh Karnatak, Member (P&NG), APTEL & former CMD, GAIL. Addressing the august gathering, Shukla in her special address said that Natural Gas shall remain an important energy source for Indian ecosystem with GOI aiming to raise the share of Gas in the energy mix to 15% by 2030. Ms. Shukla advocated for a robust and mature Gas Exchange to pave way for a sustainable India.

APPOINTMENT



PNB The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of hri M Paramasivam as the ED of PNB with effect from 1st Dec. 2022 for a period of three yrs. Paramasivam, an agriculture graduate, started his journey in Canara Bank as Agricultural Extension officer in the yr 1990 & has served the bank for last 32 yrs in various capacities as Branch Head of VLBs, as Regional & Circle head of various regional & circle offices & also headed Priority Credit Wing at Head Office, Canara Bank. His experience & contribution is spread across multiple domains of Branch Banking, Credit, Priority Sector, Forex &Trade Finance, Compliance, among others.



CSR-SAIL

On the 'International Day of Persons with Disabilities' SAIL distributed assistive devices to Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjans) across its Plants/Units & Corporate Office. Soma Mondal, CMD along with other senior officials was present at the event.

SYMPOSIUM-PIB



The 17th international Metal Ions Symposium 2022 was inaugurated.Guest of Honor Satyendra Prakash, Principal DG,PIB, Government of India emphasized the need to implement national policies concerning the Health sector with enthusiasmand enhancing the outreach.

LIC Chairperson, LIC of India MR Kumar launched LIC's select interactive services with its Policyholders on WhatsApp. Policyholders who have registered their Policies on the LIC Portal will be able to make use of these services on WhatsApp by saying 'Hi' on Mobile No.8976862090.

NTPC Coal Mining stands to its commitment of increasing coal production & consistent quality fuel supply to NTPC power plants. With a coal production of 12.24 Million Metric Tonnes till Nov'22 in this fiscal compared with 8.27 Million Metric Tonnes of coal production in the same period of previous yr, NTPC has portrayed a phenomenal year-on-year production growth of 48%. The four operational coal mines viz. Pakri-Barwadih (Jharkhand), Chatti Bariatu (Jharkhand), Dulanga (Odisha) & Talaipalli (Chhattisgarh) have contributed in accomplishing the highest ever monthly coal production of 20.47 Lakh Metric Tonnes in Nov.'22 since their inception.

EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, LAUNCHES, CSR INITIATIVES, APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

छावनी परिषद, मथुरा

(हर काम देश के नाम)

पुन: ई-नीलामी सूचना

सूचनार्थ प्रकाशित है कि छावनी परिषद मथुरा द्वारा पुराने वाहनों की ई-नीलामी में भाग लेने वाले इच्छुक कबाड़े के व्यापारी/ठेकेदार नीलामी में भाग लेने के लिए प्रारम्भिक दिनांक 09.12.2022 सांय 5:00 बजे से ई-नीलामी अंतिम दिन दिनांक 19.12.2022 सांय 5:00 बजे तक, समस्त दस्तावेजों के साथ अपलोड करेंगे। ई-नीलामी से सम्बन्धित शर्तें वेबसाइट **http://eauction.gov.in** पर देखी जा सकती है।

मुख्य अधिशासी अधिकारी,
छावनी परिषद मथुरा
(अभिजीत भाणावत)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P. C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Sandeep @ Sunny S/o Dharmpal** R/o H.No. B-86 DDA Flats Jahangir Puri Delhi have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under **FIR. No. 207/2022 U/s 420/34 IPC.** has been registered at **P.S. Burari Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said, **Sandeep @ Sunny** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, **Sandeep @ Sunny** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused, **Sandeep @ Sunny of FIR.No.207/2022 u/s 420/34 IPC. registered at PS. Burari**, is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **06.01.2023**

By Order
Sh. Mayank Aggarwal MM,
Tis Hazari Courts Delhi

DP/3552/N/2022-
Court matter

Varthana Finance Private Limited

(Formerly known as Thirumeni Finance Private Ltd.)
Registered Office at : No. 5BC-110, Varasiddhi. Outer Ring Road, Service Road, 3rd Block, HRBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560043. Website www.varthana.com, Email: care@varthana.com, Phone: 080-68455777, Branch Office : No. 109,Ground Floor,Tagore Villa, Chakrata Road, Dehradun 248001.

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8(1)] (For Immovable property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **M/s. Varthana Finance Private Ltd., (Formerly Known as M/s. Thirumeni Finance Private Ltd.,) Dehradun Branch,** Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice dated: 23-08-2022,** calling upon the **Applicants/ Co-Applicants/ Mortgagors, in Loan Account No's. S19DHD-DHD-006229, U20DHD-DHD-014625, U21DHD-DHD-016481 and U22DHD-HWD-019869, 1). M/s. Shivam Academy,** Represented by its Authorised Signatory, **2). M/s. Jai Shree Krishna Grammothan Samiti,** Represented by its Authorised Signatory, No. 1 and 2 are having office at Aneki Road, Hetmpur, Roshnabad, Haridwar - 249402., **3). Mr. Krishanpal Sharma,** S/o. Dharampal Sharma, No. 226-C, Hetampur, Aurangabad, Haridwar - 249402., **4). Mrs. Reena,** W/o. Krishanpal Sharma, House No. A92, Govindpuri, Haridwar - 249401., to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being a sum of **Rs. 57,58,300/- (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Only)** as on 19-08-2022, to pay agreed contractual rate of interest together with incidental expenses, cost and other charges etc., as details mentioned in the Demand Notice, till the date of payment, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

However the Applicants/ Co-Applicants/ Mortgagors herein above having failed to repay the full amount with interest/other charges, notice is hereby given to the Applicants/ Co-Applicants/ Mortgagors in particular and to the public in general that the undersigned being Authorised Officer of the **M/s. Varthana Finance Private Ltd, Dehradun** has taken **POSSESSION** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this day of **07-12-2022.**

The Applicants/ Co-Applicants/ Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the **M/s. Varthana Finance Private Ltd, Dehradun,** for an amount of **Rs. 57,58,300/- (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Only)** as on 19-08-2022, with agreed contractual rate of interest, as mentioned herein above until the date of payment together with incidental expenses, cost and other charges. The Applicants/Co-Applicants/ Mortgagors attention is invited to provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured Assets.

Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Khasra No.1692M, Khatoni No. 868, Total land area Admeasuring 1136.198 Sq Mtr, Situated at Village Anneki Hettampur Pargana Roorkee Tehsil & District Haridwar and bounded as under, East By : Land of Krishan Pal Sharma, West By : 40 Feet Road, North By : Road 20Feet Road, South By : 15 Feet Road.

Date: 09-12-2022
Place: Anneki.

Authorised Officer,
Sd/- Varthana Finance Private Limited

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

L. No. JHS-ELG-W-T-11-2022-23 **Date: 05.12.2022**

E-Tender Notice

For and on behalf of President of India, the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (Gen) North Central Railway, Jhansi invites open tenders through online (**E- Tendering**) for the following work :-

Description of work	Tender value	Bid Security
Part-A : Orchha -Development/upgradation of railway stations to religious destination. **Part-B: Chitrakut Dham-Karwi** -Development /upgradation of railway stations by uplifting of facad and circulating area and boundary wall to to give religious look.	Rs. 38,11,646/- only	Rs. 76,300/- only

Tender No. : JHS-ELG-W-T-11-2022-23
Completion period : 06 months
Closing date of tender: 30.12.2022 (upto 15:00 Hrs.).

Tenderer will submit the tender online upto **30.12.2022 (upto 15:00 Hrs.).** Complete details & for submission of tenders can be seen in Indian Railway website **http://www.ireps.gov.in.** **1639/22(K)**

@northcentralrailway | North central railways | www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in | @ CPRONCR

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No. JHS-N-W-55-22 **Date:- 05.12.2022**

E-TENDERING NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Jhansi, DRM's office, Jhansi, for and on behalf of President of India invite open Tender through on Line (**E-Tendering**) for the following works.

E-Tender No.	Description of work	Approx Cost	Earnest Money
JHS-N-W-55-22	Provision of Rail net through Optical Fiber Cable and CCTV for surveillance in Diesel Loco Shed, Jhansi.	Rs. 3566216.71	Rs. 71300/-

Cost of Tender Form: Nil
Opening of tender: 30.12.2022 Time 15.00
Completion period from issue of letter of acceptance : 06 Months

- Tender on line can be submitted upto **15.00 hrs.** on **30.12.2022.**
- For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website **www.Ireps.gov.in. (NORTH CENTRAL RLY/JHANSI DIVISION-S AND T)** **1647/22(K)**

@northcentralrailway | North central railways | www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in | @ CPRONCR

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Where as complaint has been made before me that one accused **1. Soniya** W/o Dalip, **2. Pintu** S/o Prem Pal, **3. Dalip** S/o Hari Ram and **4. Azad** S/o Prem Pal all are four **R/o** Gali No.10, Jharoda Mazra, Part-**III** Burari, Delhi have Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **FIR No. 58/2019 u/s 498A/34 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Timarpur, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **1. Soniya, 2. Pintu, 3. Dalip** & **4. Azad** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **1. Soniya, 2. Pintu, 3. Dalip** & **4. Azad** has absconded (or is concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **1. Soniya, 2. Pintu, 3. Dalip** & **4. Azad** of **FIR No. 58/2019 u/s 498A/34 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Timarpur, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **31.01.2023.**

By Order
Ms. Reetika Jain
Ld. Metropolitan Magistrate,
(Mahila Court-03), Room No.149, First Floor,
DP/3540/N/2022 (Court Matter) **Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi**

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr.PC.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Abhishek S/o Harender, R/o H.No. 409, Gali No. 27, Vijay Park, Moujpur, Delhi**, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 345/2017 Dated: 07/08/2017 U/s 356/379/34 IPC,** PS Jafrabad, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Abhishek** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Abhishek** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Abhishek** of **FIR No. 345/2017 Dated: 07/008/2017 U/s 356/379/34 IPC,** PS Jafrabad, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on 02.01.2023.

By Order
Sh. Bharat Aggarwal,
Metropolitan Magistrate,
DP/3360/NE/2022 **Room No. 48, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.**

राजस्थान युवा बोर्ड

(युवा मामले एवं खेल विभाग, राजस्थान सरकार) सवाई मानसिंह स्टेडियम, प्रथम तल, जयपुर टेलीफैक्स 0141-2741489

क्रमांक : प. 1(37)रायुबो/2022 जयपुर, दिनांक :- 07/12/2022

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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 person(s) **Vikash Kumar S/o Sukhpal Singh R/o B-98/13, Brij Puri, Yamuna Vihar, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. **140/2015 U/s 354D IPC Act, PS Moti Nagar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person(s) **Vikash Kumar** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) **Vikash Kumar** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person(s) **Vikash Kumar** of FIR No. **140/2015 U/s 354D IPC Act, PS Moti Nagar, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated **18.01.2023**

By Order
Ms. Tania Singh
MM-Mahila Court-03
DP/3341/WD/2022 Room No. 245, 2nd Floor,
(Court Matter) Tis Hazari Courts, New Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Kamrool, S/o Ajim, R/o: H. No. R-05, Gali No. 39, Hazi Colony Gaffar Manjil, Jamia Nagar, Delhi Also at: Village Taran post Duba, P.S. Jokihat, Distt. Arariya, Bihar** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 293/2012 dated 08.11.2012 U/s 379/411/420/467/468/471/34 IPC, P. S. Janakpuri, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Kamrool** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Kamrool** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Kamrool** accused of **FIR No. 293/2012 dated 08.11.2012 U/s 379/411/420/467/468/471/34 IPC, P. S. Janakpuri, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **21.01.2023.**

By Order
Ms. Bharti Beniwal
Metropolitan Magistrate-11,
Room No. 05, Ground Floor,
DP/3427/WD/2022 **Dwarka District Court, New Delhi**

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that this person **Name:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** 35-40 Years, **Sex:** Male **Height:** 5 feet 6 inch **Face :** Oval, **Built-** Thin, **Complexion :** Shallow, **Wearing:** Green Colour Shirt and Blue Jeans Pant was found Dead in front of Shop No. 4135, Naya Bazar, Lahori Gate, Delhi under P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi on 07.12.2022.

In this regard a FIR No. 21A, dated 07.12.2022, has been Registered at P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.

Dead Body has been preserved in Sabzi Mandi Mortuary, for 72 Hours if any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

SHO
P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi
DP/3602/N/2022 **Ph.: 011-23953776, 8750870122**

Ayodhya Development Authority, Ayodhya

Reference No. 4044 /Ayodhya DA /2022-23 Date:06-12-2022

Notice Inviting Tender

Name of work: - Request for Proposal for Appointment of Agency for 3D Modelling and GPR survey of Ayodhya City on GIS Platform using Drone/UAV Technology

Ayodhya Development Authority, Ayodhya invites proposals for Request for Proposal for Appointment of Agency for 3D Modelling and GPR survey of Ayodhya City on GIS Platform using Drone/UAV Technology

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Tender Issue Date: 6/12/2022
Last Date of tender Submission: 26/12/2022 by 1600 hrs (IST)
Submission of tender queries: 12/12/2022 by 1700 hrs (IST)
Pre Bid Meeting Date: 13/12/2022 at 1100 hrs (IST)

For any information contact, Mr. Gorky (Town Planner) Contact no. 91 8171897004 or email at **vcafda@gmail.com**

The Authority reserves the right to cancel the process of selection/appointment without assigning any reason thereof.

Detailed tender documents can be downloaded from the e-procurement website **http://etender.up.nic.in/**

Mr. Gorkhy Kaushik
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Ayodhya Development Authority

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Raj.Samwad/C/22/11439 **RUVN/PR-38 (2022)** **Superintending Engineer**

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1st CORRIGENDUM

Tender No. 30-Elect-26-T-R2-22-23-E3
Name of Work : Comprehensive annual maintenance contract (CAMC) of SCHINDLER make lifts (02 nos.) installed at TKJ Railway Officer's Colony for three years.
The amendments in above said tender are as under:

Tender No. :- 30-Elect-26-T-R2-22-23-E3

	Earlier published	Amended
Name of work	Comprehensive annual maintenance contract (CAMC) of SCHINDLER make lifts (02 Nos.) installed at TKJ Railway Officer's Colony for three years.	Comprehensive annual maintenance contract (CAMC) of SCHINDLER make lifts (02 nos.) installed at TKJ Railway Officer's Colony for three years.
Approx cost of the works in	Rs. 6.90 lacs	Rs. 6.90 lacs
Address of the office	Sr. Divil Elect. Engineer/ General, New Delhi	Sr. Divil Elect. Engineer/ General, New Delhi
Bid Security	Rs. 13800.00	Rs. 13800.00
Date & time of submission of tender	08.12.2022, 12:00 Hrs.	15.12.2022, 12:00 Hrs.
Opening of tender	08.12.2022, 12:00 Hrs.	15.12.2022, 12:00 Hrs.

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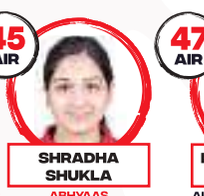
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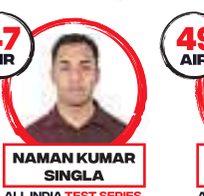
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I, INDU W/O-DEEPAK DHINGRA R/O-8/1 BLOCK-8 RAMESH NAGAR DELHI-110015,have changed my name to GAURI DINGRA. 0040644362-9

I, Harshit Shukla S/O Rajendra Prasad Shukla, R/o Gram Ram Sahay Purwa, Gopiya, Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh-271855. Declare that Name of My Father has been wrongly written as R P Shukla in my Educational Documents. The actual name of My Father is Rajendra Prasad Shukla, which may be amended accordingly. 0070816603-1

I, Geeta Nagpal W/o Dheeraj Khosla R/o-C-65, Sudershan Park, 2nd-Floor, Moti Nagar, Delhi-110015 have changed my name to Geetu Khosla

0070816678-1

I, Deeraj Narnag S/o Suraj Prakash Narang R/o C-29 First Floor, Vikas Puri, Delhi have changed my name as Dheeraj Narang permanently

0040644342-1

I, Ankit s/o Rajkumar,R/o Gangeru Shamli Uttar Pradesh-247775,have changed my name to Ankit Kumar, for all,future Purposes.

0040644360-1

I hitherto known as Reet Singh D/o Pritam Singh and W/o Late Ashok Suneja residing at Rajeshwar Nagar, Phase-1, Lane-1, Shastra Dhara Road, Dehradun, Uttarakhand-248001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sunita Suneja.

0070816637-1

I hitherto known as Manvendra S/o Vinod Kumar Employed as Lieutenant Colonel in Indian Army posted at Pokran Militry Station, Near Pokaran Railway Station, Pokaran, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan-345021 residing at House No-763A, Ground Floor. Block-H, Palam Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana-122017 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Manvendra Duhoon.

0070816646-1

I Rakesh Kumar Chawla,S/o-Jagadish Rai Chawla,R/o-26C, Anubhav Apartments,Sector-13, Rohini,Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Rakesh Chawla for all purposes.

0040644313-1

I Neha D/o Sh. Ashok Kumar W/o Sh. Ajay Kumar R/o UPSC Staff Quarter No.1, Shahjahan Road, UPSC Lane, Union Public Service Commision Center, Delhi have changed my name to Neha Chaudhary for all purposes. 0040644308-6

I Minakshi Juneja D/o Late Sh. Gulshan Takkar W/o Sh. Kamal Kishor R/o H.No.164-C, DDA Janta Flat, Paschim Vihar Extension, Paschim Vihar, West Delhi, Delhi-110063 have changed my name to Rashmi Juneja for all purposes.

0040644308-7

I Manjit Kaur D/o S. Sukhninder Singh W/o S. Swatantrapal Singh R/o House No.1681, Opp. Chitragupta Mandir, Main Market, Paharganj, New Delhi-110055 have changed my name to Manjeet Kaur for all purposes. 0040644308-4

I Kamal Kishore Sharma S/o Late Sh. Mahilal Sharma R/o D-13, Shubham Enclave, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063 have changed my name to Kamal Sharma for all purposes.

0040644308-5

I Jeetu S/o Prahlad R/o-113, Mathura Road, Bhat Camp, Badarpur, Delhi-110044 have changed my name to Jeetu Rai

0070816664-1

I Bacha Lal, My Dob 18th January 1970 S/o Bindeshwari Kushwaha, B-297 Khubram Park, Prem Nagar- 1, Kirari Suleman Nagar, Delhi-110086 Have Changed My Name to Bachcha Lal Kushwaha and Dob to 10th January, 1972 for All Future Purposes.

0040644378-1

I Sunil Bhardwaj S/o. OP Sharma R/o. 61/A J Extention, Krishna Kunj, Street No 6, Laxmi Nagar Delhi-92 have changed my minor Daughter name Surbhi to Swara Her Date of Birth 08/12/2005 all purpose 0040644312-1

I Aisha Tarannum W/o Faisal Khan R/o 10055 2nd Floor Main Gali Nawabganj, Pul Bangash, Azad Market, Delhi-110006, have changed my name to Aisha Faisal Khan Permanently. 0040644389-4

I,TALASH KUMAR BISWAS, ADD-E.442,GALI.NO-8 AZAD,GALI JAGEET-NAGAR NORTH-EAST-DELHI-110053,changed my Minor Son name MAYANK BISWAS to MAYANK KUMAR BISWAS,for all,future Purposes.

0040644362-7

I,Shubham S/o Rajeev Kumar,R/o Flat No.UG02, H.No.1, Near-Rajendra Park Police Station, Anand Garden, Gurgaon(HR.)122001,have changed my name to Shubham Arora. 0040644406-1

I, Mohammad Asghar S/o Haji Summan Qureshi, R/o J 20, Gali No 12 Part 2, Ramesh Park, Laxmi Nagar, East Delhi, Delhi - 110092 have changed my name to Mohd Asghar Qureshi

0070816596-1

I,SHAHANA, D/O.NIZAMUDDIN ADD-T-219,SAVITRI-NAGAR NEAR KALI MASJID MALVIYA-NAGAR,DELHI 110017,changed my name to SHAHANA SAIFI,for all,future Purposes.

0040644362-3

I,SABU M EASOW/SABU MALLAPPALLIL EASON S/O MALLAPPALLIL CHACKO EASOW R/O BS-121B, SHALIMAR BAGH,DELHI-110088.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SABUMON.

0040644389-6

I,Palak D/o-Ashok Kumar,W/o Shubham Arora, R/o.Flat.No.UG02, H.No.1,Near Rajendra-Park Police-Station, Anand Garden, Gurgaon(HR.)122001,have changed my name to Palak Arora. 0040644406-2

I,PRERNA W/O.BALDEV RAJ, ADD-22,BEGUM PUR ,MALVIYA-NAGAR ,NEW DELHI-110017, changed my name to PRERNA GHAVRI,for all future Purposes.

0040644362-6

I,PARUL W/O.VARUN ANAND, ADD-B-1/384,3RD-FLOOR JANAK PURI ,WEST-DELHI-110058,changed my name to PARUL ANAND,for all,future Purposes. 0040644362-2

I,Muskan Sudha,D/o Sohan Lal R/o 662/7,New Colony, Kurukshetra-136118, Haryana, have changed my name to Muskan,for all future purposes. 0040644397-2

I,JAGDISH LAL,S/O.JIWANDA RAM, ADD-B-303,OM SATYAM APPTS PLOT NO-13 SEC-4 ,DWARKA,DELHI-110078, changed my name to JAGDISH LAL MALIK,for all,future Purposes. 0040644362-5

I,ASHISH S/O.PRADEEP KUMAR, ADD- LAXMI BAI NAGAR 1269, NEW DELHI-110023,changed my name to ASHISH KUMAR,for all,future Purposes.

0040644362-4

I, Krishan Chand S/o - Mahesh Chand Gupta R/o H No -F - 1801, AIG PARK Avenue, Gaur City-1, Sector-4, Dadri, Gautam Buddha Nagar Uttar Pradesh-201307 Have Changed My Name KRISHAN GUPTA ,For All Purposes.

0050209361-1

It is for general information that I,SIMRAN JEET KAUR,D/o RANDHEER SINGH,R/o Bhurjuniya,Chandia Hazara, Pilibhit,Chandia Hazara,Uttar Pradesh-262122,declare that name of mine, my-father and my-mother has been wrongly-written as SIMRAN JEET KAUR BHINDER, RANDHEER SINGH BHINDER and RANJEET KARU BHINDER in my 10th-class certificate and marksheet.The actual-name of mine my father and my mother are SIMRAN JEET KAUR, RANDHEER SINGH and RANJIT KAUR respectively,which may be amended accordingly.

0040644389-9

I,SUSHMA PANCHAL D/O KRISHAN CHAND PANCHAL YOUDHISTER SHARMA, R/O.554-B,RISHI-NAGAR,RANI BAGH,DELHI-110034.CHANGED MY NAME TO VANDANA SHARMA PERMANENTLY.

0040644360-4

I,Yogesh Nagpal,S/o Sh.Hosiyar Singh,R/o-House.No-96, Gali.No.12.Arjun Nagar,Gurugram, Haryana,inform that in my,Marksheet my,name wrongly-written Yogesh Kumar instead of my,correct name Yogesh Nagpal,both names are same person. 0040644387-1

I,Yogendar Pal,S/O Chatar Pal,R/O-Gali No.10,Shiv Colony,Dewru Road,Sonipat, Haryana-131001,have changed my name to Yogender Pal.

0040644388-2

I,Virender Bhalla S/o Ram Kumar Bhalla R/o B-6/311,Sector-17,Rohini Delhi-110085,changed my name to Virender Kumar Bhalla.

0040644360-8

I,Vijanti W/o Sh.Ravi,D/o Sh.Fakir Chand Sharma,R/o N-17C/259,F-0Block, T-Huts,J.J.Colony,Wazirpur,Delhi-52,have changed my name as Vijanti Sharma permanently.

0040644339-3

I,Vandhana Kumari w/o Sanjay Kumar r/o-137 Laxmi Bai Nagar N.D-23,have change my name after-marriage to Vandana Kumari,Permanently.

0040644389-3

I,VINOD S/O DHRAMPAL,R/O A-37-B,OLD SLUM,PASCHIM PURI,DELHI-110063.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO VINOD KUMAR. 0040644389-5

I,Shubhangi Chowdhury,D/o Subhajit Chowdhury,R/o E-911,First Floor,Chittaranjan Park,New Delhi-19 do hereby affirm and confirm that that both names,Subhangi Chowdhury and Shubhangi Chowdhury is name of one and same person. 0040644360-7

I,Shivam Kumar alias Shivam Tripathi S/o-Rajkumar Tripathi,R/o 104, 3rd Floor, Sadiq-Nagar,Type-4,Sector-3,New Delhi-110003,have changed my name to Shivam Kumar Tripathi. 0040644397-6

I,Shahida Begam,w/o Atiqur Rahman Siddiqui R/o P-304,Taj Enclave, Geeta Colony,Delhi-110031,have changed my name to Shahida Begum permanently 0040644397-1

I, Mo Ifran S/o Rahees R/o Jhuggi No.C-4, B/14, LNJP Colony, Ranjit Singh Marg, Darya Ganj, New Delhi-110002, have changed my name to Muhd Irfan, for all purposes.

0040644311-1

I,Sheetal W/o Rishi Kumar R/o C-4/5 Sector-6 Rohini Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Sheetal Digra. 0040644389-8

I,Sandeep Kumar S/o-Jai Bhagwan Tyagi R/o-C-3/40, S/F, Gali No.1, Bhagwati Garden Extn, Uttam-Nagar, Delhi-110059 changed my name to Sandeep Tyagi. 0040644350-1

I,SUSHMA KUMARI,W/O HARI KISHAN R/O T-74,VISHNU GARDEN,DELHI-110018.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SUSHMA, FOR ALL PURPOSES.

0040644339-10

I,SHUSHILA TOMAR,W/O RAMBIR SINGH TOMAR,R/O.H.NO.B-341,SHARDHA PURI PHASE-2,KANKER KHERA,MEERUT CANTT,UP-250001,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME,FROM SHUSHILA TOMAR TO SUSHILA TOMAR,VIDE-AFFIDAVIT DATED-08/12/2022,BEFORE NCT-DELHI.

0040644406-12

I,SHINEY BINOY,W/O.BINOY THULISALAMMANNIL VARGHESE, ADD- F-79,UG-2 DILSHAD-COLONY, SHAHDARA DELHI-110095, changed my name to SHINEY MATHAI,for all,future Purposes.

0040644362-1

I,SANJAY S/O-MAHIPAL KAUSHIK R/O-355- VILLAGE MAIN CHOWK SULTANPUR DABAS BAWANA DELHI-110039,have changed my name to SANJAY KAUSHIK.

0040644362-8

I,Rinkoo,W/o Sanjeev Kumar,R/o-D-46, Rama Vihar,Street.no-10,Durga Mandir Road New Delhi-81,changed my name From Rinkoo to Rinku. 0040644360-10

I,Reena W/o Manoj Kumar,R/o Flat No-906,9th-Floor,Block-B Best Resedency Plot No-1,Dwarka Sec-19B,Delhi-75,have changed my name to Reena Drall. 0040644397-3

I,Rajat Thakur S/O Madan Lal R/O C-959, Sainik Colony, Sector-49, Faridabad-121001, Haryana have changed my minor daughter Vritika to Vritika Thakur. 0040644406-4

I,Puspendra Mohan,S/O Suresh Chand Sharma,R/O-7/79,Jwala Nagar,Shahdara Delhi-110032,Have Changed My Name To Pushpendra Mohan,For All Purposes.

0040644339-7

I,POONAM RANI,W/O-VINOD HASIJA R/O-390 SAINIK VIHAR PITAMPURA DELHI-110034,changed my name to POONAM HASIJA. 0040644389-2

I,OM PARKASH S/O CHIRANJI LAL R/O 695,SAINI MOHALLA, NANGLOI,DELHI-110041.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO OMPRAKASH GUPTA.

0040644360-6

I,Nirmala W/o-Kamal Singh R/o: RZB-74, New Jankipuri, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059,Have Changed My Name to Nirmala Bisht,for all Purposes.

0040644339-9

I,Nazmira Ara Ali Shaikh Anowar Ali,w/o Anowar Ali R/o H.No.1869,First-Floor, Gali.No.14,Govindpuri-Extension,New Delhi-110019,have changed my name to Nazmira Ara Ali,permanently. 0040644397-5

I,Navin Kumar s/0 sunder lal r/0-138 sec-15a escort nagar faridabad,have change name to NAWEEN KUMAR FOR ALL.

0040644339-6

I,NILESH KUMAR YADAV,S/0 RAJDEV PraSAD YADAV,R/0-678 SEC-7,KRISHNA COL GURGOAN HARYANA,HAVE CHANGE NAME TO NILESH KUMAR FOR ALL.

0040644339-5

I,NARENDER JEET,S/0 Jasbir Singh r/0 5E 72 NIT-FARIDABAD, HAVE KNOW BY NARENDER JEET SINGH BABRA,FOR ALL.

0040644339-4

I,Mukesh S/o-Om Parkash, Add-817/18,near baba deshraj mandir, ghani pura rohtak haryana-124001,Changed my name to Mukesh Kumar.

0040644362-10

I,Meenakshi D/o Suresh, R/o B-11, Second-Floor,Near Som Bazar, Jagatpuri, East Delhi,Delhi-110051,have changed my name to Meenakshi Diwaker,for all purposes. 0040644406-3

I,MOHD SALIM,S/O MANZOOR HUSSAIN,6210, PAKKI GALI BARA HINDU RAO DELHI-110006,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MOHAMMAD SALIM FOR ALL PURPOSES.

0040644388-3

I,KOSHALYA/KAUSHALYA W/O OMPRAKASH GUPTA R/O 695,SAINI MOHALLA, NANGLOI,DELHI-110041.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO KAUSHALYA GUPTA.

0040644360-5

I,KAPIL,S/o SANT LAL,ADDRESS.WZ-168 SECOND-FLOOR, GALI.NO.4,LAJWANTI-GARDEN,NEW DELHI-110046,CHANGED MY NAME TO KAPIL KUMAR.THIS IS REFERENCE TO CHANGE OF MY NAME IN MY SON PASSPORT ISHAAN KATARIA.,DATE-OF-BIRTH CERTIFICATE IS ALSO UPDATED AS PER THE NAME KAPIL KUMAR AS WELL.

0040644389-7

I, Mamta D/O Arvind Kumar, R/o 265, Ward No-18, Near Durga Shakti Mandir, Tuhi Ram Colony, Palwal, Haryana-121102. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Mamta Chauhan

0070816602-1

I,Hemant Kumar,S/O-Shri Dharampal Singh,R/O-85,G.F., Swaym Sewa Group Housing Society,Near Police Station, Vivek Vihar,Delhi-110095, declare that my minor son name Ketan Kumar and Ketan Chaudhary both are same & one Person. 0040644388-1

I,Chandan Singh,S/o Atmanand Singh,R/o-84,DIN-APARTMENT plot.no.7 near-rajapuri red light sector-4,Dwarka South-west-Delhi-110078,have changed my name to Chandan Kumar Singh,for all,future Purposes.

0040644360-3

I,Bhawna D/o-Chander Prakash R/o C-18 Prashant-Vihar Sector-14,Rohini Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Bhawna Arora. 0040644360-9

I,BHARTI DEVI,W/O OMPAL, resident of,Vill-Paharipur, P.O-Achhej, Tehsil-Beri, District-Jhajjar,Haryana- 124106, have changed my name,from BHARTI DEVI to BHARTI,vide-affidavit dated-08 December-2022,at New-Delhi.

0040644406-10

I,Ayushi W/o-Priyam Mishra,House.number.1014,C-block, Sainik colony,sector-49,faridabad haryana -121004, changed my name to Ayushi Mishra 0040644339-2

I,Anuradha,W/o Chandan kumar Singh, R/o-84,DIN-Apartment plot.No.7 Near-rajapuri red light sector-4,Dwarka,South west-Delhi-110078,have changed my name to Anuradha Singh,for all,future Purposes.

0040644360-2

I,Anowar Ali Rahim Ali Shaikh s/o-Rahim Ali Atar ali Shaikh,R/o.H.No.1869,First Floor,Gali.No.14,Govindpuri-Extension, New-Delhi-110019,have changed my name to Anowar Ali,permanently.

0040644397-4

I,Akshay S/O KAPIL DEV SHARMA,R/O Rz-93/24 gali.no.8,madan Puri,west sagarpur,new delhi-110046,State that my name(AKSHAY SHARMA)WORNGLY-WREITEN IS MY-BANK DOCUMENTS. THE CORRECT-NAME IS Akshay this is true and Correct information. 0040644406-11

I,ASHOK BALWANI S/o Laxman Dass Balwani,R/o 43, LIG Flats Paschim Puri, New-Delhi-110063,have changed my name to ASHOK KUMAR BALWANI

0040644339-1

I,ADITI MURANJAN, D/O.VIVEK SHARAD MURANJAN, HOUSE-21 2ND-FLOOR POCKET-52 CHITTARANJAN-PARK, SOUTH, DELHI-110019, changed my name to ADITI VIVEK MURANJAN,for all,future Purposes. 0040644389-1

I, Yogendra Kumar S/o Shri Karn Singh, R/o HIG Flat No. 83-D, Block- BExpressway apartment, Sector -105, Noida, have changed my name Yogendra Kumar to Yogendra Punia for all future purposes.

0040644317-1

I, Tyagi Sanjeev S/o Kamlesh Singh, R/o-A-331, Second-Floor Sushant Lok-2,Sector-55, Gurgaon Haryana-122011, have changed my name to Sanjeev Tyagi Permanently

0040644325-1

I, TEZINDER KAUR, W/o Narinder Singh, R/o D-96, D-Block, Pandav Nagar, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to TEJINDER KAUR, for all purposes. 0040644339-8

I, Sushil Sethia S/o Karnidan Sethia R/o A-152, A-Block, Anand Vihar, Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Sushil Kumar Sethia for all purposes.

0070816674-1

I, Sally Cherian W/o John Muruppel Abraham, R/o-3-A Janta-Flats, Shivaji Enclave Extension,Tagore Garden, Delh-110027,have changed my name to Sally John Permanently

0040644325-4

I, Sagar S/o Sukki Ram R/o Village-Saini, Gautam Budh Nagar, Pin 203207, Uttar Pradesh, India, declare that, I have changed my name from Sagar to Sagar Nagar for all future purposes. 0070816671-1

I, SHAMSHAD, S/o NASIR AHMED, R/o F 23 , Gali No 13 JAGAT PURI, Krishna Nagar, East Delhi- 110092 have changed my name to MOHD SHAMSHAD 0070816599-1

I, SABIHA KHATOON W/o RIYASAT ALI R/o J-46, J-EXTN, street no 12, Abdullah Masjid, Ramesh Park, Laxmi Nagar Delhi-110092 have changed my name to SABIHA ALI

0070816598-1

I, No. JC 469958A, Rank: Sub, Name Pradeep Kumar S/o Virendra Singh R/o Qtr.No-174/14, Kabul Line, Delhi Cantt-10 have changed my son's name from Devance Choudhary to Devansh Baliyan Vide Affidavit No:- IN-DL27952370867050U dated 08/12/2022 before Notary Public Delhi. 0070816680-1

I, Nitin Kumar S/o Satish Kumar R/o Villa no-26, Serene Greens, Bansiwala, NH-72 Main Chakrata Road, Jhajra, Banshiwala, Dehradun, Uttarakhand-248007, have changed my minor son's name from Swastik Tyagi aged 13 years to Manvik Tyagi forever

0070816657-1

I, Prateek Kanojia S/o Sh.Naresh Chand R/o-A-10,Type-3, Tower-21,East Kidwai Nagar,New Delhi-110023, informed that in my passport my name wrongly written Prateek my actual name is Prateek Kanojia. 0040644224-

I, Mohammad Siraj S/o Mohd Asghar Qureshi, R/o J 20, Gali No 12 Part 2, Ramesh Park, Laxmi Nagar, East Delhi, Delhi - 110092 Declare that Name of My Father has been wrongly written as Mohammad Asghar in passport no J5320531. The actual name of My Father is Mohd Asghar Qureshi, which may be amended accordingly.

0070816597-1

I, Kumari Kalpana Gupta W/o - Krishan Gupta R/o H No -F-1801, AIG PARK Avenue, Gaur City-1, Sector- 4, Dadri, Gautam Buddha Nagar Uttar Pradesh-201307 Have Changed My Name Kalpana Gupta, For All Purposes. 0050209362-1

I, Komal Singh S/O Jai Ram G, R/o G-81, Sector 27, Near Parshvanath Plaza, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh- 201301, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Rajesh Kushwaha. 0070816604-1

I, Komal Atal, D/o Harjeet Singh Bhatia,R/o-C-354, Sushant Lok-1, Sector-43, Gurgaon, Haryana-122009,have changed my name to Komal Harjeet Singh Permanently

0040644325-2

I, Kanwaljit Batra, W/O Chanpreet Singh Grover R/o House No- 66, Ansal Town, Near Bikaner, Modipuram, Jithauli, Kanker Khera, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh- 250001. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Kanwal Jeet Kaur Grover 0070816606-1

I, Kamlash Singh Tyagi S/o, Banarsi Dass, R/o-A-331 Second-Floor,Sushant Lok-2 Sector-55, Gurgaon, Haryana-122011,have changed my name to Kamlesh Singh Tyagi Permanently 0040644325-3

I, Kalash Singh Yadav S/O Laxmi Singh Yadav, R/o Ijari, Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh-232336, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Kailash Singh Yadav.

0070816601-1

LOST & FOUND

I,Mrigank Sheokand and Vinay Kumar Verma,R/O G-115,Jalvayu-Vihar,Sec-125,Noida GautamBudh-nagar,Uttar pradesh-201301,Lost my provisional Allotment-letter number KD00011003 Dated-15/02/2010 of Flat.no.KDI-1003, Wish Town Klassic,Jaypee Greens-Noida, GautamBudh-nagar, UP.Whomsover return same will be rewarded accordingly. 0040644389-10

I SUBHASH BANSAL S/O DES RAJ BANSAL R/O FLAT NO-22, NEELGIRI CGHS LTD, PLOT NO-45,SECTOR-9, ROHINI, DELHI-110058, I HAD LOST/MISPLACED ORIGINAL ALLOTMENT & POSSESSION LETTER OF MY CITED ABOVE FLAT AND THE LR No 1056200/2022 Dated 07-12-2022. 0040644307-1

I, ANIL KUMAR PANDITA S/O PUSHKAR NATH PANDITA R/O FLAT NO-17, BLOCK-A, THE LIBERAL CGHS LTD, PLOT NO-8, PASCHIM VIHAR, DELHI, I HAD LOST/MISPLACED ORIGINAL SHARE CERTIFICATE OF MY CITED ABOVE FLAT AND THE LR No 1056026/2022 Dated 07-12-2022. 0040644307-2

I, Aditi Sinha D/O Manisha Sahay & Alok Kumar R/O Flat No G-2,618B, Vaishali, Sec-01, Ghaziabad, UP, 201010, have lost original safety bond certificate No-8348246. Finder call: 9811395939. 0040644337-1

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL THAT MY CLIENT MR. GOPAL MOHAN SHARMA S/O SH. MOHINDER LAL SHARMA R/O H-309, RISHI NAGAR, RANI BAGH, DELHI-34 PROPRIETOR OF M/S MANASVI COMMUNICATIONS HAVING ITS REGD. OFFICE WZ-319, G FLOOR, RISHI NAGAR, RANI BAGH DELHI-34 HAS NO CONCERN WITH MR. HARDEEP SINGH S/O BALBIR SINGH R/O H. NO. 74, 1ST FLOOR, PKT-13 SECTOR-20 ROHINI, DELHI PROPRIETOR OF M/S SAMRAT COMMUNICATION AS HE IS NOT PART OF MY CLIENTS FIRM MANSHVI COMMUNICATION. HENCE MY CLIENT IS NOT RESPONSIBLE/ OBLIGATION FOR ANY ACT OR BUSINESS ACTIVITY DONE WITH MR. HARDEEP SINGH IN PAST AND IN FUTURE BY ANY ONE.

Sd/- (B.K.WADHWA)
Advocate
S-19, S-BLOCK Western Wing
Tis Hazari Court Delhi- 110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all that I Sachin Gupta S/o Sh Rajinder Gupta R/o House No.206 Urban Estate Sector-14, Part-2 Karnal Haryana Original allottee of Flat No.385 on First floor in the Scheme/area of Pocket-GH4 Sector-28, Rohini. The original documents i.e. Possession letter No. L/353/(1993)/2011/DDA10/RO, NOC for Electricity & Water Connection & Possession Slip of the above flat have been lost. An FIR to this effect has been lodged in the Police station Crime Branch, New Delhi. Vide LR No. 1059911/2022 dated 08/12/2022. Any person(s) Claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of the aforesaid original documents, may write/contact with above named person at above address/phone no. 9891951197 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person Claiming any right, interest, objections with respect to this property can personally inform or write to the Dy.(H)LIG or Director (H-II) D block 2nd Floor Vikas Sadan New Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that my client Shakuntala W/o Late Sh. Rajeshwar R/o H. No. 3-A, Kilokari, Opp Maharani Bagh, South Delhi, New Delhi 110014, do hereby disown & debare her Son Mr. Rohit and Daughter in law Mrs. Pushpa Singh Negi From all moveable and Immoveable properties because of misbehavior done by them to my client Anybody dealing with them shall be Doing so at his/her own risk, cost & responsibility. My client will not be responsible for any act, deed & things done by them.

Rajkumar & Associates (Advocate)
Enrollment No. D-722/2010
Mobile No:- 9717989245

LOST & FOUND

This is to inform all concerned that the Demand-cum-Allotment letter bearing No. F.96(297)98/CL/830 dated 20.03.2003 Plot No. 194, Pocket-L, PVC Market, Tikri Kalan, Delhi-110041 have been lost, if anybody finds the same, he/she may return the same to me. The public are hereby cautioned in dealing with the above and if they do so, they will be doing so at their own risk and responsibility. Neeraj s/o Late Sh. Ram Prasad, A-360, Nihal Vihar, Nangloi, Delhi-110041. 9910457826

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients, Shri Krishan Gopal Batra S/o Late Shri S.R. Batra and Smt. Sumitra Batra W/o Shri Krishan Gopal Batra both resident of House No. B-3/47B, DDA Flats, Keshav Puram, Delhi-110035, do hereby disown and debar their son Shri Parveen Batra and his wife Smt. Nidhi Batra from all their movable and immovable properties and severe all the relations with them due to their continuous misbehavior & misconduct. It is for general information that my clients have no relation or connection of any nature whatsoever with their son Shri Parveen Batra and his wife Smt. Nidhi Batra. If anybody deals with them, will do it at his/her own risk and cost.

Sd/-
(ANSH GOEL)
Advocate
Ch. No. 180, Civil Wing,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that My Client Mr. Harinder Jit Singh S/o Late Sh. Pritam Singh & Late Smt. Harjeet Kaur R/o Flat No.89-B, 1st Floor, Pocket-C, Siddharth Extension, New Delhi, is absolute owner of Entire Flat No.89-B, 1st Floor, Pocket -C, Siddharth Extension, New Delhi, and he has lost property documents i.e. Original Demand Cum Allotment Letter dated 06.11.1987, Original Possession Letter dated 07.04.1988 & Original NOC for Water & Electric Connection dated 18.03.1988 of said flat & he had filed a police complaint vide LR No. 1057535/2022 dated 07.12.2022. Any person claiming any right, title & interest in the said property and/or objection thereof on basis of lost title documents, he/she/they may lodge/notify the same to the undersigned with documentary proof within 10 days from the publication of this notice at the address provided hereunder. In case no objections are received within the aforesaid time, it shall be deemed that my client Mr. Harinder Jit Singh S/o Late Sh. Pritam Singh is a right full owner of said property and has a clear & marketable title without any defect, encumbrances, flaw & impediment.

Amrendra Nath Shukla (Advocate)
Ch.No. 717, Rohini Court, Delhi-85

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is informed at large, that Mrs. Anita Yadav, W/o Mr. Man Singh Yadav, R/o 17A, DDA Flats, Pandav Nagar, New Delhi, has made representations that she is the absolute owner of Freehold Residential Flat No.17A, DDA Flats, Pandav Nagar, New Delhi-110008. That Mrs. Anita Yadav has approached State Bank of India, RACPC Branch, Naraina, New Delhi, for availing Credit Facilities and offered the said property for mortgage with the Bank. That Original Allotment Letter, Possession Letter & Conveyance Deed (Leasehold) dated 21.06.1978 in favour of Mrs. Rattan Devi is lost. If any person has any information about said documents or has any objection with respect to the same or has any interest whatsoever in the said property, may submit their objections with the undersigned, with supporting documents within 15 days from the date of this publication

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that our Client Mr. Mohd.Taslim proposes to mortgage Third Floor (with roof rights) of Property No. 8357/3, Jhabbu Mal colony, Model Basti, Near Filmistan Cinema, Delhi (area measuring 308 sq. yds); hereinafter referred to as "the said property".

Any person having an interest in the said property or having any objection to the ownership and transaction may contact or send his/her written objection at the below mentioned address within 07 days.

Progressive Law Group
9/14, IIIrd Floor,
East Patel Nagar
New Delhi 110008
91-11-42458152-53

PUBLIC NOTICE

"It is to inform to the public at large that Mrs. Saroj Rani acquired Ground Floor without roof rights, on property no. 141, Khasra No. 32/20, 21, Village Khayala, Ravi Nagar, New Delhi from Mrs. Madhu Chadha vide sale deed dt. 18.10.2022 who became the owner of said property vide regd. Will dated 12.09.2014 executed by Mr. Jatinder Kumar Chadha and Now Mrs. Saroj Rani is the undisputed owner of above said property. OR Any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration of notice period, the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated null and void and also treated as waived and not binding on our client.

Ajay Kumar Giri (Advocate)
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ii) Tender No. 08225411 due on 09.12.2022

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GUJARAT GIVES BJP ITS SEVENTH AND BIGGEST WIN: 156 OUT OF 182 SEATS

It's a sweep and a record

BJP voted back to power in Gujarat at the head of a landslide, loses Himachal Pradesh to Congress

PM hails mandate, says time to bring down the faultlines

MANOJ CG, LIZ MATHEW & LEENA MISRA
NEW DELHI, AHMEDABAD, DECEMBER 8

RIDING THE popularity of Prime Minister Narendra Modi who spearheaded his party's high-octane campaign in Gujarat, the BJP swept aside all opposition Thursday to return to power at the head of a record landslide in his home state where it has never lost an election since 1995.

Results of election to the 182-member Gujarat Assembly gave the BJP 156 seats, bettering the 1985 record of the Congress under Madhavsinh Solanki when it won 149 seats, and the BJP's own best of 127 seats in 2002 when Modi was Chief Minister.

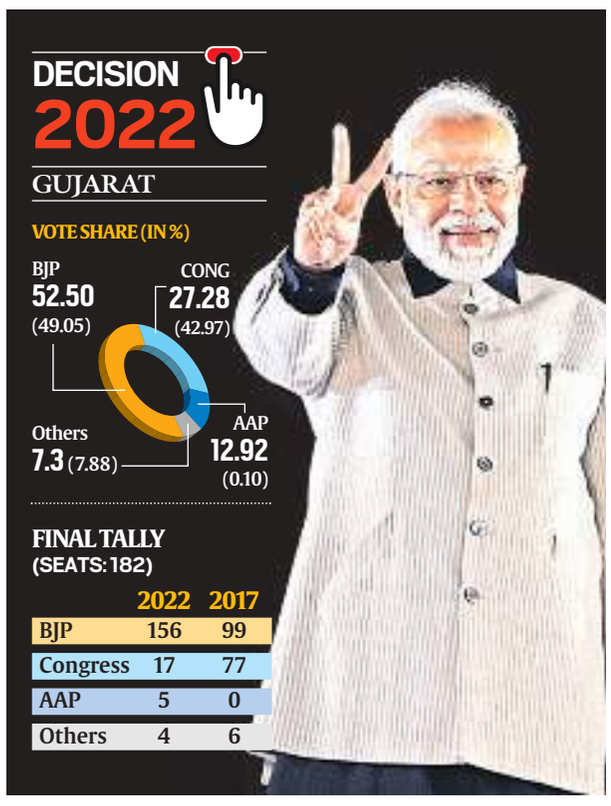
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Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the BJP headquarters in New Delhi on Thursday after the election results. *Tashi Tobgyal*

GUJARAT

Behind surge: Modi 2022, Modi 2024, missing Cong

LEENA MISRA
AHMEDABAD, DECEMBER 8

WITH GUJARAT voting the BJP back for the seventh straight time, this election has made history in the state: it gave the party over 50 per cent of the popular vote and the highest seat tally in the House at 150 plus minus a 'Hindutva wave' but at the same time making room for a new political party in the Opposition space.

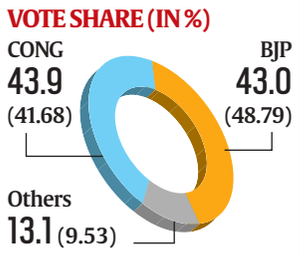
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The key takeaways of the 2022 election are the formidable, undiminished sway Prime Minister Narendra Modi holds over his home state; the readiness

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HIMACHAL PRADESH

VOTE SHARE (IN %)



FINAL TALLY (SEATS: 68)

	2022	2017
Congress	40	21
BJP	25	44
Others	3	3

Figures in parenthesis are for 2017; 2022 data is as of 8 pm, December 8



HIMACHAL PRADESH

Jobs to pension to price rise pushed Cong ahead

MANRAJ GREWAL SHARMA & AMIL BHATNAGAR
CHANDIGARH, SHIMLA, DECEMBER 8

OVER THE past 37 years, the voters of Himachal Pradesh have never returned a government to power. On Thursday, tradition triumphed over ambition once again as the ruling BJP was voted out, despite rolling out a galaxy of national leaders led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi — a popular figure in the state who called it his "second home". Instead, the Congress got a clean majority with 40 of 68 seats, leaving 25 for the BJP and three for Others, even though the party had received little support from its central leadership and was facing a crisis of leadership.

The margin was close in terms of vote share — less than one per cent separated Congress (43.9%) and the BJP (43%) —

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With 12.9%, AAP enters House and becomes a national party

SOHINI GHOSH
AHMEDABAD, DECEMBER 8

IN THE run-up to the Gujarat elections, AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal held up a piece of paper on which he had purportedly noted down his poll forecast — and said the AAP will form the government in the state. He even

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UP to have new township policy to promote planned and sustainable urban development



Every corner of Uttar Pradesh is ready to move forward with new dreams and new resolutions. The Double-Engine Government is working in that direction with renewed vigour. Uttar Pradesh will be a big driving force for India in the next 10 years. It is Uttar Pradesh that will give momentum to India's growth story in the 21st century.

-Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

GIVING GUIDELINES regarding the new policy, the Chief Minister said that the availability of housing and allied infrastructure facilities is essential for the planned and sustainable development of cities. Planned urbanization has increased rapidly in the state in the last five and a half years. This should be further encouraged keeping in view future needs. He also said that every development authority of the state should prepare a well-equipped convention centre in its area on priority. Development authorities were asked to prepare their plan in this regard and submit it as soon as possible.

Affordable housing for low and middle-income groups

He observed that the demand for affordable housing for low and middle-income groups is highest in the urban areas of the state, in which the private sector has an important role to play. In such a situation, a viable new township policy should be formulated according to the needs of the state to encourage planned urban development through private capital investment.

Land is the first requirement for housing construction. The process of land mobilisation needs to be simplified for easy availability of land to investors. The process of land-use change should be further simplified. Considering past experiences, there should be a single window system for various approvals/no-objections.

Vertical Development

Yogi Adityanath also asked the officials to give priority to 'Vertical Development' to ensure optimum utilisation of land. The minimum area of the township should be fixed at 25 acres. In a project of more than 50 acres, there should be a provision for the requirement of experienced lead members in real estate.

Establishment and development of new cities

Referring to the expansion of the boundaries of various urban bodies, as well as the formation of many new urban bodies, the Chief Minister exhorted the officials to make planned efforts towards the establishment and development of new cities. Reports should be submitted after studying the establishment of new cities in different areas of the state, he emphasized.

He also said that the development authorities should try to improve their working style by taking inspiration from industrial development. Instructions for immediate recruitment on all the vacant posts in the three development authorities were also given.

Amendment in Integrated Township Policy-2014

It may be recalled that the state cabinet had in the last month approved the amendment to para-14.8 of Integrated Township Policy-2014 (License Based System). Under this policy, the minimum area of the integrated township should be 25 acres and the maximum area, including extension, should be 500 acres.

According to the Integrated Township Policy, under the approved DPR of the project, approval of the layout plan and development agreement with the concerned agency will be done in a phased manner.

The urban development fee will be payable by the developer at the time of DPR approval of the project. In the Town Planning and Development Act, 1973 and Urban Development Charges Rules, 2014 also there is a provision to levy urban development charges only on submission of an application for obtaining a development permit.



The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Yogi Adityanath releasing the Policy Compendium of the Government of Uttar Pradesh for the UP Global Investors Summit-2023, at the Curtain Raiser Ceremony of the UP-Global Investors Summit, in New Delhi on November 22, 2022.

The amendment is likely to help the developers in the real estate sector. The pending integrated township projects will be completed expeditiously and developers will be encouraged to invest in the real estate sector. It will also encourage planned development and employment generation.

The new township development to consider requirements of the next 50 years

The drafting of a fresh township policy to serve the real estate sector and attract private investment had been initiated in September after taking cognizance of the demolition of the Noida twin towers.

In recent years, UP has netted private investment of almost Rs 31,000 crore in an array of the township and integrated township projects. However, the state government feels the sector would be better served with a contemporary township policy in the interests of all stakeholders that is consumers, developers, investors, etc.

Directing the officials to draft a new policy, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said, "There is immense potential for growth in the real estate sector. To attract investors to the proposed global summit, it is necessary to make the integrated township policy more contextual."

The new townships in UP will be developed taking into account the requirement of the next 50 years. The master plans of the development authorities will comprise the respective blueprint as well as financial management for long-term self-sustainability.

State Capital Region to be developed

Meanwhile, the government has also decided to develop Lucknow as the State Capital Region (SCR) axis on the lines of the National Capital Region (NCR) for macro urban development. The proposed Lucknow-SCR will comprise seven districts — Lucknow, Unnao, Sitapur, Rae Bareli, Barabanki, Kanpur Nagar, and Kanpur Dehat. An expert group will be constituted to study all dimensions so that a detailed action plan is submitted to the government.

To achieve the goal of becoming a $1-trillion economy, UP has to bolster the pace of urbanisation and therefore we have to showcase a stellar model of urban planning for securing investment, generating employment and spurring innovation.

-Yogi Adityanath
Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh

New MoUs worth Rs 39,000 crore for various projects signed between UP Govt and Hiranandani Group

UP is becoming global data center hub



The new policy of UP Government has not only simplified the land allotment process but has also taken care of the needs of the investors in every aspect related to infrastructure including the availability of electricity

UTTAR PRADESH has bagged the first position with the inauguration of North India's first hyperscale data centre Yotta D1 at the Data Centre Park in Greater Noida. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the facility built by the Hiranandani group at a cost of Rs 5,000 crore. The Hiranandani Group is among the first bunch of investors to get attracted to UP following the introduction of the Uttar Pradesh Data Centre Policy in 2021. On the occasion of the opening of the data centre, the Hiranandani group recommitted itself to further investments in the field and signed MoUs with the UP government for projects worth Rs 39,000 crore in the next five years.

First pillar of North India's 5G revolution

Spread over an area of 3,00,000 square feet with a 5,000-server rack capacity, the seven-storey Yotta D1 is the first centre of all six being developed in the park being developed by Hiranandani. Designed as per international quality standards, this exclusive data centre offers direct fibre connectivity to all major telecom operators from four different routes. The Yotta D1 features Internet peering exchanges and direct fibre connectivity to and from global cloud operators, making it extremely useful for global connectivity. Not only this, Yotta D-1 will be the first pillar of North India's 5G revolution. From here, Edge data centre customers will be able to access the desired videos, games and other related data through high-speed internet networks to the networks of Jio, Airtel, Vodafone-Idea and BSNL. To support Digital India, this data centre will also get many other services including public cloud service, cyber security, and disaster recovery.

Powered by 50 MW of power, the data centre is protected with state-of-the-art technology to ensure that thousands of millions of servers, storage and networks and digital applications while the content running on them are easily and securely accessible to consumers. The data centre also has 48 hours of power backup.

Expressing his delight at the inaugural function, UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said, "It will give momentum to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Digital India movement. The data centre will increase the data storage capacity of the country, which until now stood at two percent only despite the fact that 1.5 billion mobile phones and 650 million internet users in the world are from India using 20 per cent of data. Yet for storage of data, we had to look for centres abroad."

The Chief Minister said Uttar Pradesh is going to become a new hub of data centres. "Earlier, when Uttar Pradesh implemented its data centre policy, the total storage capacity in the country was only 400 MW. We set a target of 250 MW of storage capacity by 2026 with an investment of Rs 20,000 crore. And I am happy to share that this target has been achieved in the very first year of the policy. Today, proposals of 600 MW have been received from many investors of the country and abroad."

Inviting investors to the data centre sector, the Chief Minister also informed them about the new policy. He said that in the new policy, the government has not only simplified the land allotment process but has also taken care of the needs of the investors in every aspect related to infrastructure including the availability of electricity. The CM told investors that the state will provide financial and non-financial incentives to them while ensuring the safety of their investments.

It is worth mentioning here that the data centre park is expected to increase GSDP significantly while creating new avenues for investment in view of the proposed Uttar Pradesh Global Investors Summit 2023 and creating huge employment opportunities.

Three more data centres are getting ready

According to an estimate, India's data analytics industry is estimated to reach more than $16 billion by the year 2025. The UP government is paying special attention to promoting investment in this sector. In view of the importance of this sector, Uttar Pradesh notified its Data Center Policy in 2021. Following this, investors came forward to set up four Data Center Parks in the state with an investment of more than Rs 15,950 crore. Other investors in the sector are NTT Global Centers and Cloud Infrastructure India Pvt Ltd of Japan (Rs 1687 crore), and Adani Enterprises Ltd. which is working on two projects worth Rs 2414 crore and Rs 2713 crore each. Thousands of people are likely to get employment with the start of these projects.

UP ahead towards green transport

UP now enjoys a network of E-Buses in 14 cities



YOGI ADITYANATH government's commitment to ensure pollution-free public transport in cities of the state has reached a new level with the state government making provision of Rs. 200 crore in the supplementary budget for purchase of 1,000 e-buses. The supplementary budget of Rs. 33,769 crore tabled in the Assembly on December 5, aims at boosting urbanization and developing religious heritage sites in the state. The drive to replace ICE buses with the electric powered buses has already taken tangible form in 14 cities where 583 electric buses are making city commuting easier.

The government had mooted the idea of plying electric buses in 2020. Initial target was to run a fleet of 700 buses in 14 major cities. So far, manufacturers have delivered 614 buses in two lots and 583 of these are being operated. Remaining 86 buses are expected to be delivered soon to complete the entire targeted fleet. Also, authorities are exploring possibilities of introducing these buses in cities where those are not plying as yet.

Largest Fleet in Agra, Lucknow and Kanpur

The maximum number of buses are plying in Agra, Lucknow and Kanpur. The target is to run 100 buses each in these cities. Currently, 76 buses are operating in Agra, 100 in Lucknow and 82 in Kanpur. All 100 buses have been delivered in Lucknow and Kanpur, while 89 buses have been delivered in Agra. Talking about other cities, a fleet of 50-50 buses is operating in Mathura-Vrindavan, Varanasi and Prayagraj. At the same time, a fleet of 30 buses is running in Ghaziabad and Meerut, 25-25 in Aligarh, Gorakhpur and Jhansi and 10 in Bareilly, Moradabad and Shahjahanpur.

Rs 315 crore subsidy given

According to a presentation made at a review meeting the decision to ply electric buses under the Bus Operator Agreement was taken on March 11, 2020. The total cost of this entire project is 966 crores in which subsidy of Rs 315 crores has been provided. This includes a subsidy of Rs 270 crore from the Government of India and Rs 45 crore from the UP government. This entire project has been started under Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric and Hybrid Vehicles in India (FAME-2). FAME-1 was started in 2010 when the responsibility of city bus service was given to UPSRTC under JNNURM. Under this project, a total fleet of 1140 buses was put on the road. However, there were only 40 electric buses, which were first launched in Lucknow in 2018. This project was for only 7 cities, which included Kanpur, Lucknow, Varanasi, Prayagraj, Meerut, Agra and Mathura. This scheme has been expanded in FAME-2 and only electric buses were given priority.

7 cities added to FAME-2

Whereas only 7 cities were included in FAME-1, 7 other cities were added in FAME-2. Under this, out of the proposed 700 electric buses, 600 were sanctioned under FAME-2 and 100 buses were sanctioned by the Uttar Pradesh government.

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PARTY GETS 13% VOTE SHARE IN GUJARAT

AAP's national ambition gets national party stamp

MALLICA JOSHI
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 8

A YEAR after it won 28 seats in its maiden election in Delhi, the Aam Aadmi Party decided to go national, fielding candidates from 432 out of 543 Lok Sabha seats. While it managed to win four seats in Punjab, party chief Arvind Kejriwal's national ambitions were called misplaced, especially keeping in mind that the party was formed less than two years ago.

On Thursday, with voters in Gujarat giving AAP almost 13% of the vote share, and five seats, Kejriwal is set to become the head of a national party, the ninth in the country.

In a video address on Thursday, Kejriwal thanked the people of Gujarat for making AAP a national party.

"People of Gujarat have made AAP a national party today. This is a very big thing. There are only a handful of national parties in the country. AAP was formed a mere 10 years ago. It is a young party. Today, that party has formed a government in two states. When people hear this, they are amazed. I would like to thank the people of Gujarat. The love, respect and trust I got from you has indebted me to you for life… Gujarat is a BJP bastion. We have succeeded in finding a chink. So many of you trusted us in our maiden assembly selection there. Next time, perhaps, we will win," he said.

In AAP's case, to be recognised as a national party, it needed to be recognised in four states.

That condition is fulfilled if it has at least a 6% vote share and two MLAs in four states. In Gujarat, winning five seats and getting a 13% vote share has taken the party past that mark. The other states where it is recognised are Delhi, Punjab and Goa. According to senior party leaders, they always knew that winning in Gujarat was a tall ask, but the party fought strongly on all fronts to make sure it secured at least a 6% vote share. They even diverted attention from the Delhi municipal polls, hoping that the work done by its Delhi government in the past eight years would help it pass the halfway mark.



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"In Gujarat, where BJP has been in power for decades, we always knew the fight would be extremely tight. While every election we contest is to win, we also fought to become a national party. The 6% vote share and two seats was a goal always in our sights," said a senior party leader.

"It is not the benefit that AAP was particularly after. But the fact is that being recognised as a national party only 10 years after being formed is a clear indication that we are here to stay. Opposition leaders have called us one-trick ponies, they have called us a party that can only win in Delhi. We have proved them wrong. Our national ambition is not hidden from anyone. We are in electoral politics to change how things are run and we have forced other parties to fight elections based on narratives set by us — those of education, health and work," another AAP leader said.

In Thursday's address, Kejriwal too spoke about the change they have brought about in politics. "We ran a positive campaign. We showcased our model of development as it exists in Delhi and Punjab. This is what makes us different from other parties. Till now, this country saw elections being contested on caste, violence and religion-based politics. For the first time, a party spoke about issues of people, making the country number 1, *bijli-paani-sadak*," he said.

Addressing AAP workers in Gujarat, Kejriwal said, "We are honest people, we have integrity and we have to maintain it… I congratulate all party workers who worked so hard. Rest for a little while, but after that, get back to work. Elections will come and go, but we are in politics to serve people. That service should not stop."

"Serve your communities and village even if you don't get votes. If you work, votes will come. But don't work just for votes," he said.

EXPLAINED

National party privileges

A NATIONAL party has the right to a reserved symbol for its candidates contesting from across the country. The party is also entitled to land or a building for its national headquarters. Candidates from national parties need only one proposer to file nominations as opposed to two for others. They also get dedicated broadcast slots on Doordarshan and All India Radio during the general elections.

As Gambhir looks at wider role in Delhi BJP, road paved with challenges

GAYATHRI MANI
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 8

A FRESH, credible face or a Delhi elite out of touch with ground realities? As East Delhi MP Gautam Gambhir makes a push for state BJP leadership, particularly after the performance of his Lok Sabha constituency in the MCD polls, he will face tough challenges from within the state unit.

While the BJP lost the race to the AAP, managing to take home 104 of 250 seats, its ward-wise performance in Delhi's seven Lok Sabha constituencies, each ruled by a BJP MP, paints an uneven picture. It performed the best in Gambir's constituency of East Delhi, winning 22 of 36 wards — over 61%. The BJP performance was next best in Lok Sabha constituencies under Harsh Vardhan (Chandni Chowk) and Manoj Tiwari (Northeast Delhi).

From Gambhir's camp, the message is clear. "He wants to take Arvind Kejriwal head on in the 2025 Assembly elections, and that's possible only if he has ample time to work till then," said a source close to him.

Sources close to him also said that BL Santhosh, BJP's national general secretary (org), who closely oversaw the party's Delhi campaign, called Gambhir on Wednesday night.

"Once (Home Minister) Amit Shah is back in Delhi, we will impress upon him to consider letting Gambhir take the reins of the Delhi BJP," said a source.

Sources close to him insisted that other senior leaders in the party have all had their shot at leadership positions within the Delhi unit, but the party has struggled to perform outside of the Lok Sabha polls. "It is time for them to move aside, perhaps into mentorship roles, and let someone young take control," he said, explaining that Gambhir's "clean image" will be an asset in challenging Kejriwal.



While the BJP lost the race to the AAP, its ward-wise performance in seven Lok Sabha constituencies ruled by BJP MPs paints an uneven picture. *Archive*

However, Gambhir's ambitions are likely to run into stiff opposition. One senior leader said the "tall claims from Gambhir's office" were "just false". "Senior party leaders like Amit Shah are busy in Gujarat and Himachal... In fact, during the MCD councillors' ticket meet, he pushed for 10 tickets for his candidates. Had the party listened to him, it would have seen a great loss in the constituency," he said.

He added, "In the last polls, the party won 29 seats from East Delhi. BJP has always had a stronghold in Jamuna Paar and Shahdra, thanks to leaders like Harish Singh, Manoj Tiwari, Kuljeet Chahal, OP Sharma and Virendra Sachdeva."

Another leader said the "BJP will become Congress if Gambhir is given the Delhi leadership". "He is an elite politician whose face looks good in the media, but on the ground he is not the man. Even during the campaign, he only participated in big roadshows alongside the central ministers but did not even attend public meetings. How will a leader, who was so invested in his cricketing ties during the entire civic polls, handle the entire national capital? The city needs a face who can bring a revolution on the ground, not on social media through a PR team."

Senior party leaders also said an internal report of the party has shown that MPs who pushed for tickets to their own candidates performed poorly. "Ramesh Bidhuri, Meenakshi Lekhi and even Delhi BJP chief Adesh Gupta gave tickets to their candidates and a majority of them lost. Only those seats where the party suggested candidates, like in East Delhi, did we do well," said one leader.

Gambhir himself has been critical of the performance of the BJP's Delhi unit in the past. Before the polls, at *The Indian Express* Idea Exchange event, he had said: "We need to come out in a better way and tell people what good has been done by the MCD and the seven BJP MPs. Unfortunately, we aren't able to create that narrative for whatever reason. The MCD elections are not going to be easy and I accept that. We need to go on the ground and tell people what has happened. Otherwise, we won't be able to reset the narrative."

And following Wednesday's results, he tweeted: "Thanks to all workers of East Delhi. This victory is neither of the MP, nor of any MLA, nor of any corporator. This is victory of your hard work. Our workers are our strength. Kudos to the organisation."

On the ground, Gambhir has taken a keen interest in three projects in particular — a community kitchen to feed the poor, reducing the height of the Ghazipur landfill, and a public library. Speaking at the Idea Exchange, he had said: "There are some very good moments in my political career... Be it clearing the Ghazipur landfill, the development of the Yamuna Sports Complex or the community kitchens where we serve 3,000 people every day at Re 1, it has all been very satisfying. We opened a library and the kitchens at what used to be a garbage dump. To be honest, we haven't taken a single permission from anyone. And if tomorrow the existing party in Delhi wants to demolish it, they have the right to do so. If we had to take permission, then we would have just been tangled and not have been able to feed thousands of people or set up the library. People should come and see what we've created, especially the library. It is probably the best in India with 10,000 books, is centrally air-conditioned and has computers with Wi-Fi."

More with criminal records won MCD seats this time round: ADR

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NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 8

THERE IS a higher percentage of councillors with serious criminal cases in the newly elected Municipal Corporation of Delhi this term as compared to the last, an analysis by the Association for Democratic Reforms shows.

Among the councillors whose affidavits were analysed by ADR in 2017, 5% faced serious cases. This year, the proportion is 8%.

ADR analysed the affidavits filed by 248 of 250 winners this year. In 2017, it analysed 266 of 270 winners. Data on some winning candidates could not be analysed as the affidavits available were not complete or legible.

Serious cases include charges of murder, rape, assault, bribery etc.

The report also includes the worth of assets owned by the winners. Of the 248 winners, 67% are *crorepatis*, and in 2017, this number was 51%.

Assets include houses, land, cars, jewellery etc.

Average assets per winning candidate for 104 BJP candidates is Rs 5.29 crore, for 132 AAP candidates, it is Rs 3.56 crore, nine Congress candidates have average assets worth Rs 4.09 crore and three independent candidates have average assets worth Rs 5.53 crore.

The BJP had the highest number of winners — 82 of 104 — whose worth was over Rs 1 crore; followed by 77 out of 132 from AAP, and six out of nine from the Congress.

The report states that most winners were in the age bracket of 41 to 50, followed by the 31 to 40 bracket. Two winners were below the age of 25, and ten were between the age of 61 and 70.

ASSOCIATION FOR DEMOCRATIC REFORMS REPORT



MCD WINNERS' PROFILES

Age bracket	No.of winners
21-24	2
25-30	13
31-40	69
41-50	94
51-60	60
61-70	10

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PARTY-WISE SERIOUS CRIMINAL CASES:

AAP	12 (9%)
BJP	6 (6%)
Congress	0 (0%)

EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS

Illiterate	2
Class V	12
Class VIII	25
Class X	31
Class XII	58
Graduate	67
Graduate professionals	20
Postgraduate	28
Doctorate	1
Diploma	4

OF 248 winning candidates analysed, 132 (53%) are women, and one transgender candidate from AAP (Bobi) has won from Sultanpuri-A ward

Most of the winners' (87) highest degree was graduation, and of these 20 were working professionals. The highest qualification of 58 winners was Class XII. One winner had a doctorate, and two were illiterate.

The proportion of women in the new MCD has remained almost the same. While in 2017, 139 out of 266 were women (52%), this year 132 out of 248 (53%) are women. One transgender candidate from AAP also won.

BRIEFLY

DU to hold CUET for PG admissions

New Delhi: The stage is set for Delhi University to introduce the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) for postgraduate admissions from next year with the university's Executive Council clearing a proposal for this Thursday. A ten-member committee constituted to "suggest a strategy" for postgraduate admissions from 2023-2024 had made a recommendation that CUET-PG essentially replace the existing DU entrance test.

Case against Saifi not malicious: Cops to HC

New Delhi: The Special Cell of the Delhi Police told the Delhi High Court Thursday that its case against United Against Hate member Khalid Saifi under the UAPA is not "malicious", and the invocation of the Act has been tested by courts on various occasions. Prasad argued that to say the ordinary law was capable of handling the case and the "police invoked UAPA maliciously" is not the right argument.

Girls in govt schools to get training in self-defence

New Delhi: A three-month-long self-defence programme for girls is set to be introduced in all government schools in Delhi. The training programme called 'Rani Laxmi Bai Atma Raksha Parikshan' will be launched in all schools run by the Directorate of Education, New Delhi Municipal Council, Delhi Cantonment Board, and the Department of Social Welfare schools. **ENS**

Day after daughter won poll, ex-Cong MLA granted bail

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A DELHI court Thursday granted bail to former Congress MLA Asif Mohammad Khan, who was accused of manhandling and abusing a police officer on duty in Shaheen Bagh on November 25.

Additional Sessions Judge Anuj Aggarwal noted that Khan was in custody since November 26 and was not required for further investigation. "The MCD polls are over and there is no possibility of the applicant disturbing law and order in the locality," the court said.

The former MLA, whose daughter Ariba Khan won the Abul Fazal Enclave ward in the MCD elections, was granted bail on furnishing a personal bond of Rs 50,000 with a surety of the like amount. The court warned if Khan commits a breach of any condition, the prosecution was at liberty to seek cancellation of his bail.

Senior advocate Ramesh Gupta, who appeared for Khan, had argued that there was a material change in the circumstances since the MCD elections were over. Gupta argued that the apprehension of the police that if he was released he would disturb the law and order situation was not a factor anymore in deciding his bail.

On November 30, a metropolitan magistrate denied Khan bail stating that his actions against the police had "an adverse societal impact" which has "detrimental effects on the police-community relationship".

According to police, the incident took place on November 25 at Shaheen Bagh's Tayyab Masjid when Khan allegedly manhandled a police officer who asked him if he had permission from Election Commission to address a public gathering. Khan's lawyers, however, alleged he had visited the area after hearing news that AAP candidate allegedly have Rs 50,000 to the Imam of the mosque with a plea to vote for them.

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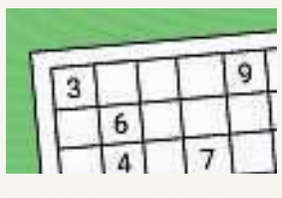
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NSE PHONE-TAPPING CASE

Mumbai ex-top cop gets bail, HC says no 'scheduled offence'

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NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 8



Former Mumbai police chief Sanjay Pandey

THE DELHI High Court on Thursday granted bail to former Mumbai police commissioner Sanjay Pandey in a money laundering case related to illegal phone-tapping of National Stock Exchange (NSE) employees being probed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

Allowing his bail application, a single-judge bench of Justice Jasmeet Singh observed that "no scheduled offence is, prima facie, made out and therefore, there cannot be proceeds of crime having been generated". Scheduled offences are those specified under the schedule of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). It is a prerequisite to initiate PMLA proceedings.

On privacy, however, Justice Singh observed that "tapping phone lines or recording calls without consent is a breach of privacy". The court said the right to privacy as enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution "demands that phone calls are not recorded".

Pandey is being probed by the ED and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), which have alleged that iSEC Services Private Ltd., a company founded by him, had illegally tapped MTNL lines of the NSE from 2009 to 2017 and recorded calls of several officials without their knowledge.

The ED alleged that the call monitoring was carried out without permission of the competent authority under Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, and Rs 4.54 crore was paid by the NSE to the firm in 2017 for this purpose, which the ED said became "proceeds of crime".

In July, the CBI had registered an FIR against Pandey for "criminal conspiracy" read with "criminal breach of trust by public servant" and "cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property" of the Indian Penal Code, provisions of the Information Technology Act, 2000, the Indian Telegraph Act,1885 and Prevention of Corruption Act,1988. Based on this FIR, the ED proceeded against Pandey under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

The HC, however, held that in the case before it, the recording or tapping of phone lines by iSEC was not an action of the State. The court said although the act of tapping and recording phone calls without consent of the person concerned can be penalised under various sections of the Indian Telegraph Act, the offences under the said statutes are not scheduled offences for a case to be made out under PMLA.

Rejecting the prosecution's case, the HC said there are no allegations that the data from the pre-recorded calls were used for any purpose other than preparation of the call monitoring reports and that the money paid to iSEC by NSE were either "embezzled" or "siphoned off" or "misappropriated".

The court said the prosecution failed to satisfy the elements of criminal breach of trust since "there is not even a whisper therein of any misappropriation of property".

Author arrested by MP Police at hospital in Pune, gets bail

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BHOPAL, DECEMBER 8

DR FARHAT Khan, who authored the book Collective Violence and Criminal Justice System, was on Thursday handed an arrest notice and given bail on spot by the Madhya Pradesh Police while she was undergoing dialysis at a Pune hospital.

"The controversial author was handed the arrest notice while she was undergoing dialysis in a hospital in Pune," Home Minister Narottam Mishra said Thursday, while speaking to reporters.

The move comes five days after an FIR was registered against Khan and three others for hurting religious sentiments based on the complaint made by Lucky Adiwal, a student of New Indore Law College, who is also affiliated with the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP).

In his complaint to Bhawar Kuan police station, Adiwal had alleged that the content of the book projected the Hindu community and Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) in a poor light and promoted enmity.

"We had formed teams but Dr Farhat Khan had locked her home and left. We had learnt that she was undergoing dialysis in Sendhwa and then she was finally handed over the arrest notice in a hospital in Pune this morning. She was given bail on spot," Deputy Commissioner of Police, Zone 4, R K Singh told *The Indian Express*.

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PM says time to bring down the faultlines

The Congress was a distant second with 17 seats, the AAP scored 5 on debut and Others accounted for the remaining 4 seats.

But the BJP lost Himachal Pradesh to the Congress and Chief Minister Jairam Thakur resigned after conceding defeat – the state has not returned any ruling party to power since 1985.

In the House of 68, the Congress won 40 seats while the BJP trailed with 25. The AAP failed to open its account and three independents took the remaining three seats.

Even in defeat, the BJP managed to secure a vote share of 43 per cent, marginally lower than the 43.9 per cent of the Congress – a point underlined by Prime Minister Modi and BJP president JP Nadda who, while accepting the Himachal Pradesh mandate, said the difference was less than 1%.

Addressing BJP workers, who had gathered at the party headquarters in New Delhi for the Gujarat victory celebrations, Modi said, "*Gujarat ne toh kamaal kar diya* (Gujarat has done wonders)."

India's future, he said, lies in "bringing down the faultlines", not by "promoting the faultlines". He attributed the win in Gujarat to the party's focus on "development".

"The BJP has got the mandate of the people at a time when India has entered the Amrit Kaal. It has the support of the poor, Dalit, Adivasi, the exploited. People have voted for BJP because it has the strength and ability to take big decisions, strong decisions… I congratulate Naddaji, all BJP workers and the people of Gujarat. I had told people to break Narendra's record… all records have been broken. Gujarat's people have scripted history. This is unprecedented. People rose above caste, community, all kinds of division to vote for the BJP," he said.

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel credited the Prime Minister for the party's "historic victory".

Gujarat BJP president C R Paatil said Bhupendra Patel would continue as Chief Minister and the swearing-in ceremony would be held on December 12.

Party sources said the message that the BJP will take from these elections is that it should keep the focus on strengthening the organisation, booth-level upward.

"Prime Minister, (Home Minister) Amit Shah and Nadda have been repeatedly asserting that only a strong organisation can bring the party back to power and retain dominance," a BJP leader said.

Before the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, there are crucial elections in the states, among them Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh. While the BJP has been focusing on the organisation in Madhya Pradesh, it will now turn to its other state units as well, sources said. "With micromanagement at the booth level proving to be a success formula, the thrust of the party's electioneering will be on that," the leader said.

Modi's message after the results also echoed that. To the party workers in Gujarat, Modi, in a Twitter post, said, "I want to say – each of you is a champion! This historic win would never be possible without the exceptional hard work of our Karyakartas, who are the real strength of our Party."

"Thank you Gujarat. I am overcome with a lot of emotions seeing the phenomenal election results. People blessed the politics of development and at the same time expressed a desire that they want this momentum to continue at a greater pace. I bow to Gujarat's Jan Shakti," he said.

On Himachal Pradesh, he said: "I thank the people of Himachal Pradesh for the affection and support for the BJP. We will keep working to fulfil the aspirations of the state and raise people's issues in the times to come."

For the Congress, there are many takeaways. Although Himachal Pradesh is small, the party has won a Hindi-speaking state after four years – and break its cycle of defeats.

Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra, on which the party is spending all its energy and focusing all its attention, has had little impact on the elections. Rather, the Himachal Pradesh verdict has proved that a localised campaign was the antidote to Modi's highly personalised campaign.

The Congress campaign in Himachal was centred around promises to restore the Old Pension Scheme (OPS), creation of one lakh jobs to tap into the anxieties of the youth over lack of jobs and the Agniveer recruitment scheme, and financial assistance of Rs 1,500 to every woman in the state.

AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra led from the front and the party rolled out a disciplined campaign around the manifesto themes. This, despite the fact that the party did not have a charismatic face in the state. In fact, the Congress has no leader with a pan-Himachal appeal.

And the near identical vote share that the BJP has managed signal that it still has tremendous appeal among people in the state and it can bounce back in the general elections if the Congress is complacent.

The Congress's Gujarat campaign may well become an example of how not to approach an election – in complete contrast to the party's Himachal campaign. The decimation of the party in Gujarat shows it cannot take even the Opposition space for granted. It went into the elections without a proper narrative and campaign theme.

The lack of visibility and seriousness of the Congress helped the AAP create a narrative that the Congress was in no position to challenge the BJP. The result: AAP managed to secure 12.9 percent of the vote share and 5 seats.

• With 12.9%, AAP enters House and becomes a national party

claimed that the Intelligence Bureau had predicted an AAP government. The party's final tally Thursday was sobering: five of 182 seats.

The glimmer for AAP, its leaders said, is the 12.9-per cent vote share, five seats in the House -- and that it had emerged as a national party (six per cent vote share in at least four states: Delhi, Punjab, Goa and now Gujarat). In several of the 34 seats where it came second, it polled over 20 per cent of the vote.

Most of the party's candidates were first-time contestants, and the party's tally included two seats that were previously held by BJP, one by the Bharatiya Tribal Party (BTP) and two by the Congress.

Among the wins, AAP's Bhupendra Bhayani upstaged Harshadkumar Ribadiya who had won for the Congress in 2017 with over 81,000 votes and contested on a BJP ticket this time in Visavadar. Bhayani polled 66,000 votes (45 per cent vote share).

Visavadar was held by former Chief Minister Keshubhai Patel for eight years, between 1995 and 2002. Patel had been elected again from this seat in 2012 as a Gujarat Parivartan Party candidate.

Similarly, in Jamjodhpur, AAP's Hemantbhai Ahir toppled Congress' Chirag Kalariya who had won in 2017 with 47 per cent of vote share. This time, Ahir grabbed 47 per cent of vote share, leaving Kalariya behind at second with around nine per cent of vote share.

The BJP-held seats of Gariadhar and Botad were taken by AAP's Sudhir Vaghani and Umesh Makwana, respectively. In Botad, where the BJP won in 2017 by just 900 votes, AAP recorded a much better margin of 2,779 votes.

AAP's Chaitar Vasava also scripted a definitive win in the reserved ST seat of Dediapada, which was earlier held by BTP leader Mahesh Vasava. Vasava did not contest this time and Chaitar won with 55 per cent of the vote share, polling 1.03 lakh votes.

In most of the 34 other seats where AAP emerged second, it ended behind the BJP.

In three of these seats -- Choryasi, Majura and Valsad -- the BJP won with a margin of over 1 lakh votes. But in Choryasi, AAP's Prakashbhai Contractor managed to grab 15 per cent of the vote share even as the Congress's share fell from 24 per cent in 2017 to eight per cent.

In several of these seats, AAP's entry directly impacted the Congress, especially in some reserved constituencies, and polled, on an average, over 20% of the votes.

- In Bhiloda, AAP's Rupsibhai Bhagora polled 61,628 votes with a 29.74 per cent vote share. In 2017, the Congress had won from here with 49.26 per cent of vote share, which dipped to 20.67 per cent this time.
- In Chhota Udepur, AAP's Arjun Rathva managed 25 per cent of the vote share even as the Congress dipped from 46 per cent in 2017 to 26 per cent.
- In Chotila, a similar scenario panned out -- AAP grabbed 27 per cent of vote share while the Congress dipped from 52 per cent in 2017, when it had won, to 26 per cent.
- In the reserved ST seat of Dahod, AAP managed 20 per cent of the vote share while the Congress fell from 52 per cent five years ago to 26 per cent.
- In Dhoraji, the Congress' winning vote share in 2017 of 52 per cent witnessed a drop to 35 per cent as AAP grabbed 19 per cent. AAP finished third here.
- In the ST seat of Dharampur, the vote shares of BJP and Congress were hit by AAP. The BJP, which repeated Arvind Patel as its candidate, saw its share dip from 53 per cent to 42 per cent. With the AAP grabbing 25 per cent of vote share, the Congress dipped from 41 per cent in 2017 to 17 per cent.
- In the reserved SC seat of Gadhada, where Congress' Pravinbhai Maru managed a winning vote share of 50 per cent in 2017, the party dipped to 22 per cent. Here, the AAP grabbed 27 per cent of vote share. The BJP won, increasing its share from 43 per cent to 47 per cent.
- In the ST seat of Garbada, AAP took 23 per cent of the vote share even as the Congress' winning share of 50 per cent last time dipped to 23 per cent. The BJP increased its share from 37 per cent to 42 per cent, winning the seat.

AAP state president Gopal Italia, who lost from Katargam, said, "After this small step of sending five MLAs to the Gujarat Assembly, we will work hard to take a big leap in the next elections and make our party stronger."

Italia also thanked voters for becoming "a medium to make us a national political party", and said that his party had got "over 40 lakh votes". "Our candidates fought bravely against rivals who were backed by government machinery and financially strong people," he said.

(WITH KAMAAL SAIYED IN SURAT)

• Behind surge: Modi 2022, Modi 2024, missing Cong

of a section of the voters to accept an "outsider," and the rejection of the fatigued Congress.

Many leaders in the BJP, including Union Home Minister Amit Shah, had dismissed the Aam Aadmi Party arguing that Gujarat never made space for a third front and that the fight would be confined to BJP vs Congress. On December 5, after the polls got over, state BJP president CR Paatil had told *The Indian Express* that the AAP "would not get a single seat." But the AAP won five seats, two of them wrested from the BJP, two from Congress, all in rural Saurashtra, the peninsular belt that has determined the political trajectory of Gujarat. Its fifth seat came in central Gujarat where it defeated the incumbent Bharatiya Tribal Party candidate.

Modi remained the overarching figure in the 2017 and the 2022 campaigns. The last time, the Patidar quota agitation and disenchantment in the agrarian community had worked to the Congress's advantage. This time, he linked the Assembly victory as a necessary vehicle for his return as Prime Minister in 2024 – and it struck many a chord.

That the AAP split the anti-BJP vote in 2022, can only be the Congress's best alibi for shrinking so drastically to just 17 seats and vote share to 27.3% from 41%.

The election also is an indicator of the Gujarati voter being open to new, strong, and young leaders, notwithstanding their political affiliations. Hardik Patel, Alpesh Thakor, Jignesh Mevani -- who were the face of the Congress victory in 2017 -- won in spite of circumstances not favouring them within their respective parties.

As did Anant Patel who led the protests against the Par Tapi Narmada Yojana and Dhavalsinh Zala, a BJP rebel who won as an Independent, apart from the AAP nominees, who were all making a debut. A top BJP leader from Ahmedabad while agreeing that "on many seats the BJP won because AAP split the Congress votes", adds that the saffron party's cadres were also "stirred up by the AAP's aggressive campaign", even if the party criticised it as "freebies".

"They kept us watchful, or we could have become complacent, given that the Congress campaign was so feeble", says this party veteran, crediting the "page committees."

BJP leaders also say that although the party had dissidence within and sulking former ministers who were dropped from the contest, the party fixed all its pain points with "Modi's 30 election rallies, and Shah's micro management."

For the Congress, even the fig leaf fell, with tribals rejecting it, its stalwarts losing and its voteshare falling to its lowest ever.

In the remotest tribal villages of south and northern Gujarat, "Kejriwal" and his promise of "free electricity, free healthcare and free education" was a talking point, where the Congress's Rs 500-LPG bottle wasn't.

On at least 30 seats, it was the AAP that ranked Number two, dislodging the Grand Old Party, although its four top leaders, including its state president Gopal Italia and its chief ministerial candidate Isudan Gadhvi, lost.

According to a Congress leader, "Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot who was put in charge of Gujarat could never replace leaders like the late Ahmed Patel, who was a master strategist". If the party gave some credit to Rahul Gandhi for its 41.44 percent voteshare in 2017, even he was missing in action this time – on a yatra that failed to find any echo here.

• Jobs to pension to price rise pushed Congress ahead

but the 15-seat gap proved decisive. While the BJP's vote share fell from 48.8 per cent in the 2017 elections, the Congress marked a marginal gain from 42.7 per cent five years ago.

This time, several key factors worked against the BJP and in favour of the Congress -- from concerns over price rise and unemployment, the threat of rebel candidates, and resentment over the new Agniveer scheme for military recruitment, to the Congress' promise of reverting to the old pension scheme and its focus on micro issues.

Numbering over 2 lakh, state employees form a formidable vote bank in the hill state where the government has for long been the main job provider. According to political observers, they hold sway over around five per cent of votes. This time, they were unhappy with the BJP, led by Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, for not responding to their demand for a return to the old pension scheme, given the rising cost of living.

The Congress was able to pick on this undercurrent. It was able to convince voters by pointing out that two Congress-ruled states, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, have already decided to implement the old scheme – and Jharkhand, too, where the party is part of the ruling alliance.

Besides, concerns among the electorate over unemployment escalated with the announcement of the Agniveer scheme. Following Covid's impact on the tourism sector, there were rising murmurs across the state that the new scheme had deprived the youth of another assured career avenue. Apart from Bihar and UP, Himachal was another state that had witnessed several protests against the scheme. In such an atmosphere, the state's apple-growers were also upset that the state government had increased the surcharge on cartons, further squeezing their profits.

Another factor that contributed to the BJP's defeat was the emergence of rebel candidates who upset the party's calculations in at least three key seats where they contested as independents. They included K L Thakur (Nalagarh), Hoshyar Singh (Dehra) and, embarrassingly for the party, Ashish Kumar from Hamirpur, the stronghold of Union MoS Anurag Thakur. Several other rebels dented the party's prospects in at least half-a-dozen other constituencies.

Finally, the ruling party was unable to project Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur as an effective administrator despite his reputation as a politician with a clean image. On the governance front, the state saw chief secretaries change every few months. There were recruitment scandals, the most notable being the controversy surrounding jobs in the state police. The government's image was also hit by the rollback of decisions -- a case in point being the Shimla development plan, which ran afoul of the National Green Tribunal (NGT).

Tarn Taran blast: Main conspirator extradited from Austria, held by NIA

New Delhi: Bikramjit Singh, main conspirator of Tarn Taran blast case, was extradited on Thursday from Austria to India and arrested by the NIA in Delhi.

"We have arrested Bikramjit Singh alias Bikkar Panjwar alias Bikkar Baba on Thursday after his extradition by the competent authority of Linz, Austria, in coordination with the Interpol. Singh had formed a terror group to carry out attacks in Punjab, along with his close associates. He was absconding and we had sent a team to Austria to bring him back," said an NIA spokesperson.

Investigations revealed that Singh not only instigated the co-accused and others to commit terrorist acts, but also conducted training for fabricating Improvised Explosive Devices and using them, the official said. ENS

CRIME AGAINST KASHIMIRI PANDITS

SC dismisses plea challenging 2017 order on 'genocide' probe

New Delhi: The Supreme Court has dismissed the curative petition filed by an organisation of Kashmiri Pandits against the top court's 2017 order that had turned down a plea for an investigation into the "mass murders and genocide of members of the community during 1989-90 and subsequent years" by Pakistan-backed terrorists and the "reasons for non-prosecution of FIRs" of the crimes.

"We have gone through the Curative Petition and the connected documents. In our opinion, no case is made out within the parameters indicated in the decision of this court in Rupa Ashok Hurra vs Ashok Hurra", said a bench of Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud and Justices S K Kaul and S Abdul Nazeer, rejecting the plea by 'Roots in Kashmir'.

It was in the Hurra case that the SC developed the concept of Curative Petition to provide an opportunity for those whose grievance was not addressed in the review petition to approach the court again.

The SC dismissed the main petition in July 2017 saying 27 years had passed since the events unfolded in the Kashmir Valley and evidence "is unlikely to be available". In October 2017, the SC rejected the petition seeking review of its earlier order.

Subsequently, Roots in Kashmir filed the Curative Petition contending that the SC was "not justified in dismissing the writ petition at the admission stage merely on presumption" of evidence being unavailable due to passage of time. ENS

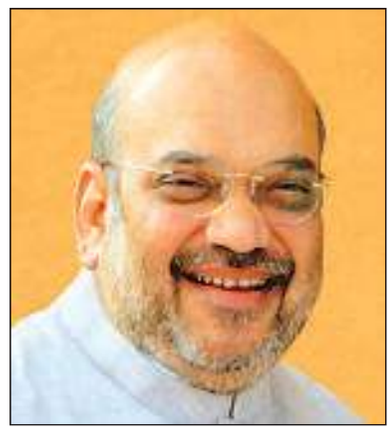
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Sushil aides hid at Tikri protest as farmers: Delhi Police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 8

THE DELHI Police have arrested two associates of jailed Olympian Sushil Kumar, who were wanted in connection with the murder of wrestler Sagar Dhankar. To evade arrest, the accused posed as farmers during the protests against farm laws at the Tikri border before escaping to other states, police said.

Dhankar (23) was kidnapped, assaulted, and killed, allegedly by Kumar and his associates, last year outside Chhatrasal stadium. Police said the accused had come in five cars and absconded after assaulting Dhankar and his two friends. The Delhi Police found blood-stained sticks and a total of 18 persons were arrested, including Kumar.

Ravindra Singh Yadav, Special Commissioner of Police (Crime), said the accused, Ankit Dabas (28) and Joginder (43), fled after the incident and were continuously changing hideouts.

"We received information that the duo are hiding in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh's Baghpat. A team under DCP Rohit Meena started looking for the men and surveillance was mounted in the area. The team posed as agricultural labourers to get inputs about the accused," said Yadav.

The team interacted with locals and found that the accused are hiding in Balaini village.

"After the farmers' protest, Dabas went to Himachal Pradesh and worked there as a labourer in a transport company. Joginder shifted to Haridwar and stayed there in different temples and Dharamshala," added Yadav. The men later shifted to the Baghpat district.

'Appointments smack of nepotism': Court charges DCW chief Maliwal

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 8

OBSERVING THAT appointments made in Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) "clearly reflect nepotism", a Delhi court has framed charges against its chief Swati Maliwal and three others for allegedly obtaining pecuniary advantages for Maliwal and AAP acquaintances, who were allegedly appointed to different posts of the women's body without following the due process.

Special Judge Dig Vinay Singh framed charges under section 120-B (punishment for criminal conspiracy) and multiple offences under Prevention of Corruption Act against Maliwal, and DCW members Promila Gupta, Sarika Chaudhary and Farheen Malick.

Looking into the circumstances around which three persons were recruited to the posts of research assistant, media advocacy officer and personal assistant, the court said "the manner in which these three appointments were made in an opaque manner and without advertisement of vacancies, etc clearly reflects nepotism".

Dealing with a case of a data operator's recruitment, the court said, "There is no clarity as to under what circumstance he applied for the post and why his name was considered in exclusion to all others. It also prima facie smacks of nepotism."

The court said "merely because DCW had been pursuing the government to fill up vacant posts, which was not timely complied with by the government, did not give any right to the DCW to make arbitrary appointments".



Swati Maliwal

"The above-mentioned facts create a strong suspicion that recruitments to various posts were made during impugned tenure of the accused for different remunerations in arbitrary manner, violating all rules and regulations in which the near and dear ones were appointed and remunerations were given to them from public exchequer," the court said.

The lawyers for the accused had argued that there is no evidence of criminal conspiracy between them. The court, however, said, "Circumstances do prima facie strongly indicate such a conspiracy between the accused." The court looked into minutes of meetings held on various dates from February 26, 2016 to August 9, 2016 by DCW, in which various decisions on appointments, enhancement of remuneration were undertaken by the accused.

It said: "Several persons were appointed and remuneration was arbitrarily increased, as also the minutes dated 01.03.2016 regarding appointment (to the post of Member Secretary) to which all the four accused are signatories are enough to prima facie point to a strong suspicion that the appointments in question were made by the accused persons in agreement with each other."

The case was registered on complaint of former MLA Barkha Singh Shukla, who made allegations of irregularities in DCW during Maliwal's tenure. The Anti Corruption Branch investigated the case and filed a chargesheet against the four accused. The agency claimed that against 26 sanctioned posts, the accused appointed 87 persons in the DCW during the impugned tenure, out of whom most were acquaintances or party workers or associated with Maliwal and AAP.

Meanwhile, DCW member Vandana Singh said, "Over the past six years, DCW has handled over a lakh cases. It's the country's only commission that works so actively. This is a political conspiracy. The case has been filed on complaint of former DCW chief Barkha Shukla, who in her 8-year tenure, handled just one case..."

Woman's body found in suitcase at Punjabi Bagh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 8

A HIGHLY decomposed body of a woman has been recovered from a suitcase in West Delhi's Punjabi Bagh. Police Thursday said the suitcase was found in a drain and the body was putrefied beyond recognition.

On Wednesday noon, a passerby in Punjabi Bagh found the suitcase lying in the drain with a foul smell emanating, said police. They said he called police and informed them about the suitcase. Police and divers pulled out the suitcase from the drain.

Ghanshyam Bansal, DCP (West), said, "When we opened the suitcase, the body was decomposed and could not be identified. It appears that it was of a woman aged around 25-30. We have sent the body, suitcase and other samples to the hospital and forensic science lab. After the autopsy and medical examination, we will try to find out what happened. The motive and cause of death are also not known. We can't see the injuries."

A case under sections of murder and hiding evidence has been registered. A senior police officer said, "It appears that someone dumped the body after committing the murder someplace else. We don't know if the body was chopped or has been disfigured due to decomposition".

Police said they are checking CCTVs and conducting a local enquiry, adding that they are looking at missing person reports to identify the deceased.

"The suitcase doesn't look too old. Possibly, the body was kept somewhere else and later kept in a suitcase. Recent footage doesn't show any suspicious movement or the bag. The bag must have been dumped days or weeks back. As per our information, no recent missing person complaint matches the deceased's profile. The case could be from outside Delhi as well," said a source.

Samples of blood and hair were taken from the suitcase, which is being checked for other evidence.

People will never accept system propagated by AAP, says Khattar: *'Ye hawai baatein hain'*

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA
GURGAON, DECEMBER 8

HARYANA CHIEF Minister Manohar Lal Khattar Thursday said people will never accept the "system propagated by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)".

"Dekhiye ye hawai baatein unki hai. It is true that they (AAP) have got electoral success in MCD polls in Delhi, but there they are already in the government... so any success there is a combined result of that. But in any other state, they have not been successful... In Haryana, they did not achieve success. In Adampur bypoll also, their (candidate's) deposit was forfeited and got only 3,500 votes out of 1.5 lakh votes. In Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat polls also, *unko kuch nhi mila.* In one or two states where they have done well, there are specific reasons for that, but I believe that people understand these things... *Jo wo thothe prachar karte hain* (the false propaganda they do) and the kind of system which the AAP is propagating, people will never accept that," he said in response to a question on the AAP's performance in Gujarat Assembly polls.

Praising the BJP's performance in the Gujarat Assembly elections, he said people are excited and satisfied with the policies and work done by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for public welfare. "In Gujarat, the party has won by a very good lead…the credit goes to the people of Gujarat, to the PM, to the workers of the BJP," he said.



Manohar Lal Khattar

Khattar addressed the media after laying the foundation stone of a biodiversity park, which will be developed in four stages across an area of 420 acre in the villages of Kherla, Abhaypur and Damdama in Gurgaon. The project, estimated to cost more than Rs 70 crore, includes a plan for restoration of Damdama lake over 80 acre of land.

The project will be jointly developed by Gurujal, Haryana CSR Trust and EY Foundation.

Khattar said the government was making efforts to make the area around village Damdama a centre of attraction for tourists, adding that it will also help in creating employment opportunities.

The CM emphasised the need to conserve flora and fauna and the role of biodiversity parks in this regard. "The restoration of Damdama lake would be completed in four years and the work of developing the biodiversity park would be completed in 10 years," he said.

Khattar said it has also been proposed to make a jungle safari in about 10,000 acre in the Aravalli hills in Gurgaon and Nuh districts. The jungle safari will help in promoting tourism and create employment opportunities, he said.

Gurgaon civic body seeks info on 'restricted' foreign dog breeds

Gurgaon: The Municipal Corporation of Gurugram has sought opinion from Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) Gurgaon regarding ownership of "restricted and ferocious foreign dog breeds" as to if those are banned or can be kept as pets.

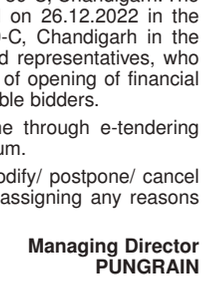
A letter from MCG commissioner to member secretary SPCA-cum-deputy director Animal Husbandry, Gurgaon, on December 2, stated, "It has been observed that the public is being bitten by dogs. Their behaviour seems to be a threat to human life and property and animal life..."

"In this connection, you are requested to provide your comments, observations, expert opinions on following 11 breeds of dogs of foreign origin, whether these are banned or not for keeping as pet dogs in India…," it read.

The breeds mentioned include American Pit-bull Terriers, Dogo Argentino, Rottweiller, Neapolitan Mastiff, Boerboel, Presa Canario, Wolf Dog, Bandog, American Bulldog, Fila Brasileiro and Cane Corso. **ENS**

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Name of Work: Electrical work in connection with provision of air conditioners with other allied works in traffic account office building New Delhi.
The amendments in above said tender are us under:

Tender No. 30-Elect-50-T-2022-23-E3		
	Earlier published	**Amended**
Tender No.	**30-Elect-21-T-2022-23-E3**	**30-Elect-50-T-2022-23-E3**
Name of Work	Electrical work regarding provision of air conditioners with other Tender allied works in traffic account office building New Delhi.	Electrical work regarding provision of air conditioners with other Tender allied works in traffic account office building New Delhi.
Approx cost of the work in	Rs. 56.38 Lacs	Rs. 56.38 Lacs
Address of the office	Sr. Divil Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi	Sr. Divil Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi
Bid Security	Rs. 112800.00	Rs. 112800.00
Date & time of submission of tender	12.12.2022, 12.00 Hrs.	12.12.2022, 12.00 Hrs.
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EC approves: Telangana Rashtra Samithi becomes BRS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
HYDERABAD, DECEMBER 8:

THE ELECTION Commission on Thursday informed TRS President and Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao that it has accepted the name change of his party from Telangana Rashtra Samithi to Bharat Rashtra Samithi.



Telangana CM KCR

The EC cited a request from the party to accept its name change in a letter to the TRS chief, which was made known to the media by KCR's office.

Telangana's ruling TRS on October 5 changed its name to 'BRS', heralding the party's foray into 'national politics.' A resolution to this effect was passed at the party's general body meeting. Rao read out the resolution and announced that the party's general body unanimously resolved to change the name from TRS to BRS. On the occasion, Rao will sign EC's letter and send it to the Election Commission office. Later, he will hoist the BRS flag followed by inaugural ceremony.

COLLEGIUM SYSTEM LAW OF THE LAND, SAYS COURT

Court final arbiter of law, says SC, asks govt to limit criticism

ANANTAHKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 8

UNDETERRED BY criticism of the Collegium system of appointing judges, the Supreme Court on Thursday asserted that it is the "final arbiter" of the law under the Constitutional scheme and as the law stands, the government will "have to appoint" all names reiterated by its Collegium.

Without taking names, a three-judge bench presided by Justice S K Kaul also asked Attorney General R Venkataramani to advise Union ministers who are criticising the Collegium system to control themselves.

"You must advise them to exercise some control," said Justice Vikram Nath, who was part of the bench hearing a plea by the Advocates Association Bengaluru, seeking contempt of court proceedings against the government for not approving names reiterated by the SC Collegium within time-lines laid down by the court.

Responding to Supreme Court Bar Association president, senior advocate Vikas Singh's comment that "persons in constitutional posts were saying SC does not have power to exercise judicial review", Justice Kaul said that "tomorrow people will say basic structure is not part of the Constitution".

The remarks come close on the heels of statements by Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar's criticism of the SC for its 2015 decision to strike down the law to set up a National Judicial Appointments Commission to appoint judges.

During Thursday's hearing, the bench, also comprising Justice A S Oka, made it clear that courts are the final arbiter of law. "The scheme of our Constitution stipulates the court should be the final arbiter on the position of law. The power to enact a law is with Parliament. However, that is subject to scrutiny by the courts. It is necessary that all follow the law as laid down by this court. Else sections...may decide to follow their own course even where law is laid down…" Justice Kaul said.

Underlining that the Collegium system is the law of the land, he said, "Parliament passed NJAC law but it did not muster the Constitutional mandate. That's the view prevalent today. Till the law is prevalent, it must be followed to the teeth."

Giving vent to its displeasure over the government returning reiterated names for appointment of judges, Justice Kaul said it gives the impression that the government will appoint only palatable names.

"There are many cases where the Collegium has dropped the proposals. If you see the average clearance rate, it is about 50 percent," he said. "So the government's view is taken into account. There cannot be any undisclosed reasons in a system like this by which we can say that after taking the government's view, and the court's clearance, it is blocked, unless some facts have come to light for which the government sends back the recommendation. They are entitled to do that. But once it is reiterated, after seeing that, there is no passage which has been provided by the mandate of the Constitution bench...."

He said, "You are sending names twice over, thrice over, how many times? Which means if you don't find a name palatable, you will not appoint a person, contrary to the judgment of the court." The order also had a "suggestion" for the Collegium.

This came after the bench quizzed Attorney General R Venkataramani about the government recently returning to the Collegium nine of 11 first-time recommendations and nine reiterations.

The bench said it had put to the A-G how, under the scheme of law prevalent, are "reiterated names sent back", and that "sending back the second-time reiterated name would be in breach of this direction". Venkataramani in his response "seems to suggest that in two cases earlier, the Collegium decided to drop their recommendations and that may have given thought process in the government that such reiterated names can also be returned", the court said. It said that "we are not aware in what special circumstances were these names dropped, but we are sure the Collegium will keep this thought process in mind" in the future.

Sonia off to Rajasthan resort, for b'day with Rahul, Priyanka

MANOJ C G
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 8

WHILE THE Congress's floor managers in Lok Sabha were hoping that Sonia Gandhi, chairperson of Congress Parliamentary Party, would chair a meeting of party MPs in Parliament at 10.15 am, and messages had even gone out to some MPs that she may attend the meeting, there was a change of plan at the last minute.

A message from 10, Janpath said the former Congress president Sonia Gandhi had taken off to Rajasthan to be with son and party MP Rahul Gandhi, who is leading the Bharat Jodo Yatra in the state.

Most Congress MPs were glued to television screens anyway on Thursday morning, catching the results of Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh Assembly polls.

It later became clear that Sonia Gandhi had taken off to Jaipur, on way to Ranthambore, where she will celebrate her 76th birthday on Friday with her children, Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, at a resort owned by a close friend of the family.

Friday is a rest day for the Bharat Jodo Yatra. Priyanka, too, has reached Rajasthan.

While the Congress was decimated in Gujarat, it was a bitter-sweet moment for Priyanka, as the Congress returned to power in Himachal Pradesh, where she had led the party's campaign.

The yatra did not have the evening leg on Thursday. The yatra has two parts — 13 to 14 km from 6.30 am to 10.30 am, followed by a five-hour break; and then a 7 to 8 km, or even up to 10 km, march in the evening.

On Thursday, Rahul was in Kota and sources said the yatris walked for 24 km in the morning itself. After that, Rahul flew to Ranthambore from Bundi in a chopper.

The Gandhis are staying at Sujan Sher Bagh, a luxurious resort near Ranthambore Tiger Reserve, owned by Anjali and Jaisal Singh, family friends of the Gandhis. Priyanka has, in fact, co-authored a book — 'Ranthambhore: The Tiger's Realm' — with the couple.

Sonia is said to be on a four-day visit to Rajasthan.

From Jaipur, Sonia took a chopper and reached Sawai Madhopur. A few hours later, Rahul and Priyanka joined her at the resort. Sources said Sonia — and possibly Priyanka, too — will participate in the yatra on December 10, a day reserved for women participants.

While the family is keen to keep Sonia's birthday celebrations a family affair, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot could travel to Ranthambore tomorrow, sources said.

On Thursday, the yatra started from Surymukhi Hanuman Temple and halted at Bhadana village in Kota. The yatris will spend the night at Gurli village in Bundi.





Sonia Gandhi , Priyanka Vadra and Rahul Gadhi. *File*



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FIRST GREETING

WHEN RAJYA Sabha Trinamool Congress (TMC) floor leader Derek O'Brien welcomed Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar as the new Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, the latter said that he was late in extending the greeting. Dhankhar said the first congratulatory message he received had come from TMC supremo and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. Many found the information amusing since Dhankhar has had a tumultuous relation with Mamata during his previous tenure as the West Bengal Governor.

FIGURE OUT

Replying to a question on Thursday, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs said 120-lakh houses had been sanctioned under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban till March 31. In the Monsoon Session, the ministry had put the figure of such houses at 122 lakh which it reduced by 2.24 lakh after excluding the 'non-starter houses', according to the reply. Ministry officials felt that houses where construction could not start for reasons out of their control should not reflect in the figure of total houses completed under the scheme.

BY-ELECTION RESULTS

SP retains Mainpuri LS seat; BJP wins Rampur but loses Khatauli to RLD

LALMANI VERMA
LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 8

THE SAMAJWADI Party (SP) on Thursday won the by-election from the Mainpuri Lok Sabha constituency, retaining the legacy seat of its founder Mulayam Singh Yadav, while the BJP secured the Rampur assembly constituency, a long-time stronghold of former state minister Azam Khan, for the first time.

The saffron party, however, received a setback in the Khatauli assembly seat that went to the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD), an SP ally.

In Mainpuri, SP candidate Dimple Yadav, Mulayam's daughter-in-law, won by 2.88 lakh votes, three times the party patriarch's victory margin in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections when he secured the seat for the fifth time.

While the bypoll to the Mainpuri parliamentary seat was necessitated by Mulayam's death in October, the disqualification of SP's Azam Khan and BJP's Vikram Singh Saini as MLAs from Rampur and Khatauli led to the by-elections on these two assembly seats. Azam lost his Assembly membership from Rampur, which he won in 2022 for 10th time, following his conviction in a hate speech case.

Dimple led in all the five assembly segments, including the Lodh-dominated Bhongaon where Mulayam lagged behind by 25,510 votes in 2019. The Lodhs are largely BJP supporters. Dimple bagged 6.18 lakh votes (64 per cent) followed by BJP's Raghuraj Singh Shakya (3.29 lakh) and NOTA (6,125). The BJP's vote share declined in the by-poll in comparison to 2019 when its candidate Prem Singh Shakya had got 4.30 lakh votes (44 per cent). But the BJP replaced Prem Singh Shakya with Raghuraj Singh Shakya, a former two-time SP MP.

In Rampur, BJP's Akash Saxena defeated SP's Asim Raja with a margin of 34,136 votes by getting 62 per cent of votes.

MAINPURI LS, RAMPUR & KHATAULI ASSEMBLY SEATS

In the 2022 assembly polls, Azam had defeated Saxena with a margin of 55,141 votes .

The SP is attributing the low turnout of Muslim voters as the main factor behind its defeat in the constituency that the community comprises 56 per cent of the total electorate.

Raja's defeat is a setback for Azam, his political mentor. In the Rampur Lok Sabha elections in June this year, Azam got SP ticket for Raja who had lost the seat to the BJP. The Lok Sabha by-poll was held as Azam had resigned as MP after he was elected to the Assembly. The Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP), an SP ally in the 2022 assembly polls, got only 169 votes, behind 726 NOTA votes.

The BJP for the first time tried to woo Muslims by reaching out to the community by deploying Pasmanda Muslims among others. "That tactic did not work much. But the BJP got majority of the Dalit votes in Rampur in the absence of the BSP and that helped in win," said a party leader.

In the Khatauli assembly constituency (Muzaffaranagar district), RLD candidate Madan Bhaiyya defeated BJP's Rajkumari by a margin of 22,143 votes. While Bhaiyya got 54 per cent of the total votes, Rajkumari polled 41.72 per cent.

In 2022, Rajkumari's husband Vikram Singh Saini had won the seat for second consecutive term after getting 45.34 per cent vote whereas RLD got 38 per cent votes. Vikram was disqualified as MLA after his conviction in a case related to the 2013 Muzaffarnagar riots.



SP candidate Dimple Yadav waves at supporters after her victory in Mainpuri by-election in Mainpuri on Thursday. *PTI*

OUR BIGGEST WIN WOULD HAVE BEEN IN RAMPUR HAD POLLS BEEN FAIR: SP CHIEF

Lucknow: IF A "fair election had happened in Rampur, the biggest win would have been recorded there," SP) president Akhilesh Yadav said on Thursday. Addressing a press conference in Mainpuri, he thanked voters of the constituency and congratulated ally RLD's candidate in Khatauli, who won the seat in the bypoll. "I am sad that in Rampur, people weren't allowed to vote, and the administration meted out as much injustice as it could. Despite all that, people came out and voted. In Rampur, people had decided to stand by honourable Azam ji. They did so and voted. If a fair election had happened there, the biggest win would have been in Rampur,"he said.



Leader of Opposition in Bihar Legislative Council Samrat Choudhary being offered sweets in Patna after BJP's victory in Kurhani Assembly by-election on Thursday. *PTI*

BJP upsets JD(U) in by-election as RJD rebel plays spoilsport

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, DECEMBER 8

IN A MAJOR setback to the Bihar Mahagathbandhan (Grand Alliance), the BJP defeated the JD(U) in the Kurhani Assembly bypoll. The BJP's victory held importance because it wrested the seat from the RJD, the leading constituent of the Grand Alliance. It also gives a subtle hint that the combination of the OBCs, the Kushwahas and the Yadavs — the main vote banks of the JD(U) and the RJD respectively — may not be working as expected.

KURHANI ASSEMBLY SEAT

BJP's Kedar Gupta, who had lost the seat in the 2020 Assembly polls by less than 1,000 votes, sprung a surprise on JD(U) candidate Manoj Kumar Singh aka Manoj Kushwaha, who had won the seat in 2005 and 2010. Gupta had won the seat for the BJP in 2015. While Gupta got 76,648 votes, Kushwaha got 73,016, losing by a margin of 3,632 votes.

Among spoilers, while AIMIM's Ghulam Murtaza, who got 3,202 votes, did not play much of a role, rebel RJD leader Shekhar Sahani, who contested as an Independent, left his mark by getting 3,716 votes in a tight contest. NOTA, too, played a role in the final outcome, scoring 4,416 votes and coming fourth. VIP (Vikassheel Insaan Party) candidate Nilabh Kumar, an upper caste Bhumihar, may have narrowed the BJP's victory margin by getting 9,988 votes.

The Kurhani outcome has left the Grand Alliance with the burning question: can the Kushwahas and Yadavs, the dominant voters in Kurhani along with Muslims and Bhumihars, really come together electorally? The result also shows that BJP was able to hold on to its constituency of OBC Banias, while also gaining substantial Paswan votes, especially after LJP (Ramvilas) leader Chirag Paswan campaigned for the party candidate. The Kurhani victory is special for the BJP as it wrested a seat from its opponents.

Congress triumph a booster for Gehlot during Rahul Yatra

HAMZA KHAN
JAIPUR, DECEMBER 8

THE RULING Congress clinched the Sardarshahar Assembly constituency bypoll in Rajasthan Thursday, winning the seat with a huge margin.

The Congress's candidate Anil Kumar Sharma, 52, trounced the BJP's Ashok Kumar by 26,696 votes. While Sharma garnered 90,915 votes, Kumar got 64,219 votes. The Rashtriya Loktantrik Party (RLP)'s nominee Lal Chand Moond came third with 46,628 votes.

SARDARSHAHAR ASSEMBLY SEAT

The outcome seemed to be along expected lines, for which three major factors were said to have worked for the Congress. Firstly, Sharma's father Bhanwarlal Sharma, the sitting Congress legislator whose demise had necessitated the bypoll, was a seven-term MLA from the seat.

Bhanwarlal was elected from Sardarshahar for the first time in 1985 on the Lok Dal ticket, then in 1990 and 1996 (Janata Dal), and again in 1998, 2003, 2013 and 2018 (Congress). He had a strong hold on the constituency due to his political flexibility and deft manoeuvrings as well as his caste.

Secondly, Bhanwarlal's death, on October 9 following a prolonged illness, was said to have generated a sympathy vote for his son in the constituency. The Congress got the optics right too. Though Bhanwarlal was among the 2020 rebels led by Sachin Pilot, he had reconciled with CM Ashok Gehlot, who visited him several times when he had been ailing. The Congress thus put up a united face in the bypoll.

Thirdly, the RLP seems to have cornered most of Jat votes – irrespective of the point that the state unit presidents of both the Congress and the BJP, Govind Singh Dotasra and Satish Poonia, belong to the Jat community. The RLP was said to have cut into the Jat votes of the BJP.

Naveen powers BJD landslide in battle with BJP

SUJIT BISOYI
BHUBANESWAR, DECEMBER 8

THE RULING Biju Janata Dal (BJD) registered a spectacular victory in the Padampur Assembly seat bypoll in Odisha with party candidate Barsha Singh Bariha trouncing her BJP rival Pradeep Purohit with a staggering margin. The Congress's nominee Satya Bhusan Sahu lost his deposit in the election.

Barsha, who garnered 1,20,807 votes, won the seat by 42,679 votes as Pradeep secured 78,128 votes.

The Congress veteran and former three-time MLA, Satya Bhusan Sahu managed to get just 3,594 votes. The Congress has lost deposits in five of the seven by-polls held in the state since 2019.



BJD workers celebrate in Padampur Odisha. *Express*

The BJD that had put massive resources into its Padampur campaign increased its vote share to 58 per cent as compared to 41.29 per cent votes it had garnered in the 2019 polls. Despite its crushing defeat, the BJP, the state's principal Opposition party, got 37.51 per cent vote share, which was 38.45 per cent in 2019. The Congress, which had secured 16.25 per cent votes in the previous election, could manage to get only 1.73 per cent votes this time.

PADAMPUR ASSEMBLY SEAT

There are indications that a sizeable chunk of the Congress voters might have shifted to the BJD. Although the Congress had finished third in the seat in both the 2014 and the 2019 polls, the party had then still secured 31,179 and 32,787 votes, respectively.

Retaining the seat was crucial for the BJD, especially after the party lost the Dhamnagar bypoll to the BJP last month, which was its first defeat in any by-election since 2008. The high stakes the BJD placed on the Padampur bypoll could be gauged from the point that Chief Minister and party supremo Naveen Patnaik also hit the campaign trail after a hiatus of three years, addressing three rallies in the constituency.

After Chhattisgarh bypoll win, CM says nod for govt

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
KANKER, DECEMBER 8

THE RULING Congress in Chhattisgarh on Thursday won the Bhanupratappur Assembly bypoll, retaining the seat by defeating the BJP.

With this, the opposition BJP has suffered a fifth successive defeat at the hands of the ruling Congress in the assembly bypolls held after the 2018 Chhattisgarh elections.

BHANUPRATAPPUR ASSEMBLY SEAT

Congress candidate Savitri Mandavi won the bypoll by a margin of 21,171 votes against her nearest rival Brahmanand Netam of the BJP.

Mandavi polled 65,479 votes, while the BJP's Netam secured 44,308. Former IPS officer Akbar Ram Korram, who contested as an independent, gave a spirited fight and polled 23,417 votes.

The byelection was necessitated due to the death of sitting Congress MLA Manoj Singh Mandavi. The grad old party had fielded his wife. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said people of Bhanupratappur put their stamp of approval to the works done by his government in the last four years.

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THE WILL TO WIN

Modi's BJP could have taken its dominance in Gujarat for granted. It didn't — and scripted the latest victory

FROM THE BJP'S point of view, for all the political dust and noise stirred up, this election in Gujarat could have looked like a done deal. The party could have, quite reasonably, approached it with a touch of complacence, if not entitlement -- the suspense, it was widely foretold, was only about the margin of its victory. After all, Gujarat is the state where a whole generation of voters has grown up seeing only the BJP win, and where after 27 years in power, it was fighting for a seventh term. The "Gujarat model", real and imagined, that contributed to the electoral successes of the Modi-BJP elsewhere, was put together here. This state is said to be the laboratory of Hindutva, with the 2002 riots taking their place in a larger and longer narrative that works to the BJP's political advantage, and continues to put its political opponents – traditional rival Congress and new Gujarat player, AAP — visibly on the defensive. Here, the BJP's organisational presence and infrastructure is most deeply entrenched — from the panchayat and urban body to the legislative assembly, from the low-lying hum of the RSS network to the leader in the national spotlight, former chief minister and now prime minister in his second term, Narendra Modi. As CM, Modi first addressed a national audience from the Gujarat stage before throwing his hat in the prime ministerial ring. And in this election if anything seemed more certain than a BJP victory, it was PM Modi's undimmed popularity. So yes, the BJP could have been forgiven for taking its winning streak, and Gujarat and the Gujarati voter, for granted in this election. It didn't — on the day after, its rivals would do well to pay attention to that story.

The BJP gave this election all it had. Its top leaders from Prime Minister Modi to central ministers, including Union Home Minister Amit Shah, campaigned in the state extensively — in stark contrast to a listless Congress campaign that had shrunk and splintered into its local candidates. In fact, the BJP was at work long before the campaign began – in the state's tribal belt, where the Congress has dominated traditionally, its push was visible, for instance, in the installation in district headquarters of Birsa Munda statues. In Saurashtra, where the Patidar quota agitation had contributed to the Congress's good showing in 2017, it weaned away several Congress MLAs — of the Congress MLAs who crossed over to the BJP, raising its tally from 99 to 112, 9 belonged to Saurashtra. Congress complaints about money and muscle power sound much too plaintive — if even elected MLAs leave, not just those in search of a ticket, then it is a signal that the party must turn the mirror inwards. In 2021, in a sudden decision, the BJP high command removed Vijay Rupani as chief minister, along with his entire cabinet, to blunt anti-incumbency — one of the party's many moves that showed that, even in its bastion, Modi's party was experimenting and thinking on its feet.

Of course, there was anti-incumbency in Gujarat. Distress had gathered at the lower rungs of the class ladder, on issues like price rise, unemployment and the state's perceived retreat from education. There was discontent against a government that was seen to have become inattentive to the people. But in the end, if that restiveness did not show up at all on the final scoreboard, it owes not just to its opponents' lack of imagination and sloth, but also, and far more, to the BJP's own willingness and ability to keep working at it.

A LOSING HAND

Congress debacle in a high-stakes election in Gujarat is far more telling than its win in Himachal Pradesh

THE CONGRESS CAN take some solace in pulling ahead of the BJP in Himachal Pradesh. But victory in the hill state pales when seen in the big picture that emerged starkly on Thursday. The scale of Congress defeat in Gujarat and in Delhi — municipal elections results were announced on Wednesday – is dramatic: In Gujarat, its vote share has fallen steeply while its tally in MCD has come down from 31 wards to a mere 9. These results should force the Congress leadership to reflect on the party's inexorably shrinking national footprint, ahead of assembly elections due in states including Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh in the next few months.

In Himachal, less than one per cent vote share separates the winner from the loser. Evidently, BJP rebels, anti-incumbency sentiment on issues such as corruption and low apple prices, disgruntlement over Agnipath and the pension scheme, worked against the Jairam Thakur government, and the absence of a third force — the AAP focused on Delhi and Gujarat — laid the ground for Congress in Himachal. The challenge before the party will be to keep its flock together and build a consensus on the chief ministerial candidate. The drastic Congress defeat in Gujarat overshadows the narrow Himachal win — in the high-stakes Gujarat election, the party appeared to give up the fight even before it started. It was busy dealing with a leadership vacuum at the central level at a time when it should have been focusing on the Gujarat campaign. Rahul Gandhi set out on the Bharat Jodo Yatra instead of joining the battle in Gujarat. Party resources that could have been channeled for the election campaign got pulled in to facilitate his yatra. In contrast, newcomer AAP showed a will to fight, pooled in resources from its strongholds to compensate for its lack of organisation in the state and campaigned vigorously. The party has won close to 13 per cent votes and five seats; its rise could further erode Congress's base in the state.

The decimation in Gujarat — home to 26 Lok Sabha seats — is likely to demoralise Congress cadres elsewhere. The Bharat Jodo Yatra may help to rebrand Rahul Gandhi, but the Gujarat results have thrown up an important question: Can a political party afford to ignore electoral imperatives? For now, it seems the Congress doesn't have an answer.

A GREEN GREENLAND

Scientists have uncovered a 2 million-year-old Eden in what is now a cold desert. And vindicated a Viking's ad campaign

GREENLAND, THE LEGEND goes, was named so by the Viking Erik the Red in what is bound to be one of the first acts of "creative" marketing. Erik was exiled to the island after committing murder and he hoped that by calling the sparse, polar desert "green", he might attract more settlers from Northern Europe. Now, after 16 years of painstaking work, scientists have managed to gather DNA from animals that lived over 2 million years ago in a lush forest where there is now a vast, cold desert.

That Greenland was once green has been known for some time now. What the latest set of DNA has done is enable a form of time travel, to over 1 million years farther back than has been done before. At the time, the Arctic was almost 20 degrees Celsius warmer than it is today. The forests housed mastodons and hares and carnivores like sabre-toothed cats. The sea had crabs and fish that are unthinkable in the region today. And perhaps, most significantly, the flora and fauna would have had to adapt to the kind of climate change — perhaps even of a greater magnitude — than the warming of the planet due to human activities is causing today.

As artists' renderings of what the arctic Eden looked like flood the internet, the beauty of eons past make the conflicts and issues of the day pale in comparison. After all, what is the life of a company, family, government and even society when measured against the almost unimaginable scale of geological time. In 16 years, with some advancements in DNA sequencing, scientists have managed to push back the boundaries of life on a large swathe of the planet by millennia. Meanwhile, Erik the Red is probably smiling beyond the grave. His ad campaign for a home-in-exile wasn't a lie, after all. He just missed the date.

Reading this victory

Gujarat model of Opposition-mukt polity is visible, with implications for political culture, not just elections



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IF GUJARAT EXEMPLIFIES the current invincibility of the BJP with almost double the vote share of its nearest rival in the state, Himachal Pradesh too brings into sharp focus the difficulties in displacing the BJP — Congress and BJP are practically tied there in terms of vote share. Both assembly outcomes alert us to the fact that the second dominant party system that emerged in 2014 is not showing any signs of decline. In a system dominated by one party, expectations of the Opposition often hinge on the ultimate possibility of voter fatigue if not voter response to genuine economic woes. Such expectations tend to ignore the capacity of the dominant party to keep the voters hooked to its rhetoric and leadership.

In the latest round of assembly elections, the two results go in two different directions. Therefore, critics of the BJP are likely to exaggerate the example of Himachal Pradesh and refuse to learn from the Gujarat results. While it would be misleading to read too much in the outcome in Himachal, the greater mistake will be to not understand the Gujarat outcome for its real message.

In terms of electoral history, today's Gujarat can be compared to West Bengal when the Left Front government kept winning assembly elections one after the other. But the key difference is that the Left Front was a state-specific phenomenon and had only a very limited role, occasionally, at the all-India level. In contrast, the BJP aims at expanding its influence all over the country and the party is already into its second term nationally.

It is true that the details of the shaping of its dominance in each state vary and the BJP does not blindly seek to replicate the Gujarat model of politics. But despite these variations, and while there is no single template, the tale of captivating the electorate and transforming the way voters respond to issues is the same almost everywhere. Thus, in its massive victory in Gujarat are hidden serious implications not just for party competition but also for India's political culture.

But let us first address the question whether the structure of competition mattered in Gujarat and how far it counts in the present moment of Indian politics. For all these years when the BJP has been in power there, in terms of electoral competition, Gujarat has been a bipolar state. This time, the AAP made a voluble pitch for breaking this bipolarity and if one looks at the vote shares, it has indeed breached it, causing serious damage to Congress. However, it should be admitted that the BJP's dominance goes far beyond the structure of competition: Whether bipolar or triangular, the BJP has its deep-rooted base that assures it electoral supremacy in the state. The entry of the AAP may explain the debacle faced by Congress but it does not account for the impressive performance of the BJP. What the AAP did was to underscore the limitations of Congress as the BJP's challenger and thus ensure that the BJP victory would look bigger. It is another matter that this ambition of the AAP to displace Congress dovetails nicely with the BJP's ambition of making India Congress-mukt. In the process, politics in Gujarat and indeed, increasingly, politics of the country, moves towards being "Opposition-mukt".

> It may be argued that while Congress suffers one setback after another, in a large number of states there are state-level parties that will wage the battle against the BJP and these parties are in fact the real thorn in its flesh. While this is true at the surface level, many of the state parties are vulnerable to central interventions and attacks from the BJP or are amenable to buying peace with the dominant party. In state after state, the BJP is set on decimating state-level parties, although at the moment major states in the south and east are ruled by these parties.

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The larger challenge the Gujarat model of an Opposition-mukt polity poses is probably the one least discussed. While in Gujarat the BJP has posted a clean sweep with more than half the electorate voting for it, as the Lokniti-CSDS reports have shown earlier in the case of MP and more recently for Delhi too, even among voters of non-BJP parties in an assembly election, there is often a marked preference for the BJP (and for Modi) at the all-India level. This fact emphasises the need to link state-level battles to all-India competition and to cultivate a truly non-BJP constituency beyond state-level concerns and affinities.

This inclination toward the BJP and Modi should force any casual observer of politics to give attention to a factor beyond the structure of political competition. What the BJP has done in Gujarat is to capture the entire gamut of public discourse and political culture. As a result, any potential challenger to the BJP there will either have to display extra-ordinary political skills to alter the ground on which political contestation unfolds or simply agree to play the game by the rules of rhetoric set by the BJP. In the past two assembly elections, Congress failed when tried to adopt a different rhetoric. This time both AAP and Congress chose to compete without contesting ideas and yet they failed. That is what the Gujarat model of new politics represents.

Three instances in this Gujarat election — two utterances and one eloquent non-utterance — are characteristic of the BJP's new model of Opposition-mukt democracy. One, the chilling claim by the country's home minister that 2002 symbolised a strict lesson. Two, a populist remark by an actor-turned-politician that economic problems will come and go, but the BJP is important because it will protect the voters' local sentiments against fish-eating Bengalis. Three, the manner in which the prime minister went on waving to the crowd when he walked toward the polling booth to cast his vote.

The first represents the Hindu state that the BJP has de facto brought into being; the second represents the exclusionary version of political culture the BJP popularises under its spurious nationalism and the third represents the deinstitutionalised and leader-centric idea that is set to replace the principle of constitutional democracy. Ironically, we as a society are becoming cheer leaders of these traits while the non-BJP parties continue to feign ignorance about these factors implicit in the BJP's model of an Opposition-mukt polity.

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WIN WITHOUT HIGH COMMAND

In Himachal, Congress drew from its pool of local elites to push its candidates



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"CHANGING POLITICAL PARTIES is akin to cutting your body from the head. I will die but not shift allegiance," said a woman in the Sundernagar Vidhan sabha, while waiting to pick up her son from a government school.

Political parties in Himachal Pradesh matter. As power alternates between the BJP and Congress every five years, the mobilisation of the electorate, the setting of public opinion, and the sustenance of elite and workers alike are all conducted through political parties. In that respect, what does the change in government in Himachal Pradesh point to?

Schattschneider's oft-quoted observation that democracy is "unthinkable save in terms of parties" is a good start to understanding these results. Political parties are multileveled and internally diverse, but the artistry of the BJP has been in putting up a coherent front, levelling all discontent. In Himachal, though, the inner contradictions of the party and its constituents offer a preview of what the fissures within the hegemonic party look like.

Consider the Jaswan-Pragpur constituency where the BJP candidate and minister in the incumbent government, Bikram Singh, was challenged by two independents affiliated with the larger BJP family. Sanjay Parashar, with an RSS background and Mukesh Kumar, president of the transport union and the minister's former aide. The "three BJP candidates" represent the contradiction a voter faces between the favoured candidate of the high command, the local RSS man in charge of acting as the conduit between the Sangh, the party, and them, and the contractor who made money from irrigation and public health contracts but gave the locals free transportation during the pandemic among other services. "My vote is with the party candidate, but azad (independents) will take away their personal votes," quips an older man sitting on the wooden bench waiting his turn at the panchayat office. Jaswan Pragpur constituency is not an exception. As results pour in, it is clear that the BJP lost at least four constituencies in the Kangra district (the highest number of seats in Vidhan Sabha) due to BJP rebels contesting as azad.

> In the past, both the BJP and Congress have relied on charismatic and centralising leaders like P K Dhumal and VB Singh. With their exit, the incumbent, Jairam Thakur, though non-controversial, was seen as an nonperforming. The BJP's overreliance on its central leadership, from ticket distribution to policy decisions, undercutting the cadre and intermediaries is being reflected in the results.

With an average size of about 73,000 voters (2022 elections) and average victory margins of 5,600 (2017 elections), "personal votes" matter. In Dharamshala Vidhan Sabha, a young person talking about the BJP rebel and independent candidate Vipan Nehria tells us, "Dekhiye, caste se jyada, kaam dekha jaata hai, corona mein bahut madad ki but otherwise bhi kaam karte hai." (Look, more than caste, work is seen, in corona he helped a lot, but he does work otherwise as well.)

Hemmed by the demise of the iconic Virbhadra Singh and the non-existent central leadership, the reliance on personal votes became the default strategy for the Congress party. Congress drew from its pool of local elites — petty contractors, political families, and workers to push its candidates' personal charisma. In this, it was also helped by legacy voters.

The AAP had neither the legacy voter nor the boots on the ground. It also relied on its candidates to do the work. Still, with both BJP and Congress candidates saturating the political market and AAP's limited contact with the population, there was little expansion for the party.

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The results are consistent with our work on state elections where we find that political parties increasingly rely on centralising state leaders. Combining personalistic appeals with limited welfare benefits (mostly cash transfers) and undercutting any intermediaries, including elected leaders, is becoming the model for winning elections. Mamata Banerjee, Yogi Adityanath and Jagan Reddy are examples of how leaders have centralised power.

In Himachal Pradesh, the absence of a centralising state leader and programmatic incoherence in the BJP led to its defeat. For the Congress, the lack of intraparty democracy, with no formal mechanisms to challenge hierarchies, regulating conflict within the party for the next five years would be its primary challenge.

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INDIAN EXPRESS

Centre moves to end Punjab impasse

Talks unlike as envisaged

WINTER

DECEMBER 9, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

TALKS WITH AKALIS

THE CENTRE IS understood to have taken an initiative to defuse the Punjab situation and find a permanent solution. While Swaran Singh, the former union minister, is talking to the Akalis on behalf of the government, the Home Minister, P C Sethi, is talking to the concerned chief ministers. SPGC President Gurcharan Singh Tohra advised the mediators to sit back as they had no further role to play on the Akali demands.

ASSAM BLACKOUT

THE ASSAM GOVERNMENT has made elaborate security arrangements to maintain law and order in view of a two-hour statewide blackout threatened by the All Assam Students Union and All Assam Gana Sangram Parishad. They have appealed to the people to observe the blackout by switching off lights in their residences.

US-PAK TALKS

THE UNITED STATES has reaffirmed to Pakistan President Zia-ul Haq its intention to continue to contribute to Pakistan's security. Zia assured President Reagan that Pakistan was not interested in acquiring or making nuclear weapons but he stressed the right of Pakistan to have access to nuclear technology for "peaceful purposes".

RANBIR SINGH NO MORE

NOTED URDU JOURNALIST and revolutionary, Ranbir Singh, 75, died in New Delhi following a heart failure. He was the chief editor of *Daily Milap*, a leading Urdu newspaper. An associate of Bhagat Singh, Ranbir was sentenced to death but acquitted by the then Punjab High Court on appeal in the Lahore conspiracy case.

H P MINISTER DEAD

DES RAJ MAHAJAN, Himachal minister for transport died following a massive heart attack at the "Chichi Mata" temple in Samba 40 km from Jammu.

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The pandemic, war in Ukraine and uprisings elsewhere have meant that the world has largely stopped paying attention to events in Myanmar, where the military is literally pursuing a scorched earth policy." — THE GUARDIAN

A corrosive strike at court

Repeated attacks by government on collegium system are disturbing. Despite its drawbacks, it is a better method than the jettisoned and unworkable National Judicial Appointments Commission



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THE RECENT ATTACKS on the collegium system and the Supreme Court are disconcerting as they come from the Law Minister and the Vice-President. The collegium system has been criticised in the past and so has the Supreme Court for having struck down the 99th constitutional amendment that created the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) and was voted almost unanimously in both Houses of Parliament.

But very few critics understand that the constitutional amendment and the NJAC Act, 2014 was so badly drafted that the NJAC would have collapsed under its own contradictions. All the counsels who argued against the amendment, including Fali Nariman, the late Anil Divan, the late Ram Jethmalani and this writer, had repeatedly informed the Supreme Court that they had no objection to the NJAC replacing the collegium provided judges, sitting or retired, were in a clear majority in the Commission. But the Union of India refused to relent and the 99th amendment was eventually struck down as being violative of the basic structure.

A simple analysis of the appointment process shows that it was unworkable. Under Article 124A, the NJAC oddly had an even number of six members but the Chairperson, the Chief Justice of India, had no casting vote. What would happen if there was a tie and, therefore, a deadlock? No answer.

The Chief Justice and the next two senior judges represented the judiciary. The Law Minister and two "eminent persons" were the other three. One of the eminent members had to be nominated from persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes or should be a woman. In as many as 67 Central Acts, the "eminent persons" who have to be appointed as part of a committee or a commission, must have expertise in the subject that the statute covers. For example, under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, a member of the Biodiversity Authority had to be eminent in the field of "conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity". And a member of the Academic Committee under the National Law School University of India Act, 1986 had to be eminent in law.

Strangely, to select Supreme Court or high court judges, the eminent person needed no connection with the law. In fact, during the arguments, the response of the Union of India was categorical: The eminent members need have no knowledge of law or the functioning of the courts. It was stated that even M S Swaminathan, the renowned agricultural scientist, could be a member. Thus, one-third of the NJAC could be constitutionally and blissfully unaware of the functioning of the Supreme Court or the high courts and yet decide the destiny of our higher judiciary.

The NJAC Act, 2014, which prescribed the procedure for appointment and transfer of judges, was riddled with contradictions and absurdities. Section 5(1) required the NJAC to recommend the senior-most judge of the Supreme Court as the Chief Justice of India "if he is considered fit to hold the office". Neither the 99th Amendment nor the NJAC Act had any prescribed criteria of what constituted fitness to hold office. On what ground could the senior-most judge become "unfit"? No answer.

A shocking provision was the veto power: No recommendation could be made by the NJAC if any two of the six members disagreed. There could not be a more blatant method of frustrating the appointment process and enabling the executive to completely dominate the judiciary.

The selection procedure for the high court judges was even more bizarre. The Chief Justice and two senior-most judges of every high court had to nominate persons to the NJAC for appointment as high court judges. Simultaneously, the NJAC could also nominate persons for appointment as high court Judges. What would happen if the two sets of nominees were different? No answer. Further, the NJAC had to "elicit in writing" the views of the Governor and the Chief Minister. What would happen if the two took opposite views? Whose view would prevail? No answer.

And now comes the worst blow. The NJAC had the power to frame regulations laying down the criteria of suitability, and the procedure of appointing judges of the Supreme Court and the High Courts. These regulations had to be tabled before both Houses of Parliament. Under section 13, Parliament had the power to nullify these regulations or modify them. This single fatal section made a complete mockery of the appointment process. The present collegium system, despite its drawbacks, is a far better method of selecting Supreme Court and High Court judges.

Most politicians, while in power, are allergic and intolerant to an independent judiciary. It requires a politician to rise to the level of a statesman and a visionary to understand how vital an independent judiciary is to the functioning of a constitutional democracy. Democracy does not end with free and fair elections. Of equal importance are robust and independent institutions that create the necessary checks and balances. The repeated and orchestrated attacks on the collegium and the judiciary will, to borrow the words of Justice Douglas, "set in motion a subversive influence of our own design that destroys us from within."

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My six-point challenge to BJP

First, summon the will to pass the Women's Reservation Bill in the Winter Session of Parliament



ZERO HOUR

BY DEREK O'BRIEN

THE WINTER SESSION of Parliament began on Wednesday. The BJP has a comfortable majority in the Lok Sabha. They effortlessly manufacture a majority in the Rajya Sabha. The numbers are on their side. But do they have the courage to take up even one of these issues in the ongoing winter session of Parliament?

Not two or three of the six listed below. Just one would be a good start in the forthcoming two weeks.

One, pass the Women's Reservation Bill. The Women's Reservation Bill, seeking to reserve one-third of all seats for women in the Lok Sabha and the state legislative assemblies, has been introduced multiple times since 1996, but has failed to become an Act. Versions of the Bill were introduced in 1998, 1999 and 2008. It was passed in the Rajya Sabha in 2010 but lapsed upon the dissolution of the Lok Sabha and the formation of the new government. In its 2014 manifesto, the BJP called women "nation builders" and "committed to 33 per cent reservation for women in Parliament and state assemblies". Walk the talk. Bring the Bill in December 2022. (Even without the Women's Reservation Bill, 36 per cent of TMC MPs are women).

Two, appoint a Deputy Speaker in Lok Sabha. Article 93 of the Constitution says that the Lok Sabha should choose two members of the House as Speaker and Deputy Speaker as soon as the case may be. In the 15th Lok Sabha, M Thambi Durai was elected as Deputy Speaker on the 71st day. It is 1,273 days (3.5 years) since the Lok Sabha does not have a Deputy Speaker. The Deputy Speaker is not subordinate to the Speaker. In fact, the Speaker has to tend his resignation to the Deputy Speaker if s/he chooses to do so. B R Ambedkar emphasised this function of the Deputy Speaker and its importance in keeping the Speaker independent of the executive by opposing the motion to submit the Speaker's resignation to the President.

Three, accept a 267 Notice from the Opposition to discuss a burning issue. Rule 267 gives Rajya Sabha MPs an opportunity to give a written notice to suspend regular business and seek a discussion on an important issue. The last time such a notice was admitted was in November 2016 (Hamid Ansari was the Chairman) on the issue of demonetisation. Can you believe it, for six years, not even one 267 notice has been permitted? The Opposition demanded a discussion under Rule 267 on several issues such as price rise, farmers' agitation, Pegasus etc, but to no avail.

Fourth, the PM has to answer a question in Parliament. The Prime Minister has not answered a single question in the Rajya Sabha since 2014. The last time a question was answered by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) in Rajya Sabha was way back in 2016. Since 2014, the PMO has answered seven questions in the Rajya Sabha, as opposed to 85 questions answered by the PMO under Manmohan Singh from 2004-2014. Our Prime Minister is such a brilliant orator. Opposition MPs like me would be delighted to see him answer our questions. He now pops in on Thursday morning for all of 15 minutes.

Fifth, comply with the Pre-Legislative Consultation Policy. Till 2021, 75 per cent of the bills introduced in Parliament were presented without any prior consultation. Fifty-four per cent of the bills placed for consultation did not adhere to the 30-day consultation period mandated by the Pre-Legislative Consultation Policy (2014). Important legislation such as the Right to Information (Amendment) Act 2019, Unlawful Activities Prevention (Amendment) Act 2019, Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Second Amendment) Bill, 2021, the three draconian Farm Bills in 2020, were introduced in Parliament without any prior public consultation. Having the numbers in Parliament does not give the government the licence to bypass public scrutiny. Will the BJP ensure that every bill introduced this Winter Session has been placed for prior public consultation for 30 days?

Sixth, let Parliament function for the scheduled number of days. In the last seven sessions of Parliament, the Houses have been adjourned at an average of five days prior to the scheduled date. In December 2020, the government cited the pandemic as the reason for curtailing Parliament while the real reason for doing so was to evade accountability for the since-repealed draconian farm laws. Parliament sits for less than 100 days in a year. The Rajya Sabha last sat for more days than that in 1974! The number of sittings per year for Lok Sabha has reduced from an average of 121 days (1952-1970) to 68 days per year since 2000.

In 2019, I introduced a Private Member's Bill to amend the Constitution to provide for a fixed calendar for the three sessions of parliament and a minimum of 100 days of sittings a year for each House. Will the BJP bring a fixed calendar for Parliament and mandate it to run for a 100 days (or more) annually?

So here is a challenge to the BJP: Bring the Women's Reservation Bill, appoint a Deputy Speaker in the Lok Sabha, accept a 267 Notice in the Rajya Sabha, let the PM answer a question in the Rajya Sabha, put all bills for pre-legislative consultation, and bring a fixed calendar to ensure a minimum of 100 sittings for Parliament.

Mr Prime Minister, will you accept the challenge?

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The sweetest win

PM Modi has been instrumental in consolidating BJP strength in Gujarat



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THE BJP HAS registered a stunning win in the 2022 Gujarat elections. I use the word stunning because this is the seventh consecutive time the BJP has won the state and if we include the 1990 election, where BJP and Janata Dal fought in an alliance and swept the seats that they contested, the count goes up to eight. There have been many variables in the BJP's success in Gujarat over the last three decades but one constant has been Narendra Modi. In different circumstances, adopting different methods he has strengthened the BJP, making it the force that it is now. I will broadly divide his efforts into two parts — overcoming the crisis of electability and overcoming the crisis of governability.

Let me explain the first point. In 1987, when Narendra Modi was sent to the BJP from the RSS, the morale of the party was at an all-time low. In two successive polls — 1980 and 1985 — the Congress had swept to office with 150 seats. The Lok Sabha polls of 1984 were also disappointing for the BJP. At such a time, the mood of the party cadre was at an all-time low and the organisation, despite having many bright leaders, was at risk of withering away. This is when Modi made his debut. The immediate task was the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation election. At the time, a Congress victory was a foregone conclusion. But it was the BJP which won and Modi played an anchoring role in this. He worked on candidate selection, giving importance to candidates with a clean image, professionals and old grass roots workers. He emphasised speaking about the party's positive vision and at the same time, coming down heavily on the vote bank politics of the Congress. This led to rich dividends.

In the next few years, Modi devised the effective tools of yatras and mass contact programmes. In the late 1980s, Gujarat was suffering from a severe drought, which was made worse by the apathy of the state government. Modi devised a simple and effective method — a charter, in which BJP workers prepared a list of services people were entitled to. This made evident to the people the rampant corruption in the state over the years. In 1989, he came up with another unique idea — the Lok Shakti Yatra. This yatra was aimed at enhancing the image of Keshubhai Patel and giving him a pan-Gujarat image with successful impact. Thus, as the 1989 Lok Sabha elections approached, the BJP was no longer seen as non-electable and the party won the highest number of seats in Gujarat, more than the Congress and Janata Dal.

It was not only Modi's actions but also his renunciation that helped the BJP. In the political crisis of 1995-1996, he was wrongly vilified and moved out of Gujarat. He did so, complying with the party directive even as other leaders broke the party; some even allied with the Congress.

My second point pertains to the BJP's ability to govern and deliver. The BJP did form the government in 1995 but it was plagued by factionalism. In 1998, when the BJP again got a clear mandate, the government did not leave much of a mark in terms of governance. Cyclone relief left a lot to be desired, the drought response was not great either and the 2001 earthquake relief measures were also inadequate. The BJP suffered electoral reverses in the local body polls in 2000 and the last straw was a defeat in the Sabarmati assembly, which was part of the Parliamentary seat of L K Advani, then deputy PM. It was increasingly clear that while the BJP was winning, its ability to deliver good governance was questionable.

October 7, 2001, changed that.

Right through his first 100 days in office, Modi showed what last mile governance ought to be. He was in Kutch ensuring timely relief, he spent Diwali with those affected, and was touring other parts of the state focusing on reforming the power and water sectors. As time passed, Gujarat was seen as a turnaround state of sorts — a place like Kutch, whose obituary had been written earlier, was reborn as a hub of development, a dry district like Banaskantha became known for agriculture, dairies opened in Saurashtra, urban infra boomed in Ahmedabad, Surat, Rajkot and Vadodara, power discoms were reformed, schools were opened in tribal areas and more. A state known for natural disasters was now drawing investments from the world. Modi fought every election on the agenda of vikas and the people of Gujarat reciprocated with affection.

The real success of a politician lies in the long-term institutional change he or she can bring into politics. Modi has institutionalised development as the fulcrum around which Gujarat politics revolves. Every discussion boils down to which party was better and seen as credible at delivery of governance. For all the criticism of individual centric politics, the BJP has won every election in Gujarat after Modi moved to Delhi. Yes, the prime attraction remains Modi but the BJP organisation is still very vibrant in Gujarat. Neither the Congress nor AAP have been able to replicate this organisational strength. The BJP's organisation has been consistently shaped, molded and solidified by Narendra Modi, making it a formidable force, hard to overcome. The personal connect and booth level associations have been key differentiators.

On balance, 2022 was a good year electorally for the BJP. But I am sure among all the wins, the win in Gujarat is a lot sweeter for the party and particularly for Narendra Modi.

The writer is former chairman of Prasar Bharati

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

POST-POLL TASKS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Winning Delhi' (IE, December 8). With the MCD results in its favour, AAP can prove its worth further by ushering in positive changes in Delhi. By wisely managing the municipality's funds, it can also reinforce its image as a fiscally responsible party. At the same time, with BJP losing out by a slim margin, Arvind Kejriwal would do well to stay alert. The role of the LG in the capital is crucial. This means the AAP's challenges in running Delhi the way it wants will remain.

Vijai Pant, *Hempur*

ALAGH'S LEGACY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'People's economist' (IE, December 8). The demise of noted agricultural economist Yoginder K Alagh is saddening. He was a distinguished scholar, passionate about various aspects of public policy, particularly rural development. In his tenure as the chairman of the IRMA from 2006-2012, he ushered in big changes to the institute's culture. Alagh will be remembered for being a democrat and for his inclusive approach to development.

S S Paul, *Nadia*

A NEW FAMILY

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Husband, wife, spouse' (IE, December 7). The nationwide debate around the uniform civil code is a great opportunity for us to reimagine the institution of marriage in the contemporary context. We need a gender-neutral law on marriage. Adoption and inheritance have to be in line with the aspirations of a new-age family. The state and society have to be accommodative of the genuine demands on this issue.

Sudip Kumar Dey, *Barasat*

DEFINING ROLES

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'All's in the name' (IE, December 8). The differences in nomenclature of district magistrates across the country causes confusion among people. "Development commissioner" defines the role of the district magistrate as the key person responsible to execute all the development schemes in a district. But a mere change in nomenclature will not be effective in a system where there is limited decentralisation of powers. A structural change is the need of the hour.

Abhishek Mishra, *Allahabad*

ON DEMONETISATION

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Bring before us records of Demonetisation: SC to Centre, RBI' (IE, December 8). The records requested by the Supreme Court will clarify the veracity of the Centre and RBI's claims that demonetisation of 500, and 1000 currency notes followed the procedure prescribed in Section 26(2) of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. However, one thing is certain. PM Narendra Modi's demonetisation announcement came before the "Gazette notification" mentioned in the act.

L R Murmu, *New Delhi*

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GUJARAT • HIMACHAL PRADESH

SOME KEY NUMBERS

HIGHEST MARGIN
1,92,263 VOTES
GHATLODIA
WINNER: Bhupendra Patel, BJP, 2,13,530 votes
RUNNER-UP: Amee Yajnik, Congress, 21,267 votes

NARROWEST MARGIN
577 VOTES
RAPAR
WINNER: Virendrasinh Jadeja, BJP, 66,961 votes
RUNNER-UP: Bhachubhai Aarethiya, Cong, 66,384 votes

THE BIG WINNERS


HARDIK PATEL, BJP *(Viramgam)*


JIGNESH MEVANI, Congress *(Vadgam)*


HARSH SANGHAVI, BJP *(Majura)*


ALPESH THAKOR, BJP *(Gandhinagar South)*


MOHAN KOKNI, BJP *(Vyara)*

THE BIG LOSERS


Opp leader SUKHRAM RATHWA, Congress *(Jetpur)*


Ex-LoP PARESH DHANANI, Congress *(Amreli)*


ISUDAN GADHVI, AAP CM face *(Khambhalia)*


GOPAL ITALIA, AAP state convenor *(Katargam)*


KESHUBHAI NAKRANI, BJP *(Gariadhar)*



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with BJP president J P Nadda, and Union ministers Amit Shah and Rajnath Singh in Delhi on Thursday. *Tashi Tobgyal*

BJP NOW FIRST CHOICE FOR CROSS-SECTION OF PEOPLE, SAYS MODI

PM: Urged people to help Bhupendra break Narendra's record; they broke all records

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 8

ASSERTING THAT the Assembly poll results have proved that the electorate has identified people who are "creating fresh challenges" for the nation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India's future can be brightened only by erasing the fault lines, not by deepening them, and that conflicts can be created by anyone, but those who think of the country first should bring people together so that the nation marches ahead.

Addressing party workers at the BJP headquarters here on Thursday evening, after the party scored a landslide win in Gujarat and faced defeat to Congress in Himachal Pradesh, Modi said the results also prove that BJP has become the first choice for a cross-section of the people — be it "the village or the city, the poor or the middle class, farmers or labourers — their first choice is BJP".

He said the country's youth, women, and people from tribal communities have voted for the party since they have realised BJP works for them, and is capable enough to take on all challenges. "When the youth voted in large numbers for BJP, the message is clear that they have checked, tested and trusted our work.. . It means the youth want BJP's development-oriented politics, not a politics governed by dynasty or caste lines," he said.

Maintaining that women, too, chose BJP, he said, "No other government has done so much to improve their lives." People from Gujarat's tribal belt also "blessed BJP, and the party won 34 of 40 seats" in the region, he said.

Reiterating his confidence in the people of Gujarat, Modi said he had asked the electorate to break the record he had set, referring to the 127 seats BJP won in 2002. "I had urged them to break the record of Narendra; (so that) Bhupendra surpasses Narendra's record, and for that Narendra (Modi) will work with all his might. But the people have done wonderful (work)...they created the record of breaking records and made history," he said, referring to BJP bagging 156 seats and surpassing Congress's 149-seat record, set under the leadership of late Madhavsinh Solanki in 1985.

Applauding Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupender Patel for his victory with a margin of nearly 2 lakh votes, Modi recalled the "difficult times" he himself had to go through after taking over as CM in 2001. But, he added, those times had "emboldened" and inspired him to be stronger and take bold decisions for the state.

In Himachal Pradesh, where the Congress won, he said the difference was less than 1% votes. But, he added, the party and the Central government will not compromise with the commitment for the state's development.

Modi also referred to some "neutral people who keep changing their colours", and to the Aam Aadmi Party, without naming it, and said despite the build-up it had made, the party lost deposits on many seats in Uttarakhand, and now in Himachal Pradesh.

BJP president J P Nadda was sharper in his attack on AAP. Calling the party's chief and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal a "*kattar baiman*" (utterly dishonest), he alleged that this was the first time in Independent India that a politician needed a board to showcase his honesty. "This shows that he is a *kattar baiman*," he said. "A new party came to insult Gujarat, the leader of that party said that our (AAP's) government is coming to Gujarat. He should now apologise to the people for misleading and fooling them."

EXPLAINED

Amid celebrations, a warning

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi took a swipe apparently at political analysts, calling them "neutrals who changed their colours" and warning party leaders and workers against their "*zulm* (atrocities)". He also cautioned that such *zulm* will now increase against him as well and asked workers to increase their restraint and spirit of service.

OATH ON DECEMBER 12

Man of few words and many votes — CM Patel bags record win again

PARIMAL DABHI
GANDHINAGAR, DECEMBER 8

GUJARAT CHIEF Minister Bhupendra Patel, who is set to take the oath for the second time on December 12, on Wednesday broke his own 2017 biggest victory margin (1,17,750 votes) record as he won his Ghatlodia seat by 1,92,263 votes this time, which is again the highest in the state.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi who had described Patel as "*mrudu ane makkam* (mild and firm)" will be at Patel's swearing-in ceremony at the Helipad ground inside the New Secretariat complex on December 12, along with Union Home Minister Amit Shah. State BJP chief C R Paatil made the announcement at a press conference held after BJP's victory on Thursday.

"People of Gujarat have once again negated the anti-national elements while giving an opportunity to the nationalists to serve them," Patel said after the results.

When Modi kicked off the BJP campaign from Valsad with the slogan "we have built this Gujarat", the PM had said, "This time, the BJP will break all the old records of victory. I will come here regularly, whenever needed. I have come here to break my own victory record… I have come here so that Bhupendra (Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel) can break the record of Narendra… This election is not fought by Narendra or Bhupendra, it is fought by my brothers and sisters."

Five years ago, the Kadva Patidar leader (Patel) had won by the then highest margin of 1,17,750 votes in the state, breaking the earlier record of his mentor and now UP Governor Anandiben Patel, who had won by 1,10,395 votes from Ghatlodia. The Ghatlodia seat in Ahmedabad city has the highest number of voters in Gujarat.

A builder by profession, Patel was brought in as the CM in September last year, replacing Vijay Rupani in a move where the BJP also replaced the ministers.

A man of few words, Patel listed out the range of developmental initiatives that the BJP is planning to implement in Gujarat, including agriculture infrastructure, expansion of Sujalam Suflam irrigation canals and SAUNI Yojana, vaccination of livestock, developing country's first blue economy industrial corridor, and creating 20 lakh job opportunities in next five years. On Thursday at a party meeting, he said the victory was a stamp of approval for "politics of development" started by PM Modi. "Whenever elections are held, BJP always give an account of works done by it. The BJP worker always stays attached with the people and the results show that the attachment has only grown deeper," Patel said.



Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel with state BJP chief C R Paatil in Ahmedabad. *Nirmal Harindran*

Unscathed by bridge collapse, BJP wins all three seats in Morbi

GOPAL KATESHIYA
RAJKOT, DECEMBER 8

THE BRIDGE tragedy, which left 135 people dead in Morbi town on October 30, had little effect on the electoral fortunes of the ruling BJP. The party managed to win all three Assembly seats in Morbi district with handsome margins. The Congress had won all three seats in Morbi in 2017.

BJP candidate Kantilal Amrutiya won in the Morbi Assembly constituency by defeating Jayantilal Patel of Congress by 62,079 votes. Amrutiya polled 1,14,538 votes while Jayantilal got 52,459 votes. AAP candidate Pankaj Ransariya got 17,544 votes.

A five-time MLA from Morbi, Amrutiya had built his campaign around his rescue act at the Jhulto Pul bridge site. Videos of him swimming in the river to save people, who had fallen in it after the bridge collapse, had gone viral. While campaigning, he spoke about how he jumped in the water to save people while other leaders watched from the river bank.

The Congress and AAP had targeted the BJP government over the bridge incident, accusing it of negligence and claiming that the fact that bridge could not be maintained properly exposed the reality of development claims of the ruling party.

However, Amrutiya's rival Jayantilal Patel barely mentioned the incident during the campaign.

In neighbouring Tanakara seat, which includes parts of Morbi town, BJP's Durlabhji Dethariya defeated sitting Congress MLA Lalit Kagathara by 10,256 votes. Kagathara is also the working president of state PCC.

In Wankaner, a Congress bastion, BJP's Jitu Somani defeated sitting Congress MLA Mahmadjavid Pirzada by 19,955 votes.

Rebels take 2 seats away from BJP

Unexpected defeats for party in Waghodia and Bayad

ADITI RAJA & PARIMAL DABHI
VADODARA, AHMEDABAD, DEC 8

THE BJP may have witnessed a landslide victory in Gujarat but the party's inability to mollify rebels following the announcement of candidates in November has also brought a bittersweet experience —with the party losing at least two seats to its rebels.

The BJP faced a shock-defeat in Waghodia where party candidate Ashwin Patel was facing two rebels — seven-term MLA Madhu Shrivastava and influential party leader Dharmendrasinh Vaghela. While Shrivastava bagged 14,645 votes, Vaghela cut the BJP's unbeaten run from this seat by bagging 77,905 votes. Ashwin Patel, who was the district unit president of Vadodara until his candidature, got 63,899 votes.

Independent candidate Dhavalsinh Zala registered a surprise win in Bayad constituency of Aravalli district. A Thakor-Kashtriya, Zala was elected Congress MLA from the same seat in 2017. However, in 2019 Rajya Sabha elections, he cross-voted and later resigned from assembly and Congress. He then joined the BJP, which fielded him in the by-elections from the same seat. However, Zala lost to Congress.

In this election, Zala sought a BJP ticket but was denied. Hundreds of his protesting supporters reached BJP headquarters in Gandhinagar. He eventually filed nomination as an Independent from Bayad.

In Padra constituency, where the BJP faced a rebel candidate in Dinesh Patel, director of Baroda Dairy, the party managed to register a win with its candidate Chaintanyasinh Zala bagging 66,226 votes, while sitting Congress MLA Jashpalsinh Padhiyar bagged 60,048 votes. Dinesh Patel bagged 51,109 votes, which could have been a deciding factor.

Sanghavi, three other ministers win by huge margins

KAMAAL SAIYED
SURAT, DECEMBER 8

FOUR STATE cabinet ministers — Harsh Sanghavi, Vinodbhai Moradiya, Mukesh Patel and Purnesh Modi — who contested the assembly elections in Surat from Majura, Katargam, Olpad and Surat West seats respectively, won with huge margins, defeating candidates from the Congress, the AAP and others.

Minister for Urban Housing and Urban Development Vinodbhai Moradiya won with a margin of 64,627 votes from Katargam seat, defeating AAP candidate Gopal Italia (55,878 votes) and Congress's Kalpesh Variya (26,840 votes).

At Surat's Majura, MoS for Home Harsh Sanghavi contested the election for the third consecutive time and won with a margin of 1.16 lakh votes, defeating Congress and AAP candidates.

In Olpad, cabinet minister Mukesh Patel won by a margin of 1.15 lakh votes, defeating Congress and AAP candidates. On Surat West seat, BJP candidate and state cabinet minister Purnesh Modi (1,22,981 votes) won by a margin of 1.04 lakh votes, defeating Congress candidate Sanjay Shah (18,669 votes) and AAP candidate Moxesh Sanghavi (16,955 votes).

Talking to The Indian Express, Sanghavi said, "The 27-year-old relationship between the BJP and Gujarat has taken a new turn... Today it has been proved that the people of Gujarat and the BJP has become Jodi No. 1."

77 SITTING MLAS RE-ELECTED

New Gujarat House: 105 fresh faces, 14 women, several doctors

AVINASH NAIR
AHMEDABAD, DECEMBER 8

WITH 105 new entrants, 14 women and one Muslim, in addition to the 77 sitting MLAs who have been re-elected, the 15th Legislative Assembly of Gujarat is all set to be a mix of fresh faces and experienced hands.

Among the new faces will be Rivaba Jadeja—a businesswoman and the wife of cricketer Ravindra Jadeja—who won from the Jamnagar North constituency by more than 50,000 votes. There were 13 women MLAs in the 14th Assembly, while the preceding Assembly had a record 17 women MLAs.

Apart from Rivaba, there are two other businesswomen—Rita Patel and Malti Maheshwari. Rita is the newly elected BJP MLA from Gandhinagar North seat which covers the state's capital. A builder by profession, she is the mayor of Gandhinagar MC. Maheshwari, who won from the Gandhidham seat, is into logistics business.

The new Assembly will also have three practising doctors, including the deputy mayor of Rajkot Municipal Corporation, Dr Darshita Shah who won from the Rajkot West seat, which was represented by former CM Vijay Rupani in 2017. The other doctors include Darshan Deshmukh and Payal Kukrani who won Nandod and Naroda respectively for BJP.

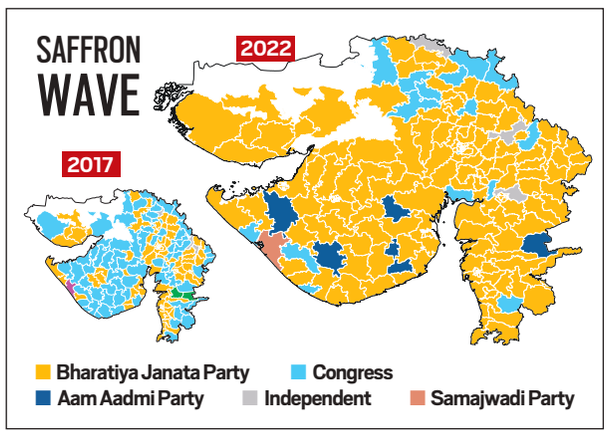
Apart from them, Darshana Vaghela—the newly elected BJP candidate from Asarwa in Ahmedabad—is a housewife, while Sejal Pandya from Bhavnagar-East is into teaching and coaching. Of the 13 women MLAs from the BJP, five are sitting MLAs. The lone female representation from the Congress is its sitting Vav MLA , Geniben Thakor.

The lone Muslim representation in the new Assembly will be sitting Congress MLA Imran Khedawala, who was re-elected by a margin of 13,600 votes.

The new House will also have the company of two of the richest candidates who fought the 2022 elections. JS Patel with declared assets worth Rs 661 crore won on a BJP ticket from Mansa, while former Congressman, Balvantsinh Rajput—with declared assets of Rs 372 crore—won Sidhpur for the saffron party.

The 15th Legislature will also have MLAs such as Hardik Patel who has as many as 22 criminal cases—the highest among the candidates this time—lodged against him. Hardik won on a BJP ticket from Viramgam. Govind Parmar (79), who won Umreth seat on a BJP ticket, will be the oldest candidate in the new House.

A total of 126 MLAs recontested the 2022 polls. The voters re-elected 77 of them of which 84% are from the BJP, while 12% are from the Congress. The rest include former Congress MLA Dhavalsinh Zala—who fought as an independent after being denied a ticket and won from Bayad, and Kandhal Jadeja who fought on a Samajwadi Party ticket after the NCP declined to back him as a party candidate from Kutiyana.



Of the total 111 outgoing BJP MLAs in the 14th state legislature, the party had given tickets to 71 MLAs; thus, allowing 64% of them to recontest in the 2022 polls. In comparison, the Congress had given tickets to 85% (51 MLAs) of their 60 MLAs left in the House following a string of resignations towards the end of the five-year term. While 65 BJP MLAs emerged victorious, only 10 Congress MLAs could win a second term as the AAP cut into the vote share of many of them.

Suspended from the BJP, Madhu Srivastav, who fought as an independent, lost from Waghodia seat in Vadodara. Similarly, Chottu Vasava, who had won on a Bharatiya Tribal Party ticket in 2017, also lost as an independent from Jhagadia. These two were also among the 126 sitting MLAs who recontested.

Of the seven sitting BJP MLAs who lost the polls included a state minister Kirtisinh Vaghela. An MLA from Kankrej seat in Banaskantha district and Minister of State for Primary, Secondary and Adult Education, Vaghela lost to the Congress' Amrutji Thakor, the brother of Gujarat Congress president Jagdish Thakor.

Former cabinet minister and sitting BJP MLA from Chanasma, Dilip Thakor, lost to Congress's Dinesh Thakor by some 1,300 votes. Another former cabinet-rank minister Babu Bokhiria lost to his arch rival Arjun Modhwadia of the Congress from Porbandar.

In a surprising result, six-time MLA from Gariadhar seat in Bhavnagar district, Keshu Nakrani, lost to the AAP's Sudhir Vaghani.

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GUJARAT • HIMACHAL PRADESH

Behind Cong show: Listless campaign in Gujarat; spirited fight in Himachal

MANOJ C G
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 8

WHEN THE route that Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra would take became clear some months ago, a Congress section expressed surprise that the cross- country march would travel straight from Kanyakumari to Kashmir without entering the poll-bound Gujarat.

Adding to its surprise was Rahul's decision to spend only a day in Gujarat to address just a couple of rallies. His presence was largely symbolic there. As the Congress clocked its worst-ever performance on Narendra Modi's turf, there is a realisation within the Congress that the party should perhaps blame no one else but itself for its spectacular fall.

The lack of a visible and strong Congress campaign in Gujarat had been puzzling the party leaders from outside the state. The refrain in the Congress circles Thursday as poll results started trickling in, was that no one really took ownership of the party's campaign there.

In the 2017 Gujarat polls, the Congress had undertaken an energetic and spirited campaign and won 77 of the state's total 182 seats. Rahul was then on his way to become the Congress president. The election was a personal challenge for him before he took over the mantle from his mother Sonia Gandhi.

And Rahul had then two veterans to lean on – Ashok Gehlot, who was then the AICC general secretary in charge of Gujarat and the sharp and astute party strategist Ahmed Patel. Factional feuds is not a new story in the Congress and the Gujarat unit has not been an exception.

But with Rahul taking active interest in the Gujarat campaign and the two veterans in charge of the state, the party had then managed to keep its internal feuds under check.

The campaign had a purpose and direction and the leaders and the cadre perhaps felt the party had a genuine chance of upsetting the BJP apple cart.

This time, however, the Congress's campaign was listless. A message went out very early that the party was not visible but no effort was made to dispel this perception.

In sharp contrast, the grand old party's story in the Himachal Pradesh polls was entirely different. The party's campaign was much better in the hill state on various scores.

AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra sensed very early that the party had a fighting chance in Himachal.

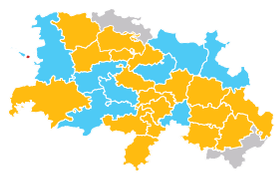
Keen to ensure a victory under her belt – she had spectacularly flopped in the Uttar Pradesh polls held earlier this year – Priyanka worked closely with Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel for the Himachal campaign. They had worked together in Uttar Pradesh as well.

Priyanka was involved in the design and planning of the campaign and ticket distribution, taking a lot of feedback from the ground, where she put in place a team.

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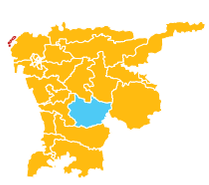
HOW PARTIES PERFORMED, REGION-WISE

The Bharatiya Janata Party has made the highest gains in the Saurashtra region, where AAP has also won most of its Assembly seats



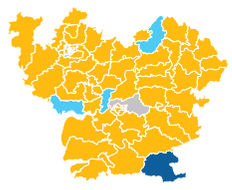
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Party	Seats	Change
AAP	0	0
BJP	37	+10
Cong	10	-11



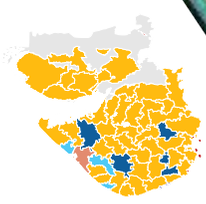
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Party	Seats	Change
AAP	0	0
BJP	27	+5
Cong	1	-5



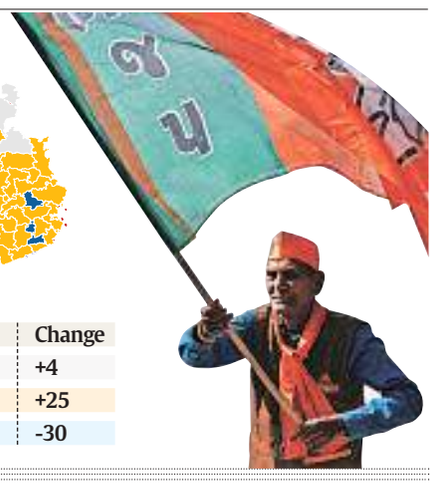
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Party	Seats	Change
AAP	1	+1
BJP	44	+17
Cong	3	-15



SAURASHTRA

Party	Seats	Change
AAP	4	+4
BJP	48	+25
Cong	3	-30



MAKING SENSE OF THE RESULTS

How Cong frittered away its 2017 gains: steady defections on ground, no one face

Party lost voter trust with defections over last few years; failed to gauge AAP effect, say state leaders

LEENA MISRA & RITU SHARMA
AHMEDABAD, DECEMBER 8

FOR THE Congress, more than issues that the BJP attacked it for — Medha Patkar joining the Bharat Jodo Yatra, or the "aukat" and "Raavan" remarks by its leaders against Prime Minister Narendra Modi, among others — it was the perception that the "Congress MLA is an easy defector" that sealed the party's fate, say Congress leaders.

As the party nursed the wounds after its worst defeat, and stared at a bleak future in Gujarat, finishing with just 17 seats and a vote share of 27%, Congress general secretary in charge of the state, Raghu Sharma, resigned on Thursday even as the results came in.

"We lost the confidence of the voter, who was not sure that if he or she voted for our candidate, whether the latter would stay with the party," said a national Congress leader.

This perception was reinforced by Arvind Kejriwal, who kept emphasising in his campaign that a vote to the Congress is a vote "wasted" — that a Congress MLA, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief maintained, would eventually join BJP.

This trend of defection, which began ahead of the 2017 Assembly elections, when nearly a dozen Congress MLAs joined BJP, continued even in 2022. In the end, at least 19 former Congressmen got BJP tickets this time, with many finishing winners.

Thus, the party could neither secure the seats in the tribal belt nor win the minority-dominated constituencies.

Besides the nagging faults — such as factionalism, a late and low-key campaign lacking imagination, and a shoestring budget — the Congress leadership failed to gauge the damage that AAP was to cause it. "The AAP took away many of our votes. It was a party without baggage, while we have so much of it," a senior Congress leader said. This leader credited AAP for talking about the "basic issues", which, he said, Congress failed to raise.



DESERTED: Congress office in Ahmedabad, Thursday. *Express*

Besides bagging five, AAP finished second on 34 seats, and a vote share of 12%.

Among the major losers from the Congress were Leader of Opposition Sukhram Rathwa, former Leader of Opposition Paresh Dhanani, four-term MLA from Muslim-dominated Dariapur constituency Gyasuddin Shaikh, and Punaji Gamit from the Christian-dominated Vyara seat.

The one gain was the Porbandar seat, won by former state unit president Arjun Modhwadia.

Asked about reasons for the party notching its lowest vote share ever in Gujarat, state Congress chief Jagdish Thakor, who called the results "shocking", said: "These will be discussed. There are not one or two reasons for an electoral victory or defeat. It is also not the case that there is love for BJP (among people)."

In the end, he said, peoples' vote is important in a democracy. "The Congress fought hard, but we failed.... These results indicate that. I congratulate those who are going to form the government," he said.

State congress spokesperson Manish Doshi said, "The results are very unexpected. People heard us and expressed their support, too, but that did not convert into votes. The party will evaluate the central and well as state election strategy and assess the results. However, whatever responsibility the people gave us, we will serve with dedication."

Cong blames 'unholy nexus' between BJP, AAP for loss

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HAVING FACED its worst-ever defeat in Gujarat, a shell-shocked Congress blamed what it called an "unholy nexus" between AAP and the BJP for its loss.

While AICC in-charge of the state Raghu Sharma resigned, the general secretary in charge of organisation, K C Venugopal, vowed to "deeply probe" and "introspect" the reasons behind the debacle.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge credited the Bharat Jodo Yatra led by Rahul Gandhi, and Priyanka Gandhi's Vadra's campaign in Himachal Pradesh for the party's victory in the state. On the Gujarat outcome, Kharge said that the party will rectify shortcomings, if any. "In democracy, victories and defeats are not permanent. But we cannot leave our principles," he said.

Venugopal said the "unholy nexus between AAP and the BJP was instrumental in dividing the secular votes to script the saffron victory" in Gujarat. Arguing that the Yatra was moving forward, touching millions, he said: "Himachal has chosen its message of compassion over hatred."

3RD TRANCHE

₹676-cr poll bonds sold in November, ₹660-cr worth encashed in Delhi

DAMINI NATH
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 8

ELECTORAL BONDS worth Rs 676.2 crore were sold between November 9 and November 15 when the campaigning for the Gujarat Assembly polls was in full swing, a Right To Information (RTI) reply by the State Bank of India (SBI) on Thursday said.

In response to Bihar-based RTI activist Kanhaiya Kumar's application, information provided by the SBI stated that the Mumbai branch of the bank remained the top choice for buyers, selling Rs 309.4 crore worth of electoral bonds, followed by Delhi with a sale of Rs 225.4 crore, Hyderabad (Rs 89 crore), Gandhinagar (Rs 37.5 crore, Jaipur (Rs 5.81 crore), Kolkata (Rs 5 crore), Bengaluru (Rs 3 crore), and Chandigarh (Rs 1 crore).

The SBI reply stated that out of 954 bonds of various denominations that were sold in the 23rd tranche from November 9 to November 15, all but one bond of Rs 1,000 denomination was encashed. Most of the bonds (Rs 660.2 crore) were encashed at SBI's branch in New Delhi, where national parties are based. The only other branch where electoral bonds worth Rs 16 crore were encashed this time was Hyderabad.

This was the first tranche of electoral bonds since the Union Finance Ministry on November 7 amended the Electoral Bond Scheme-2018 to allow an additional 15 days of sales in a year with an Assembly election.

Till then, electoral bonds were sold by SBI through four 10-day windows in January, April, July and October, and an additional 30 days in a year of Lok Sabha polls.

The 24th tranche of electoral bonds was announced by the government last week and are on sale from December 5 to December 12. The scheme started in March 2018, after being announced in the Budget 2017-18 by then-Finance Minister Arun Jaitley with an avowed goal of increasing transparency of political funding.



CELEBRATIONS

A BJP supporter dressed up as Mahatma Gandhi holds a placard of Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the party's victory celebrations outside the BJP office in Khanpur, Ahmedabad, on Thursday. *Nirmal Harindran*

Key takeaways from AAP: Well begun is a little done in Gujarat

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 8

MINUTES AFTER the Election Commission of India started releasing the Gujarat trends on Thursday morning, large banners came up outside the AAP's Delhi headquarters, announcing that the party, formed in 2012 on the back of a powerful anti-corruption movement, has turned "national".

But attaining the national status was the least that the AAP was hoping to achieve after having led an aggressive campaign in Gujarat, where the nature of electoral contests has been bipolar in nature.

Led by Delhi CM and the party's national convener Arvind Kejriwal, the AAP launched its Gujarat campaign last April. Here are the main takeaways from its performance:

NATIONAL PARTY: AAP is set to become the ninth national party in the country besides the BJP, Congress, TMC, NCP, CPI, CPI(M), BSP and National People's Party. The AAP, which has governments in Delhi and Punjab, and some presence in Goa with two MLAs, needed two seats and a little over 6% of the vote share in Gujarat to turn national. In absolute numbers, while the AAP got around 29,000 votes in 2017, contesting 29 seats, this time, it secured over 40.8 lakh votes, contesting all the 182 sets. In as many as 35 seats, predominantly in the Saurashtra region, the party finished second.



Arvind Kejriwal addresses the media in New Delhi. *PTI*

EXPLAINED

NOISE VS REALITY: By all means, the AAP's crafty campaign involved making a lot of noise, which helped it make its presence felt in the popular discourse despite no real presence on the ground. It did so through Kejriwal's frequent visits, its 'guarantee cards', and deputing a large contingent of its Punjab leaders to the western state.

LOCAL FACES WITH STRONG ROOTS: Among the five seats that the AAP won is Dediapada in Narmada district. That is at least not surprising as AAP candidate Chaitarbhai Damjibhai Vasava used to be a close confidant of Chhotubhai Vasava of the Bharatiya Tribal Party (BTP). Now, retaining the support of the MLAs will be a challenge for the AAP.

LONG HAUL: The curiosity and interest sparked by the AAP campaign, hinged on its "Delhi model", was hard to miss. It was clear that for many the AAP fit the bill as a spunky player in the Opposition. Now, its dominance in Delhi and Punjab will supply enough tailwind for it to emerge as a stronger pole in the state in the long run.

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BJP WINS 23 OF 27 SCHEDULED TRIBES CONSTUTENCIES, AAP FINISHES SECOND IN SEVERAL SEATS

Tribal belt springs a surprise: Congress battered, BTP wiped out

ADITI RAJA & KAMAAL SAIYYED
VADODARA, SURAT, DEC 8

THE TRIBAL belt of Gujarat threw up a surprise on Thursday, giving the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) its mandate in 23 of the 27 Scheduled Tribes Assembly constituencies — the biggest that the party has got in the state so far. Congress's Leader of Opposition Sukhram Rathwa was defeated from Jetpur Pavi in Chhota Udepur district.

The BJP emerged as clear winner in the tribal belt, while the Congress was able to retain only three of its 17 seats — two of which were won in alliance with the Bharatiya Tribal Party (BTP) — from 2017.

The BTP, on the other hand, has been wiped out of Gujarat with its patriarch Chhotubhai Vasava losing his bastion of Jhagadia, from where he had been MLA since 1990. His son, Mahesh Vasava, had pulled out of the race in November.

Congress sitting MLA Kanti Kharadi retained Danta seat, while Tushar Chaudhary managed to retain Khedbrahma for the party, defeating Congress turncoat Ashwin Kotwal, who was contesting as a BJP candidate after resigning in April this year.

The BJP registered its win in Bhiloda constituency with former IPS officer PC Baranda winning by a margin of 47,565 votes.





Chhotubhai Vasava lost his bastion, Jhagadia; Kanti Kharadi (right), the Congress MLA from Danta, retained his seat

The death of Congress veteran leader Anil Joshiyara in March this year had left the seat vacant. The BJP also won Nandod in Narmada where Statue of Unity is located with a margin of 28,202 votes --a constituency that had been at the focus of the BJP's campaign for tribal development owing to the tourism circuit developed around the SoU.

In Dahod district, the Congress faced defeat in Dahod, Garbada and Jhalod tribal constituencies, and in Chhota Udepur district, the party lost its bastions of Chhota Udepur and Jetpur Pavi.

In Dang district, the BJP snatched Dang and Gandevi seats from the Congress. Sitting MLAs Anand Chaudhary (Mandvi), Punajibhai Gamit (Vyara) and Sunil Gamit (Nizar) seats faced defeats at the hands of the BJP.

The BJP also sent home seven-term MLA Chhotubhai Vasva from his bastion of Jhagadia with party candidate Ritesh Vasava winning by 23,500 votes. Chhotubhai, who is the patriarch of Bharatiya Tribal Party (BTP), was contesting as an independent after a fallout with son, Mahesh.

The grand win in tribal seats has reinforced the BJP's campaign in the tribal belt from Ambaji to Umargaon, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing massive campaigns in almost all districts ahead of the polling, reiterating the BJP's pitch for SoU as the "model for tribal development".

The BJP's campaign pitch had made Nandod Assembly constituency a focal point in the tribal belt. In Jambughoda on November 1, Modi said that he "felt the pulse" of the tribal people and had resolved to develop "places of tribal pride", especially tourism to boost employment.

In several tribal seats in the state, the AAP has emerged as the key runner-up, pushing Congress down the winners' chart.

Senior Congress leaders refused to comment on the party's performance in the tribal belt, while BJP MP from Bharuch Mansukh Vasava said the tribal voters had "accepted the model of development" of the BJP while the party also gained from the Congress' breaking organisational structure.

Vasava said, "The fact is that the BJP's organisational structure is unbeatably strong. We are among the people and it has made a lot of difference. The Congress party was nowhere on the ground... Their organisational structure is broken beyond repair. It has definitely helped the BJP... Moreover, the tribals are now aware that projects like the Statue of Unity (SoU) are changing lives... They have accepted the BJP's development model."

VERDICT 2022



GUJARAT • HIMACHAL PRADESH

SOME KEY NUMBERS

HIGHEST MARGIN
38,183 VOTES
SERAJ
WINNER: Jai Ram Thakur, BJP, 53,562 votes
RUNNER-UP: Chet Ram, Cong, 15,379 votes

NARROWEST MARGIN
60 VOTES
BHORANJ
WINNER: Suresh Kumar, Cong, 24,779 votes
RUNNER-UP: Anil Dhiman, BJP, 24, 719 votes

THE BIG WINNERS



ANIL SHARMA, BJP *(Mandi Sadar)*



SUKHVINDER SINGH SUKHU, Congress *(Nadaun)*



MUKESH AGNIHOTRI, Congress *(Haroli)*



VIKRAMADITYA SINGH, Congress *(Shimla Rural)*



KULDEEP SINGH RATHORE, Congress *(Theog)*



DHANI RAM SHANDIL, Congress *(Solan)*

THE BIG LOSERS



ASHA KUMARI, Congress *(Dalhousie)*



KAUL SINGH THAKUR, Congress *(Darang)*



SURESH BHARADWAJ BJP *(Kasumpti)*



RAJEEV BINDAL, BJP *(Nahan)*



RAKESH SINGHA, CPM *(Theog)*

Difference of 37,974 votes made all the difference for Cong over BJP

Cong: 40 seats, 43.9 per cent vote share; BJP: 25 seats, 43 per cent vote share

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 8

THE CONGRESS dislodged the BJP from power in Himachal Pradesh by bagging just 37,974 votes more than the saffron party.

Congress bagged 40 seats with a vote share of 43.9 per cent (18,52,504 votes), while the BJP, with a vote share of 43 per cent (18,14,530 votes), managed to win 25 seats, and the difference of vote share between the two was just 0.9 percentage points, which is lowest since 1951.

In the 2017 Assembly elections, the BJP had won 44 seats with a vote share of 48.79 per cent, while Congress bagged 21 seats and the gap in vote share of the two parties was 7.11 per cent.

EXPLAINED

An analysis of the 2022 results also shows that the average winning margin of Congress (5,784 votes) across 40 constituencies was lower than BJP's victory margin (7,427 votes) across 25 seats. The average winning margin across all 68 seats was recorded at 6,575 votes.

The highest winning margin across the state was recorded in Seraj constituency, where Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur defeated Congress's Chet Ram by a margin of 38,183 votes. The lowest margin was recorded in Bhoranj, where Congress candidate Suresh Kumar defeated Dr Anil Dhiman of the BJP by just 60 votes.

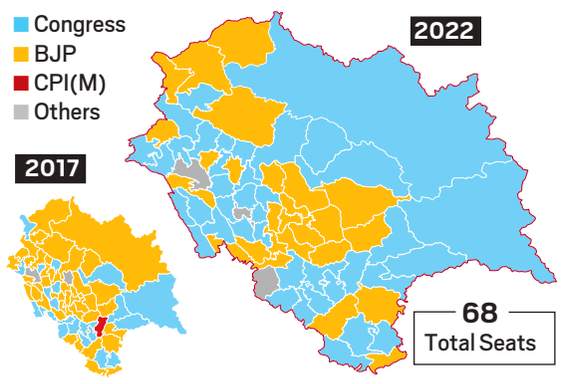
In all, eight seats were decided by a margin below 1,000 votes and of these, five seats — Bhoranj (60), Shillai (382), Sujanpur (399), Rampur (567) and Sri Renukaji (860) — were bagged by Congress, while BJP won three seats — Sri Naina Deviji (171), Bilashpur (276) and Darang (618).

Out of 68 seats, seven seats were decided by a margin of 1,000-2,000 votes. Of these seats, Congress won three (Bhattiyat, Lahaul-Spiti and Nahan), while BJP bagged four (Balh, Una, Jaswan-Pragpur and Sarkaghat). Only 13 seats were decided by a margin of over 10,000 votes.

The difference in the vote share of winning and runner-up parties in the 2022 elections was recorded at the lowest level (0.9 per cent) since 1951. So far, 14 Assembly elections have taken place in the state from 1951 to 2022 and during this period, the maximum gap between the winning and runner-up parties was recorded at 45.49 per cent in the 1972 Assembly elections.

In the 1972 elections, Congress secured a vote share of 53.24 per cent, whereas its rival Bharatiya Jana Sangh (BJS) got only 7.75 per cent votes. The remaining 39 per cent votes were bagged by other parties and Independent candidates. The highest vote share secured by a party in Himachal was in 1985 when Congress had bagged 55.46 per cent votes.

CLOSE CALL IN 2022



VOTE SHARE OVER THE YEARS

Year	Winning party	Vote share	Runner-up party	Vote share
1951	Congress	47.25%	KMPP	14.69%
1967	Congress	42.19%	BJS	13.87%
1972	Congress	53.24%	BJS	7.75%
1977	JNP	49.01%	Congress	27.32%
1982	Congress	42.52%	BJP	35.16%
1985	Congress	55.46%	BJP	30.61%
1990	BJP	41.78%	Congress	36.54%
1993	Congress	48.82%	Congress	36.14%
1998	Congress	43.51%	BJP	39.02%
2003	Congress	41%	BJP	35.38%
2007	BJP	43.78%	Congress	38.9%
2012	Congress	42.81%	BJP	38.47%
2017	BJP	48.79%	Congress	41.68%
2022	Congress	43.9%	BJP	43%

Pratibha throws hints, old dilemma for Cong: too many CM aspirants

RAJESH CHANDER SHARMA, AMIL BHATNAGAR & RAAKHI JAGGA
NEW DELHI, SHIMLA, LUDHIANA, DECEMBER 8



Himachal Congress president Pratibha Singh in Shimla. *PTI*

HAVING SECURED majority in Himachal Pradesh, the immediate challenge facing the Congress is picking its chief ministerial candidate with at least three leaders, including state party president Pratibha Singh, emerging as front runners. The other key contenders are former party chief Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu and outgoing CLP leader Mukesh Agnihotri.

Although they have claimed that the CM face will eventually be picked by the newly elected MLAs with the consent of party high command, the three leaders, separately, have staked claim to the top post, directly or indirectly.

Pratibha, the Lok Sabha MP from Mandi, did not contest the Assembly election but had on Wednesday indicated that "Holly Lodge" – her family's ancestral home – remained interested in the CM's post if the party won the assembly election. She carries the legacy of her husband late Virbhadra Singh, a six-time CM who remained the Congress's undisputed leader in the hill state for long.

When asked who will be the party's CM face, she said on Thursday that the new MLAs will discuss the names and give their opinion to the party's high command. She, however, added that the "sentiment of the people who voted" for her husband's legacy will also be conveyed.

"Virbhadra has done so much for the party. His legacy and his family can't be ignored [while deciding the CM candidate]," she told *The Indian Express*. "There is no leader of Virbhadra's stature in the state."

Pratibha said they was nothing wrong in aspiring for the top post. "When someone becomes an MLA, he wants to become a minister. When someone becomes a minister, he wants to become a CM. Nothing wrong with that," she said.

She said that the immediate challenge for the Congress was "to deliver what we promised". "The elected MLAs will sit down and we will chalk out the future road map," she added.

The results, however, have come both as a booster shot and a rude jolt for Pratibha with fingers being raised at her leadership as the party could win only five of the 17 Assembly segments.

In crucial Kangra, Cong wins 10 out of 15 seats

KANCHAN VASDEV
CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 8

THE CONGRESS won 10 out of the 15 seats in the decisive Kangra region of Himachal Pradesh in the 2022 Assembly elections, with the BJP bagging four seats and an Independent getting one.

Considered the state's weathervane in political circles, Kangra, the largest valley in the state, has historically voted for winning parties, and has also been referred to as the "kingmaker". The BJP's slogan of "Riwaaz Badalna Hai (let's change the tradition)" did not seem to have much impact in the region and the state, which stuck to its tradition of bipolar politics.

In 2017, the BJP had won 11 seats and went on to form the government. The previous Congress government won 10 seats here in 2012. This time, the Congress won in Fatehpur, Indora, Jawali, Nagrota, Dharamshala, Jaisinghpur, Palampur, Baijnath, Jawalamukhi, and Shahpur. The BJP won in Nurpur, Jaswant Paragpur, Kangra and Sullah. Independent candidate Hoshyar Singh won from the Dehra seat.

The BJP's Ranbir Singh Nikku won with a margin of 18,863 votes against the Congress's Ajay Mahajan. After instances of infighting for a ticket here, the BJP moved Cabinet minister and sitting MLA Rakesh Pathania to the Fatehpur constituency in an attempt to quell the tensions. However, this might not have completely paid off in Fathehpur, where the Congress's Bhawani Singh Pathania defeated Rakesh with a close margin of 8,000 votes.

The region also saw multiple neck-and-neck contests resulting in slim margins. In Indora, the Congress's Malendar Rajan bagged 27,183 votes and defeated BJP MLA Reeta Dhiman by a margin of 1,824 votes.

Similarly, in Jawali, the Congress's Chander Kumar polled 37,220 votes and defeated the BJP's Sanjay Guleria. **FULL REPORT www.indianexpress.com**



Sudhir Sharma, Congress candidate from Dharamshala, celebrates after winning on Thursday. *AP*

In Union minister Anurag Thakur's home district, BJP loses all five seats

NAVJEEVAN GOPAL
CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 8

IN A major blow to the BJP and Union minister Anurag Thakur, the party could not win even one Assembly seat of the five in his native Hamirpur district.

Anurag's father, two-time former Himachal CM PK Dhumal, had been denied a ticket by the BJP this time, and this appears to have not gone down well with his supporters. The ticket was denied following Dhumal's defeat in the 2017 elections from Sujanpur in Hamirpur, when he was the BJP CM candidate.

Thakur, who spent a considerable time in Himachal for the elections, campaigned extensively in Hamirpur district. The Dhumal family has its ancestral house in Samirpur village in the district, and the 78-year-old, also a three-time MP, too stepped out for the party. In an interview with The Indian Express just ahead of the release of the BJP's poll manifesto, Dhumal had said that he had suggested to the party that it should announce a return to the Old Pension Scheme for at least the Class IV government employees.



Union minister and Lok Sabha MP from Hamirpur, Anurag Thakur, in Parliament on Thursday. *Anil Sharma*

The promise of doing the same for all employees is believed to have been one of the reasons in the Congress's win.

Thakur's poll pitch of crediting the Narendra Modi-led government at the Centre with taking a number of pro-people initiatives does not appear to have cut much ice in Hamirpur. He talked about issues such as one rank one pension scheme, indigenous manufacturing of bullet-proof jackets for the Army, Rafael aircraft, as well as the Modi government's abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution in Jammu and Kashmir.

Of the five Assembly seats in Hamipur, Sujanpur was won by incumbent Congress MLA Rajinder Singh by 399 votes. The Congress's Suresh Kumar won Bhoranj seat, in which Dhumal's native village Samirpur falls, albeit by a slender margin of 60 votes, which might be this election's lowest. In Nadaun, Congress nominee and one of its main CM contenders, Sukhvinder Sukhu, was the winner. The Hamirpur Assembly segment fight eventually turned out to be a contest between Congress nominee Pushpinder Verma and Congress rebel Ashish Sharma, who contested as Independent, with Sharma winning by 12,899 votes. Barsar seat saw the highest winning margin of the district, with Inder Dutt Lakhanpal of the Congress winning by 13,792 votes, even as the presence of a rebel may have hurt the BJP.

Dhumal had addressed the threat posed by rebellions in his interview, saying: "Even a single voter going out of party fold affects the party negatively. If there are rebels, they are definitely going to harm us. But when there is possibility of coming to power, a number of candidates want tickets... These are hazards of the game."

MEANWHILE...

ONLY WOMAN MLA, SHE DEFEATED A WOMAN

A LONE woman MLA will be a member of the 68-member Assembly in Himachal.BJP's Reena Kashyap beat Congress's Dayal Pyari who had rebelled against BJP earlier. Her constituency, Pachhad, was the only seat with two women in the fray. BJP District president Suresh Kashyap hails from the region and it is considered to be a party stronghold.

AT 82, OLDEST CANDIDATE DEFEATS SON-IN-LAW

VETERAN CONGRESS leader Dhani Ram Shandil retained the Solan seat in Himachal Pradesh, defeating his nearest BJP rival and son-in-law Rajesh Kashyap in assembly poll results announced on Thursday. Shandil, a retired army colonel, was the oldest candidate in the fray at 82.

EIGHT CABINET MINISTERS LOSE

Eight ministers lost the assembly elections, in a setback to the BJP. The defeated leaders included Suresh Bhardwaj and Rakesh Pathania whose constituencies were changed from Shimla Urban and Nurpur to Kasumpti and Fatehpur respectively on the eve of the assembly polls and the outsider tag haunted them. **ENS & PTI**

Cong to hold meet of new MLAs in Shimla today

SUKHBIR SIWACH
CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 8

THE CONGRESS convened a meeting of all its newly elected MLAs in Himachal Pradesh in Shimla on Friday, with party indicating that a resolution will be passed authorising the AICC president to elect the CLP leader. This comes as at least three leaders have staked claim to the CM's post.

AICC in-charge of Himachal Pradesh Rajeev Shukla said the Congress was happy that it is getting an opportunity to form the government in the state and asserted that the party will do everything to fulfill the 10 guarantees made to the people of the state and would provide better governance to people.

"The newly elected Congress MLAs would meet in Shimla on Friday post-election results and decide on electing the new legislature party leader," Shukla said.

"The party is sending two observers — Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel and Bhupinder Hooda— along with me. We will be travelling to Shimla tomorrow where all the party MLAs have been called," Shukla said.

Meanwhile, former Haryana CM Hooda welcomed the election win of the Congress, saying: "Himachal is situated in the hills, at a height. If you give a call from the top, it goes everywhere. So, the mandate of Himachal would have an impact across the country."

PARTY SECURES JUST 1.10 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VOTES CAST

Over even before it began: AAP scores less than NOTA on several seats

OM PRAKASH THAKUR
SHIMLA, DECEMBER 8

THE AAM Aadmi Party (AAP) paid a heavy price by shifting its focus from Himachal to Gujarat in the Assembly elections. All its 67 candidates forfeited their security deposits securing just 1.10 per cent of the total votes cast while polling less than NOTA in several constituencies. Only Manish Thakur, who contested from Paonta Sahib in Sirmour district, was able to get over 5,000 votes, the highest among all its candidates. The party had not fielded candidate from Darang assembly constituency.

Rajan Sushant, who was considered a heavyweight of the party, could not even get 1,500 votes in Fatehpur constituency. Harmel Dhiman from Kasauli and Dharam Pal Chauhan from Nalagarh too got less than 1,500 votes.

In constituencies such as Dalhousie, Kasumpti, Chopal, Arki, Chamba, and Churah more people voted NOTA than AAP. The NOTA (None Of The Above) option allows voters to indicate that they do not wish to vote for any of the options available. Altogether the NOTA vote share was about 0.60 per cent.

After the landslide victory in Punjab, AAP had entered Himachal to contest the Vidhan Sabha elections and had announced it would contest in all 68 constituencies. Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal and Deputy CM Manish Sisodia did roadshows in Mandi, Kangra and other places, and initially got good response from the people of Himachal. The party, however, had maintained silence on its Chief Minister face.

Then, the party's Himachal in-charge and Delhi Health Minister Satyendra Jain was arrested by the ED. It was a big jolt to AAP's Himachal hopes, from which it could not recover and consolidate on the ground.

As a result, party candidates did not get much support from the high command, whose focus had by then shifted to Gujarat. The candidates did not even get any financial or other assistance from their high command during the polls.



After the landslide victory in Punjab, AAP entered Himachal to contest the Vidhan Sabha elections. *File*

The poor performance of AAP dashed its hope of emerging as a strong third force in the state

State party president Surjeet Singh Thakur said it was the first election of the party, in which, results were as expected, barring the vote share, which they had hoped would be higher. He said the party will now prepare for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

"We were expecting to perform well in Paonta Sahib, Indora, and Nalagarh but the results were not favourable. We have just started and there is a long way to go. This is our first election and not the last," Thakur said adding that the organisation will be strengthened in the state.

Those who lost deposit include four-times MLA and former MP Rajan Sushant, former BJP leader Harmel Dhiman from Kasauli, Manish Thakur from Paonta Sahib, former Congress leader Dharam Pal Chauhan from Solan, and country's youngest sarpanch Jabna Chauhan from Nachan.

In the run up to the campaign, the party had made several promises and came out openly in support of restoration of the Old Pension Scheme for employees in the government sector. It had also given six guarantees to the voters which were free electricity, a 'Samman Rashi' of Rs 1,000 to women, jobs for youths, quality education and health facilities, and improvement in rural infrastructure.

The poor performance of AAP dashed its hope of emerging as a strong third force in the state to challenge the hegemony of BJP and Congress, which have been alternately ruling the state for almost four decades.

FROM THE GALLERY

FROM THE CHAIR

"I give an opportunity to all the honourable members to speak, but many honourable members write very quickly on Twitter that the Speaker does not give them a chance to speak. I request all of you to at least take care to never write about the speaker on Twitter. That will be good."

OM BIRLA, Lok Sabha

5 QUESTIONS



SANGAMLAL GUPTA, BJP MP FROM PRATAPGARH (UP), TELLS **HARIKISHAN SHARMA** ON WHY HE RAISED THE ISSUE OF AN UPCOMING TOLL PLAZA IN HIS CONSTITUENCY DURING ZERO HOUR IN THE LOK SABHA

What was the issue you raised in the House?
Recently, Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport and Highways, had announced in the House that there would not be two toll plazas within 60 km on the national highways and the people would not be burdened with the toll. In this regard, I raised the issue of NH-330, which traverses through my constituency, Pratapgarh, and connects Ayodhya to Prayagraj. There is already a toll plaza at Mau Aima on this highway. Just 35 km from there, a new toll booth is being constructed near Kohandaur Bazar. This is in addition to a toll booth on the Lucknow highway, which is located just 30 km away from the site of the proposed toll booth. Therefore, I requested the Minister to immediately cancel this proposed toll booth. As per the rule, there should not be two toll plazas within 60 km on a highway.

Had you raised this issue with the minister earlier?
I wrote a letter to Gadkari *ji* 4-5 months ago. Now I have raised this issue in Lok Sabha because it is of public interest.

How do you want to take this issue forward?
If required, I would consider bringing a Private Member's Bill on this issue.

Did other members support your demand?
After I raised the issue in the House, several members, including Rita Bahuguna Joshi and Keshari Devi Patel, told me that they also support the cause. This issue is not confined to my constituency only. In other parts of the country too, people are being burdened with excessive toll as many toll plazas have been established in violation of the (60-km) rule.

Would you demand a short-duration discussion on this issue?
Yes, I will.

China has got into India territory, built shelter, why govt ignoring, asks Adhir

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Claiming that the Chinese army has trespassed on Indian territory and built shelters, Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury on Thursday asked the government why it is ignoring that.

Raising the issue during Zero Hour in Lok Sabha, Chowdhury said, "The news that is coming today is very alarming. The Chinese army is building its shelter by trespassing into India's territory. It is building a place to live there. Our forces used to undertake patrolling in Demchok…. They have stopped patrolling at every place, including patrolling points 10, 11, 12, 13, 14…" The Congress leader said, "I want to ask...why is the (Narendra) Modi government ignoring the permanent shelter and structure…"

CPI(M) member A M Ariff said the Centre should extend GST compensation for another five years. "Kerala is facing an unprecedented financial crisis due to the Centre's distorted financial policies, which will result in reduction in revenue of about Rs 32,000 crore for the state in 2023-24," he said.

"The state is continuously penalised for its advancement in social sectors by reducing the Centre's tax share from 3.875 per cent to just 1.925 per cent. Hence, I urge the Centre to extend the GST compensation for a period of another five years, and enhance revenue-sharing from GST from the present 50:50 to 60:40 ratio between the State and the Centre."

Raising the issue of National Judicial Appointment Commission, Trinamool Congress's Sougata Ray said, "At this point of time, our party believes the Collegium system should continue — not that it is perfect, but the Collegium system is a bigger guarantee against the tyranny of power by the Central government."

BJP's Manoj Tiwari raised the issue of cleaning of drains in Karawal Nagar in North East Delhi under rule 377.

Congress member Shashi Tharoor raised the issue of coastal erosion along south Kerala's coastline under rule 377 and said: "I wish to draw the kind attention of the Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying to the protests undertaken by the coastal community in Vizhinjam in Thiruvananthapuram, demanding stoppage of works related to Vizhinjam Seaport, citing increased coastal erosion that is affecting their lives and livelihoods."

Tharoor urged the government to conduct a study of coastal erosion along southern Kerala's coastline, recommend measures to check and reverse its effects and, in the interim, provide immediate relief and rehabilitation to the affected persons.

In a brief mention, DMK member T R Baalu raised the issue of online gambling, calling it a social menace.



Leader of the Congress in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and DMK member T R Baalu outside Parliament House on Thursday. *Anil Sharma*

BOOST TO ECOLOGICAL SECURITY

Rajya Sabha clears Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Bill

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 8

THE WILD Life (Protection) Amendment Bill, 2022, which seeks to to strengthen the protection of endangered species and enhance punishment for illegal wildlife trade, was passed in the Rajya Sabha by a voice vote on Thursday.

The Bill, which was cleared by the Lok Sabha on August 2 during the monsoon session, was introduced by Environment and Forest Minister Bhupender Yadav on Tuesday.

Yadav said India was a signatory to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora that required certain legislative actions.

Responding to the debate on the Bill in the Upper House, Yadav noted that while protecting forest land is critical, it is equally important to safeguard the rights of the people who have been residing there since ages. He said the NDA government has taken steps to increase the green cover in the country since taking over the reins in 2014, and it is bound to protect wildlife according to the provisions of the law.

The Bill, which had undergone the scrutiny of a parliamentary panel, seeks to conserve and protect wildlife through better management of protected areas and rationalise schedules, which list out species under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

According to the statement of objects and reasons of the Bill, the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 was enacted to provide for the protection of wild animals, birds and plants with a view to ensure the ecological and environmental security of the country.

Congress Rajya Sabha member Kumar Ketkar alleged that "real estate sharks" and corporates are destroying forests and creating problems for the wildlife. "To protect the wildlife, not only should the laws be strict but their implementation should also be equally stringent. Real estate sharks are using their money and muscle power or their contacts in the bureaucracy and in the government for not implementing the laws," he said during a discussion on the Bill in the Upper House.

"At present, when we are talking here about this Act, Nicobar jungles are being completely ruined and removed for the benefit of some corporates. So essentially, the wildlife is actually attacked not by humans but by the corporates and, sometimes, by the celebrity Bollywood-types," he said.

Senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh opposed the Bill in its present form and expressed apprehension over the provision related to transport of captive live elephants for any other purpose, saying it could be misused.

Sushmita Dev of the All India Trinamool Congress asked the minister to tell Parliament why the government did not vote against the motion to restart international ivory trade. "That motion was defeated, but this government abstained from voting," she said.

ENERGY CONSERVATION (AMENDMENT) BILL TABLED IN UPPER HOUSE

New Delhi: The Energy Conservation (Amendment) Bill, 2022, which seeks to promote the use of non-fossil fuels such as ethanol, green hydrogen and biomass, among others, was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on Thursday. The legislation was cleared by the Lok Sabha in August this year. Piloting the Bill in the Upper House, Power Minister R K Singh said, "If we look at the total carbon dioxide load on the environment, our contribution is just 3.4% even as our population is 17.5% of the global population. Yet, the county has emerged as one of the leading nations in energy transition and climate action. **ENS**

DISCUSSION ON PROMOTION OF SPORTS

Need to upgrade sports infra in villages for podium finishes, say LS members

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LOK SABHA members on Thursday raised the issue of limited spending on sports, missing infrastructure, and a lack of inclusivity during a discussion on promotion of sports. The members raised the issue of low medal tally of the country at international forums, including the Olympics, and said that there was a need to support talent from the villages.

"For the last five years, the total money which we have spent for the development of sports is just Rs 11,482.77 crore. We are a 3.5-trillion economy. What is the money being spent for the sports? It is a very negligible amount. This is the reason why we are not able to go up to the international standards," said member from Kollam, N K Premchandran.

Not only did the members spoke of missing sports academies, stadiums, and equipment – including a complaint from BJP member from Northeast Delhi about a wrestling mat for which he waited for 2.5 years – they said that most of the facilities were concentrated in urban India, leaving those from rural India without access to it.

Congress member from Idduki (Kerala) Dean Kuriakose said, "All the sport academies are concentrated in townships. Mega events and sports stadiums may be there in the townships, and it is a welcome step. But the practicing academies should be concentrated in villages. Then only, we would get the advantage of more and more sportspersons."

The members also spoke of inclusivity in sports in terms of economic means as well as social class of the people. DMK member from Thoothukudi, Kanimozhi Karunanidhi, said, "In a village, where people cannot touch each other, where people cannot walk in the same street, how will these children be allowed to play in teams? How will you ensure that these people get justice? I am not saying that you will have to bring in reservation in sports also. But at least you must do something to protect these people to ensure them the justice particularly to children and women."

She also raised the issue of trans-sportsperson who currently have no space to compete.

While most spoke of access, Congress member from Sivaganga (Tamil Nadu) Karti Chidambaram said making sports mandatory in schools was the only answer. He said, "Until you make it [sports] compulsory in this country, no mother will send their daughters to play." He said all schools must have sports ground and a sports teacher.

Many members also invited CSR funding and Public Private Partnership in Indian sports, with DMK member S Gnanathiraviam adding that it must be recognised as an industry with a great earning potential. He said, "We need to create sectors like SEZ for sport-specific companies which will aid the growth of the sports sector. A Public-Private Partnership model works best for building sports infrastructure."



DMK member Kanimozhi raised the issue concerning trans-sportsperson

No plan yet to reintroduce NJAC, Centre tells House

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THE CENTRE told the Parliament on Thursday that it currently has no plan to reintroduce the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC), which was struck down by the Supreme Court in 2015.

Responding to a question by Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge and CPI(M) MP John Brittas, Law Minister Kiren Rijiju in a written response said, "at present, there is no such proposal." Kharge and Brittas had asked if the government proposed to reintroduce NJAC with suitable modifications. The Centre's response comes at a time when it is at loggerheads with the judiciary over the process of appointment of judges.

Last week, Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankar had remarked that it was "never too late to reflect" on the NJAC, while underlining the "primacy of the will of the people."

The Constitution (99th Amendment) Act, which established the NJAC and the NJAC Act, were passed by the Parliament in 2014 to set up a commission for appointing judges, replacing the Collegium system. The NJAC would give the government a foot in the door on appointment of judges. The laws were repealed in October 2015 after the Supreme Court struck them down.

The Law Ministry also said, as on December 5, there are eight recommendations of the Collegium for appointment as High Court Judges and one proposal for appointment of Supreme Court judge pending with the government. The ministry added that there were 11 recommendations of the Collegium for transfer of High Court Judges and a recommendation of transfer of a Chief Justice of a High Court that were pending with the government.

'GM Mustard hybrid's yield 28% more than national check'

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 8

Genetically Modified (GM) Mustard hybrid Dhara Mustard Hybrid-11 (DMH-11) has showed approximately 28 per cent more yield than the national check and 37 per cent more than the zonal checks, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Science & Technology and Earth Sciences Dr Jitendra Singh informed Rajya Sabha on Thursday.

"GM mustard hybrid Dhara Mustard Hybrid-11 (DMH-11) has been tested for three years (2010-11, 2011-12, 2014-15) against national check Varuna and zonal check RL1359 during the confined field trials i.e., Biosafety Research Level (BRL)-I and BRL-II trials at multiple locations. DMH-11 showed approximately 28% more yield than the national check and 37% more than the zonal checks," Singh said in a written reply to a question asked by BJP member Sushil Modi.

Sushil Modi had asked him about the per hectare yield advantage associated with GM Mustard as compared to different High Yielding Varieties of mustard.

In response to Sushil Modi's query about the reasons for GM Mustard not been classified as an Herbicide Tolerant (HT) crop variety despite the presence of the 'bar' gene, Singh replied, "Bar gene is responsible for herbicide tolerance and its use has been claimed and approved by the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) during hybrid seed production phase to maintain the genetic purity of hybrid seed by killing male fertile plants in female rows in seed production plot only and not during commercial cultivation by the farmers."

Replying to another question about field trial conducted to assess the impact of GM mustard on human health, environment, honey bee population and honey production, Singh said, "Yes, field trials for three years (two years of BRL-I and one year of BRL-II) have been conducted to assess the impact on human health and environment as per the stipulated guidelines and applicable rules."

Probe into disproportionate assets of Thackeray family launched, police tell HC

OMKAR GOKHALE
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 8

THE MAHARASHTRA government on Thursday informed the Bombay High Court that the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Mumbai Police has initiated a preliminary inquiry into a complaint alleging that former Maharashtra chief minister Uddhav Thackeray and his family owned disproportionate assets.

The Thackeray family, meanwhile, sought dismissal of a PIL filed by Gouri Bhide (38) and her 78-year-old father, seeking CBI and ED probes into the alleged disproportionate assets of the Thackerays. Bhide had also filed the police complaint against the Thackerays.

After hearing both parties, a division bench of Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur and Justice Valmiki Menezes reserved its order.

Bhide had said her family was in the printing business and briefly printed supplements of late Balasaheb Thackeray's magazines during the Emergency. She claimed that Shiv Sena mouthpiece Saamana and Marmik magazines were never subject to audits by the Audit Bureau of Circulation and no one knows their print order. She added that during the Covid pandemic, while the entire print media faced losses, Thackerays' publications showed a turnover of Rs 42 crore and a profit of Rs 11.5 crore. Bhide alleged that this was a case of "turning black money into white money". Alleging that she had filed a police complaint on July 11 and sent a reminder on July 26, Bhide claimed that, while Uddhav and his family accumulated benami property, the police avoided taking action on account of political pressure.



Uddhav Thackeray and his family have sought dismissal of a PIL against them

Senior advocate Aspi Chinoy and advocate Joel Carlos, representing Uddhav and his son, MLA Aaditya Thackeray, argued that there was no reason to order a probe by central agencies without following due process and that the state government had not proceeded on the complaint.

Chief Public Prosecutor Aruna Pai, meanwhile, told the HC that the EOW has initiated a preliminary inquiry against Uddhav and his family on Bhide's complaint. Following this, Chinoy said the government can do whatever it is entitled to, but "the same cannot be linked with the present PIL as it will be an abuse of process of law".

Now, Trinamool's Saket Gokhale booked in Morbi over tweet on PM's visit

SOHINI GHOSH
AHMEDABAD, DECEMBER 8

An FIR was registered against Trinamool Congress (TMC) national spokesperson Saket Gokhale and another person in Gujarat's Morbi for allegedly "promoting enmity between classes during the elections" by "disseminating fake news" about Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit to the site of the suspension bridge collapse that killed 135 persons.

The case was lodged at the Morbi B-Division city police station on Thursday under the Representation of People's Act, barely an hour after an Ahmedabad court granted bail to Gokhale in connection with an FIR lodged at the city's cyber cell over charges of forgery, defamatory content and scare-mongering over the tweet on the PM's visit.

The FIR states that Section 125 (promoting enmity between classes) of the Representation of People's Act was pressed as the tweet was made when the Model Code of Conduct was in force in Gujarat on a complaint filed by an election official in the Morbi assembly constituency.

Morbi B-division police station in-charge Prakash Dekavadiya said he did not know if Gokhale had been arrested in this regard as he was "busy with election duty".

Trinamool MP Derek O'Brien took to Twitter claiming Gokhale was arrested at 8:45pm while he was leaving the Cyber Cell police station.

"A police team is arresting him without any notice or warrant and is taking him to an unknown destination," tweeted O'Brien.

Earlier, the Ahmedabad court granted bail to Gokhale, who was arrested on December 6 over the same tweet about PM Modi's visit to Morbi.

Arguing for bail, lawyer and former Rajya Sabha MP Majeed Memon submitted in the court that there was no mala fide intention behind the tweet and he had only re-posted an existing tweet. He further claimed that since it has come to light that the news was fake, Gokhale was "ready to delete the tweet immediately" and cooperate in investigation in any manner required.

Memon also cited Section 79 of the Information Technology Act that states that an intermediary will not be responsible for any third party information, communication link or data. "I've committed no crime, have a clean record and should not have been arrested at all ," submitted Memon on behalf of Gokhale.

LOK AYUKTA PROBE INTO 'PPE SCAM'

Kerala HC rejects pleas of ex-health minister, others

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A division bench of the Kerala High Court Wednesday rejected the petitions of former health minister K K Shailaja and others, including senior IAS officers, challenging the Lok Ayukta probe into the alleged corruption in purchase of PPE kits and other surgical equipment during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The bench of Chief Justice S Manikumar and Justice Shaji P Chaly directed the petitioners, including senior IAS officials and private firms, to file statements before the Lok Ayukta within two weeks.

Shailaja and others had moved the High Court challenging a notice issued to them by the Lok Ayukta on October 10 in connection with the alleged scam. The anti-corruption body had acted upon a complaint filed by Congress leader Veena S Nair.

Rejecting the petitions of the senior CPI(M) leader and others, the High Court said, "Considering the facts and circumstances, there is no reason to interfere with the investigation initiated by the Lok Ayukta and the maintainability of the complaint before the anti-corruption body."

Shailaja and others had challenged the Lok Ayukta probe saying that the decision of the anti-corruption body to proceed with the complaint under the provisions of the Kerala Lok Ayukta Act, 1999, is ultra vires the Disaster Management Act, 2005, which is a Central legislation.



Former Kerala health minister K K Shailaja had moved the HC against a notice issued by the Lok Ayukta

The court, however, said there are no provisions under the Kerala Lok Ayukta Act, 1999, in conflict with the provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 insofar as investigation is concerned.

The petition before the Lok Ayukta alleged large-scale corruption and embezzlement in the procurement of PPE kits and other surgical equipment during the COVID-19 pandemic. It pointed out that 10,000 disposable PPE kits were bought at a higher price than the maximum retail price of Rs 3,000. The purchases, the complaint said, were made in violation of the provisions of the Store Purchase Manual.

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EXPLAINED VERDICT 2022

Himachal: fiscal challenge in Cong Old Pension Scheme promise

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 8

THE CONGRESS has won 40 of the total 68 Assembly seats in Himachal Pradesh, wresting the state from the BJP. One of the major promises of the Congress party ahead of polls was to restore the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) in the state, similar to Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, the other two states ruled by it. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has notified its poll promise in Punjab to switch to the Old Pension Scheme.

If the new government in Himachal follows through on the Congress party's campaign promise, managing the state's finances may prove to be an uphill task. What do the state finances reveal, and what are the challenges before the new finance minister in the state?

Mounting committed expenditure means shrinking scope for spending on development.

As per data in the latest State Finances Audit Report of Himachal for the year ending March 31, 2021, the committed expenditure of the state — which comprises interest payments, expenditure on salaries and wages, and pensions — had increased from Rs 17,154.75 crore in 2016-17 to Rs 22,464.51 crore in 2020-21.

As a percentage of the revenue receipts, the committed expenditure has increased from 65.31 per cent to 67.19 per cent over the last five years. The committed expenditure has been hovering around 67 per cent of the total revenue expenditure of the government during the last five years (2016-21). The rising committed expenditure means that lesser money is available with the state for development. For instance, during 2020-21, only about one-third of the state's total revenue receipts were available for developmental outlay.

One-fifth of the state's revenue expenditure is now spent on paying the pensions bill.

During 2020-21, the expenditure on pensions stood at Rs 6,088 crore, which was almost 50 per cent higher than Rs 4,114.17 crore in 2016-17. In fact, as a percentage of revenue receipts, the expenditure on pension has increased from 15.66 per cent in 2016-17 to 18.21 per cent in 2020-21.

As a percentage of revenue expenditure, the spending on pension has increased from 16.23 per cent to 18.16 per cent in the last five years.

HIMACHAL PRADESH FINANCES AT A GLANCE

FINANCIAL YEAR	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Revenue Receipts (₹crore)	26,264	27,367	30,950	30,742	33,438
State's Own Revenue	8,756	9,472	10,403	10,126	10,271
Gross State Domestic Product (2011-12 Series) (₹ in crore)	1,25,634	1,38,551	1,49,442	1,62,816	1,56,522
Revenue Buoyancy wrt GSDP	1.21	0.41	1.67	– 0.08	– 2.27
State's Own Revenue Buoyancy wrt GSDP	0.26	0.79	1.25	– 0.3	– 0.37

Own Tax Revenues make up only a small share of the state's total revenues.

Only about a fourth of the state's revenue comes from its Own Tax Revenues (OTR). During 2020-21, out of the total revenue (Rs 33,438 crore) of the state, only Rs 8,083 crore came from the state's OTR.

In Himachal, the growth in OTR, which comprises taxes like State GST, State Excise, Land Revenue, Taxes on Vehicles, Goods and Passengers, has been very low in recent years.

Data from the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) show that Himachal Pradesh's OTR increased by 14.84 per cent to Rs 8,083 crore in 2020-21 from Rs 7,039 crore in 2016-17. In the year preceding the pandemic (2019-20), Himachal Pradesh's own taxes as a ratio of total revenue receipts stood at just 24.80 per cent, which was lower than the all-state average ratio of states' own tax to total receipts (38.04 per cent) in that year.

Revenue buoyancy, or efficiency of revenue mobilisation in response to growth, is declining.

There has been a decline in the revenue buoyancy of the state. The revenue buoyancy ratio refers to the elasticity or degree of responsiveness of a fiscal variable with respect to a given change in the base variable. For example, if revenue buoyancy with respect to Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) is 1.21, it means that revenue receipts tend to increase by 1.21 percentage points if the GSDP increases by 1 per cent. During 2020-21, revenue buoyancy with respect to the GSDP in Himachal Pradesh was minus 2.27 per cent.

The OPS is bad economics. Here's why.

The cumulative pension bill of states has jumped to Rs 3,86,001 crore in 2020-21 from Rs 3,131 crore in 1990-91. Overall, pension payments by states eat away a quarter of their tax revenues. For Himachal, it is almost 80 per cent (pensions as a percentage of the state's tax revenues). Restoring the OPS will bring some short-term gains to Himachal: it will not have to put 10 per cent matching contribution towards the employee pension fund. For employees too, it will result in higher take home salaries, since they too will not set aside 10 per cent of their basic pay and dearness allowance.

Reverting to the OPS will mean the state would be required to pay 50 per cent of the last earned salaries of government employees post their retirement. Given better healthcare facilities, peoples' life spans will only rise, exerting more pressure on the exchequer in the future.

THIS WORD MEANS

NATIONAL PARTY

After winning almost 13% of the vote in Gujarat, AAP is set to become a 'national party'. What does this mean?

DAMINI NATH
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 8

THE AAM Aadmi Party (AAP) won 5 seats in the Gujarat Assembly election on Thursday evening, and its vote share was almost 13%, which meant it was set to be recognised as a national party by the Election Commission of India (ECI).

What is a national party?

The name would suggest it's a party with a 'national' presence, as opposed to a regional party with a presence only in a particular state or region. Parties like the Congress and BJP are obviously 'national'; however, some smaller parties like the CPM and CPI are also recognised as national parties.

Not every national party has a lot of political clout nationally. And many parties, despite being dominant in a major state — such as the DMK in Tamil Nadu, BJD in Odisha, YSRCP in Andhra Pradesh, RJD in Bihar, or TRS in Telangana — and having a major say in national affairs, remain regional parties.

Certain practical benefits flow from being recognised as a national party. Their election symbols (like the AAP's broom) are reserved for use by their candidates across the country; they are eligible to get land in Delhi to build a party office; and they can have up to 40 star campaigners instead of the 20 that state parties are allowed. The expenditure on campaigning and travel of star campaigners is not added to the candidate's spending limit.

How are they defined?

The ECI has laid down specific criteria for recognition as a national party. A party may gain or lose national party status from time to time, depending on whether it meets these criteria. The ECI's *Political Parties and Election Symbols, 2019* handbook says a party would be considered a national party if:

- it is 'recognised' in at least four states; or
- if its candidates polled at least 6% of valid votes in any four or more states in the last Lok Sabha or Assembly elections, and has at least four MPs in the last LS polls; or
- if it has won at least 2% of the total seats in LS from not less than three states.

To be recognised as a state party, a party needs:

- at least 6% vote share in the last Assembly election and at least 2 MLAs; or
- 6% vote share in the last LS elections from that state and at least one MP from that state; or
- at least 3% of the total number of seats or three seats, whichever is more, in the last Assembly elections; or
- at least one MP for every 25 members or any fraction allotted to the state in Lok Sabha; or
- at least 8% of total valid votes in the last Assembly election or LS election from the state.

Where does AAP stand?

It is in power with very large vote shares in Delhi and Punjab; in the Goa elections in March, it won 6.77% of the vote. Going into the current elections, it needed 6% in either Gujarat or Himachal — that would be the fourth state, and would qualify it for recognition as a national party. While AAP got only 1% of the vote in Himachal, its almost 13% in Gujarat is more than double what it required.

Which parties are 'national'?

As of now, there are eight — the BJP, Congress, TMC, CPI(M), CPI, NCP, BSP, and Conrad Sangma's National People's Party (NPP), which was recognised in 2019. Once the official results of the Gujarat elections are announced, AAP will become the ninth party to be recognised as a national party.



EXPLAINED DIPLOMACY, FOREIGN POLICY & STRATEGY

India's Central Asia outreach

NSA Ajit Doval's meeting with his Central Asian counterparts earlier this month is part of India's push to widen and deepen ties with countries in this strategically important region. New Delhi's outreach is aimed at ensuring regional security, as well as political and economic benefits from the engagement



SHUBHAJIT ROY

NATIONAL SECURITY Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval hosted a meeting of his counterparts from five Central Asian countries — Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan — in New Delhi on December 6. All countries except Turkmenistan sent their NSAs; Ashgabat was represented by its ambassador in New Delhi.

The meeting, which took place in the backdrop of the Russia-Ukraine conflict and the security situation in Afghanistan under the Taliban, flowed from the first India-Central Asia virtual summit of January 27 this year. The leaders of the Central Asian countries had been invited for the Republic Day celebrations, but their in-person participation was scuttled by the Omicron-led Covid surge in India.

Engagement with Central Asia

The Silk Route connected India with Central Asia from the 3rd century BC to the 15th century AD. From the export of Buddhism to the lasting influence of Bollywood, India has shared old and deep cultural ties with the region.

In 1955, during a 16-day visit to the erstwhile Soviet Union, Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru travelled to Almaty, Tashkent, and Ashgabat, all of which became capitals of newly independent countries after the 1991 collapse of the USSR.

Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao visited Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan in 1992, and Turkmenistan and Kyrgyzstan in 1995. In 2003, Atal Bihari Vajpayee became the first Prime Minister to visit Tajikistan; he had travelled to Kazakhstan in the previous year. Manmohan Singh visited Uzbekistan in 2006, and the Kazakh capital Astana in 2011.

Despite India's focus on its other relationships — the US (nuclear deal), China (2003 border pact), and Pakistan (in the aftermath of the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks — diplomatic parts continued to move on Central Asia. India also attended Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summits, which were attended by the Central Asian countries, and put in its request for membership.

Focussed engagement began with the "Connect Central Asia policy" in 2012, which received a fillip with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to all five Central Asian countries in July 2015 — the first by an Indian Prime Minister.

Battle for strategic space

Central Asia has always been seen as Russia's backyard — some 20-30% of the population is of Russian origin, and Russian is spoken widely.



Central Asia is extremely rich in mineral and natural resources. Kazakhstan has one of the biggest reserves of uranium, besides stores of coal, lead, zinc, gold, and iron ore. The Kyryz Republic is rich in gold and hydro-power, and Turkmenistan has one of the world's largest reserves of natural gas. Tajikistan has huge hydro-power potential and Uzbekistan has gold, uranium, and natural gas.

In 2010, a former general in the People's Liberation Army, Lt Gen Liu Yazhou, wrote: "By custom, people group Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, and Tajikistan together with Xinjiang into the Central Asian region. This is a rich piece of cake given to today's Chinese people by Heaven."

That China's President Xi Jinping chose to visit four Central Asian countries on his first overseas trip in September 2022 after two years of Covid-related disruption, underlines the strategic importance of this region.

For India, engagement with the Central Asian countries is important because of a range of reasons — security cooperation after the Taliban takeover in Afghanistan; to counter China's influence in the region; plans for connectivity with Europe including the International North South Transport Corridor (INSTC); to meet its energy needs (Turkmenistan is part of the proposed TAPI gas pipeline); and for reasons of old cultural links and trade potential.

New Delhi's engagement

The recent engagement began with the India-Central Asia foreign ministers' meeting on December 19, 2021. That meeting was held against the backdrop of the fall of Kabul in mid-August last year, and a little more than a month after the NSAs of Central Asian countries, along with the NSAs of Russia and Iran, attended the Afghanistan-focussed Regional Security Dialogue in New Delhi. Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan share borders with Afghanistan.

At the December 19 meeting, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar told his Central Asian counterparts that their "concerns and objectives" in Afghanistan were "similar", and their goal was "a truly inclusive and representative government, the fight against terrorism and drug trafficking, ensuring unhindered humanitarian assistance and preserving the rights of women, children and the minorities".

This was followed by Prime Minister Modi's January 27, 2022 virtual summit with the leaders of the Central Asian countries, in which he called for an integrated approach to regional cooperation and flagged Afghanistan as a common concern.

Two days earlier, China had hosted these leaders at its own summit, which Beijing had swiftly organised after India's announcement.

Modi and the five Central Asian leaders decided, among other things, to hold a leaders' summit every two years; regular meetings among their foreign and trade ministers; a joint working group on Afghanistan; joint counter-terrorism exercises between India and interested Central Asian countries; and a group to operationalise the use of Chabahar port by all five countries.

"We all have the same concerns and objectives for regional security. We are all concerned about the developments in Afghanistan... In this context also, our mutual cooperation has become even more important for regional security and stability," Modi said.

Imperatives now, for future

China, which has a direct border with the region, has a bilateral trade of $50 billion with Central Asia, and has made major investments in these countries with its Belt and Road Initiative. India's trade with the region is a paltry $2 billion.

The lack of overland transport access — with Pakistan blocking the way — is a major challenge to India's Central Asia plans. India wants to integrate the INSTC with Chabahar port in Iran to access the resource-rich region. The NSAs, who generally focus on security issues, discussed these connectivity corridors at the December 6 meeting.

From the security perspective, the NSAs discussed the challenges of extremism, terrorism, and radicalisation in the region. Central Asia is seen as the northern boundary of the Islamic world, and with the Taliban's return in Afghanistan, the threat of radicalism and possible regrouping of the Islamic State poses a serious security challenge for the countries in the region. NSA Doval said financing is the "lifeblood" of terrorism, and countering it should be a priority.

India does not want the post-Soviet space to be captured by the Chinese, and the NSAs' engagement is a key mechanism in Delhi's toolkit. In June 2002, Vajpayee had said in Almaty that the new "Silk Route Initiative" of India's foreign policy seeks to build a new Silk Road of Friendship and Cooperation between India and Central Asia. Twenty years later, New Delhi remains on the road, and on the job.

EXPLAINED YOUR MONEY

Regulator's proposals on long-term insurance for cars and homes



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THE INSURANCE Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has proposed long-term insurance cover for cars, two-wheelers, villas, and residential complexes in a move to offer wider choice and convenience to customers.

Long-term motor policy

The regulator has allowed general insurance companies to offer motor insurance for three years to private cars and five years to two-wheelers. IRDAI had made such a proposal two years ago, but decided to do away with the long-term package policy from August 1, 2020 to combat challenges including lack of uniformity, customer confusion, and dissatisfaction.

According to the new IRDAI draft, the insured declared value (IDV) or sum insured agreed to by the policyholder, premium, and add-ons should be mentioned in the policy schedule. The depreciation rate on the IDV should not exceed 10% per annum during the policy period, and "the premium for the entire term of the policy coverage should be collected at the time of sale of insurance".

The no claim bonus (NCB) grid specified for 1-year 'own damage' (OD) policies would also be applicable for long-term policies; the NCB applicable at the end of the tenure for long-term policies would be the same as would have been earned if such policies were renewed annually, IRDAI said.

Fire insurance for 30 yrs

IRDAI has proposed to allow insurers to offer fire and allied peril cover for 30 years with sum insured of Rs 5 crore and more to standalone residential houses, villa complexes, and apartment blocks that are managed by housing cooperatives or any other body representing homeowners.

In respect of risks with sums insured up to Rs 5 crore for offices, hotels, and shops, the duration should not exceed 5 years, according to the draft norms.

Pros and cons of product

Buying a long-term product means one does not have to renew the policy every year. Financial experts say it also locks the customer into the product for 3-5 years at existing cost; general insurance products by contrast are annual contracts with a possibility of price increases.

"By paying upfront, one can protect against the rising cost of insurance products. One can also demand discounts from insurers while going for long-term products," said Vishal Dhawan, founder, Plan Ahead Wealth Advisors. The disadvantage is the increase in the upfront cost of owning a vehicle. An expert said 3-year and 5-year third-party insurance is compulsory for new vehicles even now; IRDAI's move seems to be aimed at making multi-year OD too a reality.

It must also be noted that by paying premium for five years in one go, a customer will miss out on any reductions that may happen due to market factors such as increased competition. And an individual who sells the vehicle after a year or two will find it difficult to recover the premium amount paid for the years in which she would no longer be the owner.

For residential properties, long-term products may be a good option because these properties are often bought on loan, and there is a clear benefit of discounts.

Implementation challenges

Certain concerns are being raised over the implementation of the long-term policy package. Insurers faced challenges in the actuarial pricing for the long-term motor OD cover and fire insurance. The package policy may face challenges in distribution on account of affordability among vehicle owners. There is also a possibility of forced selling by financial institutions to customers who buy vehicles on loan. Also, the structure for NCB was not uniform across insurers, and caused dissatisfaction among policyholders.

Possible exit option

Earlier, when IRDAI introduced long-term cover for vehicles, customers had no flexibility to change their plan before three years if they were unhappy with the insurer's service. IRDAI has now proposed that every policy should have a 30-day free-look period from the date of inception in order to enable the holder to review the terms and conditions.

An option to cancel has been proposed, and policyholders would be entitled to a refund of the premium on a pro-rata basis for the free-look cancellation option.

Reasons for the move

In 2018, an SC-appointed committee observed that nearly 66% of on-road vehicles were uninsured. In accidents involving these cars, the victims had to spend from their pockets or use their insurance cover to pay for damage that was not their fault. Also, those who died did not get adequate compensation since the vehicles weren't insured. The court made it mandatory for new vehicles to buy long-term bundled insurance — 3 years for four-wheelers and 5 years for two-wheelers — to eliminate this problem.

Also, natural calamities like floods, earthquakes, and cyclones lead to huge losses to the public as homes and shops are destroyed. More than 90 per cent of dwellings in India are not insured.

Mirabai's elusive goal: 90 kg-plus in the snatch

SHIVANI NAIK
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 8

INDIAN SPORT'S most elusive 90 is the javelin's trajectory for Neeraj Chopra.

And though his effort fetched him silver at the Oregon World's, a gold while crossing the 90 metre mark always looks imminent for him. But there's another 90 - this one in kilogram weight - that has proven tougher to nail down, or haul up more like, for another Olympian. Mirabai Chanu boasts a Snatch best score of 88 kg. Though it is the 90 kg she is keen on achieving. It is in the pursuit of the 90+ kg Snatch score that the 49 kg weightlifter will head into the Paris Olympics qualification cycle. Albeit with a bunch of odds stacked against her.

A day after adding a second World Championship medal to her gold from 2017, Mirabai explains about why that 90 kg mark has been eluding her. There is a cyst in the wrist to start with, which aggravates pain and performance.

"The pain in the wrist started 2-3 months back. When we did an MRI, they found a cyst where blood might've collected," she would explain. It makes her thumb lining weak, badly hampering the grip over the barbell. "Especially during the Snatch lift (one swift motion), when I receive and hold the weights, too much load comes on the wrist, builds pressure and affects the lift. They found my ligaments to be weak, strengthening is on," she adds.

It's what sent her into a wobble on her third and final Snatch lift, hanging onto 87 kg somehow. "It was the final attempt, and I had to duck and hold anyhow. The last lift is the most important. I had decided I won't dip under 200kg total, so this was important," she recalled.

Even on a perfectly healthy day at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games with the gold an easy picking, the 90 kg with no pressure, had proven difficult. "I came close at CWG but couldn't lift," she says. Her best is 88 kg. "I will work on improving and focus on getting 90kg and more. I think I can go upto 91-92 kg," she says.

While Mirabai holds the record for Clean &Jerk, the Snatch scores can really drag her down and put her on the backfoot. At Bogota at this World Championship, she was fifth going into the C&J, with the Chinese eventual champ lifting 93 kg as one of two to hit 90. Even Belgian Nina Sterckx, the junior double record holder, who has jumped down from 55 kg to 49 kg in seniors, made an immediate impact, securing 89 kg. Stuck on 87 kg, Mirabai starts out a few places behind with others enjoying a headstart, making that 90kg important.

In C&J, her target is 120 kg, which would take her to 210 kg total if the 90 kg is secured. She was 6 kg off Jiang Huihua's 206 kg at Bogota, and at the Tokyo Olympics, Hou Zhizhi hit a record score of 210 kg, while the Indian won silver with 202 kg.



A cyst in her wrist has hampered Mirabai Chanu's progress.

The wrist though - in pretty bad shape - needs intense strengthening, and troubles her even when not lifting. "It bothers me even in my free time (when not lifting). It can pain a lot," she adds.

Still, a second World medal, and a silver no less, makes her one of the most consistent Indian athletes at the world level. "World championships in weightlifting are tough to medal in. I'd missed in 2020, but am satisfied with the second medal. I wanted to win this medal for the country," she says. The 2017 gold was more of a personal redemption as well, though it gave India its first-ever World Champion.

This one is special though because she was flanked by the top-class Chinese on the podium. "Yes this was good because I fought the Chinese for the medal. They are always tough and there's always two good ones (they won gold and bronze). But I've always thought if they can do it, so can I. One day I'll definitely beat the Chinese," she vows.

While her competition schedule isn't firmed up, the supremely refreshing thing about Mirabai Chanu is how she digs this elite competitive level, and going head to head against the Chinese, with Sindhusque relish and confidence. It's why she is keen on face-offs at Asian Championship and Asian Games. There's also the 2023 World Championship, and she'll need an amount of consistency and steadiness ahead of Paris.

Keeping that drive going on good days and bad, can be tough. "Hard training days can be difficult when the load feels too much. Sometimes training doesn't go great. But I'm lucky I have a family and coach who are supportive. Especially on bad-training days. My mother tells me that all days can't be great and I shouldn't take tension. When you are dead tired and you return, you need them to tell you it's alright, and there's nothing wrong even if it's been a rough day," she ends.

ODI ROADMAP

QUESTION HOUR

With less than a year to go for the 50-over World Cup in India, the time has come for the team management to learn from its past mistakes, course-correct and have a clear vision

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MUMBAI, DECEMBER 8

WHEN THE **Rahul Dravid**-Rohit Sharma combination took charge of the Indian team a year back, there was hope in the air. There was talk of a long-term plan with a feeder system supplying fit talent and clarity over players' roles. The team had no real holes. There was no lack of a genuine No. 4 as was the case at the 2019 ODI World Cup, and a fit-again Hardik Pandya had even ended India's long search for a pace-bowling all-rounder.

Instead, there has been chaos and conservative experiments. There are way too many questions that the present team management needs to answer. At the start of last year, they said they were going to focus on the T20 World Cup. That bombed. And now, after the ODI series loss against Bangladesh, Dravid said that, starting from next month, January 2023, they will start focusing on the ODI World Cup.

For that to happen, the BCCI and team management need to go into a huddle. With the World Cup at home less than a year away, here are a few questions they need to address at the earliest.

Do we really need all-format players?

Unlike the rest of the world, India doesn't believe that Tests, ODIs and T20s require different skill-sets. Their star players — Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, Jasprit Bumrah, KL Rahul, Mohammed Shami, Rishabh Pant, Ravindra Jadeja, Shreyas Iyer — are seen playing all three formats. The world has moved on. Australia try to fit in their star players in all formats and so does South Africa with Kagiso Rabada — and their bowling has been distinctly affected in big tournaments.

Since the BCCI can't afford to tell Indian Premier League franchises to rest the India stars, the selectors, if not players themselves, need to take the call.

Who are the openers?

With KL Rahul not opening in the second ODI despite Rohit's injury-triggered absence, it's clear that they now see him as a middle-order option. That leaves Shikhar Dhawan and Rohit at the top. Dhawan has been consistent in the 50-over format and one batsman who understands its soul, but with a year left for the marquee event, doubts do arise, especially about his strike-rate. Rohit's fitness itself is a worry that raises the other concern. Are Shubman Gill, Rishabh Pant, Ruturaj Gaikwad or Ishan Kishan going to be considered?

UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

- Who believed Harshal Patel would work in Australia?
- Why weren't Rishabh Pant or Prithvi Shaw tried as T20 openers?
- Why wasn't Ravi Bishnoi picked ahead of Yuzvendra Chahal for the T20 World Cup, or Umran Malik blooded in for his striking pace?
- Was Deepak Hooda really considered better than Sanju Samson in the shortest format?



Who is the alternate captain?

They have anointed Rahul. The current vice-captain has shown no signs that he deserves to be given that role. With his personal form itself a touch shaky, to thrust the 'keeping, batting, and captaincy burdens on a man who doesn't seem natural in that role seems like a huge leap of faith. When Mohammed Siraj was losing the plot in the second ODI, a calm word in his ear would have done the settling trick; but Rahul allowed it to drift and get out of control. The selectors appointed Pandya as captain for the New Zealand T20I series, but that was a series when even the head coach had taken a break. Are they sure about Pandya?

Who is the finisher?

Apart from Pandya, will it come down to Jadeja and Washington Sundar to do the job? Or like it was the case with Dinesh Karthik and Pant, there will be a few names tossed up, left unexplored or nailed, until the World Cup looms right in their face and forces them? The 50-over format is also transforming in character just as T20 did right in front of them at home in the IPL; they didn't learn any lessons there with the selection of an unsuitable top order. That a 5-time IPL winner will be left looking rudderless wasn't expected. Now, what will their approach be in ODIs?

Is there an Indian ODI approach at all?

The world knows how England plays white-ball cricket, the same is true for Pakistan. But does India have a white-ball blueprint? What is the Indian ODI way? Australia didn't fix their T20 template before the World T20, and were tossing around options right till the end with an out-of-form captain, and paid the price. India are at risk of following that path now in ODIs. Almost a year left to go of course, but as they found out in T20Is, without clarity, time flies quickly.

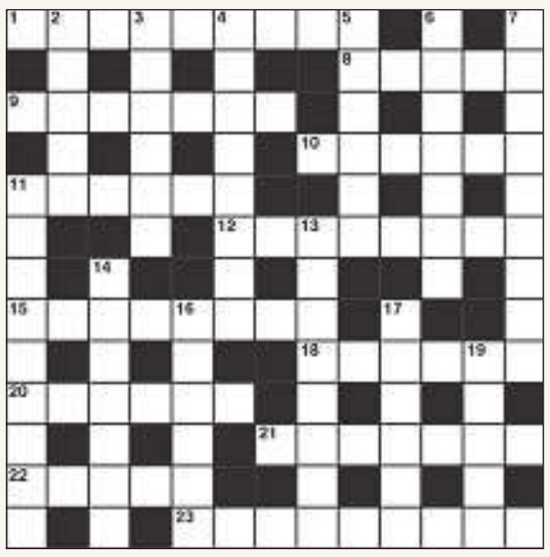
Who are the bowlers?

When Bumrah isn't available, the team flounders. Especially, with Rohit and Dravid unwilling to really explore the remaining options. The world showed at the T20 World Cup that a quickish leg-spinner was the way to go; they did explore that option in the run-up and didn't have the confidence to punt on Ravi Bishnoi when in Australia. They didn't even play Yuzvendra Chahal. The IPL gave them Arshdeep Singh, and luckily saved them some blushes. But a good third seamer was forced to mature into a strike bowler right at the World Cup. They banked on Shami after ignoring him for a year only due to injuries. Harshal Patel was groomed - a good candidate for Indian conditions - before they lost confidence in his style in Australia and left him out.

Where are the selectors?

In a few days' time, the team will get a third new chairman of selectors in three years. Of late, the consistency one expects in selection calls has also been missing with players dropped and rotated for reasons best known to the team management. For example, Gill, Sanju Samson and Suryakumar Yadav who are all prime contenders for the World Cup didn't accompany the team to Bangladesh. If the idea was to manage their workload and give them rest, even that isn't happening as these players will feature in the Ranji Trophy for their respective state teams. And although the BCCI has removed the entire selection panel led by Chetan Sharma, it is also worth reminding again that since February there hasn't been a selector from the west zone. Similarly, just like team management, even the selectors should have role clarity for the players and pick the right ones. Not pick a player and make the team play him out of position as they did with Deepak Hooda at the T20 World Cup.

CROSSWORD 4920



ACROSS
1 Awful rudeness of a number not wearing clothes (9)
8 White or green plant put outside (5)
9 Gallery set out in grand style (7)
10 Ancient country seen in pictures in spring (6)
11 Taciturn person spending his life in bed (6)
12 One way to obtain goods without paying (2,6)
15 Comanche trained to become bus drivers (8)
18 Unusual snatch of music? (6)
20 Modernise a quiet duet perhaps (6)
21 Putting on sound preparation for leather (7)
22 Save a ship and rescue about fifty (5)
23 A course designed to be rapidly taken (9)

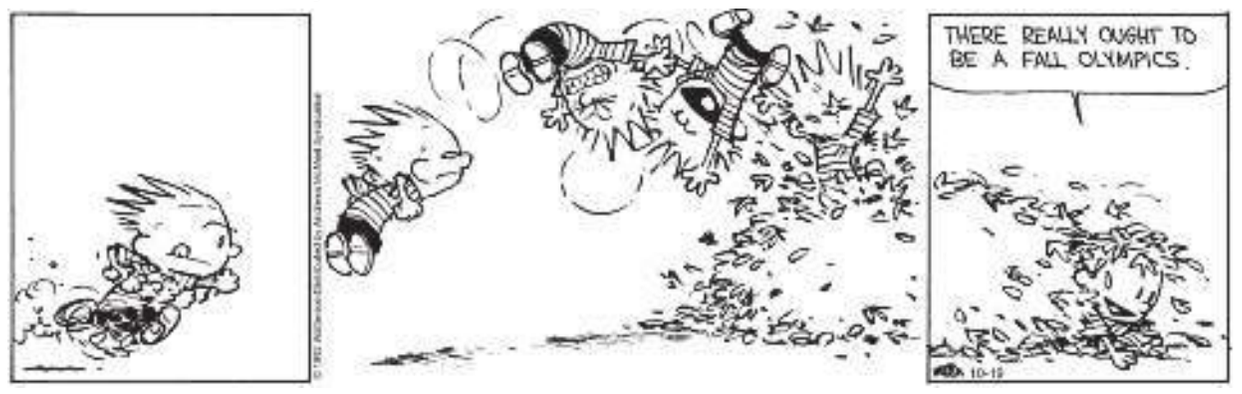
DOWN
2 One wants to be so described (5)
3 Land in America (6)
4 A place where lots go (8)
5 Recompensed in return for babywear (6)
6 Gradually destroy a stick in the middle (7)
7 Ruling lines (9)
11 Bound to go wrong? (3,6)
13 Stop talking and come to a rational deduction (8)
14 Model lass and her footwear (7)
16 He deals in capital investments (6)
17 He works with locks (6)
19 Medicine that may be mixed with gin (5)

Solutions Crossword 4919: Across: 1 Act dumb, 4 Sofia, 7 Lore, 8 Once-over, 10 Dissipated, 12 Trunks, 13 Streak, 15 Transplant, 18 Mastodon, 19 Unit, 20 Sleek, 21 Bizarre. **Down:** 1 Ailed, 2 Turn sour, 3 Bonsai, 4 Stereotype, 5 Five, 6 Airsick, 9 Wickerwork, 11 Retainer, 12 Thermos, 14 Entomb, 16 Title, 17 Isle.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
You may now tell business associates and anyone with whom you are financially connected to put up or shut up. But you must do so soon, before a number of planets remove your advantage by changing signs. Long-distance and overseas connections are opening, by the way, so stay alive to new opportunities.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
You may still be in a bullish mood, buoyed up by the influence of aggressive Mars. It is good to be sure of your ground, yet nobody would advise you to be so confident that you overlook or ignore certain essential details. One word of warning, though - you could be throwing good money after bad.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Mercury is in such a supportive position that you may be sure that bad feeling will be avoided even if partners are still being frustratingly obtuse. Continue to press for firm agreement. The sooner you get partners committed and tied down, the better.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
All that has happened in the past will pale into insignificance beside the immense and profound changes which will be sweeping you before them later on. You are now entering a period of personal transformation which is going to find you discovering talents you never dreamt existed.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
The first few steps in a new friendship are often hesitant, even for you. However, people who come into your life now must be cultivated, for they will prove to be valuable allies in times to come. Even if you imagine that someone you meet is a rival, you may be mistaken.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
Much has been written about the creative potential of this particular phase, not all of which has yet made sense. Today's planetary picture crystallises a number of very subtle trends, pointing you to a life that is both more satisfying and productive.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
You must pay more attention to working partnerships for the simple reason that colleagues hold the key to your future. You may already have found that fresh light has been shed on formerly confused circumstances. Such clarity is most welcome, as I'm sure you'll agree.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
The Sun, Mercury and Venus have come to your assistance, lightening your load and relieving you of pressing domestic questions. It is looking increasingly likely that you will be saved by the prompt action of a friend, perhaps someone you have ignored.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)
There are complications in the air. Although you may have to resign yourself to a continuing mystery, you have a choice as to whether to devote your time to work or family issues. Possibly the latter will be more enjoyable, although the former may be more necessary.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
As you have realised, there is little that you can do if you don't have the necessary funds. Joint financial affairs must now be settled, and deals must be signed and sealed. Otherwise you may find that you have run out of time, and that partners may decide to stand up for themselves.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
This is an intense period for those in the property market. Positive trends and obstacles compete for your attention, but after everything has been taken into consideration you may seem to be running on the spot. Perhaps you should just slow down and take a rest.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
By tradition this is a time of year when events should run in your favour, yet you cannot count on success unless you do your best, drum up support and leave no stone unturned in your drive to better yourself. You must, repeat must, consult partners before you take a controversial decision.

JUMBLED WORDS

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

There is a woman at the beginning of _____. - Alphonse de Lamartine (3,5,6)

WAAER

TINTS

AKYLLN

AELGGH

Answer: There is a woman at the beginning of **all great things**. - Alphonse de Lamartine
SOLUTION: AWARE, STINT, LANKLY, HAGGLE

SUDOKU 5043

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

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

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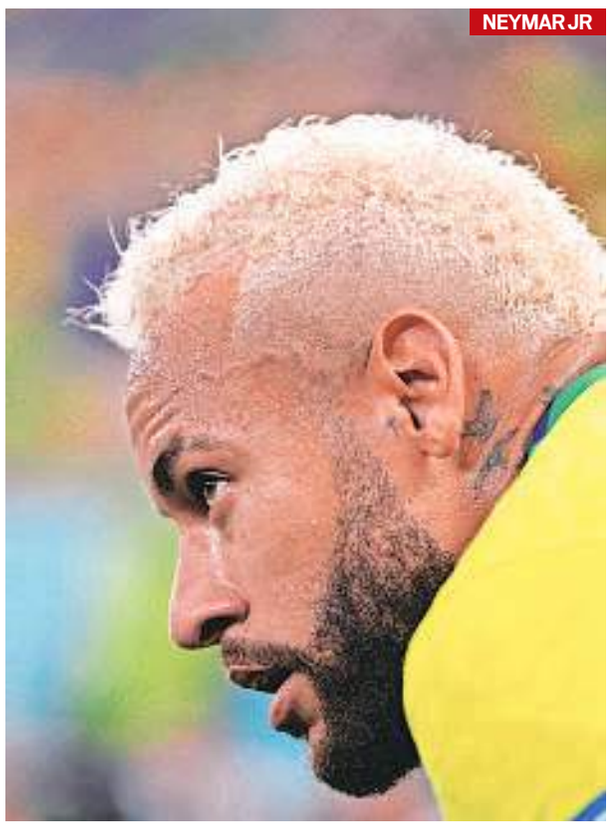
SOLUTION SUDOKU 5042

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5	2	1	8	6	9	7	4	3
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ENRIQUE SACKED AS SPAIN COACH

Luis Enrique was replaced by Luis de la Fuente as Spain's coach on Thursday, two days after the national team was eliminated in the round of 16 at the World Cup. Spain lost to Morocco 3-0 in a penalty shootout. The Spanish football federationt said the change was made after a recommendation by its sporting officials.


LIONEL MESSI


NEYMAR JR

PLAYING TONIGHT
PATRON SAINTS

'Brothers' Messi and Neymar carry the burden of two football-obsessed cultures and are a match away from clashing in the semi-final



EXPRESS AT WORLD CUP

SANDIP G
DECEMBER 8

THE SHADOWS of Lionel Messi and Neymar merge into each other, no matter how hard they try to keep them unto themselves. When Neymar united with Messi in Barcelona, the Argentine put him at ease, and together with Luis Suarez, formed one of the deadliest tridents this century.

When Messi's shadow became too long, or when Neymar presumed so, he moved to PSG so that he could flourish and branch out alone. But four years later, they reunited at the Paris club, this time Neymar playing the role of the gracious host. "We are just meant to be. I haven't spent as much time with my family, as I have with Leo," the Brazilian had said then.

Perhaps, they are just meant to be. Messi is five years older than Neymar. He was already a great leaping to the pedestal of an all-time great when Neymar burst forth. The Brazilian was never a competitor, but the inheritor. It was how Barcelona wanted their destinies to unfold. Messi would leave in autumn for the spring of Neymar. But like fate and destiny, human ambition and quest for centre-stage, it did not pan out to Barcelona's best-written script. However, their fates intertwined again in Paris, long shadows again cast over each other, and again struck an irresistible chemistry.

The pair now have tagged together in 200 matches, clocked 15,865 minutes and combined to produce 67 goals, besides countless hours training and travelling together. Both call each other brother, their families spend vacations together. It's a tale of bromance, but also one of competitiveness and futility to drift away from each other.

Their shadows and destiny converge together again on Friday, 20 kilometres and an hour apart, as they lead their respective teams in the quarterfinals, Brazil taking on Croatia and Argentina encountering the Netherlands, and if both advance, Neymar and Messi would be literally pursuing each other's shadows next week in the semifinals.

Both are united in the crushing burden two football-obsessed cultures have thrust on their shoulders. Messi has been carrying the burden for longer. He has endured the heartbreak of a final, agony of two quarterfinal exits and the backlash of a round-of-16 departure. The Copa title was a redemption, and since then, the thread of destiny dragging Messi to the elusive World Cup in Doha has gathered bass and volume.

QUARTERFINAL 1: CROATIA VS BRAZIL
EDUCATION CITY STADIUM, 8.30PM

Midfield battle to decide outcome

Ageing Croats can't afford to let Neymar & Co play their free-flowing football

DEFINING AREA: MIDFIELD

The quality of players in the middle of the park for this tie is incredible. Croatia have Modric, Brozovic and Kovacic - the trio central to everything they do on the field. Brazil, meanwhile, boast the likes of Neymar, Pacqueta and Casemiro. But here's where the similarities end.

While Brazil's midfield – in fact, their attackers overall – are young and pacy, Croatia's ageing midfield comes into this match on the back of a tiring Round-of-16 encounter that went to penalties. While Modric, Brozovic and Kovacic control all play, they are also prone to leave vast spaces in the middle, which Brazil could easily exploit.

Brazil, because of their sheer quality, are also set to create more chances. So, it really comes down to whether the experienced Croatian midfield can keep a tight shape and smother the Brazilian machine so as to stop them from playing free-flowing football. On the other hand, if Brazil manage to isolate Croatia's midfield, that'll be battle half-won for them.

AVERAGE AGE	
28.9 Croatia	28 Brazil
AVERAGE HEIGHT	
5'9" Croatia	5'9" Brazil

LIKELY STARTING 11

CROATIA: 4-3-3
Livakovic; Juranovic, Lovren, Gvardiol, Sosa; Modric, Brozovic, Kovacic; Kramaric, Petkovic; Kovacic

BRAZIL: 4-1-2-3
Becker; Sandro, Marquinhos, Silva, Danilo; Casemiro; Neymar, Paqueta; Raphinha, Richarlison, Vinicius

QUARTERFINAL 2: NETHERLANDS VS ARGENTINA
LUSAIL STADIUM, 12.30 AM (SAT)

Van Dijk needs to shackle Messi

Dutch will have to push Argentina to the flanks to negate attacking threat

DEFINING AREA: FLANKS

As they did against Poland, Mexico as well as Australia, Argentina will aim to control proceedings while the Netherlands will be happy to sit back and look for opportunities to counter. This means the Dutch will play a 5-3-2 system while defending, which will leave no space for Argentina in the middle of the pitch, forcing them into wider areas. This will be critical for two key reasons: Crowding the central areas would mean Messi might be forced to play in a withdrawn role to help with the build-up. Secondly, they'll force Argentina to attack from the flanks. While they do have quality wingers and use wider areas by overloading the flanks, it's done with the intention to draw the opposition midfielders towards them to open up space in the centre, from where they launch attacks.

The Dutch rely a lot on their wingers and wing-backs to create goal-scoring chances. So while they'll hope to stifle Argentina in the centre, the Netherlands will be aiming to use the width to their advantage.

AVERAGE AGE	
27.4 Netherlands	27.8 Argentina
AVERAGE HEIGHT	
6'1" Netherlands	5'8" Argentina

LIKELY STARTING 11

NETHERLANDS: 3-5-2
Nopper; Timber, Van Dijk, Ake; Dumfries, Roon, De Jong, Blind, Klaasen; Gakpo, Depay

ARGENTINA: 4-3-3
Martinez; Acuna, Otamendi, Romero, Molina; Allister, Fernandez, De Paul; Gomez, Messi, Alvarez

At peace with himself

Evident is a sense that Messi is at his calmest, yet feistiest, at a World Cup. As if he had transcended the rock of burden, as if he is no longer hyper-fixated with the World Cup or matching Diego Maradona's stature back home. He smiles more often, chides more frequently, picks fights with defenders, expresses both anger and joy more expressively. As if he has descended from his inscrutable celestial bubble to middle earth.

The fortunes of Argentina are thrust on his feet and shoulders. It's just that he is not feeling the weight. The fate of Brazil, though, does not depend on Neymar, or on Neymar alone. A nation did not mourn his ankle injury. Brazil won a match without him. It is no longer about Neymar alone. It has been about Richarlison and Vinicius Junior too; about Thiago Silva and Casemiro too. As it rarely unfolds, it was about the collective dazzle and not individual sizzle of the Brazilian team.

The obsessive attention away from him has liberated Neymar. Quietly, he enjoyed one of his finest World Cup games against South Korea, when he weaved and spun, pirouetted and danced between defenders and defence-lines. It was not often like that in the past. So heavily fouled he was at the last World Cup that he became overconscious of getting fouled, becoming ever more petulant. He was playing reactionary football, self-destroying his own game and that of his team.

Bow and arrow

Neymar's sense of self-importance too has dissipated. He is no longer in a desperate pursuit of the Ballon'd'Or, not hubristic of wanting the team to be built around him, is keener to set up than score goals. There is a refreshing maturity about him. Tite concurs: "Neymar has matured a lot. Before, when he was at Barcelona and in my early days with the Selecao, he was a player who would be out on the wing, would score goals, had pace, would dribble, do individual plays. Now he's expanded the area in which he plays and, as well as being a goalscorer, he creates plays for others. He's now what we call a "bow and arrow" – he can set things up and finish things off."

When he started off, Neymar used to be a left-winger, but under the tutelage of Messi at Barcelona, he evolved into one of the finest inside playmakers. This is the fundamental trait on which is based his chemistry with Vinicius. Neymar would prowl and probe the inside left channel and draw a couple of defenders, manufacturing space for Vinicius wide on the left to drift inwards without wading through too much traffic. One could also say that Neymar did his part in polishing Messi's playmaking gifts, as Messi dropped deeper into a playmaking role to harness the best of Neymar and Suarez at Barcelona.

For the frightening depth of talent Brazil possess, there is a discernible vibrancy when Neymar plays. Few are as imaginative; fewer still have his eye for a killer pass. His presence lifts the team, and he is now a creator, sustainer and destroyer, goalscorer, dribbler, and assist-maker. It's the closest he ever has been to Messi in his role.

Relaxed, jovial Van Gaal has plans in place to stop 'best creator' Messi

SANDIP G
DECEMBER 8

IN HIS last dance as a coach, Louis van Gaal is more like a cuddly grandfather putting on his best show to entertain the audience. Far gone is the sombre, detached ideologue of Nou Camp past, or the peevish, grumpy custodian of Old Trafford days. He cracks jokes, hugs players, plants kisses – "big, fat kiss" – in press conferences, and laces humour with pithy observations and analysis, defusing questions with undertones of insult.

Like when a journalist sought his opinion about the Argentina winger Angel Di Maria calling him the "worst manager he has played under." He broke into peals of laughter, gathered his poise and said: "He had a tough time there, burglars broke into his house, he found it difficult to settle in the city, but that's rare, a player telling me that I am a bad coach. Usually, it's the other way around, they all say I am a great coach," he said, chuckling and seeking the opinion of Memphis Depay, sitting across from him. "Memphis, am I not the best coach you ever had?" Depay giggled and said: "Yes, yes, the best." The room crackled with laughter.

At that precise point, Van Gaal intervened: "Am I not entertaining you? Then you say I am a boring coach." Then he sought ratification: "Didn't you see the goal we scored against USA (the first goal from a 20-pass sequence)? When Brazil scored a goal like that I read in the media of my friends that that was sparkling football. While we did that too. Actually, we play the same football."


Louis van Gaal says he has a score to settle with Argentina, who dumped them out of the 2014 World Cup. *Reuters*

The other day, a journalist told him bluntly that the Dutch are playing bland football. Van Gaal, shaking his head, laughing mildly, responded: "I don't agree with you and I'm not going to expand on that because I think that you have a different perspective on football than I have. Write it down that it's boring and that you're going home tomorrow because you couldn't care less." The journalist replied: "I'm here until the final." Van Gaal retorted: "Excellent, I'll see you there."

But jokes and banter aside, Van Gaal announced that he has a "score to settle" against Argentina, who had dumped the Netherlands out in the tiebreakers of the 2014 semi-finals. "I don't even like to think about it," he would say. That night in Sao Paulo, Van Gaal had stopped Lionel Messi, then at the peak of his prowess, and barely let him touch the ball with a defensive masterclass, but all that came to nothing when Ron Vlaar and Wesley Sneijder misfired in their shootout. "He didn't hit a ball," he once said.

Memory might have been failing him. Messi did show glimpses of genius. He hatched a chance apiece for Maxi Rodriguez and Rodrigo Palacio in extra time. There was a delicious jink past a couple of defenders before Vlaar's thuggish boots intervened. But the entire team did not hit a single shot on target in 120 minutes, as the Dutch squeezed and strangled them. On paper, the Dutch formation was 3-5-2, but effectively it was 5-4-1, with even the wingbacks supplementing their three-man defence. In no time, Alejandro Sabella, too, pulled down the shutters fearing a rapid Dutch retaliation. It turned out to be such a dreary slugfest that Marco van Basten remarked that this was "the worst match between Argentina and Netherlands in history, perhaps the worst match in their entire history."

Van Gaal, of course, has other opinions. "We thought we were the better team. I can't back it up with facts any more, but that's my memory. I substituted to win the game in regular time. Unfortunately, that did not work out. In retrospect, it may have been a stupid decision."

Dutch pragmatism vs Argentine balance

How their sixth World Cup rendezvous will unravel is pure conjecture. In eight years, both teams have changed. The Dutch are not as pragmatic as they were in 2014, though pragmatism is still their lodestar; they have better defenders (two of the most expensive ones in Virgil van Dijk and Matthijs de Ligt) than they possessed last time. The Argentines have a more balanced side, the forward-line decluttered after a spate of retirements.

But the predominant narrative of the game will remain unchanged: How to stop Messi? He is different from what he was in 2014, adopting a more central, deeper role, assuming playmaking duties, running less and tracking back less too. But he nonetheless remains the central figure of the game, of even the World Cup perhaps. Even Van Gaal admits: "Messi is the most dangerous creative player, he is able to create a lot and to score goals himself."

But he picks a flaw too. "But when they lose the ball and the opponent has possession he doesn't participate much, and this gives us chances (to exploit)." What he implied was that when the Dutch are in possession, they have a one-man advantage due to the non-participation of Messi in ball reclaiming. When they do gain possession, the Dutch attack rapidly with slick passing, and in numbers. Even the defensive line climbs up by a few metres. The defence-to-offence switch is so fast that slack and slow teams would be rattled. There have been passages, especially in the Saudi Arabia game, where Argentina's tendency to ponder over the ball came to haunt them.

Then, it is less about what Messi does not do when they lose possession, than what he does when they have.



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STIFF PERSON SYNDROME

CELINE DION DIAGNOSED WITH RARE DISORDER

Celine Dion has put a halt on all performing after being diagnosed with a rare neurological disorder. In a video posted on Instagram, Dion said stiff person syndrome was causing spasms that affect her ability to walk and sing. "The spasms affect every aspect of my daily life, causing difficulties when I walk and not allowing me to use my vocal cords," she said.

TOP OF THE WORLD



A 50p coin featuring the portrait of King Charles III. *PTI*

UK

First King Charles 50 pence coins enter circulation

London: The first coinage featuring King Charles III will start to appear in circulation at Post Offices around the UK from Thursday, with millions of the new 50-pence coins bearing the new monarch's portrait given out as change to customers. The coin with the 74-year-old monarch's image reflects a transition from the Elizabethan age of the late Queen Elizabeth II to the Carolean era of Charles, with the coin also commemorating the life and legacy of the Queen on its reverse.Starting this week, Post Office branches throughout the country will receive the first batch of 4.9 million 50 pence coins bearing the King's portrait– said official residence of King Charles. **PTI**

PAKISTAN

Lahore opens its first transgender school

Lahore: Pakistan's Punjab government has opened the first transgender public school in the provincial capital in its bid to empower more trans people in the society. Earlier, Pakistan's Punjab government had set up three such schools. These institutes provide free education from primary to higher secondary classes while imparting skill training, including stitching, cooking, and make-up. The Lahore school, which was opened on Wednesday, will work in two shifts where the first half will be dedicated to mainstream education, while the second will focus on teaching technical skills. **PTI**

AFGHANISTAN

27 people lashed in public: Taliban official

Islamabad: Twenty-seven people were lashed in public on Thursday in a northern Afghan province as punishment for alleged adultery, theft, drug offences and other crimes, according to an official with the Supreme Court in Taliban-ruled Afghanistan. A statement from the court said the lashings took place in Parwan province, with 18 men and nine women punished in all. Abdul Rahim Rashid, an official with the court, said the men and women were convicted by three courts. **AP**

CANADA

Sikh woman death: Parents demand justice

Toronto: Distraught parents of a 21-year-old Sikh woman who was shot dead in Canada's Ontario province last week say that they regret sending their daughter, Pawanpreet Kaur, to the country to study and demanded justice for her, according to a media report. "We regret sending her off to Canada," Kaur's mother, Jasveer Kaur said. "Why did we send her at a young age to get her degree?" she added. "We just want justice for our daughter," Devinder Singh, her father, said. **PTI**

INDIAN-AMERICANS TO BENEFIT

Biden supports Bill that eliminates per country quota for green cards

LALIT K JHA
WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 8

THE WHITE House has supported Congress to pass a legislation that seeks to eliminate the per country quota on green cards to allow US employers to focus on hiring people based on merit, not their birthplace, a bill if passed would benefit several hundreds of thousands of immigrants specially Indian-Americans.

A Green Card, known officially as a Permanent Resident Card, is a document issued to immigrants to the US as evidence that the bearer has been granted the privilege of residing permanently.

This week, the House of Representatives is scheduled to vote on the Equal Access to Green Cards for Legal Employment (EAGLE) Act of 2022. The EAGLE Act would eliminate a per-country cap on employment-based green cards— a policy that disproportionately affects Indian immigrants.

"The administration supports efforts to improve our immigrant visa system and ease the harsh effects of the immigrant visa backlog," the White House said.

"Accordingly, the administration supports the House passage of HR 3648, the Equal Access to Green Cards for Legal Employment (EAGLE) Act, and its goal of allowing US employers to focus on hiring immigrants based on merit, not their birthplace, by eliminating the "per country" limitation on employment-based immigrant visas (green cards)," it said.

These changes would take effect over a nine-year transition period to ensure no countries are excluded from receiving visas while the per-country caps are phased out. During the transition period, visas would also be set aside for nurses and physical therapists to address urgent needs in the healthcare industry, and for employment-based immigrants and their family members who are not currently in the US, the White House said.

"This legislation would be life-changing for hundreds of thousands of immigrants currently stuck in legal limbo as they wait for green cards," said Neil Makhija, executive director of the Indian American Impact. **PTI**

EXPLAINED

What the Bill proposes

IF PASSED, this legislation would phase out the per-country caps over the course of nine years to ensure that eligible immigrants from less populated countries are not excluded as the EAGLE Act is implemented

UKRAINE DRONE SHOT DOWN NEAR BLACK SEA

Ignoring West, Putin vows to persist with strikes on Ukraine

ASSOCIATED PRESS
KYIV, DECEMBER 8

THE KREMLIN said Thursday it's up to Ukraine's president to end the conflict in the country, suggesting terms that Kyiv has repeatedly rejected, while Russian President Vladimir Putin vowed to press on with the fighting despite Western criticism.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said "(Ukrainian President Volodymyr) Zelenskyy knows when it may end, it may end tomorrow if he wishes so."

During a conference call with reporters, Peskov said Moscow wasn't aiming to grab new lands. But he added that Russia will make efforts to regain control of areas in Ukraine it withdrew from just weeks after incorporating them in hastily called referendums — which Ukraine and the West reject as illegal shams.

"There are occupied territories in several new regions of the Russian Federation that need to be liberated," Peskov said.

Putin vowed Thursday to achieve the declared goals in Ukraine regardless of Western reaction. "It's enough for us to make a move and there is a lot of noise, chatter and outcry all across the universe," Putin said. "It will not obstruct us from fulfilling combat tasks." a. "There is a lot of noise now about our strikes on the energy infrastructure," Putin said. "Yes, we are doing it. But who did start it? Who did strike the Crimean bridge? Who did blow up power lines linked to the Kursk nuclear power plant?"

Meanwhile, Russia said it had shot down a drone in the Black Sea in the city of Sevastopol.



Putin with people awarded with the Gold Star medal of the Hero of Russia during a ceremony on the eve of Heroes of the Fatherland Day at Kremlin in Moscow. *AP*

Griner freed in prisoner swap with 'Merchant of Death'

THE NEW YORK TIMES
WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 8

BRITTNEY GRINER, the American basketball star jailed in Russia, was released on Thursday after nearly 10 months of captivity in a prisoner swap for Viktor Bout, a convicted Russian arms dealer known as the "Merchant of Death," President Biden announced.

In a brief statement from the Roosevelt Room of the White House, with Cherelle Griner, Griner's wife, by his side, Biden confirmed the release and said that Griner would be back in the United States within 24 hours.

"I spoke with Brittany Griner," Biden said. "She's safe. She's on a plane. She's on her way home after months of being unjustly detained in Russia, held in intolerable circumstances."

He added: "Brittany will soon be back in the arms of her loved ones — and she should have been there all along." Cherelle Griner described her wife's imprisonment as "the darkest moments" in her life, but thanked Biden and administration officials for working tirelessly to secure Griner's release.

The trade for Bout gave Moscow back one of the most notorious arms dealers of modern times, earning the nickname "Merchant of Death" as he evaded capture for years.



Brittney Griner, Viktor Bout (R)

Iran executes first known prisoner held in protests

ASSOCIATED PRESS
DUBAI, DECEMBER 8

IRAN SAID Thursday it executed a prisoner convicted for a crime allegedly committed during the country's ongoing nationwide protests, the first such death penalty carried out by Tehran.

The execution comes as other detainees also face the possibility of the death penalty for their involvement in the protests, which began in mid-September, first as an outcry against Iran's morality police.

Activists warn that others could also be put to death in the near future, saying that at least a dozen people so far have received death sentences over their involvement in the demonstrations.

German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock condemned execution in a Twitter post, saying "the Iranian regime's contempt for humanity is limitless."

The Mizan news agency, run by Iran's judiciary, identified the executed protester as Mohsen Shekari. It said he had been convicted in Tehran's Revolutionary Court, which typically holds closed-door cases. Shekari was accused of blocking a street in Tehran and attacking with a machete a member of the security forces, who required stitches for his wounds, the agency said.



XI & MBS HERALD 'NEW ERA' IN TIES

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman received President Xi Jinping on Thursday as the Chinese leader heralded 'a new era' in Arab relations, with a lavish welcome signalling Riyadh's interest in deepening ties with Beijing. The two leaders held an official meeting and signed a series of strategic deals, including a comprehensive strategic partnership agreement and one with tech giant Huawei. *AP*

18-yr-old student becomes US city's youngest mayor

Earle: An 18-year-old college student has been elected to serve as mayor of a small east Arkansas city, becoming one of the youngest people to serve as a city's top leader in the US. Jaylen Smith, who is Black, was elected mayor of Earle in Tuesday's runoff election, winning 235 votes to Nemi Matthews' 183, according to complete but unofficial results.

He's among the youngest mayors elected in the US and would be the youngest member of the African American Mayors Association. Phyllis Dickerson, chief executive officer of the association, told the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette that the association's current youngest member is Cleveland Mayor Justin Bibb, who is 35. **AP**

Theranos ex-president Balwani sentenced to nearly 13 years for blood-testing fraud

ASSOCIATED PRESS
SAN JOSE, DECEMBER 8

FORMER THERANOS president Ramesh "Sunny" Balwani was sentenced Wednesday to nearly 13 years in prison for his role in the company's blood-testing hoax — a sentence slightly longer than that given to the CEO, who was his lover and accomplice in one of Silicon Valley's biggest scandals.

Balwani was convicted in July of fraud and conspiracy connected to the company's bogus medical technology that duped investors and endangered patients. His sentencing came less than three weeks after Elizabeth Holmes, the company's founder and CEO, received over 11 years in prison for her part in the scheme, which has been dissected in a book, HBO documentary and award-winning TV series.



Ramesh 'Sunny' Balwani was convicted in July

Balwani's sentence was less than the 15 years sought by federal prosecutors, who depicted him as a ruthless, power-hungry figure. But it is substantially longer than the four to 10 months sought by his lawyers.

The scandal revolved around the company's false claims to have developed a device that could scan for hundreds of diseases and other potential problems with just a few drops of blood taken with a finger prick.

After years of promoting the technology, Holmes and Balwani were warned that the blood tests were inaccurate, but they continued to raise money from investors, including from billionaires such as software magnate Larry Ellison and media magnate Rupert Murdoch, and deployed the technology in some Walgreens stores.

US District Judge Edward Davila said the financial statements drawn up by Balwani "weren't just projections, they were lies" and "a true flight from honest business practices." The case threw a bright light on Silicon Valley's dark side, exposing how its culture of hype and boundless ambition could veer into lies.

Peru gets first woman President as Castillo arrested for 'rebellion'

REUTERS
LIMA, DECEMBER 8

PERU SWORE in a new president on Wednesday after a day of political drama that saw leftist leader Pedro Castillo arrested after his ousting from office in an impeachment trial following his last-ditch bid to cling to power by dissolving Congress.

Ignoring Castillo's attempt to shut down the legislature by decree, lawmakers moved ahead with a previously planned impeachment trial, with 101 votes in favour of removing him, six against and 10 abstentions.

The result was announced to loud cheers, and the legislature called on Vice-President Dina Boluarte to take office.

The 60-year-old Boluarte was sworn in as president through 2026, making her the first woman to lead Peru. She called for a political truce after months of instability, including two prior impeachment attempts, and said a new cabinet inclusive of all political stripes would be formed.

She lambasted Castillo's move to dissolve Congress as an "attempted coup." The public ministry said on Wednesday evening that Castillo had been detained and accused of the crimes of "rebellion" and "conspiracy" for breaking the constitutional order.

Television outlets showed Castillo leaving a police station and reported he would be moved to a police-run prison.

Castillo earlier had said he would temporarily shut down Congress, launch a "government of exception," and call for new legislative elections. That sparked resignations by his ministers amid angry accusations from both opposition politicians and his allies that he was attempting a coup.



Peru's Vice-President Dina Boluarte during swearing-in ceremony in Lima. *Reuters*

Bill protecting same-sex unions clears US Congress

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 8

THE US House of Representatives on Thursday gave final congressional approval to legislation that provides federal recognition of same-sex marriages, a measure born out of concern that the Supreme Court could reverse its support for legal recognition of such relationships.

The House vote was 258-169, with all of the chamber's Democrats and 39 Republicans voting in favour —though 169 of the chamber's Republicans voted against it and one voted "present." The measure now goes to Democratic President Joe Biden's desk for signature into law. The Respect for Marriage Act, as it is called, won Senate approval last month.

The legislation won the support of LGBT advocates as well as a number of religious organizations and entities, including the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, though many American religious conservatives still oppose gay marriage as counter to biblical scripture.

It is narrowly written to act as a limited backstop for the 2015 SC decision that legalised same-sex marriage nationwide, known as Obergefell v. Hodges. It would allow the federal government and states to recognise same-sex and interracial marriages as long as they were legal in the states where they were performed. It makes concessions for religious groups and institutions that do not support such marriages.

The measure would repeal a 1996 US law called the Defence of Marriage Act, which among other things denied federal benefits to same-sex couples. It bars states from rejecting the validity of out-of-state marriages based on sex, race or ethnicity. The Supreme Court in 1967 declared prohibitions on interracial marriage unconstitutional.

THREE WAYS OF CALCULATING AGE COEXIST IN THE COUNTRY

S Koreans set to turn younger, old way of counting age scrapped

JOHN YOON
DECEMBER 8

NEXT YEAR, South Koreans will turn a year or two younger — if only on paper. South Korean lawmakers voted on Thursday to standardise the way the government counts a person's age, in an attempt to move away from the use of alternate methods — including a distinctively Korean tradition of counting people as 1 at birth and adding a year on January 1.

The idea of uniting behind one standard gained traction, even as it bumped up against a tradition that touched on many aspects of everyday life: from the mundane tasks of filling out paperwork to legal milestones like the right to vote.

Still, traditions can die hard, and there's no guarantee that the new system will be used in more informal circumstances. In South Korea's hierarchical society, for instance, age determines the way one person speaks to one another, and the law cannot compel to people to stick to the single system in those situations.

"South Korea is getting younger!" the Justice Ministry said asking people to "unite" behind the new system for official documents that will bring the country into alignment with the international standard.



In South Korea's hierarchical society, age can determine the way one person speaks to another. *Reuters file*

Voting nearly unanimously, the National Assembly passed the bill and sent it to the cabinet, which must approve it before it heads to President Yoon Suk Yeol. The simplified structure was promoted by the president during his campaign earlier this year. He is expected to sign the bill, clearing the way for it to take effect six months later. Using just one age counting system would "minimise unnecessary conflicts related to age and to establish social practices that conform to international standards," the bill said.

South Koreans have counted their ages in three different ways for decades. In everyday life, they are a year old at birth and count up every New Year's Day. In some contexts — when determining one's eligibility to drink, smoke or serve in the military, for example — they simply subtract their birth year from the current year. And for most legal and official purposes, they follow the rest of the world: people start from zero and add a year on every birthday.

Once the bill is signed into law, the government would follow the international approach. Babies under 1 year old will have their age counted in months.

Ambiguity around age counting methods has caused no shortage of bewilderment. It has led to disputes over age-based insurance payouts in traffic accidents. Children's medications list target ages, without specifying how the ages should be calculated. Lack of clarity over vaccine and Covid testing eligibility has led to chaos at health clinics and test sites.

The traditional method of counting age is deeply ingrained in South Korean culture. Birth year, not birth date, for instance, is the basis for the Korean zodiac system. The use of terms like "oppa" or "hyung" (ways of addressing an older brother), and "unnie" and "noona," (which mean older sister) is dependent on the age of the people involved in the conversation.

Whether people will actually abandon the traditional system remains to be seen. That, experts said, would take some time. "The traditional way of calculating age is hard to abandon," said an expert. "It's so closely entwined to the Korean language." **NYT**

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Whereas the Petitioner herein had filed three cases before the Ld. Estate Officer, Pragati Maidan under the provisions of the Public Premises Act, 1958. The matters were listed before the Ld. Estate Officer, Pragati Maidan on 10.06.2022, 29.07.2022, 05.09.2022, 20.09.2022 & 11.11.2022.

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(j)	Chowkidar	Education – Class eight pass or GD trade (Armed Forces)Minimum five years service experience	01- PC Mathura	Rs 16800.00
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2. **For terms and Condition, Application Form & Remunneration.** Kindly see our website **www.echs.gov.in** For additional details, please contact (ECHS Cell, Station Headquarters) Mathura at Tele No 05652470041 Mobile No 9870760374 & Email: **echsmathura1@gmail.com** & **shqmathura@echs.gov.in**
3. **Last date of receipt of application as per format is given at our website.** Application as per requiste format & medical fitness certificate duly signed by SEMO/CMO alongwith self attested photocopies of testimonials in support of Education Qualifications and Work Experience will be submitted to OIC, Stn HQ (ECHS Cell), Mathura by **23 December 2022** in Duplicate. Any application received after **23 December 2022** will not be accepted.
4. **Interview Date, Timing & Venue** Candidate must reach at Stn HQ Mathura. Date of Interview of eligible applicants / verification of documents will be intimated later. Candidate must bring all the original certificate / marks sheets / degree of 10th + 2 & Graduation / Post Graduation / Diploma / Course, Work Experience and Discharge Book, PPO. No TA/DA is admissible. Only candidate meeting the Qualitative Requirements may apply.

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BEFORE THE RECOVERY OFFICER-I, DRT, DEHRADUN

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Public at large is hereby informed that under mentioned property will be sold by E-auction sale on **31.01.2023** in the under mentioned case for recovery of amount outstanding on **'AS IS WHERE IS BASIS'** & prospective bidders may apply for auction till **24.01.2023 up to 4.00 P.M.**

Title of the Case & R.C. No.	Amount Recoverable	Reserve Price	Earnest Money	Date & Time of Inspection and Submitting Documents & EMD	Date & Time of Auction
Canara Bank vs M/s Pioneer Drug's Company Pvt. Ltd & Ors T.R.C. No. 556/2018	**Rs. 43,19,079.00** plus interest, costs & other charges as per R.C. Drawn in O.A. No. 364/2013	Rs. 45.75 Lakh	Rs. 4.57 Lakh	24.01.2023 upto 4.00 P.M. (Submission Documents & EMD)	**31.01.2023** between 01.00 P.M. to 2.00 P.M. (with extension of 5 minutes if a bid placed in the last five minutes of the closing time of such extending time auction)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES TO BE SOLD:

Shop No. L-18, Measuring area 17 sq. mtrs, situated in MDDA Complex, Clock Tower, Dehradun. The property butted and bounded as under: East: Common Corridor, West: Star Case, North: Shop of Smt. Sabarwal, South: Shop of Smt. Asha Singh.

TERMS & CONDITIONS: **1.** The auction will be conducted by way of online e-auctioning" through **ms/ CANBANK COMPUTER SERVICES LTD.** through their website/portal **https://www.indianbankeauctions.com**
2. The EMD shall be paid through Online in the Central Bank of India, in "Authorised Officer Auction **Account No. 209272946, IFSC Code: CNRB0008305** or by way of pay order/demand draft payable at Dehradun in the name of **Recovery Officer-I, DRT, Dehradun or to the credit of EMD Account** latest by **24.01.2023 by 4.00 P.M.** However, the EMD received thereafter shall not be considered.
3. Scanned copy of identity should contain the address for future communication (such as Voter I. Card/Driving License/ Passport) and copy of PAN Card which should be uploaded at the aforesaid Website and submitted to **Sh. Ravindra Kumar Sinha, Facilitation Officer, Canara Bank, Branch Clock Tower, Dehradun. Mobile No. 8425944571.**
4. The property is being sold strictly on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "As Is Whatever" Basis** and prospective buyers are advised to carryout due diligen property.
5. Prospective bidders are required to obtain user ID/ password, which is mandatory, for bidding in above e-auction from **Canara Bank, Branch Clock Tower, Dehradun** well in advance or may contact on **helpline No 09480691777, 8880531165, 9832952602 contact persons Sh. Ravindra Kumar Sinha, Facilitation Officer, Canara Bank, Branch Clock Tower, Dehradun Mobile No. 8425944571, E-mail: eauction@ccsl.co.in, Portal for e-auction: https://www.indianbankeacutions.com**
6. Prospective qualified bidders may avail online training on E-Auction from **M/s Canbank Computer services Ltd.** through their websites/portals https://www.indianbankeacutions.com
7. Bidders are advised to go through the website **https://www.indianbankeacutions.com,** for detailed terms and conditions for auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in the E-Auction sale proceedings and or contact **<Help Line No. Mentioned at the website>**
8. The bidder shall improve offer in multiple of **Rs. 50,000/-** (Rupees Fifty thousand only).
9. In case bids are placed in last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time automatically gets extended to 5 more Minutes.
10. The unsuccessful bidder shall takes the EMD directly from CH Bank- Canara Bank, Branch Clock Tower, Dehradun on closure of the e-auction sale proceeding.
11. The Recovery Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject any bid or bids or to postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reasons.
12. Sale in favour of Highest Bidder is subject to confirmation by Recovery Officer.
12. The Bank DRT will not be responsible for any network problem.
13. The Bank/DRT will not be responsible for any network problem.
14. For any further information regarding the above property you can contact the Branch Manager, Branch Clock Tower Dehradun or Sh. Ravindra Kumar Sinha, Facilitation Officer, Branch Clock Tower, Dehradun Mobile No. 8425944571.

Recovery Officer-I, DRT, Dehradun

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(A Joint Venture of NTPC Ltd. and Ministry of Railways)

NABINAGAR THERMAL POWER STATION
P.O.: Pirauta, Tehsil: Nabinagar, Distt: Aurangabad, Bihar, Pin: 824303

PUBLIC NOTICE OF LOSS OF TITLE DEEDS

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED TO THE PUBLIC THAT

NOTICE is hereby given to the public at large that we, **Bhartiya Rail Bijlee Company Limited** having registered office at NTPC Bhawan, Core-7, Scope Complex, 7 Institutional Area, Lodi Road, New Delhi –110 003 **("the Company")** propose to secure the financial assistance granted /to be granted to us by the banks/financial institutions by mortgaging the certain immovable properties owned by us.

Whilst conducting the legal search of the said immovable properties, we could not submit some of the original title deeds mentioned in the **Schedule** hereunder written, under which we have purchased/acquired the land being (i) the land as per the possession certificate available with us; and (ii) land comprising of Khata no. 8, 38,3, 64, 56, 17, 79, 81, 49, 40, 5, 24, 23, 10, 9, 20, 13, 12, 126, 25, 15, 35, 2, 32, 30, 31, 3, 28, 18, 22, 21, 7, AND 23, Khasra No. 469, 516, 490, 488, 467, 513, 408, 477, 495, 409, 491, 199, 272, 212, 301, 303, 31, 317, 27, 18, 29, 106, 109, 40, 57, 52, 103, 64, 51, 46, 1, 1570, 499, 1557, 1572, 1570, 1563, 224, 275, 296, 330, 65, 346, 19, 332, 323, 317, 329, 11, 312, 327,331, 394, 14, 7, 296, 306, 264, 305, 283, 204, 193, 198, 341, 50, 306, 388, 268, 311, 338, 276, 21, 49, 160, 18, 15, 9, 13, 205, 89, 88, 21, 233, 3, 110, 67, 66, 76, 233, 421, 335, and 29, at P.S. N.T.P.C. Khaira, Nabi Nagar, situated at Mouza/Village-Dhundhua, Dighi, Salea, Ghirsindi, Ekgrah, Gosaidih, Kadokhari, Suhai, Kajraien, Kerka, Pirounta, Mangabar, Khaira, Surar, Suhai, Ghanta Sub-registrar office Aurangabad, District Aurangabad, Bihar-India(hereinafter referred to as **"the said Property"**) as the said title deeds were lost and/or misplaced by us and were not traceable despite making best attempts to locate the same.

We have procured certified true copies of the said Title deeds/Documents, under which we had purchased/acquired the said Property, from the Sub-Registrar of Assurances/Concerned Government Authorities and propose to deposit the certified copies of the said Title Deeds (more particularly described in the **Schedule** herein below) and in view of the loss of the original Title Deeds, the certified copies will be considered as the original Title Deeds for the purpose of mortgage to be created by us.

If any person or party has found any of the original title deeds as mentioned in the Schedule herein below for the aforesaid he/she is requested to submit the original to the Company's office at AGM(HR), **BRBCL/NTPC H-Type office, Khaira, Nabinagar Aurangabad Bihar -824303,** within a period of 7 (seven) days from the date of the publication of this Public Notice.

SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO

(List of the Title Deeds/Documentswhich are missing/misplaced)

SN.	Particulars of the Documents
1.	Sale Deed no. 8581 dated 17th June 2015.
2.	**Award – Schedule 14, Form No. 206**

1. **Village :Dhundua**
L.A. Case No 4/2007-08
L.A. Case No 5/2011-23
L.A. Case No 8/2008-09
L.A. Case No 9/2010-11
L.A. Case No 18/2008-09
L.A. Case No 39/2012-13
2. **Village :Ekghara**
L.A. Case No 1/2008-09
L.A. Case No 8/2010-11
L.A. Case No 9/2008-09
L.A. Case No 9/2008-09 Revised
L.A. Case No 10/2011-12
L.A. Case No 37/2012-13
L.A. Case No 46/2012-13
3. **Village :Dhighi**
L.A. Case No 2/2010-11
4. **Village : Ghanta**
L.A.Case No 49/2012-13
5. **Village :Ghirsindi**
L.A. Case No 03/2010-11
L.A. Case No 50/2012-13
6. **Village :Gosaidih**
L.A. Case No 48/2012-13
L.A. Case No 5/2010-11
7. **Village :Jhikatiya**
L.A. Case No 07/2010-11
L.A. Case No 44/2012-13
8. **Village : KADOKHARI**
L.A. Case No 01/2010-11
L.A. Case No 01/2010-11 (REVISED)
9. **Village : KAJRAIN**
L.A. Case No 4/2011-12
L.A. Case No 6/2007-08
L.A. Case No 6/2008-09
L.A. Case No 41/2012-13
L.A. Case No 43/2012-13
L.A. Case No 43/2012-13(REVISED)
L.A. Case No 47/2012-13
10. **Village : KERKA**
L.A. Case No 03/2007-08
L.A. Case No 9/2011-12
L.A. Case No 10/2008-09
L.A.Case No 15/2008-09
L.A.Case No 35/2012-13
11. **Village : KHAIRA**
L.A.Case No 13/2008-09
L.A. Case No 2/2007-08
L.A. Case No 7/2011-12
12. **Village : MANGABAR**
L.A.Case No 1/2005-06
L.A. Case No 7/2008-09
L.A. Case No 17/2008-09
L.A. Case No 38/2012-13
13. **Village : PIROUNTA**
L.A.Case No 5/2007-08
L.A. Case No 8/2011-12
L.A. Case No 11/2008-09
L.A. Case No 14/2008-09
L.A.Case No 40/2012-13
14. **Village : SALEA**
L.A. Case No 2/2008-09
L.A. Case No 6/2010-11
L.A. Case No 6/2011-12
L.A. Case No 10/2010-11
L.A. Case No 12/2008-09
L.A. Case No 16/2008-09
L.A. Case No 34/2012-13
L.A. Case No 42/2012-13
L.A. Case No 45/2012-13
15. **Village : SUHAI**
L.A.Case No 4/2010-11
16. **Village : SURAR**
L.A. Case No 1/2004-05
L.A. Case No 3/2011-12
L.A. Case No 12/2008-09
L.A. Case No 36/2012-13

3. CERTIFICATE OF POSSESSION;

1. **DHUNDHUA**
369/R DATED 09.02.2012;
326/R DATED 03.03.2011
128/R DATED 15.01.2013
2. **GOSAIDIH**
343/R DATED 04.03.2011
138/R DATED 15.01.2013
3. **GHANTA**
137/R DATED 15.01.2013
4. **KADOKHARI**
495/R DATED 29.03.2011
5. **SURAR**
127/R DATED 15.01.2013
20/11-368 DATED 09.02.2012
6. **MANGABAR**
130/R DATED 15.01.2013
7. **KERKA**
125/R DATED 15.01.2013
273/R DATED 30.01.2012
8. **KHAIRA**
126/R DATED 15.01.2013;
446/R DATED 10.03.2008
9. **PIROUTA**
101/R DATED 15.01.2013
271/R DATED 30.01.2012
10. **EKGHARA**
367/R DATED 09.02.2012
134/R DATED 15.01.2013
344/R DATED 04.03.2011
123/R DATED 15.01.2013
11. **DIGHI**
327/R DATED 30.03.2011
12. **SUHAI**
347/R DATED 04.03.20111
13. **SALEA**
132/R DATED 15.1.13
270/R DATED 30.01.2012
494/R DATED 29.03.2011
133/R DATED 15.01.2013
324/R DATED 03.03.2011
129/R DATED 15.01.2013
14. **JHIKATIYA**
325/R DATED 03.03.2011
326/R DATED 04.02.2011
15. **GHIRSINDI**
136/R DATED 15.01.2013
496/R DATED 29.03.2011
16. **KAJRAIN**
135/R DATED 15.01.2013
131/R DATED 15.01.2013
272/R DATED 30.01.2012
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Bhartiya Rail Bijlee Company Ltd.
Khaira, Nabinagar, Aurangabad, Bihar -824303
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Appendix-IV-A
[See Provision to rule 8 (6)]

SUBSEQUENT SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization 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, 2022.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable propery mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized 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 **28.12.2021 (Wednesday)** for recovery of the dues of the borrower/guarantor, other details of the e-auction are as under.

S. N.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Amount of Demand (as per SARFAESI Notice)	Description of Property	Name of Mortgagor/ Guarantor	Date of 13 (2) / Date of 13 (4) under SARFAESI Act	Reserve Price below which the property will not be sold / EMD / Bid Increment Amount
1.	**M/s Mateshwari Motors (Proprietor: Sri Arvind Kumar Jha)**	**Rs 47,60,278.45** (Rupees Forty Seven Lac Sixty Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Eight & Paise Forty Five) as on 26.12.2019 with further interest from 27.12.2019 plus other charges, costs etc.	1.All that part and parcel of the property consisting of land, building and structures as Per **Sale Deed No.3439,** dated 20.04.2012 located at Mauza - Visunpur Baladhari urf Balwa, Khata No.-151, Khesra No.-668, Thana No.-110, Halka No.-8, Registry Office & PS- Hajipur, District-Vaishali, Area - 5.5 Decimal, registered in the name of Smt. Soni Kumari, W/o Sri Arvind Kumar Jha. **Bounded : North-** Smt. Vidha Mishra, **South-** Smt Reema Devi, **East-** 6 Ft Wide Rasta, **West-** Bela Paswan vo Badri Singh **Sale Deed No.1719** dated 11.03.2015 located at Mauza- Visunpur Baladhari urf Balwa, Khata No.-151, Khesra No.-668, Thana No.-110, Halka No.-8, Registry Office & PS- Hajipur, District-Vaishali, Area- 5.75 Decimal registered in the name of Smt. Soni Kumari W/o Sri Arvind Kumar Jha. **Bounded : North-** Rasta, **South-** Nij Kharidar, **East-** Rasta, **West-** Badri Singh **Property ID : SBIN89128435415**	**Proprietor: Sri Arvind Kumar Jha)**	**26.12.2019** / **01.07.2020**	**₹21,56,000.00** / **₹ 2,15,600.00** / **₹ 10,000.00**

e-Auction Terms And Conditions

1. **Date of e-auction : 28.12.2021 (Wednesday); Time : 120 Minutes. From 12:00 Noon to 02:00 PM. with unlimited extension of 10 Minutes each.**
2. Website/portal for e-auction **https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.**
3. MSTC Central Helpdesk Number (for any technical help):033-40645207, 40609118, 40645316, 40602403, 40067351, 40628253. SBI contact no (for property related enquiry): **8811060438, 7488614908**
4. **The General Terms and Condition are available on https://sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/auction-notices/sarfaesi-and-others.**

This publication is also a 15 days notice to all the borrower(s)/guarantor(s) required 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 this E-auction sale Notice may be treated as substituted mode of service.

Date: 08.12.2022 **Authorized Officer**
Place: Hajipur **State Bank of India, SARB, PATNA**

इंडियन बैंक इलाहाबाद Indian Bank ALLAHABAD

Kotdwar branch, Najibabad Road, Kotdwar- 246149, Uttrakhand

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION SALE OF MOVABLE/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 provision 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 **Indian Bank** (e- Allahabad Bank, Secured Creditor), the possession **(Constructive/Physical/Symbolic Mention against each accounts)** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Indian Bank** (e- Allahabad Bank, Secured Creditor) will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis** on below mention dates, for recovery of under mentioned dues & Future interest, charges and costs etc as detailed below. The reserve price and EMD amount for each property has been furnished below.

Details of encumbrances over the properties as known to the Bank- Equitable mortgage of Allahabad Bank now Indian Bank

Sl. No.	Name of the Branch Name & Address of the Borrower / Guarantors	Details of the property / Type of Possession	Outstanding dues as per 13(2) notice for which	Date & Time of E-Auction / Last date & time of Submission	A) Reserve Price (in Lac) B) EMD (in lac) C) Bid multiplier	Contact Details
1.	**BRANCH: KOTDWAR** **Borrower/Mortgagor:** Mr. Dharmendra Singh S/o Anand Singh Address Vill Jhandichaur East, Patti Mothadhak Near Tempo stand Kotdwar, Pauri Garhwal. **Guarantor: 1.** Smt Deepika W/o Dharmendra Singh Address- Vill Jhandichaur East, Patti Mothadhak Near Tempo stand Kotdwar, Pauri Garhwal. **2.** Mr. Ramakant Tiwari S/o Trilochan, Address- Vill & Post Shivrajpur Mohtadhak Kotdwar, Pauri Garhwal.	Land and building at Khait no. 214 ka 214 Kha, 215 ka 215 Kha of old Khatauni Khata no. 03 current Khatauni Khata no 02 measuring 160 Sq Mt. Village East Jhandichaur, Patti Mothadhak Near Tempo stand Tehsil Kotdwar, Distt Pauri Garhwal. Property bounded as under: East- Land of Donor, West- land of Smt jassu Devi & others, North- Road, South- land of Donne and Donor. Sale deed in the name of Sh. Dharmendra Singh S/o Anand Singh duly registered with Sub-registrar Kotdwar, at bahi no. 1 Zild no-397, Page-151 ADF Bahi no. 1, Zild no. 585, pages 257 -262, Serial no 241 dated 22.01.2015. **(Symbolic Possession)**	**13,90,197/-** further interest costs, other charges and expenses thereon from 06.03.2019	**27.12.2022** from 11 A.M to 04:00 PM / **26.12.2022** / **Property ID: IDIBGBDIB000K8001**	A) Rs. 11.00 Lack B) Rs. 1.10 Lack C) Rs. 10000/-	**Branch Manager Kotdwar** Contact No. 01382-229577 08057032841

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Date: 08.12.2022 **Place: Dehradun** **Authorised Officer, Indian Bank**

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GOLD	RUPEE	OIL	SILVER
₹54,270	₹82.42	$75.72	₹66,662

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of December 07

SENSEX: 62,570.68 ▲ 160 (0.26%) **NIFTY:** 18,609.35 ▲ 48.85 (0.26%) **NIKKEI:** 27,574.43 ▼ 111.97 **HANG SENG:** 19,450.23 ▲ 635.41 **FTSE:** 7,486.12 ▼ 3.07 **DAX:** 14,226.37 ▼ 34.82

International market data till 1900 IST

23RD PHASE

Electoral bonds: Political parties get ₹676 cr from anonymous donors

GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 8

POLITICAL PARTIES garnered Rs 676.26 crore in the 23rd phase of the sale of electoral bonds (EBs) between November 11 and 15, ahead of the Assembly elections in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh.

As much as Rs 660.25 crore of EBs — 97.63 per cent of the bonds sold — were encashed by political parties at the New Delhi Main branch of State Bank of India, SBI said in its reply to the RTI application filed by Commodore Lokesh K Batra (Retd). SBI is the only bank authorised to issue EBs to political parties. SBI said EBs worth Rs 309.45 crore were sold by the Mumbai Main branch and Rs 222.40 crore by the New Delhi branch.

With this, the total amount collected by parties through EBs has gone up to Rs 11,467 crore from various anonymous donors in 23 phases since 2018 when the Electoral Bond Scheme was introduced.

Anonymous donors had given Rs 545 crore in the 22nd sale of EBs conducted between October 1 and 10, according to data available from SBI. Parties got Rs 1,221 crore in the last two months and Rs 389.50 crore in the previous sale in July this year.

As many as 666 EBs sold in the latest phase were of Rs 1 crore denomination, indicating that high networth individuals or corporates could have shelled out the money to political parties.

Meanwhile, the Finance Ministry allowed the sale of EBs for 15 more days (24th phase) by amending the Electoral Bonds Scheme. The scheme was amended on November 7 to allow an additional period of 15 days for the sale of EBs ahead of the Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh Assembly elections. The 23rd tranche of EBs was sold for subscription between November 9-15.

On December 3, the sale of 24 the tranche was notified from Monday (December 5) onwards — during the second phase of voting for the Gujarat elections — which will be held till December 12.

According to the provisions of the EB Scheme, only the political parties registered under Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 (43 of 1951) and have secured not less than one per cent of the votes polled in the last general election to the House of the People or the Legislative Assembly are eligible to receive electoral bonds. Several petitions are already in the Supreme Court challenging the provisions of Finance Act 2017 which paved the way for these anonymous bonds.

Interestingly, major political parties have not officially disclosed the amount they received through Electoral Bonds. Further, as the bonds are sold through a public sector bank, the government would come to know who is funding which political party, sources said.

gave Rs 1,056.73 crore in 2018, Rs 5,071.99 crore in 2019 and Rs 363.96 crore in 2020, Rs 1502.29 crore in 2021 and Rs 3,473 crore in 2022, SBI had said. A total of Rs 7.63 crore, inclusive of GST, has been charged to the government as commission so far, consequent to the sale of Electoral Bonds in 22 phases.

Electoral Bonds are purchased anonymously by donors and are valid for 15 days from the date of issue. A debt instrument, these can be bought by donors from a bank, and the political party can then encash them. These can be redeemed only by an eligible party by depositing the same in its designated account maintained with a bank. The bonds are issued by SBI in denominations of Rs 1,000, Rs 10,000, Rs 1 lakh, Rs 10 lakh and Rs 1 crore. Only 25 political parties are eligible for redemption of electoral bonds.

EXPLAINED

Total: ₹11,467 cr since 2018

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Draft Digital India Bill by Dec-end: Chandrasekhar

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 8

THE GOVERNMENT will release the draft Digital India bill for public consultation by the end of this month, Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar said on Thursday.

The Digital India Act will subsume the Information Technology Act 2020, which according to experts and government officials need a revamp owing to changing internet scenarios.

Speaking at the CII Global Economic Policy Summit,



Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Minister of State for Electronics and IT. *File*

Chandrasekhar said, "we expect both the bills (Digital Personal Data Protection bill and Digital India Bill) to be taken to parliament together".

The government plans to introduce the data protection bill in the upcoming Budget session.

While the data protection bill lays rights and duties of the citizen and obligations for data fiduciaries to use collected data lawfully, the Digital India bill is expected to focus on openness of internet, safety, trust, and accountability as basic principles in detail.

"The Information Technology Act, 2000 is being overhauled to account for the recent developments in the post-Internet era to manage binaries and consumer rights," Chandrasekhar said. **FE**

Need to focus on four broad areas for $40-tn journey: Sanjiv Bajaj

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 8

CREDIT NEEDS to be given to the government for continuous and consistent investment from their side in public infrastructure, president of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), said on Thursday.

Sanjiv Bajaj, who is also the managing director of Bajaj Finserv, said at the CII Global Economic Policy Summit 2022 that while the aspect of developing new manufacturing capacities holds promise, its realisation would depend on execution of policies.

Four broad areas — aligning industry and trade policies; building a strong financial sector to support the real economy; augmenting education and healthcare expenditure to build people capacity; and expanding the share of manufacturing by extending the PLI scheme in labour intensive areas — would accelerate India's journey towards a $40 trillion economy, he said. Speaking at the event, Kotak Mahindra Bank MD Uday Kotak said that the Reserve Bank may go for one more rate hike to bring inflation below its upper tolerance level of 6 per cent.

"My sense is that there could be one more rate hike and that may be the time for thinking about a pivot, but we got to watch very closely the data, and maybe around 6.5 per cent as it looks today, subject to what happens to the world, subject to what happens to oil, subject to what happens to many other things," he said.

Foxconn unit invests $500 mn in India affiliate

Hong Kong: Foxconn said on Thursday that its Singapore unit has acquired 4.08 million shares in Foxconn Hon Hai Technology India Mega Development Private Limited for $500 million.

Foxconn plans to boost the workforce at its plant in India to 70,000 by adding 53,000 more workers over the next two years, sources had said.

The company shared its plans with Tamil Nadu officials about accelerating its hiring efforts at the plant due to disruptions in China, according to a government source, while a person in Taiwan with knowledge of the matter said Foxconn was expanding its operations in India to increase its capacity for basic models and to meet Indian demand. **REUTERS**

RBI, Maldives Monetary Authority sign swap pact

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 8

THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) has signed an agreement to extend up to $200 million currency swap facility to Maldives Monetary Authority (MMA) under the SAARC Currency Swap Framework.

"This agreement will enable the MMA to make drawals in multiple tranches up to a maximum of $200 million from the RBI," a press release said.

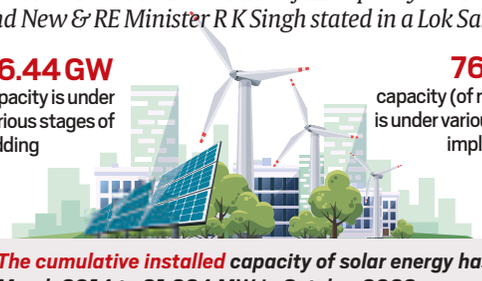
The facility is to provide swap support as a backstop line of funding for short term foreign exchange liquidity requirements, it said.

In 2020, the RBI had signed a similar pact for extending up to $400-million currency swap facility to Sri Lanka.

The SAARC Currency Swap Framework came into operation on November 15, 2012.

Renewable energy: 166 GW capacity till October

India has achieved 165.94 GW of RE capacity till Oct, Power and New & RE Minister R K Singh stated in a Lok Sabha reply



36.44 GW capacity is under various stages of bidding

76.13 GW capacity (of renewables) is under various stages of implementation

172.72 GW capacity from non-fossil fuel-based energy resources has been installed in the country as on October 31, 2022, which includes 119.09 GW Renewable Energy, 46.85 GW Large Hydro and 6.78 GW Nuclear Power capacity

THIS HAS a share of 42.26% of total installed generation capacity in the country i.e. 408.71 GW as on October, 31, 2022

Source: PTI

The cumulative installed capacity of solar energy has increased from 2,821 MW in March 2014 to 61,624 MW in October 2022

Air India to spend $400 mn on cabin interior makeover

SWARAJ BAGGONKAR
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 8

TATA GROUP-OWNED Air India will give a full makeover to the cabin interiors of more than a third of its fleet starting with the long-haul Boeing planes, committing a spend of $400 million.

This refurbishment will see the addition of 'latest generation seats and best in-class inflight entertainment', the airline said in a media release. The company, however, did not specify the source of the funding.

The overhaul exercise will also see the introduction of a premium economy cabin on the B787-8 and the B777. Air India never had premium economy but offered first, business and economy classes. Vistara, which is set to merge into Air India, offers premium economy. Air India has engaged London-based product design companies JPA Design and TrendWorks to assist with the cabin interior design elements under this refurbishment programme. The two have produced design works for Taj Hotels and the Orient Express.

The complete interior refurbishment entails regulatory and engineering preparation, which commenced earlier this year. This lengthy but necessary process, and the time required to manufacture the seats, is expected to lead to the first aircraft entering service in mid-2024, Air India added.

Earlier this week, Air India said it will lease an additional six Boeing 777-300ERs as part of its expansion plans. It had earlier announced to take 30 aircraft on lease. **FE**

Delhi High Court issues notice to Ashneer Grover on BharatPe suit

MALAVIKA PRASAD
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 8

THE DELHI High Court on Monday issued notice to BharatPe's former MD Ashneer Grover and his family members in a suit filed by Resilient Innovations Private Limited which runs the application, seeking to restrain Grover and others from making defamatory statements against the company.

A single-judge bench of Justice Navin Chawla issued notice on both the suit and an application seeking "interim injunction" which was accepted by the counsel appearing for Grover and his wife Madhuri Jain Grover. The counsel submitted on instructions that his clients had not been served with the application or the lawsuit filed by the company.

The high court thereafter granted two weeks to Grover and his wife to file their replies to the application and listed the matter in January 2023. It also issued summons to the other defendants,

Suit filed by Resilient Innovations Private Limited

including Grover's brother-in-law, his father and his brother.

Appearing for the fintech startup, senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi referred to various "disparaging and defamatory tweets" made against the company by Grover after exiting the company earlier this year. Rohatgi said Grover brought in his entire family after he became the managing director of the company. "To fleece the company, they (defendants) create fictitious vendors from Panipat who were paid 50-60 crores and nothing was purchased," Rohatgi said, adding that these vendors do not exist. Referring to Grover's tweet about a "10 crore" dining table, Rohatgi said that it was "obviously bought from our (company's) money".

When Grover's counsel submitted that his client was not served, the high court said advance service should have been done. Rohatgi replied, "We didn't serve them because the moment something happens, he will again go on a rampage." In addition, the company has sought recovery of Rs. 88,67,01,953 from Grover and others for "their illegal acts and misconduct".

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

BRIEFLY

Surety bonds insurance product

New Delhi: The government will launch India's first-ever surety bonds insurance product on December 19 to boost liquidity in infrastructure sector, Road Transport & Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said. **PTI**

Abans Holdings IPO

Mumbai: Financial services firm Abans Holdings Ltd proposes to open its IPO of up to 1.28 crore equity shares Rs 2 each in a price band of Rs 256-270 on Dec 12. **ENS**

Paytm considers buyback

Bengaluru: Paytm said on Thursday it was considering to repurchase its own shares, without specifying details, at a time when the company's shares are trading 75% lower than its market debut last year. **REUTERS**

EU top court on Google

Luxembourg: Google must remove data from online search results if users can prove it is inaccurate, Europe's top court said on Thursday. The case before the Court of Justice of the European Union concerned two executives from a group of investment companies who had asked Google to remove search results linking their names to certain articles. **REUTERS**

'PhonePe seeks to raise $1 bn'

Bengaluru: PhonePe is seeking to raise up to $1 billion from General Atlantic, Tiger Global Management, Qatar Investment Authority and Microsoft Corp, *Bloomberg News* reported, citing sources. **REUTERS**

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Global Tender No. PSC/O2-5/P&I/JM(O)/2022
TENDER NOTICE

Sealed Tenders are invited from reputed P & I Insurance Clubs / Companies for Class I & II cover for Chartered Vessels for the period 31.12.2022 noon to 31.12.2023 noon.

Sale of Tender Forms	-	09.12.2022 to 26.12.2022
Last date for receipt of Tenders	-	1500 hrs on 26.12.2022
Tender opening time	-	1530 hrs on 26.12.2022
Venue	-	Poompuhar Shipping Corporation Limited, 692,(Old No.473) Anna Salai, IV Floor, Nandanam, Chennai - 600 035.
EMD	-	Rs.1,00,000/- Indian Company / Firm USD 1,200 Foreign Company /Firm
Cost of Tender document	-	Rs. 2000/-
Value of the Tender	-	USD 1,05,000 (Rs.87,00,000)

Prospective bidders are advised to refer our website **www.tamilship.com / www.tntenders.gov.in** for specific transparent details. The conditions / requirement mentioned in the website shall meet out by the bidders. The advertisement is an invitation for bid only. The details given in the website are comprehensive. Further, all communications will be updated through our website only.

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WEST SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT (WSTP), KESHOPUR,
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PRESS SHORT NIT. NO. 17 (2022-23)/EE (SDW) VI

S. No.	Name of Work	Estimate cost	E/Money	Tender Fee	Date of release of tender in e procurement solution	Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1.	Deployment of staff for operation and minor maintenance of 40 MGD STP Keshopur.	38,06,500/-	76,200/-	500/-	2022_DJB_232700_1 Dt. 08.12.2022	19.12.2022 at 3.00 P.M

Further details in this regard can be seen at (**https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in**)
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P&PM Department,
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

State Bank of India has issued a Request For Proposal (RFP) for selection of a Service Provider/Vendor to provide the e-Pharmacy services and other proposed medical related services to retired employees of the Bank who are members of SBI Health Assist. For details, please see "Procurement News" at Bank's website **https://bank.sbi**.

Place: Mumbai
Date: 09.12.2022

Sd/-
Deputy General Manager
(P&PM Department)

AURANGABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AURANGABAD
E-Tender Notice No./AMC/DY.E/WW/Mech/313/2022-23 Dated: 07/12/2022
(Online) Parent Portal: http://mahatender.gov.in

Aurangabad Municipal Corporation, Aurangabad, Dist. Aurangabad is "C" class Municipal Corporation has established a Sewage Treatment Plant based on Sequential Batch Reactor Technology of Capacity 5.0 MLD, with Sump, Pump house, Rising mains etc. at Near Dr. Salim Ali Sarovar, CIDCO N12, Aurangabad.

Expression of interest is invited from the Agencies of repute and those who have experience in similar type of works and who fulfil the qualifying criteria as mentioned in tender. Documents for Supply & Erection of Allied equipments with testing & Commissioning of 5 MLD STP Plant at Dr. Salim Ali Sarovar.

It is essential that the documents required as per minimum eligibility criteria should be duly signed by the Govt./ Semi Govt. officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent officer/ competent officer of the concerned organization.

The schedule regarding sales of tenders, submission and opening, tender download and upload of tenders is as below:-

Sr. No.	Description	Start Date	Hrs.	End Date	Hrs.
1	Publication of tender	08/12/2022			
2	Document Download	08/12/2022			
3	Pre - bid Meeting	27/12/2022			
4	Bid Submission start from	08/12/2022		02/01/2023	
5	Opening of Technical envelope (if possible)	04/01/2023			
6	Opening of Commercial envelope	As per convenience of AMC			

Note:
a) It is mandatory on all interested bidders to enroll on parent portal of e-tender system; http://mahatenders.gov.in for downloading tender documents and to participate in tender process.
b) For any queries regarding online submission and obtaining digital signature, interested parties may contact -National Informatics Centre (NIC)-Help Desk Toll Free No 18002337315. OR contact to Mr. D.K. Pandit, Executive Engineer (Mech) AMC Aurangabad Cell No. 9764999565 or Mr. D.P. Gaikwad, Deputy Engineer (Mech) AMC Aurangabad. Cell No. 9764999665
c) It is mandatory to submit the tenders online. The cost of e tender document and earnest money deposit shall be paid online.
d) The Administrator/Hon. Commissioner has reserved the right to reject one or all e- tenders without assigning any reasons thereof.
e) E-tender notice of above work is available on NIC's website http://mahatenders.gov.in

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Executive Engineer (W.W.Mech)
Aurangabad Municipal Corporation

Sd/-
City Engineer
Aurangabad Municipal Corporation

U.P. POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED RE-TENDER NOTICE In reference to the E-tender No. ETC/MU/T-87/2022-23 (Uploaded on E-portal on dated 16.11.2022 due for opening on 08.12.2022) invited for Operation and Maintenance of different primary Sub-stations under the jurisdiction of Electricity Transmission Circle, Muzaffarnagar, it is being informed that due to non-participation of any bidder and due to some change in BOQ, the aforesaid tender is being invited again. The amended details of the tender is given as hereunder- 1. **Tender No. ETC/MU/T-87/2022-23**:- Work of Operation and Maintenance of 400 KV, 220 KV & 132 KV various primary Sub-stations. Estimated cost of work: Rs. 1083.42 Lacs only (Excluding GST). EMD cost Rs. 1084000.00, Cost of tender documents including GST : Rs. 2950/- Scheduled date & time of submission of bid : Up to 16.12.2022 by 17:00 Hrs., Scheduled date and time of opening of Part-I : 17.12.2022 at 12:00 Hrs. Opening of Part-II of the tender shall be intimated through E-Portal. For Detailed information, please visit website **www.etender.up.nic.in** for any corrections/ amendments/ modifications/ extensions till the date of submission of tender and thereafter. **(S.P. RAM)** Superintending Engineer, Electricity Transmission Circle, Muzaffarnagar "Save Electricity in the interest of the Nation" पत्रांक/ 125. 2395/वि.पा.म. (ETC) मु.नगर(MZN)/ दिनांक 08.12.2022

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पत्र संख्या–रा.दू.मे.कॉ./विज्ञापन/2022–23/6591 दिनांक: 07.12.2022

अधोहस्ताक्षर कर्ता द्वारा संस्थान में **U-Skill Center** में आवश्यक उपकरणों (Manniquins/Simulators) के क्रय हेतु प्रतिष्ठित निविदादाताओ से जैम पोर्टल पर बिड संख्या GEM/2022/B/2827344 के माध्यम से आवेदन आमंत्रित किये जाते है। बिड से सम्बन्धित अन्य समस्त सूचनायें भारत सरकार की वैबसाइट **www.gem.gov.in** से दिनॉक 08.12.2022 से प्राप्त की जा सकती है।

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1.	Display of Vacant Seat	08 December 2022 (5.00 PM)
2.	Online and offline Registration and payment of Registration fee	08 to 13 December 2022 upto 1.00 PM
3.	Display of Merit list	14 December 2022, 10.00 AM
4.	Payment of Fees	15 December upto 11.59 PM

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E-TENDER NOTICE

M.P. Council of Science and Technology, Bhopal invites E-Tender under two bid systems (Technical and Financial Bids) from the reputed Manufacturers/Authorized Dealers/ Agents/Suppliers for Annual Rate Contract for supply of Chemicals/Glassware/Plasticware/Filter/Laboratory Gases. The bid submission end date is **28.12.2022**. The tender documents can be viewed/purchased/submitted only online on website **www.mptenders.gov.in**

M.P. Madhyam/107614/2022 **INCHARGE PURCHASE**

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE
(Through E-Tendering)

Name of Work with its Location	**Provision of Coach Guidance System PWL, DSA, & MOZ Railway Station.**
App. Cost of the work (₹)	₹ 1,39,22,374.64/-only
Earnest Money Deposit (₹)	₹ 2,19,600/-only
Address of the Office	Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C, Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annexe-1, DRM Office, New Delhi-110055.
Date & Time for upload the tender / closing of tender	Tender uploading / closing date & time - 04.01.2023 up to 15.00 hrs.
Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.	See the Northern Railway website **www.ireps.gov.in** & Notice board at S & T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM Office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055.

Tender No.: 558-Sig-16-Tele-OT-961 Dated:08.12.2022 3275/22

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No.CEB/CS/TB-VIII/34/2022/02

PRESS NOTICE

The Chief Engineer, P.W.D (Building), Assam on behalf of the Governor of Assam invites bids from Govt. registered eligible Contractors having experience in similar nature of works for the following works.

Details of bid may be seen at e-procurement portal **www.assamtenders.gov.in** The bidders must be enrolled in **www.assamtenders.gov.in**

SI No.	Name of Work	Approx Value of Work(Bid Value)	Completition Period	Bid Security	Cost of Bid (in Rs)
1	Construction of 20 (Twenty) new BOPs along the Inter- State Boundary for the F.Y. 2022-23 **(Dukurdisha)**	Rs. 2,90,41,361.00	12 (Twelve) Months	2% of Bid value for General category, and 1% of Bid value for Reserved category	Rs. 5,800.00
2	Construction of 20 (Twenty) new BOPS along the Inter-State Boundary for the F.Y. 2022-23 (Rongapahar Tila Basti, **Dhansiri)**	Rs. 2,90,41,361.00	12 (Twelve) Months	2% of Bid value for General category, and 1% of Bid value for Reserved category	Rs. 5,800.00
3	Construction of 20 (Twenty) new BOPS along the Inter- State Boundary for the F.Y. 2022-23 **(Jankhana (Near Dessoi Reserve Forest))**	Rs. 2,90,41,361.00	12 (Twelve) Months	2% of Bid value for General category, and 1% of Bid value for Reserved category	Rs. 5,800.00
4	Construction of 20 (Twenty) new BOPs along the Inter- State Boundary for the F.Y. 2022-23 (Boholting (Near No.2 **Chutiakari))**	Rs. 2,90,41,361.00	12 (Twelve) Months	2% of Bid value for General category, and 1% of Bid value for Reserved category	Rs. 5,800.00
5	Construction of 20 (Twenty) new BOPs along the Inter- State Boundary for the F.Y. 2022-23 (Nivang)	Rs. 2,90,41,361.00	12 (Twelve) Months	2% of Bid value for General category, and 1% of Bid value for Reserved category	Rs. 5,800.00
6	Construction of 20 (Twenty) new BOPs along the Inter-State Boundary for the F.Y. 2022-23 **(Sonapur)**	Rs. 2,90,41,361.00	12 (Twelve) Months	2% of Bid value for General category, and 1% of Bid value for Reserved category	Rs. 5,800.00
7	Construction of 20 (Twenty) new BOPs along the Inter-State Boundary for the F.Y. 2022-23 **(Ougurijan)**	Rs. 2,90,41,361.00	12 (Twelve) Months	2% of Bid value for General category, and 1% of Bid value for Reserved category	Rs. 5,800.00
8	Construction of 20 (Twenty) new BOPs along the Inter-State Boundary for the F.Y. 2022-23 **(Abhoypur Reserve Forest)**	Rs. 2,90,41,361.00	12 (Twelve) Months	2% of Bid value for General category, and 1% of Bid value for Reserved category	Rs. 5,800.00
9	Construction of 20(Twenty) new BOPS along the Inter-State Boundary for the F.Y 2022-23 **(Bubirbond)**	Rs. 2,90,41,361.00	12 (Twelve) Months	2% of Bid value for General category, and 1% of Bid value for Reserved category	Rs. 5,800.00
10	Construction of 20(Twenty) new BOPS along the Inter-State Boundary for the F.Y 2022-23 **(Dholaikhal)**	Rs. 2,90,41,361.00	12 (Twelve) Months	2% of Bid value for General category, and 1% of Bid value for Reserved category	Rs. 5,800.00
11	Construction of 20 (Twenty) new BOPS along the Inter-State Boundary for the F.Y 2022-23 **(Paglacherra)**	Rs. 2,90,41,361.00	12 (Twelve) Months	2% of Bid value for General category, and 1% of Bid value for Reserved category	Rs. 5,800.00
12	Construction of 20(Twenty) new BOPS along the Inter-State Boundary for the F.Y 2022-23(Construction of Barracks, Kitchen cum Dining Hall, Toilet Block, Officers Room, Boundary Wall and Other Ancillary Works at **Natacherra Camp)**	Rs. 2,90,41,361.00	12 (Twelve) Months	2% of Bid value for General category, and 1% of Bid value for Reserved category	Rs. 5,800.00
13	Construction of 20(Twenty) new BOPS along the Inter-State Boundary for the F.Y 2022-23(Construction of Barracks, Kitchen cum Dining Hall, Toilet Block, Officers Room, Boundary Wall and Other Ancillary Works at **Bandarkhal Camp)**	Rs. 2,90,41,361.00	12 (Twelve) Months	2% of Bid value for General category, and 1% of Bid value for Reserved category	Rs. 5,800.00
14	Construction of 20 (Twenty) new BOPS along the Inter-State Boundary for the F.Y 2022-23(Construction of Barracks, Kitchen cum Dining Hall, Toilet Block, Officers Room, Boundary Wall and Other Ancillary Works at **Karkat Basti Camp)**	Rs. 2,90,41,361.00	12 (Twelve) Months	2% of Bid value for General category, and 1% of Bid value for Reserved category	Rs. 5,800.00
15	Construction of 20 (Twenty) new BOPS along the Inter-State Boundary for the F.Y 2022-23(Construction of Barracks, Kitchen cum Dining Hall, Toilet Block, Officers Room, Boundary Wall and Other Ancillary Works at **Gombai Basti Camp)**	Rs. 2,90,41,361.00	12 (Twelve) Months	2% of Bid value for General category, and 1% of Bid value for Reserved category	Rs. 5,800.00
16	Construction of 20 (Twenty) new BOPS along the Inter-State Boundary for the F.Y 2022-23(Construction of Barracks, Kitchen cum Dining Hall, Toilet Block, Officers Room, Boundary Wall and Other Ancillary Works at **Kulicherra Camp)**	Rs. 2,90,41,361.00	12 (Twelve) Months	2% of Bid value for General category, and 1% of Bid value for Reserved category	Rs. 5,800.00
17	Construction of 20(Twenty) new BOPS along the Inter-State Boundary for the F.Y 2022-23(Construction of Barracks, Kitchen cum Dining Hall, Toilet Block, Officers Room, Boundary Wall and Other Ancillary Works at **Rengti Hills Camp)**	Rs. 2,90,41,361.00	12 (Twelve) Months	2% of Bid value for General category, and 1% of Bid value for Reserved category	Rs. 5,800.00
18	Construction of 20(Twenty) new BOPS along the Inter-State Boundary for the F.Y 2022-23(Construction of Barracks, Kitchen cum Dining Hall, Toilet Block, Officers Room, Boundary Wall and Other Ancillary Works at **French Nagar Camp)**	Rs. 2,90,41,361.00	12 (Twelve) Months	2% of Bid value for General category, and 1% of Bid value for Reserved category	Rs. 5,800.00
19	Construction of 20 (Twenty) new BOPS along the Inter-State Boundary for the F.Y 2022-23(Construction of Barracks, Kitchen cum Dining Hall, Toilet Block, Officers Room, Boundary Wall and Other Ancillary Works at **Lailapur Camp)**	Rs. 2,90,41,361.00	12 (Twelve) Months	2% of Bid value for General category, and 1% of Bid value for Reserved category	Rs. 5,800.00
20	Construction of 20(Twenty) new BOPS along the Inter-State Boundary for the F.Y 2022-23(Construction of Barracks, Kitchen cum Dining Hall, Toilet Block, Officers Room, Boundary Wall and Other Ancillary Works at Joydanpur Camp)	Rs. 2,90,41,361.00	12 (Twelve) Months	2% of Bid value for General category, and 1% of Bid value for Reserved category	Rs. 5,800.00

N.B.:- 1. Value of work may vary according to the detail NIT.
2. The Press Notice will form a part of the Bidding Document.

Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (Bldg),Assam
Chandmari, Guwahati-3.

Janasanyog/C/15623/22

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
COMMERCE & TRANSPORT (TRANSPORT) DEPARTMENT

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SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER
"CHARTER SERVICES BETWEEN BHUBANESWAR & ROURKELA FOR TEAMS & OFFICIALS OF FIH ODISHA HOCKEY MEN'S WORLD CUP 2023"

Government of Odisha, Commerce & Transport (Transport) Department desires to hire twin engine turbo prop ATR-72 Aircraft(s) complying to all safety norms as prescribed by the DGCA from time to time. The charter service will be required for movement of teams & officials of FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 between Bhubaneswar & Rourkela from **07.01.2023 till 29.01.2023**. Eligible and interested scheduled Airline operators may download the Short Notice Inviting Tender (SNIT) document which contains the details of the requirement from the following website of Government of Odisha and submit their offer, **https://tendersodisha.gov.in/nicgep/app** & **https://ct.odisha.gov.in/tenders**.

Proposals complete in all respect should reach the undersigned latest by **05:00 PM on 15.12.2022**. Bids received after the above deadline shall be summarily rejected. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-
Additional Secretary to Govt. &
Director of Aviation,
Commerce & Transport (Transport)
Department Government of Odisha
OIPR-38001/11/0016/2223

UP Housing & Development Board

Office of the Executive Engineer
C.D. Agra-03 • Malviya Pustakalaya Bazar Yojana, G.T. Road, Aligarh

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Letter No.- 2083/ENG-24/422 Date: 07.12.2022

Information Regarding E-Tender Notice

E-Tender for construction of 01 No. Sub-Centre under PM-ABHIM in Block Awagarh in District Etah is invited up to **dated 15.12.2022** at 04:30 PM on **www.etender.up.nic.in.** Prospective bidders are requested to keep visiting the website **www.etender.up.nic.in** and **www.upavp.in** for more information/Corrigendum. **Executive Engineer**

CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

3rd & 4th Floor, Chanderlok Building, 36 Janpath,
New Delhi-110001, Phone: 23353503 FAX: 23753923

Petition No. 285/TD/2022 **Dated: 6th December, 2022**

NOTICE UNDER CLAUSE (a) OF SUB-SECTION (5) OF SECTION 15 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003 (the Act)

1. An application for grant of Category 'IV' trading licence for inter-State trading in electricity in whole of India has been made before the Commission by VEH Global India Private Limited, 9th Floor, My Home Twitza, Plot No.30/A, TSIIC Hyderabad Knowledge City, Raidurg, Hyderabad, Telangana-500081.
2. A copy of the application, along with its annexures and enclosures, made by the applicant for grant of inter-State trading licence to VEH Global India Private Limited before the Commission can be accessed at the website **www.vibrantenergyholdings.com** or inspected by any person in the Commission's office by following the laid down procedure.
3. On consideration of the material available on record, the Commission is satisfied that prima facie the applicant qualifies for grant of licence for inter-State trading in electricity and by order dated 5.12.2022, the Commission has proposed to grant a Category 'IV' licence to the applicant for inter-State trading in electricity in whole of India.
4. Notice is hereby given in pursuance of clause (a) of sub-section (5) of Section 15 of the Act to invite suggestions or objections, if any, to the proposal to grant licence for inter-State trading in electricity as aforesaid by the Commission to be received by the undersigned latest by 20.12.2022 at the above noted address. The objections or suggestions received after the specified date shall not be considered.
5. The Commission has fixed the application for final disposal on 22.12.2022 and the person who files the suggestions or objections may in his discretion attend the hearing, for which no TA/DA shall be paid by the Commission.

Sd/- (Harpreet Singh Pruthi)
Secretary

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, गोरखपुर वृत्त, लोक निर्माण विभाग, गोरखपुर

पत्रांक : 8474/135सी0- गोरखपुर वृत्त / 2022 दिनांक 05.12.2022

ई-निविदा सूचना

महामहिम राज्यपाल, उ0प्र0 की ओर से उ०प्र० लोक निर्माण विभाग के "ए" श्रेणी के पात्र मार्ग कार्य हेतु पंजीकृत निविदादाताओं से ई-टेण्डरिंग के माध्यम से निर्माण खण्ड-3, लो०नि०वि० गोरखपुर के अन्तर्गत नीचे दशार्ये गये कार्यों हेतु निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है :-

क्र0 सं0	जनपद का नाम	कार्य का नाम	लागत (लाख में)	धरोहर धनराशि (लाख में)	निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य समस्त कर सहित (रूपये में)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि (वर्षा ऋतु सहित)	पंजीकृत ठेकेदार की श्रेणी
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	गोरखपुर	जनपद गोरखपुर में भटहट से बांसस्थान मार्ग (अ0जि0मार्ग) का 04 लेन में चौडीकरण एवं सुदृढीकरण का कार्य। (लम्बाई-11.600 कि0मी0)	**22800.00**	**228.00**	(स्टेशनरी चार्जेज + निविदा मूल्य + जी.एस.टी.) **रू0 2714.00**	18 माह	"ए"

बिड डाक्यूमेंट वेबसाइट http://etender.up.nic.in पर दिनांक 15-12-2022 से 27-12-2022 तक उपलब्ध है, जो कि दिनांक 27-12-2022 को दोपहर 12:00 बजे तक अपलोड किये जा सकते है। इसकी तकनीकी बिड दिनांक 27-12-2022 को दोपहर 03:00 बजे खोली जायेगी। निविदा अपलोड करने की अन्तिम तिथि 27-12-2022 को 12.00 बजे तक शुद्धि पत्र यदि कोई हो तो उसे वेबसाईट पर अपलोड कर दिया जायेगा।

निविदा की तकनीकी मूल्यांकन प्रहरी साफ्टवेयर के माध्यम से किया जाना है, जिसकी विस्तृत जानकारी बिड डाक्यूमेन्ट के साथ संलग्न निविदा सूचना में उपलब्ध हैं।

निविदा से सम्बन्धित अधिक जानकारी वेबसाइट http://etender.up.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है।

(अरविन्द कुमार)
अधिशासी अभियन्ता
निर्माण, खण्ड-3,
लो०नि०वि०, गोरखपुर

(हेमराज सिंह)
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गोरखपुर वृत्त,
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UPID-182688 Date 07/12/2022
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यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण

द्वितीय तल, कॉमर्शियल कॉम्पलेक्स, सेक्टर ओमेगा, (पी-2), ग्रेटर नौएडा, गौतमबुद्धनगर (उ0प्र0)
दूरभाष नं0 - 0120-2395151, फैक्स नं0 -0120-2395150

पत्रांक : वाई.ई.ए./GM(P)/2022/660 दिनांक 08.12.2022

ई-निविदा आमन्त्रण सूचना

निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु केन्द्र सरकार / राज्य सरकार / केन्द्र शासित / अर्द्धशासिक / सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों के कार्यों का कम से कम चार वर्ष का अनुभव रखने वाले ठेकेदारों / फर्मों से ई-निविदायें आमन्त्रित की जाती है। ई-प्रीक्योरमेंटसोल्यूशन द्वारा निविदायें द्विस्तरीय पद्धति से खोली जायेंगी।

कार्यालय आदेश संख्या : वाई.ई.ए./GM(P)/2022/659 दिनांक 08.12.2022 के अनुपालन में यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण की कार्यों में संविदाकार द्वारा बिल ऑफ क्वान्टिटी (बी०ओ०क्यू०) पर डाले गये 10 प्रतिशत कम दरों तक 0.5 प्रतिशत प्रति एक प्रतिशत कम दर पर तथा उसके पश्चात 10 प्रतिशत से अधिक कम दरों पर 1.00 प्रतिशत प्रति एक प्रतिशत कम दर पर सिक्योरिटी / परफॉर्मेन्स गारन्टी प्राप्त की जायेगी तथा परफॉर्मेन्स गारन्टी एफ०डी०आर० / सी०डी०आर० / बैंक गारन्टी / एन०एस०सी० के रूप में न्यूनतम संविदाकार द्वारा अनुबन्ध गठन से पूर्व देनी होगी, जो कार्य के अन्तिम बीजक होने के बाद वापिस होगी।

क्रम स०	कार्य का नाम/वर्क सर्किल	अनुमानित लागत
1.	Providing & Laying Interlocking Tiles (Balance Work) In Village- Khwajpur, Yea.Wc-06	रु० 05.23 लाख
2.	Providing and Laying of Interlocking Tiles in Village- Mukimpur Sivara (Including Construction of drain) yea. Wc-06	रु० 04.62 लाख
3.	Providing and Laying of Interlocking Tiles & khadanja to Neena Devi Home in Village- Tirthali, Yea Wc-06	रु० 05.32 लाख
4.	Providing and Laying of Interlocking Tiles in Village- Dayanatpur (Including Construction of drain) yea. Wc-06	रु0 3.60 लाख
5.	P/o Trees shrubs in Parks of Pocket-C Sec-20 With two year Maintenance for yea. Wc-Horti	रु० 12.33 लाख
6.	Providing and Laying interlocking Tiles in Village-Kishorpur Yea. Wc-06	रु० 14.26 लाख
7.	Providing & laying of interlocking Tiles & khadanja in Village- Dhansiya, Yea Wc-06	रु० 13.41 लाख
8.	Panchayat Ghar Repairing and Painting work brick Drain & Culvert Slab in Village- Pachokra, Yea Wc-06	रु० 13.80 लाख
9.	Construction of Room and Repair and Painting work for Shamshan ghat in Village- Rustampur, Yea Wc-06	रु० 08.75 लाख
10.	Maintenance work of Panchayat Ghar & Community Center in Village-Mudreh, yea Wc-06	रु० 12.51 लाख
11.	Balance Development work in Village- Siroli Bangar (Including Construction of drain) yea.Wc-06	रु० 30.86 लाख

जिन्हें दिनांक 15.12.2022 से 22.12.2022 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई-निविदाओं की प्री-क्वालीफिकेशन दिनांक 23.12.2022 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे खोली जायेगी।

क्रम स०	कार्य का नाम/वर्क सर्किल	अनुमानित लागत
12.	M/o Yeida nursery & Supply of labour & material in yeida nursery for one year yeida. Wc-Horti	रु० 29.78 लाख
13.	Construction of Road drain Sewer & Water Supply work in Rehabilitation and Resettement area of Village- abadi in jewar Banger yeidaWc-06	रु० 15.19 लाख
14.	Providing and laying interlocking tiles and Drain in Village- khwajpur (Part-2) Yea.Wc-06	रु० 32.13 लाख
15.	Providing and Laying of Interlocking Tiles and Drain in Village- Nangla Shri Gopal and Dewatering and Restoration of Pound in Village- Nangla Padam yeaWc-06	रु० 19.07 लाख
16.	Balance work of 45mtr wide road in Scetor -24 (part-B), YeidaWc-04	रु० 47.91 लाख
17.	Balance Development Work in Village- Dhanpura (Including Construction of drain) YEA.Wc-06	रु० 19.12 लाख
18.	Providing & Laying of interlocking Tiles & Khadanja in Village- Dustampur, Yea Wc-06	रु० 39.42 लाख
19.	C/o Library room in village jaganpur afjalpur Moonjkhera salarpur and doongerpur reelka YEAWc-06	रु०. 38.82 लाख
20.	Construction of road from Faleda Bangar Main Road to Faleda bangar Gaushala, Yea, Wc-06	रु० 43.24 लाख
21.	Providing & Laying of Interlocking Tiles & Khadanja from Main road to Dharmender Bhati &Khadanja From Main Road to Shamshan Ghat in Village- Nangla Kanchan, Yea Wc-06	रु0 56.27 लाख
22.	Construction of RCC drain & Providing & Laying Interlocking Tiles work in Village-Chak Birampur Including Construction, YeaWc-06	रु० 89.98 लाख

जिन्हें दिनांक 16.12.2022 से 23.12.2022 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई-निविदाओं की प्री-क्वालीफिकेशन दिनांक 26.12.2022 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे खोली जायेगी।

महाप्रबन्धक (परियोजना)

कार्यालय परियोजना प्रबन्धक, यूनिट-31, कन्सट्रक्शन एण्ड डिजाइन सर्विसेज, उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम (उ0प्र0 सरकार का उपक्रम), एस0बी0-90, शास्त्री नगर, गाजियाबाद - 201002

निविदा सूचना सं0- 1781/Vividh-12/53
दिनांक 07/12/2022

ई-निविदा सूचना

उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम, की ओर से जनपद बुलन्दशहर के थाना डिबाई में 32 क्षमता के हास्टल बैरक एवं 01 विवेचना कक्ष का निर्माण अनुमानित लागत रू0 129.35 लाख (जी0एस0टी0 रहित एवं लेबर सेस सहित) हेतु सी0 एण्ड डी0एस0 में यथोचित श्रेणी में भवन कार्य हेतु पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से दिनांक 06.01.2023 के अपरान्ह 16:00 बजे तक ई-निविदाएं आमन्त्रित की जाती हैं। उक्त कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा प्रपत्र दिनांक 14.12.2022 से दिनांक 06.01.2023 के मध्य उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की e-procurement वेबसाइट https://etender.up. nic.in से डाउनलोड किये जा सकते हैं तथा ई-निविदा दिनांक 06.01.2023 को पूर्वान्ह 16:30 बजे सी0 एण्ड डी0एस0, यूनिट-31, उ0प्र0 जल निगम, गाजियाबाद में निविदा खोली जायेगी। ई-निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य रु0 10000.00 + GST(18%) अतिरिक्त देय होगा।

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