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### Engineer falls to death at Delhi Metro site

A senior mechanical engineer, Aditya Prakash (31), died and a foreman, Mohammad Sahib Rangsa (45), was injured when the metal rope of their pan-lifter machine broke, plunging them to a nearly 60-70-foot fall at a Delhi Metro construction site in north-west Delhi's Mahendra Park. The accident occurred on Nov 20 when the two were inspecting the site. **P 8**

### MVA, Mahayuti eye Independents

Fearing a hung assembly in Maharashtra when the votes are counted Saturday, Maha Vikas Aghadi and Mahayuti have started discussions with winnable Independents and rebels to form govt. Many exit polls have shown 15-20 Independents may get elected. **P 12**

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### 'NEET-UG likely to be computerised'

NEET-UG will likely transition to a computer-based format, education minister Dharmendra Pradhan has hinted in an exclusive interview with TOI. **P 22**

## Canada says no proof to link Modi with Nijjar plot

### Denies Media Report That JS & Doval Also Knew

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**New Delhi:** Canada has officially denied it has any evidence to link PM Modi, foreign minister S Jaishankar and NSA Ajit Doval with the murder of pro-Khalistan terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, distancing itself from a Canadian media report earlier this week that quoted an anonymous security official to suggest that all three shared culpability for the crime. New Delhi had described the Globe and Mail report as ludicrous, while warning Ottawa that such "smear campaigns" will further damage the already strained ties. "On Oct 14th, because of a significant and ongoing three-

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at to public safety, the RCMP and officials took the extraordinary step of making public accusations of serious criminal activity in Canada perpetrated by agents of the gov't of India," Canadian NSA Nathalie Drouin said in an official statement. "The gov't of Canada has not stated, nor is it aware of, evidence linking PM Modi, minister Jaishankar, or NSA Doval to the serious criminal activity within Canada.

Any suggestion to the contrary is both speculative and inaccurate," the official said. Canada had last month accused Union home minister Amit Shah of masterminding attacks on Sikh separatists and Canadians in the country. New Delhi had described the allegation as absurd and warned Ottawa that "unfounded insinuations" will have serious consequences for bilateral ties. RCMP had alleged involvement of Indian high commissioner and other diplomats in criminal activities, leading to their expulsion. India, however, maintains that it recalled the officials. "While Canada does not have direct evidence that Mr Modi knew, the official said the assessment is that it would be unthinkable that three senior political figures in India would not have discussed the targeted killings with Mr Modi before proceeding," Globe and Mail report said.

### Forex reserves fall by record \$18bn in a week

India's forex reserves fell nearly \$18 billion in the week ended Nov 15 — the sharpest drop on record — as global investors withdrew from Indian stocks. The reserves, which peaked at \$704.9 billion on Sept 27, have declined by \$47 billion over the past 49 days. The rupee has come under pressure, although it gained six paise against the dollar to close at 84.44 after Thursday's fall to a record low of 84.5. **P 21**

### 10 Maoists die in Sukma gunfight, toll 207 this year

Security forces gunned down at least 10 Maoists in Bastar's Sukma district Friday. Madkam Masa, South Bastar division 'military in-charge' who carried a bounty of Rs 8 lakh, died in the encounter — the biggest since the Oct 3 gunfight in which 38 Maoists were killed, reports Rashmi Drolia. The Maoist toll has gone up to 207 this year, including 15 this week, while 787 have been arrested and 789 have surrendered. **P 22**

### 'Give beverages, snacks if flight delayed 2-4 hrs'

With low visibility in north India already impacting several flights, DGCA has advised airlines to provide drinking water to passengers for delays of up to two hours, beverages and snacks for delays of 2-4 hours, and meals for delays exceeding four hours. In a post on X Friday, the aviation ministry said the provisions "aim to enhance passenger experience while addressing their basic needs during extended waiting times". **P 3**

## SEC: Power deals took 18 mths & 'incentives' to state officials

### 'Odisha Likely First On Payoff List, PSA Signed July 2021'

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**New Delhi:** The Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC) complaint in a New York court has said that Solar Energy Corporation of India had hoped to sign the power purchase agreement within 90 days of issuing letters of award to Adani Green and Azure Power in June 2020, but the high tariffs quoted by the companies resulted in the deals taking over 18 months to execute. And, even this was possible after Adani allegedly "substantially increased" the "incentives" to state govt officials. The complaint suggested that officials in Odisha may have been the first to receive bribes, with the state signing a PSA in July 2021 after "a payment equal to hundreds of

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### Sensex bounces back, mixed bag for Adani stocks

Led majorly by speculative buying by local traders on Dalal Street, the sensx rallied 1,961 points on Friday — its biggest single-day rise since early June — to close at 79,117 points. Reliance Industries, select IT and banking stocks led the gains as foreign funds were net sellers, while domestic institutions were net buyers. The stocks of Adani Group had a mixed closing, although at market cap level, they lost some more value on a net basis from Thursday's close. The stock price of group flagship Adani Enterprises went up by 2.2% and in the process recovered only a small part of its 22% loss in previous session. Among the laggards were Adani Green Energy and Adani Energy Solutions. **P 21**

### LG: Atishi 1,000 times better than her predecessor

LG VK Saxena Friday complimented chief minister Atishi, saying: "I am happy today that Delhi's CM is a woman. I can confidently say she is a thousand times better than her predecessor." He was addressing students of Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women at the seventh convocation ceremony. While making the comment, LG glanced at Atishi, who was present on the dais. Atishi was sworn in as the eighth CM of Delhi in Sept following the resignation of Arvind Kejriwal, who ran AAP govt for nine and a half years. **TNN**

## SC extends Grap-4 till Monday; Delhi's air turns 'severe' again later in day

**New Delhi:** Supreme Court Friday refused to relax the strict measures in force under stage 4 of Grap despite Delhi's air quality improving a bit from 'severe' to 'very poor' over the last two days. The curbs will stay at least till Monday, the court said, reports Amit Anand Choudhary. SC's decision proved to be prescient as the city's AQI slipped back into the 'severe' zone in the evening. At 4pm, when the day's 24-hour average is declared, the AQI was still 'very poor' at 393, having deteriorated from the previous day's average of 371. However, by 6pm, the AQI was severe again at 401. **Lack of enforcement, P 2**

### Court proposes first-ever tree census in capital

The apex court proposed conducting a first-of-its-kind tree census in the capital as a measure to check felling and also favoured setting up a committee of experts without whose approval no tree would be cut. The petitioner in the case said that according to MCD data, five trees were felled every hour in the capital. In Dec last year, MCD had begun an exercise to count the number of trees in the city. SC said it would lay down the criteria for felling of trees. **P 3**

### INDIA ON TOP AFTER 17-WICKET DAY

- Australia was left teetering on 67/7 after India's 150 all-out as a grassy and bouncy Perth pitch claimed a record 17 wickets on the opening day of Border-Gavaskar series
- Stand-in skipper Jasprit Bumrah (4/17) turned the game on its head after tea, sending 3 of the host's top 4 batters packing in first 7 overs. Mohd Siraj took 2/17
- Aussies trail by 83 runs and are in danger of falling short of their lowest-ever total against India — 83, in Melbourne in 1981
- Nitish Reddy (41) became the 7th Indian batter at No. 8 or lower to top-score in an innings on Test debut
- 17 wickets are the most on the opening day in a Test in Australia since 1952
- 661 runs in total in Australia
- Jasprit Bumrah
- by Rishabh Pant most by a visiting keeper. He broke Alan Knott's record (643 runs) on his way to 37
- 3rd umpire controversially ruled K L Rahul (26) out caught behind, with no conclusive evidence if the ball hit his pad or bat
- 18 ducks for India's batters in 11 Tests is the most by them in a calendar year
- Starc, Cummins, Hazlewood and Lyon became 1st quartet to take 500 wickets in Tests while playing together **P 23**

### Shah ticks off city police over rising crime

Home minister Amit Shah is learned to have told Delhi Police brass that law and order in the city was its top priority and any laxity was "unacceptable". Sources said the minister called police commissioner Sanjay Arora and five-six special CPs (Delhi Police comes under MHA) and expressed "deep concern" over the rising crime graph in the city. According to the sources, Shah warned that if criminal activities were not brought under control soon, officers from top to bottom would be replaced in the city police force. **P 5**

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TEMP ON FRIDAY  
 MAXIMUM 27.2° MINIMUM 11°  
 FORECAST: Moderate fog likely. Max & min temperatures on Saturday would be around 28°C and 12°C  
 MOONSET 1.06PM (SAT) MOONRISE 12.37AM (SUN)  
 SUNSET 5.25PM (SAT) SUNRISE 6.51AM (SUN)



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 DELHI AQI ON FRIDAY (VERY POOR CATEGORY)

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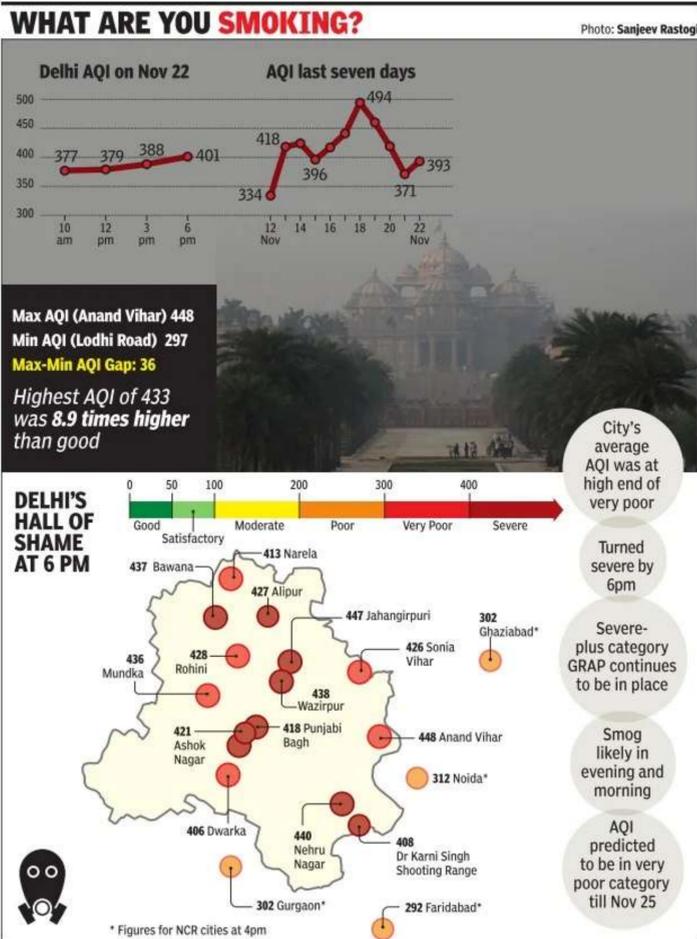
# Hopes Of Relief Dealt Another Severe Blow

**CHOKER CHAMBER:** AQI Goes Past 400 Again As Met Factors Play Spoilsport

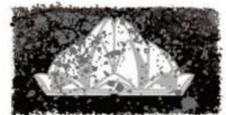
**GRAP:** SC fumes at lack of enforcement of measures

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New Delhi: The city's air quality relapsed to severe by Friday evening after staying in the very-poor range till afternoon. The air quality index (AQI) was 373 at 10am. In the absence of strong winds, it saw a marginal deterioration to 379 by noon, reaching 388 by 3pm, 393 by 4pm, and 401 by 6pm.



On Friday, the city got variable winds from westerly, north-westerly and easterly directions, with speeds ranging from 2-6 kmph, accompanied by shallow fog and smog in the morning. These conditions, coupled with low temperatures — 11 degrees Celsius at the minimum and 27.2 maximum — led to accumulation of pollutants through the day.



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The average AQI at 4pm was in the upper level of the very poor range at 393, against 371 a day earlier. The city was the most polluted in the region. Neighbouring Greater Noida saw an AQI of 262 (poor), Noida 312 (very poor), Gurgaon and Ghaziabad 302 (very poor), and Faridabad 292 (poor).

While the city continues to be under GRAP-IV restrictions and the fog layer has moved out, the share of most of the pollution sources remained almost the same. On Thursday, stubble burning contributed 17.9% to the net pollution, while local transport caused 18.2%, turning out to be the highest polluter.

According to the air quality early warning system by IITM, Saturday may see pre-

dominant surface wind from the west direction with speeds less than 4 kmph during morning hours, thus allowing the formation of smog or shallow fog in the morning, evening and night. The wind speed will further increase to 6 kmph from the north-west direction during the afternoon and again decrease to less than 4 kmph from the northwest direction during the evening and night.

The IITM expects AQI to remain very poor: "The ventilation index lower than 6,000 m2/s with average wind speed less than 10 kmph is unfavourable for the dispersion of pollutants. The air quality is likely to be in the very poor category from Nov 23-25," IITM said. In the subsequent

6 days, too, the AQI is likely to be very poor. The PM2.5 level in the city on Thursday until 7pm oscillated between 160.9 and 196.8 micrograms per cubic metre, against a 24-hour national standard of 60 micrograms per cubic metre, and 15 units according to WHO standards. The PM10 levels hovered between 281.7 and 327.2 micrograms per cubic metre, against a national standard of 100 units and 45 units as per WHO standards.

Delhi environment minister Gopal Rai has written to the Delhi chief secretary asking him to personally ensure that GRAP measures are adhered to properly.

"All the departments must submit daily reports on their actions and progress in implementing GRAP guidelines. This data will be critical for monitoring the effectiveness of measures and identifying areas requiring additional focus. The enforcement mechanisms being followed by various departments must be further intensified. Strict penalties should be imposed on violators of pollution control norms, including unauthorised construction and demolition activities, open burning of waste, burning of Parali, and other activities contributing to air pollution," Rai wrote.

Gurgaon's air quality, meanwhile, slipped into 'very poor' zone after staying in the 'poor' category for a day. Experts attributed the deterioration to low wind speed, which did not allow the dispersal of pollutants.

Gwalpahari station recorded an AQI of 354, marking it as the most polluted area. This station covers the Gurgaon-Faridabad road, Golf Course road, and several highrises.

After a brief improvement, air quality in Noida and Ghaziabad, too, worsened in the 'very poor' category.



DELHI'S ANNUAL APOCALYPTIC FEEL

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A bench of Justices A S Oka and Augustine George Masih expressed dissatisfaction over implementation of the ban on entry of trucks in the city which is mandated under Grap-4 and appointed 13 young lawyers as court commissioners to visit the entry points and file a report. There are around 113 entry points for heavy vehicles to enter the city, of which 13 are major ones.

"We are not satisfied with the affidavit of the Delhi govt," the bench said. It directed Delhi govt and police to ensure that checkpoints are immediately set up at all 113 entry points and personnel manning the entry points clearly informed about the accepted essential items whose entry would be permitted. It directed police to facilitate

the visit of court commissioners to the sites and also share CCTV footage with them.

"As far as entry of trucks is concerned, there is no implementation. Hundred entry points are unmanned. There is no implementation of fireworks ban, construction... nothing was being implemented. Somebody has to be answerable. The percentage share of pollution caused by these trucks is a very large," the bench said.

Additional solicitor general Aishwarya Bhati, appearing for CAQM, urged the court to allow relaxation of Grap-4 measures. "Please allow us to bring it down to at least Grap-3. Yesterday and today, we have come to the Grap-2 stage," she told the bench.

Senior advocate Menaka Guruswamy, appearing for some parents, also pressed for allowing physical classes

in schools saying that closing down schools affected working parents and also children with special needs. Agreeing with her plea, the bench said consequences of Grap-4 were very drastic and it affected various sections of society. The court gave an assurance that it would examine on Monday whether the decision needs to be reviewed.

Senior advocate Aparajita Singh, who is assisting the court as amicus, requested the bench to appoint a committee of retired SC judges to monitor and suggest measures to deal with the pollution crisis in Delhi which has become an annual affair. Bhati vehemently opposed the proposal and said, "We are strongly opposing this. Please do not create any more tiers. There is no judicial application of mind that is required. Your lordships are already monitoring."

## Foul air national emergency, robbing kids of future: Rahul

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi dubbed air pollution in north India a "national emergency" and a public health crisis that is "stealing our children's future and suffocating the elderly, and an environmental and economic disaster that is ruining countless lives". Ahead of the winter session of Parliament, Rahul urged fellow MPs to work jointly to end the crisis for good.

The leader of opposition posted a video of his interaction with environmentalist Vimlendu Jha at the India Gate, seeking clarifications on sources of air pollution and the possible solution.

"The poorest among us suffer the most, unable to escape the toxic air that surrounds them. Families are gasping for clean air, kids are falling sick, and millions of lives are being cut short. Tourism is declining and our global reputation is crumbling," he wrote on X, with the video.

To Rahul's query about stubble burning being blamed for pollution, Jha mentioned vehicular pollution as the round-the-year polluter and the biggest source of toxic air, while farmers' issue is just a concern for three weeks every year. "Damage is throughout the year, but we only notice for a month," Rahul summarised the discussion.

The environmentalist called for bringing about lifestyle changes to deal with the air pollution crisis.

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# NGT Slaps Damages Of ₹25cr Each On DJB, MCD For Polluting Yamuna

## Tribunal Holds Them Responsible For Flow Of Sewage From Drains Into River

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New Delhi: The National Green Tribunal has imposed an environmental compensation of Rs 25.2 crore each on Delhi Jal Board and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi for polluting the Yamuna.

In an order dated Nov 21, the tribunal observed that both DJB and MCD were responsible for causing water pollution by allowing sewage from drains to be discharged into stormwater drains, which ultimately flow into and pollute the Yamuna. Additionally, changing the structure of the stormwater drains impacted their cleaning and desilting, posing a health hazard to people.

NGT pulled up the two bodies while hearing various pleas, including one by the residents' welfare association of Nizamuddin West, demanding remedial measures to treat the water in the Barapullah and its subsidiary drains, including Kushak drain and Sunehripur drain. It claimed that many areas of

south Delhi were waterlogged during the monsoon because silt clogged these drains. The applicants alleged that four RCC covers were put on the Kushak drain, but this left the drain partly open, emitting obnoxious and poisonous gases resulting from sewage.

The tribunal observed that a huge quantity of sewage was discharged into the Yamuna due to "neglect" on the part of DJB, which allowed sanitary drains/sewer lines to discharge sewage into stormwater drains. "MCD is also equally guilty and responsible for the violation of environmental laws by changing the natural shape of the stormwater drain, constructing a box-type RCC chamber, and that too, in such a manner by raising a partition wall also that its regular cleaning and desilting is not practically possible through machines, and this is adding to the woes of the local people," said NGT, adding that DJB and MCD both violated the provisions of the Water Act.



RIVER GASPS FOR LIFE

"DJB and MCD both are liable to pay EC by application of the principle of 'Polluter Pays'. DJB and MCD both shall pay Rs 25,22,79,000 each towards EC and deposit the same with CPCB within two months," said the bench headed by Justice Prakash Shrivastava.

DJB, in its affidavit, submitted there were four main

sets of drains, namely Satpula, Kushak, Sunehri Nalla and the ones near AIIMS, INA Market and Lajpat Nagar, which emptied into the Barapullah basin, which is also a stormwater drain with the outfall into the river.

NGT directed MCD and DJB to break open stormwater drain covers at intervals to facilitate cleaning and de-

silting conveniently and also to provide a vent for the gases and odour. The exercise has to be completed within a month. However, the tribunal said if this exercise did not result in resolving the problem, MCD must remove the entire four-chambered RCC covers from the stormwater drains along their entire length so as to restore the drains to their original condition. This exercise is to be completed over the next three months.

It added that the environmental compensation recovered from DJB and MCD would be utilised by CPCB for remediation and restoration of environmental damage caused in Delhi in pursuance of a restoration plan prepared by a joint committee consisting of the member secretary, CPCB, member secretary, DPCC, principal chief conservator of forest, Delhi, and a representative of Union environment ministry within one month. The restoration will be executed in two months after the realisation of the environmental compensation.

# Supreme Court suggests first tree census for capital

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New Delhi: To check felling of trees in the capital, which as per MCD data is five trees per hour, Supreme Court on Friday said it was in favour of passing an order to conduct a tree census in the city, which will be a first, and also for setting up of a committee of experts without whose approval no tree would be cut.

A bench of Justices A S Oka and Augustine George Masih said it would lay down criteria to be followed for felling of trees and an additional lawyer of scrutiny would be put in place in the form of the panel to stop illegal felling of trees. The panel, to be appointed by the apex court, will have final say and its approval will be mandatory after green signal is given by various govt departments for felling of trees.

The court was also in agreement with the suggestion of senior advocate ADN Rao that the local SHO should be held personally liable for any illegal cutting of trees. It indicated that the census would also be conducted in the protected Taj Trapezium Zone in Agra. "We are of the view that census of existing trees is needed and a mechanism has to be put in place to keep vigil to stop illegal felling of trees," the bench said. It was hearing a plea seeking complete ban on felling of any tree in the city without the court's permission, which at present is applicable only to forest trees. The petitioner said as per MCD data, the number of

trees allowed to be felled with official sanction in the years 2019, 2020 and 2021 under all categories was 1,33,117 which meant 44,372 trees were felled every year and five trees every hour.

Taking note of the allegation that various authorities, which have been entrusted with protecting trees under the Delhi Preservation of Trees Act (DPTA), had failed to perform their duties, resulting in green cover of Delhi depleting, the court said no tree would be cut without the approval of the court-appointed panel and, in some cases, the SC's approval would also have to be taken when the number of trees was comparatively more to

new foot overbridge. Advocate Ajay Jain, appearing for the railways, however, said no tree would be cut.

"It is of paramount importance to note that protection and preservation of existing trees has a direct and proportional effect on protection of the environment in the capital. The inaction of authorities to protect existing trees has a direct and proportional effect on the health and well-being of the applicant and the general public, including the violation of their right to a clean and healthy environment, which is implicit in their fundamental right to life guaranteed under Article 21," petition said.

# Most STPs being upgraded, DJB informs NGT

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has submitted a report to National Green Tribunal (NGT) regarding the functioning of sewage treatment plants in the city. NGT had earlier taken suo motu cognisance of a TOI report, titled "Why 75% of Delhi's STPs aren't ready to tackle Yamuna stink", published on Feb 19, which stated that 75% of the city's STPs were not adhering to the standards.

The report stated that despite treatment, about 75% of STPs operated by DJB were failing to get even close to treating the E coli or faecal coliform, which represents the presence of raw sewage and excreta in the water. The report pointed out that the STPs had no facility for bac-

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### Why 75% of Delhi's STPs aren't ready to tackle Yamuna stink

**THREAT TO YAMUNA**

- Absence of disinfection system at STPs leads to retention of fecal coliform
- Fecal coliform (FC) is found in excreta that contaminates water through untreated sewer
- Maximum 2,500, desired 500 MPN/100ml
- Feb 19, 2024
- The higher the level of FC, the higher the presence of disease-causing pathogens in water
- Disinfectants at STPs

terial disinfection.

In this regard, a tribunal bench sought details from DJB earlier this year. However, DJB did not respond on time, due to which the tribunal, during a hearing in Aug, imposed a fine of Rs 10,000 upon CEO, DJB, for non-ap-

pearance before the tribunal and not filing the response.

However, DJB filed a response dated Nov 21, where it asserted that most of its STPs were in the process of upgradation, while various others were now adhering to norms. DJB, which operates 38

STPs, said Delhi's estimated sewage generation was 792 million gallons per day (MGD), which was 80% of its daily water production of 990 MGD. It asserted that against the sewage generation of 792 MGD, its installed capacity was just 712 MGD, which it treated through 38 sewage treatment plants. It said that out of 38 STPs, 18 catering to 375.4 MGD of sewage were complying with standards, and nine catering to 245 MGD were under upgradation and would comply by March next year.

DJB further stated that it was constructing nine STPs - two at Okhla and seven at Sonia Vihar - which would be ready by March next year, while nine other STPs would be upgraded by March 2026. Three other STPs currently functional at Okhla, howe-

**Delhi Jal Board said it was constructing nine STPs, which would be ready by March next year, while nine other STPs would be upgraded by March 2026**

ver, were not complying with norms.

However, as per details further furnished by DJB in the same report, it did not disclose the details of faecal coliform. The report further pointed out that barring 18 STPs, others did not adhere to the prescribed norms for Total Suspended Solids (TSS) and Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD).

# Cold truth: Open waste burning up as RWAs fail to provide heaters to staff

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New Delhi: After the temperature began to dip, open burning of waste, wood and other materials to keep the cold at bay has become a major local source of pollution. Though both the Commission for Air Quality Management and Delhi Pollution Control Committee have appealed to residents' welfare associations to provide electric heaters to their security guards and service staff, not everyone has done this so far.

Delhi has over 2,000 registered and non-registered RWAs. Of them only 319 RWAs gave heaters to their security staff till Nov 14 and 37 RWAs claimed they would do so soon. West district performed the best among the 11 districts with 292 RWAs there providing heaters to security guards till Nov 14, according to the data compiled by Delhi govt's environment department. Six others also informed the department that they would provide the heaters soon. In south district, not a single RWA has made a heater available to its guards and none has intimidated the department of its intention to do so.

Gurdeep Singh, who lives in Vikaspuri in west Delhi, revealed that security guards in his residential complex earlier opted for open burning for heating purposes. "However, they stopped burning wood after two heaters were provided to them around two years ago," said Singh.

Under Stage II of Graded Response Action Plan, RWAs are enjoined to provide electric heaters to security staff

## BURNING PROBLEM

- Burning of garbage, wood, garden waste and plastic waste is one of the major sources of pollution in winter
- Poor and homeless burn waste to beat the cold
- The share of open burning is expected to rise as temperatures dip further
- A study by IIT-Delhi in 2021 found that winter haze episodes (in Jan) were highly affected by biomass burning emissions
- According to the real-time source apportionment study of DPCC and IIT-Kanpur, the share



of biomass burning was 24% from Nov 2022 to Jan 29, 2023

- Delhi govt is running a special campaign against open burning since Nov 6

**Number of teams in this campaign | 523 (291 day/232 night)**

**Heaters**

- CAQM issued an advisory in Aug, asking all RWAs and other residential societies to mandatorily provide electric heaters to all staff employed by them
- RWAs of seven districts have not provided a single heater so far
- Of the 11 districts in Delhi, West has performed best with 292 RWAs providing heaters

to prevent open biomass or municipal solid waste burning. Currently, stages I to IV of GRAP are in force in NCR. In Aug, CAQM advised all RWAs and other residential societies in Delhi to make electric heaters and other suitable appliances accessible to guards and service staff employed by them. CAQM argued that the practice of open burning of biomass and municipal waste during winter aggravated PM2.5 and PM10 in the ambient air, besides releasing harmful gaseous pollutants.

An environment dept official said, "We are contacting RWAs and holding meetings with them to create awareness about the impact of open burning on air quality. We are

requesting them to provide heaters to service people."

Chandra Bhushan, CEO, International Forum for Environment, Sustainability, and Technology, said, "According to the 78th round of the National Sample Survey 2021, around 17% of households in Delhi do not use cleaner fuels for heating. Migrant workers and slum dwellers also rely on biomass and other waste materials for heating, but they are not accounted for in the NSS. Therefore, Delhi has a sizeable population using polluting fuels for heating, especially in Dec and Jan."

Bhushan recommended that RWAs and market associations compulsorily provided electric heaters to their

staff. "The environment cess collected by Delhi govt should be utilised to provide heaters to poor and low-income groups. This measure will yield better results than many of the other initiatives currently undertaken by Delhi govt," maintained Bhushan.

Eco activist Bhavreen Kandhari said the poor and homeless had no option but to burn trash to keep themselves warm. "RWAs across NCR should be asked to provide electric heaters to their staff. Govt should incentivise this exercise and reward the RWAs with green credits and other benefits. Besides, the state govt should also take steps for poverty alleviation," she said.

According to the real-time source apportionment study carried out by DPCC and IIT-Kanpur, the share of biomass burning (burning of wood, dung, and agricultural residue) was 24% from Nov 2022 to Jan 29, 2023. Another study by IIT-Delhi in 2021 found that the winter haze episodes (in Jan) were highly affected by biomass burning emissions, likely from the local burning of wood, coal, or roadside trash for heating or cooking purposes.

Dipankar Saha, former head, Central Pollution Control Board, said, "Burning of municipal solid waste, horticulture waste, wood, and other materials are identified sources of emissions in the form of PM2.5. These burnings add additional sources of emissions and remain trapped in the lower atmospheric air due to zero vertical distribution below the inversion height."

# 'Give snacks if flight delayed 2-4 hours'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Airlines will now have to provide beverages and snacks to passengers when flights are delayed by two to four hours and meals on those delayed beyond four hours.

Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has advised the airlines as low visibility in north India has already

started leading to delays this winter. When a flight is delayed in one sector, it leads to consequential delays on all other routes across the airline's network as the aircraft is to operate that day.

The aviation ministry posted on X on Friday, "These measures are designed to prioritise passenger convenience during unforeseen disruptions... Airlines (have) to

provide drinking water for delays of flight up to two hours; tea or coffee with snacks/refreshments for delays between two and four hours; and meals for delays exceeding four hours."

It added, "These provisions by airlines aim to enhance passenger experience while addressing their basic needs during extended waiting times."

Besides, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security has now allowed "smooth re-entry of passengers stranded inside aircraft due to weather or technical delays, minimising inconvenience and facilitating smoother reboarding when flights resume. A drill of the same by stakeholders concerned is also being carried out," the aviation ministry said on Wednesday.

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# Eye On Polls, Kejriwal Kicks Off 'Revidi Par Charcha' Campaign

## Says Only AAP Can Provide So Many Freebies; BJP, Cong Hit Back

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New Delhi: Aam Aadmi Party national convener Arvind Kejriwal launched his party's outreach programme called 'Revidi Par Charcha' (discussing freebies) on Friday, two months ahead of the assembly elections. The programme entails 65,000 meetings, in which party workers will distribute pamphlets about the free facilities (revdi), or a traditional festival sweet, as termed by PM Narendra Modi) provided to people by the AAP gov.

"Our workers will help people understand what these free facilities are and how only AAP can provide these," Kejriwal said. The former CM said that Delhi gov provided free electricity, water, healthcare, education, bus rides for women and pilgrimages for the elderly. "Another revdi — a monthly Rs 1,000 assistance for women in the city — will be given soon."

Kejriwal took a swipe at BJP, saying the saffron party hadn't provided free electricity and water in the states where they were in power. "Three days ago, one of their leaders said, 'Vote for us, and we will do everything Kejriwal is doing'. If they want to replicate our work, why not vote for the original instead of the duplicate?" he quipped.

Describing Delhi as a "half-state", with power divided among the state gov, central gov and the lieutenant governor, Kejriwal said, "Our half-gov has achieved so much in 10 years. What has their half-



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#### KEJRIWAL SAYS

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govt done? If they couldn't deliver as a half-gov, how can people trust them with full power? All BJP has done in the past decade is to halt AAP's development agenda."

Revidi became part of the political narrative in 2022 when PM Modi slammed the freebie culture. In Madhya Pradesh, he had said, "Every taxpayer must be thinking that as I celebrate Diwali, the poor brothers in Madhya Pra-

desht too are rejoicing during the festival of lights. He is getting a pucca house. His daughter's life will improve. But when this taxpayer sees that the money collected from him is being spent on the distribution of revdi, he is pained."

Kejriwal had quickly responded to the PM's statement and said, "Why shouldn't people, who are worried by the rising inflation, not get access to free education and treatment?" He added that by describing civic benefits as revdi, the PM was insulting the common man.

On Friday, the former CM announced that the awaited revdi was coming soon. "AAP will deposit Rs 1,000 monthly into every woman's account," he declared, referring to the state gov's proposed Mukhyamantri Mahila Samman Yojana, announced in the 2024-25 state budget, in which Delhi gov allocated Rs 2,000 crore

for the scheme for the welfare and empowerment of women. Under it, women above 18 years who were Delhi voters, weren't taxpayers and weren't beneficiaries of any gov scheme would get Rs 1,000 per month.

"If BJP is serious about offering free electricity and water in Delhi, let them implement it in their own states before the Delhi elections," challenged Kejriwal. "In the 2020 elections, Union home minister Amit Shah promised the Poorvanchali community his party would regularise unauthorised colonies, yet not a single registry has been done in five years."

Hitting back at Kejriwal, Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said it was the duty of every gov to ensure that welfare schemes reached every citizen, but Kejriwal's language made it seem like he was distributing charity. "If BJP comes to power, we will implement all central gov schemes in Delhi and expand the scope of welfare schemes in the state," he said. One of the problems to be tackled, he alleged, was water, consuming which some people had died in the past few years.

Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee president Venkatesh Yadav similarly countered that even after AAP was in power for over a decade, there was nothing visible to the citizens of the capital, other than the suffering they have been going through due to health emergency caused by air pollution, the terribly polluted Yamuna river and broken and potholed roads.

# SC seeks reply from CBI, ED on Sisodia's plea

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Supreme Court on Friday issued notice to CBI and Enforcement Directorate seeking their response on a plea of Aam Aadmi Party leader Manish Sisodia seeking relaxation of bail conditions imposed on him in the Delhi liquor excise policy case.

The former Delhi deputy chief minister sought relaxa-

tion of bail conditions of appearing before investigating officer every Monday and Thursday and to mark his attendance.

A bench of Justices BR Gavai and K V Viswanathan agreed to hear his plea and asked the agencies to respond.

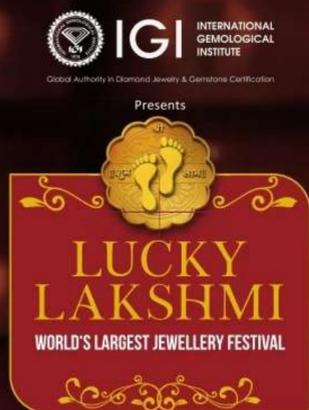
Sisodia was granted bail by the apex court on Aug 9 in both corruption and money laundering cases related to change in Delhi excise policy

paving the way for him to come out of jail 17 months after he was arrested.

The court had directed the AAP leader to surrender his passport and to report to the investigating officer on every Monday and Thursday between 10-11 AM.

"We find that, on account of a long period of incarceration running for around 17 months and the trial even not having be-

en commenced, the appellant has been deprived of his right to speedy trial. As observed by this Court, the right to speedy trial and the right to liberty are sacrosanct rights. On denial of these rights, the trial court as well as the High Court ought to have given due weightage to this factor," the court had said while setting aside the orders of the trial court and Delhi HC which refused bail to him.



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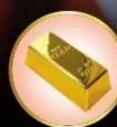
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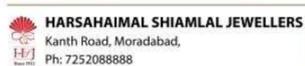


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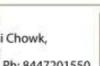
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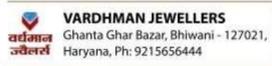
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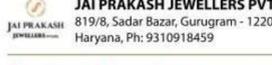
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# Laxity Unacceptable: Shah To Cops

## Warns Of Wholesale Changes If Law & Order Not Brought Under Control

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** In a stern message to Delhi Police commissioner Sanjay Arora and his deputies, Union home minister Amit Shah on Friday made it clear to the police brass that law and order was top priority and any laxity was "unacceptable".

Expressing concern over the rising crime in the national capital, Shah is learnt to have warned senior cops that if crime was not brought under control soon, officials, from top to bottom, would be replaced. He specifically warned the special cell and the crime branch to work with utmost seriousness, sources said. "When two special commissioners tried to cover up, Shah apparently snubbed them saying 'rehne dijiye' and 'bandh kijiye', indicating how misled he was with the functioning of Delhi Police," a source said.

Shah was expected to visit the Delhi Police headquar-

ters on Friday but instead the police chief and five-six special CPs were summoned to Ministry of Home Affairs and the home minister apparently didn't mince words while engaging with them for around 15 minutes. Union home secretary Govind Mohan then reviewed their working for about one and a half hours. The Intelligence Bureau director and a few others were also present.

The home minister reiterated that it was the personal responsibility of all Delhi Police personnel to ensure that every Delhiite felt completely safe. He also stressed the need for the special cell and the crime branch to be completely revamped. "Safai kijiye," he warned. This year, barring two central agency-aided operations, the cell has not conducted a single major anti-terror operation.

To address the growing concerns over crime in Delhi,

### WHAT SHAH TOLD COPS

“There has to be zero tolerance policy against crime, so any laxity in law and order of Delhi is unacceptable”



“It is the personal responsibility of every Delhi policeman to ensure that every Delhi resident feels completely safe”

should be made and campaigns run in important areas related to civil security

“Special cell and crime branch should be completely revamped”

“Ensure that criminals are afraid seeing the police and citizens feel assured”

“Special action plans”

“Safety of children, women and senior citizens should be top priority”

Shah directed police to create special action plans and run campaigns in important areas related to civil security. "The aim is to ensure that criminals are afraid of police and citizens feel assured of their safety," he said. "You are good people, but you are not in sync."

The safety of children, women and senior citizens should be the top priority, Shah emphasised.

The home minister's directives come amid growing concerns over the deteriorating law and order situation in Delhi. Organised crimes like extortion and shooting incidents have skyrocketed and street crimes had risen drastically. Police have been citing data to claim a decline in crime trends, but on-ground situation has been narrating a different story. In any case, MHA was clear that much needs to be done to ensure the safety and security of Delhi's residents.

# Metro seeks ₹7,200 crore in Delhi Budget to 'fulfil commitments'

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**New Delhi:** With Delhi govt finalising the revised budget for the 2024-25 financial year, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation has written a letter to the chief secretary seeking Rs 7,200 crore for fulfilling various commitments including timely completion of new corridors under Phase-IV and remaining payment to contractors for Phase-III expansion.

In a letter to the chief secretary, DMRC managing director Vikas Kumar said if the funds were not made available timely, the execution of phase-IV would be delayed, leading to cost overrun.

Under Delhi Metro's Phase-IV expansion plan, the construction of three priority corridors - RK Ashram to Janakpuri (West), Aerocity to Tughlaqabad, and Mukundpur to Maujpur - is going on at a fast pace and is likely to be completed in 2026, while the sanction for two more lines - Lajpat Nagar to Saket G block and Inderlok to Indraprastha - was received early this year. DMRC is likely to build another corridor - Rithala to Nathupur - in Phase-IV, but it has yet to receive necessary approvals from central and Delhi govt.

The DMRC MD, in his letter, said that the three priority corridors, spanning a total route length of nearly 62 km, were being developed at an estimated cost of Rs 24,948.6 crore and required regular flow of money to meet the pro-

### MORE FUEL NEEDED

₹500 crore provisioned in 2024-25 budget estimates	₹7,201.9 crore sought in 2024-25 financial year	₹200 crore as financial support towards operational losses in 2021-22 and 2022-23 fiscal
₹922.7 crore for three under-construction priority corridors in Phase-IV		₹2,007.8 crore for share foreign exchange variation on JICA loan
₹275 crore for preliminary work of two remaining corridors		₹2,871.6 crore for repayment of JICA loan
₹724.7 crore towards revised completion cost of Phase-III		
₹200 crore as token amount for sixth Phase-IV corridor likely to be sanctioned soon		

ject deadline, apart from funds for the other three corridors spanning over 47km. "Your kind intervention in this matter is earnestly solicited to ensure the timely release of the necessary funds, which are crucial for the successful execution of the Phase-IV project and addressing the associated financial obligations. If these are not made available timely, the execution of Phase-IV would be delayed leading to cost overrun," he added.

No immediate reaction was available from Delhi govt. DMRC's finance director had also written a letter to the transport secretary seeking funds for non-stop construction of various metro lines to fulfil other financial

commitments last month when Delhi govt had just initiated the preparation of revised budget estimates.

The govt is likely to seek supplementary grants as per the revised estimates during the assembly session starting Nov 29. DMRC had sought a provision of Rs 1772.9 crore in the budget estimates for 2024-25, but Delhi govt had made an allocation of just Rs 500 crore under capex account, which was subsequently released to the Delhi metro.

Kumar has also urged the Delhi govt to urgently release Rs 376 crore to the public works department, which is constructing three unique double-decker viaducts, where metro trains will move on the upper deck and vehicles

on lower deck. While there is a 2.4km-long viaduct between Sangam Vihar and Ambedkar Nagar stations on the Aerocity-Tughlaqabad corridor, the double-decker viaduct between Azadpur and Rani Jhansi Road intersection will be about 2.2km long and the one between Bhajanpura and Yamuna Vihar will be around 1.4km. Kumar said the PWD's payment was also linked to Phase-IV construction and should be released immediately.

While DMRC has completed the construction of all corridors and extensions under Phase-III, spanning 160km, Delhi Metro has sought about Rs 725 crore to meet the "balance contractual requirements". Repayment of JICA loan - taken as external assistance for Phase I, II and III of metro construction - for the period of Sept 2021 to March 2025, and Delhi govt's share towards foreign exchange variation on it are two other components for which DMRC has sought fund allocation in revised budget estimates.

"It is earnestly requested that the funds sought under revised budget estimates (RE 2024-25) for Phase-IV project including balance three corridors, increased completion cost of Phase-III project and long pending reimbursement of operating loss may please be sanctioned and approval of Delhi Cabinet may also be accorded, if required, so that the funds can be released to DMRC smoothly," the letter read.

# 'Pinki Uncle', who added spice to DU life, no more

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**New Delhi:** For nearly four decades, he was a beloved figure on Delhi University's North Campus, serving up bhel puri with a generous helping of smiles and witty comebacks. And of such are memories of university made, not the formulae on the blackboards or the theories or the textbook. Sunil Sethi, or Pinki Uncle, as he was called by all students, ran a humble establishment. But it was more than just a food stop - it was a place where friendships bloomed, laughter echoed and the stress of student life melted away, one bite at a time. The North Campus recently lost more than just a vendor in Pinki Uncle's passing, it lost a cherished presence that represented so much more than just a snack.

Miranda House alumna Tulika said, "I distinctly remember Pinki Uncle for the warmth he exuberated each time we went to his stall. DU is a lot of things but it's the people that impact you in the most unassuming ways. He was one such person."

Sethi sold bhel puri near Campus Law Centre. When the era of social media began, he became an internet sensation through his vlogs, amassing millions of views. His hands moved at lightning speed in reaching for the murrura, papdi, boondi, peanuts, coriander, chutney and lemon, crafting a plate of bhel puri for Rs 60 and sev puri for Rs 80.

If a student asked him how old he was, Sethi would flash a mischievous smile and respond, "It's between 20 and 22 years." But he would wink



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and follow this up by saying he had sold bhel puri at the same spot for 40 years. "Now, don't ask me how that's possible if I'm only 20. It's a matter of science," he would guffaw.

His witty remarks, especially about his wife whom he referred to as "aunty", often brightened the day for students. With a playful grin, he often joked that his bald head meant his wife couldn't pull his hair. In one viral video, he was heard saying, "I don't get angry; I only spread love. Your aunty took all the anger out of me." In another, he chuckled, "Sev puri costs Rs 80, but I'm worth Rs 22 lakh. Your aunty has put a price tag on me." And when a youngster asked if he would ever create a new version of his famous bhel puri, Pinki Uncle responded, "Kaam ya biwi change karna aasan baat nahi hoti (Changing your job or wife isn't an easy thing to do)".

Such banter endeared Sethi to students. Kanika Bist,

who graduated in 2012, recalled, "I have fond memories of him. I often enjoyed his bhel puri and sev puri during my time at Miranda House. He would always ask things like, 'Class bunk kar ke aaye ho (did you skip class to come here)?"

Known for being secretive about the recipe of his signature chutney, Pinki Uncle prepared the tangy concoction himself, while his wife prepared the sweet one. If someone asked, "Aur kya banate ho (What else do you prepare)?", he would cheekily reply, "Bewakoof banata hoon (I make fools of people)".

Many generations remember Sethi on campus, but it's the freshers who are particularly heartbroken. "I only had the chance to visit him once, just a month ago," said Deboleena, a first-year student. "I had heard so much about him before even setting foot on campus and seen his online videos. At least, I feel lucky to have had the chance to be served by him."

# Focus on duties to ensure sustainability, says SC judge

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Greater Noida:** "If we focus on our duties, our rights will be taken care of," said Justice Rajesh Bindal, Supreme Court judge. He was delivering the inaugural address at Bennett University's Constitution Week Celebration on Friday.

Justice Bindal emphasised the need for dissemination of knowledge regarding fundamental duties mentioned in the Constitution of India. Given the increased focus on sustainability, he emphasised that prioritising duties towards the environment is the key to conserving resources, culture, and heritage. Quoting statements from several SC judgements underscoring the importance of fundamental duties, he mentioned that courts have often referred to directive principles and fundamental duties to interpret law.

The third edition of Constitution Week, from Nov 22 to Nov 26, at Bennett University seeks to promote awareness of the fundamental rights, duties, and core principles embedded in the Indian Constitution via observance of Constitution Day, featuring a diverse range of intellectual and educational activities and contests.

### Compensation to family of man who drowned in drain

**New Delhi:** Delhi govt on Friday announced a compensation of Rs 10 lakh to the family of a 28-year-old man who died after drowning in a drain near the Delhi-UP border. Social welfare minister Mukesh Ahlawat and MLA Kuldeep Kumar met the family of the deceased and assured them of all possible help from govt. TNN

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# Court stays defamation case against Atishi, lists submissions for Dec 2

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**New Delhi:** A Delhi court on Friday stayed the proceedings before a magistrate in the defamation case against Delhi chief minister Atishi.

She had approached the sessions court against the order of a magisterial court summoning her in the criminal defamation case, filed by BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor.

"A rejoinder has been filed on behalf of the petitioner/revisonist. A copy has been supplied today. It is directed that the proceedings before the Ld. trial court shall remain stayed till further orders. List for submissions on Dec 2, 2024, at 2pm," special judge Vishal Gogne said.

On Nov 7, the same court had granted time till Nov 22 to the CM to submit her rejoinder to arguments on her application in the defamation case. In the defamation case, Kapoor said that Atishi's allegations caused harm to his and his party's standing.

A Delhi court summoned Atishi on May 28, which she contested the following month. On July 23, Atishi got bail after her appearance and submission of a bail bond.

Kapoor claimed in a defamation case filed by him that the allegations made by Atishi over "BJP's bid to poach AAP MLAs" damaged his and his party's reputation. On May 28, another Delhi court summoned Atishi. Last

month, Atishi moved court challenging the summons.

Atishi said that Kapoor was unable to prima facie prove that the alleged imputations were against him personally or that they were aimed at him.

The CM also said the records reflected that Kapoor was not a "person aggrieved" by the alleged offence and thus, not competent to file the complaint. The trial court co-

uld have taken cognisance of an offence for defamation only if it received a complaint made by a "person aggrieved", not otherwise.

Kapoor approached the court on April 29, and referring to a tweet on X by Kejriwal on Jan 27 and a press conference by Atishi on April 2, he said the two had alleged that BJP was trying to topple AAP govt by offering 21 AAP MLAs Rs 25 crore each.

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# 'Shocking' State Of Affairs At Chandni Chowk, Says HC

## Court Summons Senior Cop & MCD Deputy Commissioner

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New Delhi: Expressing shock at the "state of affairs" in Chandni Chowk, Delhi High Court on Friday summoned the local deputy commissioner of police and the deputy commissioner of MCD for an explanation.

It ordered Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and Delhi Police to immediately remove the deficiencies and illegal activities going on in the area after examining the photographs.

"There is garbage and filth lying everywhere, people are gambling there, drug addicts and vagabonds are on the streets, it seems. What are police doing, are they aware of the ground reality? How can people stay there (in public spaces)?" a bench of Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Tuskar Rao Gedela wondered.

The court said neither police nor Public Works Department (PWD) nor MCD officials were doing their job. "We also come from this city. All these regular beats and patrols are going on for collec-

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ARE YOU AWARE OF GROUND REALITY, ASKS HC

tions, there is a lot of 'hafta' collection going on there. It seems police have become helpless. This gives a bad name to the force," the bench remarked.

The court said it was of the prima facie view that the deficiencies and illegal activities must be attended to and removed by MCD and Delhi Police as expeditiously as possible. It directed MCD,

PWD, Shahjahanabad Redevelopment Corporation Limited, Delhi Police and Delhi Traffic Police to file their status reports within two weeks.

The bench was hearing a public interest litigation filed by Chandni Chowk Sarv Vyaapar Mandal highlighting the highly neglected, disturbing and pathetic state of affairs in the area of Chandni Chowk Redevelopment Pro-

ject from Lal Quila Road up to Fatehpuri Masjid and its surrounding areas, including metro stations.

After seeing the photographs submitted by the petitioner, the court said, "These are shocking state of affairs."

Senior advocate Sanjeev Ralli, appearing for the petitioner, submitted that there was a total failure, neglect and lack of attention on the part of authorities, which kept shifting their responsibility by blaming each other. He said till the time the court was monitoring the situation, there was no problem. "Huge public money of over Rs 140 crore spent on the redevelopment project is going waste," the plea stated.

The bench said PWD had to make some arrangements. "It is not making adequate arrangements for homeless people. Nothing has been done, that is why these homeless people are staying here on roads," it said, pointing out that after it stopped monitoring the redevelopment project for a few months, the situation deteriorated.

# Professor scammed of ₹7L in digital fraud, one suspect held

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A 45-year-old professor of a premier institute was coerced by digital frauds to stay confined indoors for two hours and was made to part with Rs 7 lakh in Vasant Kunj, south-west Delhi.

In this kind of digital fraud, an unsuspecting person generally gets calls from a group of fraudsters who tell their victim that something unlawful has been found in his name, most often in a shipment supposedly having the victim's name or a bank account. They then tell the victim to do a trade-off which involves transferring large sums of money to clear the victim's name from the fictitious case. Often the frauds pose as police. They also take other people's bank accounts on rent to receive the money from such crimes.

Last year, an elderly businessman was told that there was a consignment in his name in Mumbai that contained drugs. The businessman was then made to part with several lakhs.

As the conversations generally happen indoors and the victim is told to stay home till the transaction is over, these crimes are now called digital arrest cases.

In the Vasant Kunj case,

The professor got a call claiming that a bank account, opened using her Aadhaar number, was involved in anti-national activities. She was told that it was a matter of national security

police have arrested one of the suspects. While scanning his digital devices, it was discovered that he was connected with scamsters based in Cambodia.

According to the police, the professor was at her residence and got a call from the frauds claiming that a bank account, opened using her Aadhaar number, was involved in anti-national activities. They told her this was a matter of national security. She was threatened and parted with Rs 6 lakh.

The accused was identified as Mohit Bahot (22), a resident of Madhya Pradesh.

On Oct 7, police received a complaint alleging that the woman had received a call from an unknown person posing as a customer care executive of a govt bank. The caller claimed that an illegal amount was deposited in an account opened using the complain-

ant's Aadhaar identity. They further stated that a bank account in the complainant's name was used for fraudulent activities. The complainant was repeatedly told about the CBI and coerced to stay indoors, under digital arrest, for two hours. Under immense pressure, she deposited nearly Rs 7 lakh through a cheque.

A case was registered based on the complaint.

During the investigation, the probe teams adopted a two-pronged strategy: one focused on tracking the money trail, and the other on technical leads.

Analysis of the money trail revealed that Rs 3 lakh of the total amount was credited to Bahot's bank account.

Deputy commissioner of police (southwest) Surendra Choudhary said that a team led by SHO (cyber) Vikas Singh Bahadur apprehended Bahot after searches at Kabeetpura, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

During interrogation, Bahot told police that he was not well educated, was unemployed, and was heavily in debt. He came in contact with an associate who convinced him of earning high commissions by renting out his current account.

He was also involved in threatening people under the guise of digital arrest.

# New waste processing facility gets go-ahead

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New Delhi: Municipal Corporation of Delhi has completed all the necessary paperwork to set up its fifth construction and demolition waste processing facility at Tehkhand and is now awaiting approval from the standing committee to commence work on the ground.

According to officials, while an agency has been selected through the tender process, work cannot proceed without the standing committee's rate approval. An official said, "To save time, earlier, after receiving administrative approval from the House, we went ahead with the tendering process for the project. Now, both the technical and financial bids are complete, and the details of the project have been sent to the finance department for its concurrence. But unless we get a nod from the standing committee, it will be difficult to start work on the ground."

The initiative seeks to establish facilities near all zones for efficient C&D waste management. The south and central zones will supply C&D waste to this facility. An MCD official said, "The project includes collection, transportation, processing, and disposal of the waste collected from the central and south zones (out of 12 zones) of MCD. The concessionaire assigned for the project will be appointed for 25 years and will take the approval of the department before placing the order for installation of the proposed plant."

Currently, Delhi produces approximately 6,000 tonnes of C&D waste daily. MCD operates four facilities: Bakkarwala (1,000 TPD), Jahangirpuri (2,000 TPD), Rani Khera (1,000 TPD), and Shastri Park (1,000 TPD). Officials say this additional facility is essential to address the current 1,000 MT processing deficit and manage daily waste collection.

Officials detailed that the proposed facility will be modern and computerised, featuring an integrated unit with a log washer for aggregate cleaning. All end products must adhere to relevant authority specifications and standards.

# Freebies won't improve city's infra: HC

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New Delhi: Freebies won't improve the city's infrastructure, Delhi High Court cautioned on Friday, criticising the authorities for their failure to upgrade Delhi's infrastructure in line with people's needs. The court underlined that while the civic administration had collapsed, the political class was busy "selling slogans" to paint a rosy picture.

"Look at what we went through this year. First, we faced a drought, and people were fasting, saying there was no water. Then there was flooding, and people lost their lives. Now, look at this pollution and AQI level," a bench of Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Manmeet PS Arora remarked.

"They are only spending on freebies. Freebies will not improve your infrastructure; they will only ensure that you remain where you are. Today,

the only thing the political class is doing is selling slogans, and we are buying it," the court said, lamenting that politicians were neither collecting nor spending any money for the city's development.

"We, as citizens, have to decide whether the city can accommodate 3.3 crore people or not. Do we have the infrastructure for 3.3 crore people or not? That's the fundamental issue that needs to be decided. We cannot have a 3.3 crore population and still grow without the expenditure or infrastructure. We need a huge outlay on expenditure. We don't have it," the bench said.

HC was hearing a plea by the residents of JJ cluster Madras Camp in the Old Barapullah Bridge area at Jangpura against the eviction notice while seeking rehabilitation. It told the counsel for the petitioners that the area they occupied was not fit for "in situ rehabilitation" even "accord-

ing to science", and it would be in their interest to vacate the place and seek rehabilitation.

The court said the administration was not performing its duties, and the entire burden had fallen on the judiciary. "We have a very inefficient system, and all the organisations are working in silos. The entire load is coming to the judiciary. We are not supposed to be taking care of drains and unauthorised constructions, but half of the day, we are doing this."

The court further took exception to the breach of deadlines by the authorities. It told the Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board counsel that its officials should be careful and warned of directing the chief secretary to use Section 56 of Central Civil Services Pension Rules 1972, which gives govt the authority to retire its employees prematurely.

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Known to his friends as "Zach" and his family as "Vijay", Commodore Mathews lived his life with great exuberance and had a tremendous passion for knowledge. A born fighter, Commodore Mathews faced each challenge of his life gallantly, with a smile on his face, even in his last days. He was a loving brother, husband and father, and considered his family his most treasured possession. He will be deeply missed and forever loved and cherished.

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# Butcher fatally stabs wife after fight over alcohol, injures son

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A 35-year-old woman was allegedly fatally stabbed by her husband in east Delhi's Kalyanpuri. The couple's young son was also critically injured during the attack.

The accused, a butcher, allegedly used his butcher's knife to commit the crime last Saturday before fleeing to his village in Aligarh, where he attempted to kill himself but survived, said police.

The accused, identified as Sanju, allegedly attacked his wife after a dispute over money for alcohol. According to a senior police officer, "Sanju was reportedly intoxicated and demanded money from his wife Geeta to buy liquor. When she refused, he

flung into a rage and launched a savage attack."

Preliminary investigations reveal that Sanju first stabbed his wife multiple times in the abdomen, causing severe injuries. When their son, Raj, attempted to intervene and protect his mother, he, too, was stabbed, suffering wounds on his chest and abdomen. Police, alerted by Raj, immediately took Geeta to a hospital and quickly launched a manhunt for Sanju. Geeta later succumbed to her injuries.

After the brutal assault, Sanju fled to his village in Aligarh and tried to kill himself, police said. He was subsequently arrested and is in police custody. Police have registered a murder case under Section 103 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

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# Teen murdered in east Delhi after verbal exchange, 1 held

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New Delhi: A 33-year-old man was arrested for allegedly murdering a 15-year-old boy in east Delhi's Anand Vihar after a quarrel with him.

On Nov 19, the boy was walking with his 8-year-old nephew and another friend to attend a religious event at a nearby temple when the confrontation happened. It began on Nala Road, when the boy had a disagreement with the accused individual.

The case was initially reported as death from an accidental fall, but the case took a turn when the nephew gave details about the boy's death.

A team from Anand Vihar police station investigated the case.

Utilising CCTV footage, the team tracked down the suspect. On Nov 21, he was arrested near the Anand Vihar railway station.

"During interrogation, the accused, identified as Mohammad Vakil Alam, said he had a verbal altercation. Alam alleged that when he asked the boys about their destination, they responded in abusive language," a senior police officer said.

Provoked by their remarks, he reportedly picked up a wooden stick and struck the boy on the head. Forensic evidence, including the blood-stained wooden stick used in the attack, were found at the crime scene.

The police registered a case under section 103 (murder) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

The accused, a resident of Anand Vihar, was arrested and is currently in police custody.

# Silence speaks volumes in this true story of unwavering resilience

## CINEMA OF THE WEEK

### I Want To Talk (Drama, Biopic)

**Cast:** Abhishek Bachchan, Ahilya Bamroo, Kristin Goodard, Jayant Kripalani  
**Direction:** Shoojit Sircar  
**Duration:** 2 hours  
**Language:** Hindi (U/A)

Words are currency for marketing hothead Arjun Sen (Abhishek Bachchan). He is clever, shrewd and singularly focussed on his demanding job in the US, until he is caught off guard by a life-threatening health condition that could also affect his ability to speak.

In denial initially, this traumatic health crisis, numbs the pain of everything else in comparison including a broken marriage and financial downfall. What follows is countless hospital visits and an unpredictable future which tests the relationship Arjun shares with his daughter Reya.

Arjun is bruised not broken. There's a certain nonchalance about Shoojit Sircar's (*Piku*, *October*) gaze as a storyteller. It grows on you slowly and steadily. As it happens in life too, emotions are not always verbalised or expressed freely. There's a lot of withholding and long pauses, which can be perceived as detachment or aloofness but it's just him



using silence and monotony to lead you to that breaking point. The one, you don't see coming. There's a certain stillness to story progression and yet you find yourself immersed in every scene.

Beyond the extraordinary survival story, the father-daughter, Doctor-patient bond and anticipation of death (like *Piku*) being worse than actual death form the film's key elements. While Arjun's extremely independent, those who have been caregivers for parents, can relate to Reya's emotional turmoil and outbursts. The realisation that healers also need healing leaves a lump in your throat. Arjun's nurse and friend Nancy (Kristin

Goodard), signifies this sentiment.

Despite it being a heavy human drama, the film never ceases to be optimistic and casual in its approach. Our ability to endure pain or suffering is acknowledged, not glorified. Hospital bills, visits, surgeries, uncertainty of life, running a house... Arjun's story is simply told. You admire his extraordinary courage without it screaming for attention or sympathy. The cinematic treatment's unconventional and effective.

Holed up in his house all day if not the hospital, Arjun and Reya's rare outings by the lake and heart-to-heart conversations feel therapeutic. Abhishek Bachchan anchors this survival tale skilfully. He lends Arjun his cheeky repartee and humour without losing grip on the situation. Ahilya Bamroo, popular on social media for her language and accent reels, makes her film debut here and she is perfect as Reya. As someone who deeply cares but doesn't wish to be consumed by grief and pain, Bamroo is an incredible find and a great casting decision. Jayant Kripalani as Dr Deb provides the film its light-hearted moments. It's pleasant to see Johnny Lever on screen even in a small part.

In book terms, *I Want To Talk* may not be a page-turner, but it's not a sob story either. It reminds you that you are way more stronger than you think you are.

— Renuka Vyavahare

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### Dhai Aakhar (Drama) ★★★

**Cast:** Mrinal Kulkarni, Harish Khanna, Rohit Kokate, Prasanna Bisht  
**Direction:** Praveen Arora  
**Duration:** 1 hour 38 minutes  
**Language:** Hindi (UA)

Based on Amrik Singh Deep's novel *Teerthatan Ke Baad*, and set in the 1980s, the story follows a widow who rebuilds herself after years of being in an abusive marriage. An empathetic writer whom she communicates with through letters becomes a catalyst of this journey.

An ageing woman from a small town in Uttar Pradesh travelling to Haridwar on a *teerth yatra* might seem like a typical scenario. But Harshita's (Mrinal Kulkarni) journey is far from ordinary. Instead of going to the religious place, the recently widowed housewife goes to meet her friend and confidante, Sridhar (Harish Khanna), which triggers a scandal when her family discovers the truth. Outraged, her sons and daughter-in-law conspire to throw her out of her own home and even resort to violence to 'redeem' their family honour. Will Harshita continue living a life of humiliation and submission as she did with her late husband, or will she reclaim her dignity?

Director Praveen Arora crafts a simple yet poignant tale that contrasts Harshita's oppressive past with her husband and her newfound world of respect, empathy, and kindness with Sridhar. The narrative effectively highlights these opposing realities and their impact on Harshita's transformation. The movie tackles heavy themes like patriarchy, societal expectations, and the agency denied to widows in India. However, it also balances the narrative with an array of themes, including friendship, love, and companionship.

While straightforward and reliant on flashbacks, the screenplay avoids overstaying its welcome at 98 minutes. Although it feels slow and repetitive at times, the reflective dialogues, delivered through poetry and



literary exchanges, give it a novel-like quality. Thought-provoking lines such as "*Sach bolne ki keemat jhooth bolne ke inaan se badi hoti hai*" (The price of honesty is greater than the reward of a lie) leave a lasting impression.

Mrinal Kulkarni delivers a powerful performance as Harshita, capturing her evolution from a submissive wife to a self-assured woman. Harish Khanna portrays the gentle and intellectual Sridhar with quiet strength. Prasanna Bisht also shines as Bela, Harshita's younger daughter-in-law, who empathises with her and plays a key role in her transformation. The supporting cast, including Chandan Amand, Neer Rao, and Smriti Mishra, effectively brings to life the narrow-minded and oppressive family members.

The film's languid pace and introspective tone may not appeal to a mass audience. However, it offers a moving experience for those who appreciate niche cinema and stories rich in emotional depth.

— Dhaval Roy

### All We Imagine As Light (Drama) ★★★★★

**Cast:** Divya Prabha, Kani Kusruti, Chhaya Kadam  
**Direction:** Payal Kapadia  
**Duration:** 1 hour 58 minutes  
**Language:** Malayalam (A)

Malayali nurses Anu (Divya Prabha) and Prabha (Kani Kusruti) find solace in each other as they grapple with the chaotic and demanding life in Mumbai. With no support system, the co-workers and roommates could relate to Parvati's (Chhaya Kadam) dilemma, who struggles to protect her modest home from builders.

Payal Kapadia's enchanting ode to sisterhood and the glaring contrasts of Mumbai has a tranquil charm to it. There's a certain tenderness and ease to the flow in storytelling that makes you see the city in a new light, even if you have been a Mumbaikar all your life. Watching Kapadia's three protagonists setting themselves free from societal and psychological shackles to embrace their desires, gives you that warm fuzzy feeling.

*AWIAL* sets the mood and tone, right from the captivating docu-style opening sequence. It captures the inner thoughts and hardships of Mumbai's working class. The camera captures local trains, rain-soaked streets, open markets, bhaaji bazaar and tired people returning home at night with the hope of a better tomorrow.

"Mumbai keeps you so busy that you don't even have time to process heartbreak", confesses a woman. Kapadia juxtaposes the gorgeous sights and sounds of Mumbai with its harsh reality. Mumbai accepts everyone with open arms but it can also be demanding and unforgiving.

Three women standing by each other as they navigate their lives in the city forms the crux of the story. Prabha, the senior head nurse is a norm-abiding woman. She



hopes to hear from her husband someday, who left for Germany. The feeling of being abandoned and not even considered worthy of an apology or a phone call from him, haunts her. She refrains herself from being loved by anyone because of her marital status. Anu is younger and believes in living life on her terms. Parvati is a widow and dreams of a peaceful life in her coastal village.

The performances and cinematography are magical. *AWIAL*'s two parts are strikingly different but it doesn't miss a beat even as it transitions. The first half is dedicated to life in Mumbai and the second, to a gorgeous village by the sea. The latter half gets more spiritual, allowing fantasy to take flight as Prabha gets closure.

There's this mysterious, meditative quality to this film that feels cathartic. It makes you want to believe that you have every right to be happy.

— Renuka Vyavahare

### Wicked (Musical, Fantasy) ★★★

**Cast:** Cynthia Erivo, Ariana Grande, Jonathan Bailey  
**Direction:** Jon M Chu  
**Duration:** 2 hours 40 minutes  
**Language:** English (UA)

Part one of the highly anticipated big-screen adaptation of the beloved Broadway musical, *'Wicked'* brings to life the story of unlikely frenemies Elphaba (Cynthia Erivo), the misunderstood green-skinned 'witch,' and Glinda (Ariana Grande), the ambitious and charismatic fairy. When their paths cross at Shiz University, it sets off a chain of events that will change their lives—and the magical land of Oz—forever.



*Wicked: Part One* brings the Broadway musical to the silver screen. Despite its strong source material and a dazzling production, this adaptation stumbles in its attempt to balance complexity with coherence.

Director Jon M Chu, alongside screenwriters Winnie Holzman and Dana Fox, ambitiously aims to expand the world of *Wicked*, but the plot becomes unnecessarily cluttered with too many subplots that go nowhere. The film's start immediately hooks the audience with its dramatic flair. However,

this momentum quickly dissipates as the story begins to meander.

At its core, the story of Elphaba and Glinda shines, thanks to standout performances by Cynthia Erivo and Ariana Grande. Erivo portrays Elphaba with depth and dignity, capturing her vulnerability and resilience. Grande, stepping out of her pop star persona, plays the pompous yet endearing Glinda with surprising charm and precision. Their chemistry is compelling. However, too many characters

with incomplete stories derail the focus.

For instance, Fiyero Tigelaar (Jonathan Bailey) makes an impactful entrance as the dashing prince, but his track soon devolves into a muddled distraction. Similarly, Elphaba's wheelchair-bound sister Nessarose (Marissa Bode) and the plight of the speaking animals—on the brink of being silenced and caged—offer moments of intrigue but fail to develop into meaningful arcs. Even Madame Morrible (Michelle Yeoh), portrayed with unmatched finesse, is underutilised, leaving viewers yearning for more of her presence.

Visually, the film is a spectacle. Alice Brooks' cinematography masterfully captures the vibrant, magical realm of the story. The elaborate costumes, detailed set designs, and seamless special effects create a feast for the eyes. As a musical, *Wicked* rests heavily on its songs, but John Powell and Stephen Schwartz's compositions fail to leave a lasting impression.

In the end, *Wicked: Part One* succeeds in transporting audiences to a magical world with its stunning visuals and strong lead performances, but its convoluted plot and forgettable music weigh it down. For all its glittering promise, this fairytale dazzles a bit but lacks the heart and magic to soar.

— Ronak Kotecha

## RATING SCALE

TRASH ★ | BELOW AVERAGE ★★ | AVERAGE ★★★ | ABOVE AVERAGE ★★★★ | GOOD ★★★★★ | VERY GOOD ★★★★★ | OUTSTANDING ★★★★★ | MASTERPIECE ★★★★★

## Woman held for the murder of her children

**Noida:** A 24-year-old woman was arrested on Friday for killing her children in the Badalpur area of Greater Noida.

The incident was reported on Thursday night. A team from Badalpur police station reached the spot and the two children, a six-year-old girl and a four-year-old boy, were taken to the hospital where they were pronounced dead, said Shakti Mohan Avasthy, DCP (Central Noida).

Based on a complaint, a case was registered under section 103(1) (punishment for murder) of BNS and a team was formed to nab the accused. **TNN**

**Not paid for paper check, teachers write to DU:** A teachers' body has written to DU vice-chancellor over the delay in payment of remuneration for the evaluation of semester exam answer sheets. Members of Indian National Teachers' Congress (Intec) said teachers involved in evaluating the answer scripts in their colleges, as well as those who act as external examiners for practicals in various colleges

and evaluate answer scripts at designated evaluation centres, are entitled to remuneration as per DU norms. "However, hundreds of teachers who completed evaluation work have not received their due remuneration in a timely manner. In many cases, the disbursement of remuneration bills for some papers takes months or even years," said Pankaj Garg, Intec chairman. **TNN**

### GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

**WR/IDD, e-NIT**  
Executive Engineer (A-M), Berhampore-I (A-M) Division invites e-tender for Installation of Debasipuri Solar Mini RIU Scheme at Charnuladanga Mouza under Lalbagh (A-M) Sub-Division under Berhampore-I (A-M) Division in the District of Murshidabad under "Saraswati Mukhyamantri" Core Sector-2024-25 Programme. e-NIT No: EE(A)/BER-1/CS/eNIT-11/2024-25 (2<sup>nd</sup> Call) Tender ID: 2024\_WRDD\_761041\_2 Last dropping date is 10.12.2024 up to 2.00 PM. Intending bidders are requested to visit the website <http://wb.tenders.gov.in> for details.

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer (A-M)  
Berhampore-I (A-M) Division  
ICA-121034(3)/2024

### GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

**Office of the Director of Civil Defence, West Bengal 81/2/2, Phears Lane, Kolkata-700012**  
**e-TENDER NOTICE**  
No. WB/C/DIRCD/eNIT-04/2024-25 (3rd call), Dated: 20.11.2024 Supply of Rescue Equipment (Power Ascender) System Generated  
ID-2024\_DCD\_771409\_1  
e-Tender is invited by the Director of Civil Defence, West Bengal for Supply of Rescue Equipment (Power Ascender) for the use of Disaster Management & Civil Defence, West Bengal. Full details are available on website <https://wb.tenders.gov.in> Last date of submission of tender is 30.12.2024 at 15:00 hrs. Sd/- Director of Civil Defence, West Bengal. ICA-120973(3)/2024

### GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting electronic bids for supply and commissioning of High Definition Laparoscope with accessories and Instruments in the Hospitals and Medical Colleges of Government of West Bengal as per details indicated in below:  
Equipment Name : High Definition Laparoscope with accessories and Instruments (Qty-1). Bid Ref. No.: WBMSCL/NIT-682/2024; Dated: 19.11.2024. Last date of submission of online bid: 09.12.2024 up to 05:00 PM. Remarks : 2nd call of Bid Reference Number WBMSCL/NIT-313/2024 Date: 30.05.2024. Interested Bidders may download the tender document and submit their bids online at the website [www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://wb.tenders.gov.in). The tender document may also be downloaded from the websites [www.wbhealth.gov.in](http://www.wbhealth.gov.in) and [www.wbmsc.gov.in](http://www.wbmsc.gov.in) Sd/- General Manager, WBMSCL & Joint Secretary, H&FW Dept. ICA-120973(3)/2024

### GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

**WR/ADD, e-NIT**  
e-tender has been invited by the undersigned for e-NIT No. 1 (2nd Call) of 2024-25 for the "Works of Construction of 1+1 = 2 (Two) Nos. Field Channel Schemes from different Outlets of Teesta Barrage Project in Jalpaiguri & Darjeeling District under Executive Engineer (A-I), Siliguri (A-I) and P Division under Core Sector Programme during the Financial Year 2024-25". Project ID: W1242520501M003 (Sub - Project ID: W1242520501M003) & Project ID: W1242520504M004 (Sub - Project ID: W1242520504M004) within Teesta Command Area Development Authority in Jalpaiguri District under Teesta CBDA under Executive Engineer (A-I), Siliguri (A-I) and P Division in Core Sector program for the FY 2024-2025. Tender Ids : 2024\_WRDD\_772132\_1 to 2024\_WRDD\_772132\_4 respectively. Other details may also be seen in <https://wb.tenders.gov.in> or from the office notice board. Corrigendum for ENITs, if any, will be published in the website only.

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer (A-I),  
Siliguri(A-I) & P Division  
Shivmandir, Siliguri  
ICA-121033(4)/2024

### GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

**PWD TENDER NOTICE**  
The Executive Engineer, N.H. Division-IX, P.W.(Roads) Directorate, Matigara invites online e-NIT (No. 05 of 2024-25 of EE, NHD/IX) for the works: Engagement of total 26 (twenty-six) nos. housekeeping personnel including unnamed Security Guards, Sweeper / Cleaner, Gardener and maintenance of Green Area/Garden throughout the year for up keeping smooth running and providing security services at the Kalijhora Inspection Bungalow cum office of the Assistant Engineer under Kailmpong N.H. Sub-Division at Kalijhora (8 person), Darjeeling Inspection Bungalow with Annex Building at Darjeeling (9 person), Matigara NH office complex (7 person), Selim Hill Stack Yard (Gayabari) (1 person) and Rongtong Stack Yard (1 person) in Darjeeling district under NH Division IX, P.W. (Roads) Directorate, Matigara for the contract period of 1 (one) year. EE/NHD-IX, Matigara, Siliguri. Details of NIT and other documents may be downloaded from the web portal: <https://wb.tenders.gov.in> and for any other queries please contact through unamed@wb.tenders.gov.in or [unamed@wb.tenders.gov.in](mailto:unamed@wb.tenders.gov.in) Corrigendum if any and other information's regarding bid evaluation will be published/sent in through e-tender portal only. Sd/- EE/NHD-IX, Matigara, Siliguri. ICA-120993(3)/2024

### GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

**e-TENDER NOTICE**  
e-Tenders are invited by the Executive Engineer, South 24-Pgs. W/S Division-I, P.H.E. Dte. vide Ref. No. 33/2024-2025/EE/SWD-I/WBPHED and ID: 2024\_PHE\_D770902\_1 to 7 for Repair/ Renovation of Pump House/ Reservoir/Approach Road, Clearing Jungle, Annual Service Contract for Thermo ICAP/O & M of total Distribution system & Bhagrathi Inspection Bungalow and Annex Building, under SWD-I, P.H.E. Dte. Details will be available in the website. <https://wb.tenders.gov.in> The last date for submission of tender is 10/12/2024 up to 3:00 P.M. Sd/- Executive Engineer, South 24-Pgs. W/S Division-I, P.H.E. Dte. ICA-120979(3)/2024

### GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

**Office of the Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Berhampore, Murshidabad District Inviting e-Tender**  
Niet Ref. No. - BMH/01/2024-2025  
Tender ID: 2024\_MHW\_771112\_1  
Superintendent, Berhampore Mental Hospital, Murshidabad invites e-tender for "providing Security Services of 19 (Nineteen) Nos. of unskilled Security Guards against 19 (nineteen) sanctioned vacant posts of 'SECURITY GUARDS' at Berhampore Mental Hospital, Murshidabad. Last date of submission of online bid is 16.12.2024 upto 2 P.M. For Detail, Please visit the website [www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtenders.gov.in), [www.wbhealth.gov.in](http://www.wbhealth.gov.in) and [www.murshidabad.nic.in](http://www.murshidabad.nic.in) Sd/- Superintendent, Berhampore Mental Hospital, Murshidabad ICA-120971(3)/2024

### GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

**PWD TENDER NOTICE**  
EE/NH Division No VII, P.W. (Roads) Directorate invites e-NIT for the work of "Providing round the clock security services by deploying 11 (Eleven) nos. of security guards (without Arms) for guarding office buildings of N.H. Division No. - VII, Chanchal N.H. Sub-Division, Malda N.H. Sub-Division and the office complex under N.H. Division No. - VII in the district of Malda for one year during 2024-25 Tender ID: 2024\_WBPWD\_771804\_1. Bid Submission closing date 14.12.2024 at 11:30 pm Details of NIT and Tender documents may be downloaded from on website: <https://www.wbtender.gov.in> Sd/- EE/NH Divn. VII. ICA-121025(4)/2024

### GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

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e-Tenders are invited by the Executive Engineer, South 24-Pgs. W/S Division-I, P.H.E. Dte. vide Ref. No. 33/2024-2025/EE/SWD-I/WBPHED and ID: 2024\_PHE\_D770902\_1 to 7 for Repair/ Renovation of Pump House/ Reservoir/Approach Road, Clearing Jungle, Annual Service Contract for Thermo ICAP/O & M of total Distribution system & Bhagrathi Inspection Bungalow and Annex Building, under SWD-I, P.H.E. Dte. Details will be available in the website. <https://wb.tenders.gov.in> The last date for submission of tender is 10/12/2024 up to 3:00 P.M. Sd/- Executive Engineer, South 24-Pgs. W/S Division-I, P.H.E. Dte. ICA-120979(3)/2024

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### E-TENDER NOTICE

Bids are invited on behalf of Commissioner, MCD through following different e-Tenders from eligible bidders:-

- 1. E-Tender Notice No. CO/Advt/E-Tender-10/2024-25/MCD/NIT/D-1708 dated 22.06.2024** for allotment of advertisement rights through Unipole Clusters/Individual Unipole sites/Flag-Sign Clusters under the jurisdiction of MCD on monthly license fee basis in two bid system (i.e. Technical and Financial) for an initial period of three years.
- 2. E-Tender Notice No. CO/Advt/E-Tender-11/2024-25/MCD/NIT/D-1709 dated 22.06.2024** for advertisement rights through LED screen/Digital media under the jurisdiction of MCD on monthly license fee basis in two bid system (i.e. Technical and Financial) for an initial period of three years.
- 3. E-Tender Notice No. CO/Advt/E-Tender-14/2024-25/MCD/NIT/D-1710 dated 22.06.2024** for allotment of advertisement rights through Pole kiosks on Electric Poles located in central verge of Road under the Jurisdiction of MCD on monthly license fee basis in two bid system (i.e. Technical and Financial) for an initial period of one year.
- 4. E-Tender Notice No. CO/Advt/E-Tender-13/2024-25/MCD/NIT/D-1711 dated 22.06.2024** for allotment of advertisement rights through facade of MCLPs under the jurisdiction of MCD on monthly license fee basis in two bid system (i.e. Technical and Financial) for an initial period of five years.
- 5. E-Tender Notice No. CO/Advt/E-Tender-12/2024-25/MCD/NIT/D-1712 dated 22.06.2024** for allotment of advertisement rights through Public Toilet Cluster under the jurisdiction of MCD on monthly license fee basis in two bid system (i.e. Technical and Financial) for an initial period of three years.

The Last Date of Submission of bids in all above e-tenders is 16.12.2024, till 16:00 hours. The detailed tender document are available on MCD's website site [www.mcdonline.nic.in](http://www.mcdonline.nic.in) and <https://tenders.gov.in> [eprocure/app](http://eprocure/app).

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# Engineer dies, foreman injured in accident at metro site in NW Delhi

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** A senior mechanical engineer died at a Delhi Metro construction site and a foreman was injured when the metal rope of their man-lifter machine broke, plunging them to a nearly 60-70-foot fall at a work site in Mahendra Park, north-west Delhi.

The accident occurred on Nov 20 when the engineer was inspecting the site, which was at a 60-70-foot elevation.

Police was informed at 1.23am. A team from the local police station rushed to the scene and, during the investigation, they found out that the accident had happened at a site near Haiderpur metro station, where work on a metro line connection was on.

Senior mechanical engineer Aditya Prakash (31), from Bihar, along with foreman Mohammad Sahib Rangsay (45), who were working with a firm contracted by DMRC, were inspecting the line on a man-lifter machine when the iron rope of the lifter broke, leading to the accident.

In the hospital, Aditya Prakash was declared dead on arrival. Sahib is under treatment.

A case has been filed under BNS sections 289 (negligent conduct with respect to machinery), 125 (acts endangering life or personal safety of others), and 106(1) (causing death by negligence).

The postmortem has been done and the man-lifter machine has been seized for inspection.

DMRC said that the construction site was near Haiderpur on the under-construction Janakpuri West-RK Ashram Marg corridor. It added that Prakash, who was employed by the civil contractor, "was immediately rushed to a nearby hospital but unfortunately succumbed to his injuries. DMRC is investigating the cause of the incident," the statement read.

# Auto driver, aide arrested for phone snatching in Wazirabad

**New Delhi:** An autorickshaw driver and his accomplice were arrested for allegedly snatching a mobile phone in north Delhi's Wazirabad.

They posed as regular auto drivers and targeted passengers or people using phones on isolated stretches, especially during late hours. While one of them snatched valuables, the other waited in the auto for a quick getaway.

A complaint was registered at Wazirabad police station after a mobile phone was snatched on early Monday. "Around 12.30am, a man approached the complainant from behind, snatched his mobile phone, and fled towards the Jagatpur flyover. The snatcher escaped in an autorickshaw waiting nearby," an officer said.

An auto driver memorised the vehicle's registration number, which helped police catch the culprits, 32-year-old Rohit Kumar and 28-year-old Suraj Sharma. The mobile phone and the auto were seized.

While Kumar was involved in three previous cases of robbery, assault and arms violations, Sharma has two cases of robbery and snatching. TNN

# PWD approves repairs of three govt hospital buildings: PWD has approved repairs and maintenance of three large govt hospital buildings—Aruna Asaf Ali, AU Tibbia College, and Dr NC Joshi Memorial Hospital—at a cumulative cost of around Rs 6 crore. PWD engineers conducted detailed inspections at these healthcare facilities and prepared comprehensive repair estimates based on which the work order was given to private companies. TNN

**Govt. of WB**  
**Office of the District Magistrate**  
**South 24 Parganas**  
**NleT Memo No. FR 454, FR 455 & FR 456 dt. 22.11.2024**  
**Notice Inviting E-Tender**  
Notice Inviting E-Tender are invited from the bonafide/eligible agencies for various type of works i.c.w. Ganga Sagar Mela-2025. For details visit <http://s24p.gov.in>, <https://wbenders.gov.in>

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**e-TENDER NOTICE**  
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**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**MINORITIES DEVELOPMENT & FINANCE CORPORATION**  
**Notice Inviting e-Tender**  
Nle-T No. "GIFT MU-1 of 2024-25" WBMDFC invites e-tenders for the work of "Supply of different gift, stationary items & articles in connection with Milan Utsav-2025". The last date of submission of bid is 04.12.2024 up to 3.30 pm. Corrigendum or addendum, if any, will be uploaded only in the Corporation's website. For further details please visit our website [www.wbmdfc.org](http://www.wbmdfc.org) and <http://wbenders.gov.in> Toll Free No. 1800-120-2150. Sd/- Managing Director, ICA-120972(2)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**PWD TENDER NOTICE**  
EE/KNHED/PW Dte. invite online e-tender for the work "Modernization of 2 nos Bed cum Passenger Lift at B.C.Roy Casualty Building in R.G.Kar Medical College & Hospital for fulfill the recommendation of Fire Department - SITC of Lt. e-NIT No. :- WBPWD/EE/KNHED/NIQ-44/2nd Call/2024-25 Tender ID: 2024\_WBPWD/771448\_1. Bid Submission Start Date (online) 27/11/2024, 1.05 PM. Bid Submission Closing Date (online) 11/12/2024 up to 1:00 PM. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT and Tender Documents may be downloaded from <http://wbenders.gov.in> Sd/- Executive Engineer, Jhargram Division, PHE Dte./Govt. of WB. ICA-121001(3)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**PWD e-TENDER NOTICE**  
Executive Engineer, PWD, Kolkata South Division invites e-Quotation for the work of Kishore Bharati Kriangan, Survey Park, Kolkata - Daily operation of sprinkler pumps, potable water pumps, maintenance and cleaning of sprinklers and ring line pipes at and around FOP to ensure smooth operation of sprinkler system including minor repair alteration of electrical works for the period of 6 months" e-NIT No. EE/KSD/PWD/ENIT/2024-25 Tender ID (i) 2024\_WBPWD\_771449\_1 (ii) Technical & financial bid proposal submission start date (online) 22.11.2024 from 5.45 PM. Technical & financial bid proposal submission end date (online) 03.12.2024 up to 1.00 PM. Details of e-NIT and other documents may be downloaded from <http://wbenders.gov.in> Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Kolkata South Division. ICA-120999(3)/2024

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EE, P.W.D. Asansol Division invites online e-Quotation for (Two) (2) nos. of Work: S.No. 1. Engagement of 20 Nos. Security Personnel on purely temporary basis at different office and Bungalow etc. within the jurisdiction of Asansol Sub-Division, P.W.D. under Asansol Division, P.W.D. Tender ID: 2024\_PWD\_771747\_1. S.No. 2. Engagement of 10 Nos. Security Personnel on purely temporary basis at different office and Bungalow etc. within the jurisdiction of Asansol Construction Sub-Division under Asansol Division, P.W.D. Tender ID: 2024\_PWD\_771747\_2. e-NIT No.: 07 of 2024-2025 of EE(ASNS)PWD. Bid submission start date (online) 25.11.2024 at 12:00 IST. Bid submission closing date (online) 12.12.2024 at 14:00. Corrigendum and addendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT and Tender documents may be downloaded from: <http://wbenders.gov.in> Sd/- EE, P.W.D. ASANSOL DIVISION ICA-121028(3)/2024

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Executive Engineer, Barasat Division, P.W.D. invites online e-Tender for the work of "Repairing and renovation works of Drainage control under Barasat Division PWD during the year 2024-25" e-NIT No. WBPWD/BSTD/EE/NITS1e/24-25. Tender ID: 2024\_WBPWD\_771834\_1. Bid submission start date (online) 21/11/2024 from 6:30 PM. Bid submission end date (online) 11/12/2024 up to 3:30 PM. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT and Tender document may be downloaded from: <http://wbenders.gov.in> Sd/- Executive Engineer-1, Barasat Division. ICA-121024(3)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, EASTERN CIRCLE, PHE DTE. NUALAY, PLOT NO. CN-8, SEC-V, SALT LAKE CITY, KOLKATA - 700091**  
**TENDER NOTICE**  
Tender No. :- WBPHE/SE/EC/NleT-46/2024-25  
Tender ID: 2024\_PHE/766531\_1 & 2024\_PHE/766531\_2  
e-Tenders in WBF 2911 are invited for the work: Laying of Distribution Pipeline including parallel pipeline along with FHTC re-connection and left out FHTC at Lakshmi and Mahatpur W/S Scheme at Chapra block & Patharghata (Gobindapur, Patharghata) & Pathurmat (Vill-Puthimat) W/S Scheme in Nadia District under Nadia Arsenic Civil Division-II, P.H.E. Dte. (SI No 1 & 2) & Corrigendum Uploaded. Bid Submission Closing Date (Online) : 27.11.2024 at 02:00 p.m. Further details are available in the website :- <http://wbenders.gov.in/nicgep/app> Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Eastern Circle, P.H.E. Dte. ICA-120988(3)/2024

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**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**e-TENDER NOTICE**  
1) Bid Reference No. WBMSC/NT-683/2024, dated 19/11/2024. West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting online bids for "Design, Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Operation & Maintenance of Medical Gas Pipeline System (MGPS) at CCB in Police Hospital, Kolkata of West Bengal for 5 years". Last date of submission of bid (online) 16.12.2024 upto 02:00 p.m. The tender document can be downloaded from [www.wbenders.gov.in](http://www.wbenders.gov.in) or after 02:00 p.m. on 23.11.2024. Clarification requests, if any may be sent to [cme@wbmsc.gov.in](mailto:cme@wbmsc.gov.in) 2) Bid reference No. WBMSC/NT-684/2024, dated 20/11/2024. West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting online bids for "Operation & Comprehensive Maintenance of Medical Gas Pipeline Systems (MGPS) at Basirhat DH of West Bengal for 3 years". Last date of submission of bid (online) 09.12.2024 upto 02:00 p.m. The tender document can be downloaded from [www.wbenders.gov.in](http://www.wbenders.gov.in) or after 02:00 p.m. on 23.11.2024. Clarification requests, if any may be sent to [cme@wbmsc.gov.in](mailto:cme@wbmsc.gov.in) Sd/- General Manager, WBMSC. ICA-120974(3)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**PWD e-QUOTATION NOTICE**  
PD & EE, AH-02, PU-II, PW(Roads) Directorate, Siliguri invites Quotation for the work of "Hiring of One (1) No. Motor Cab/Maxi Cab, with engine Capacity more than 2000 cc on monthly basis for the office uses of the Superintending Engineer, PU-II, PW(Roads) Directorate, Siliguri" for contract of 01 (one) year. e-NIT No. 01 of 2024-25 Tender ID: 2024\_PHE/770105\_1. Bid Submission start date: 02.12.2024. Bid submission closing date: 09.12.2024. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT may be downloaded from <http://wbenders.gov.in> Sd/- PD & EE, AH-02, PU-II, PW(Roads) Directorate, Siliguri. ICA-121013(4)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**PWD TENDER NOTICE**  
Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle, P.W.D. 76 Dr. Deodar Rahaman Road, Lake Gardens, Kolkata-700033 invites e-Tender No. (i) WBPWD/SE/SC/NleT13/2024-25 (2nd Call) for the work of Construction of G+3 Multipurpose Rescue Shelter in (3 Coastal districts) the District of South 24 Parganas, West Bengal - Cyclone Shelter at G.P. Ramangopalpur (Kasibard), Block Kakkidpur during the year 2024-2025. Tender ID: 2024\_WBPWD\_771787\_1, Estimated Amount: Rs. 19908438.00, Bid Submission start date (online) 27.11.2024 from 4.00 PM. Bid submission closing (online): 07.12.2024 up to 1.00 PM. The detail NITs may be seen and downloaded from the website <http://wbenders.gov.in> Corrigendum and addendum to this NITs, if any will be published only in the above website. Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle, P.W.D. ICA-121026(3)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**PWD TENDER / QUOTATION NOTICE**  
EE/BSHD/P.W.(Roads) Dte., invites online e-tender for the work of (i) Box Culvert (3 x 3 - 1 cell) at 0.500 km of Nandaghat Bus Stand Bazar Link Road: Replacement of existing damaged Hume Pipe culvert along with new construction of 200 m road side surface drain under Nabaddip Highway Sub-Division of Burdwan South Highway Division in the district of Purba Bardhaman during the financial year 2024-2025. (Non Plan) (1st Call), Estimated Amount: Rs. 2508471.00, e-NIT No. 10 of 2024-25 (SI-1), Tr. ID: 2024\_WBPWD\_771845\_1. Bid submission Start Date (Online): 27.11.2024 at 2.00 PM. Bid submission closing date (online): 11.12.2024 at 4.00 PM. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT and Tender documents may be downloaded from: <http://tenders.gov.in> Sd/- EE/BSHD/P.W.(Roads) Dte., GOVT. OF WB. ICA-121027(3)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE**  
Tender Reference No. NleQ\_03 of EE/RD/PHE/ED of 2024-2025(3rd Call) Tender ID: 2024\_PHE/771538\_1. Last date of submission of Technical and Financial Bid (online): 06/12/24 upto 3:00 P.M. Tender invited by the undersigned for Hiring of Vehicle under Raiganj Division, P.H.E. Dte. All details available in website :- <http://wbenders.gov.in> & [www.wbphed.gov.in](http://www.wbphed.gov.in) Sd/- Executive Engineer, Raiganj Division, P.H.E. Dte., Govt. of West Bengal. ICA-120986(4)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**e-TENDER NOTICE**  
e-Tender is invited by the Ex-Engr. Bol. MD, PHE on behalf of Governor of W.B. vide Ref. No. WBPHE/60/Bol MD/24-25 and ID: 2024\_PHE/771678\_1 to 2 for Supply & Delivery of label and printing roller & polyfilm for Muluk Bottling Plant & Mirbuth under Bol. MD, P.H.E. Dte. in Birbhum district. Details can be obtained from the website: [www.wbenders.gov.in](http://www.wbenders.gov.in). The last date of tender submission is 10.12.2024 upto 12:00 noon. Sd/- For Ex-Engr. Bol. Mech. ICA-120989(3)/2024

**The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited**  
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)  
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SG039154  
Bakreswar Thermal Power Project  
P.O. BKTPP, Dist. - Birbhum, Pin - 731104  
**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**  
Ref. No.: WBPDDL/Tend-Adv/24-25/BKTPP/CC-2664 Dated: 20.11.2024  
NIT No.: WBPDDL/BKTPP/NIT/EE3363/24-25  
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at <https://wbenders.gov.in> by General Manager, BKTPP, WBPDDL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for "Procurement of Structural Steel for Overhauling of Unit-1, Unit-2, Unit-4 under AHP-MM Department at BKTPP." Tender Document Download Start Date: 22.11.2024 at 11:00 AM. Bid Submission End Date: 12.12.2024 at 12:00 PM. Phone No.: 8336903911. E-mail: s.dasgupta@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: <https://wbenders.gov.in> ICA-121040(2)/2024

**The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited**  
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)  
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SG039154  
Bardel Thermal Power Station  
P.O. Tribeni, Dist. - Hooghly, Pin - 712503  
**Notice Inviting E-Tender**  
Ref. No.: WBPDDL/Tend-Adv/24-25/BTPS/CC-2674 Dated: 20.11.2024  
NIT No.: WBPDDL/BTPS/NIT/EE2470/24-25  
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at <https://wbenders.gov.in> by the General Manager, BTPS, WBPDDL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 (two) Part bid system for "Overhauling of Air Preheater and Duct of Unit-2, BTPS." Tender Document Download Start Date: 26.11.2024 at 15:00 hrs. Bid Submission End Date: 12.12.2024 at 15:00 hrs. Contact Person: Mr. Sujit Saha, Dy. General Manager (Contracts). Phone: 033 2684 2342/2312. E-mail: contract.btps@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: <https://wbenders.gov.in> ICA-121042(2)/2024

**The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited**  
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)  
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SG039154  
Bakreswar Thermal Power Project  
P.O. BKTPP, Dist. - Birbhum, Pin - 731104  
**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**  
Ref. No.: WBPDDL/Tend-Adv/24-25/BKTPP/CC-2665 Dated: 20.11.2024  
NIT No.: WBPDDL/BKTPP/OT/EE3394/24-25  
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at <https://wbenders.gov.in> by the General Manager, BKTPP, WBPDDL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for "Procurement of Hot Air Gate and Damper Seals for Unit-4 overhauling at BKTPP." Tender Document Download Start Date: 21.11.2024 at 14:00 hrs. Bid Submission End Date: 17.12.2024 at 15:00 hrs. Contact Person: Mr. Sumit Dasgupta, Dy. General Manager, HOD (Purchase Deptt.), BKTPS, WBPDDL. Mobile: 8336903911. E-mail: s.dasgupta@wbpdcl.co.in/Mr. Subhro Sen, Senior Manager (PS)-Purchase, WBPDDL. Mobile: 9830543669. E-mail: s.sen1@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: <https://wbenders.gov.in> ICA-121041(2)/2024

**The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited**  
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)  
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SG039154  
Sagarighi Thermal Power Project  
P.O. Monirgram, P.S. Sagarighi, Dist. - Murshidabad, Pin - 742237  
**Notice Inviting E-Tender**  
Ref. No.: WBPDDL/Tend-Adv/24-25/SgTPP/CC-2668 Dated: 20.11.2024  
NIT No.: WBPDDL/SgTPP/NIT/EE3128/24-25  
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at <https://wbenders.gov.in> by the General Manager, SgTPP, WBPDDL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 3 (three) Part bid system for "Procurement of Several Power Conductors for CHP-EM Department Stage-I SgTPP, WBPDDL." Tender Document Download Start Date: 21.11.2024 at 03:00 PM. Bid Submission End Date: 30.11.2024 at 03:00 PM. Contact Person: Mr. Arun Mandal, Senior Manager (Purchase). Phone: 8336903813. E-mail: amonda@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: <https://wbenders.gov.in> ICA-121038(2)/2024

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**Tender Ref - RFP No. : UBI/ITCSP/November/2024**  
**Request for Proposal (RFP) Empanelment of Information Technology / Cyber Security Service Providers & Consultant (ITCSPs) for a period of two years i.e from 01.04.2025 to 31.03.2027**  
**Date and Time of tender publication - 25.11.2024 11:00 AM**  
**Last Date and Time for Bid Submission - 16.12.2024 04:00 PM**  
For other details and downloading of RFP document, please visit our Bank's website [www.unionbankofindia.co.in](http://www.unionbankofindia.co.in) or the Government tender portal [www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in). Please visit <https://ubi.abc.procure.com> for participation in the e tender.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given to all concerned that my client is entering into a transaction to purchase the basement & ground, first and second floors of the fresh build up area and structure constructed on property bearing 78, Anand Lok, New Delhi-110049, along with 77.50% of the total land share of the entire plot of land (collectively referred to as the "Property") from its current owners, namely BMA Steel P. Ltd., represented by Mr. Mayank Jain, Mr. Roshan Lal Gera and Mrs. Meenal Dang, respectively. Any person(s) or entity(s) including but not limited to any bank or financial institution, or statutory agency having or claiming or asserting any right, title, interest, demand, estate in respect of the Property or in any part thereof, including but not limited to collaboration, tenancy, agreement for sale, leave & license, mortgage, gift, charge, inheritance, partition, possession, decree or order of any court, acquisition by government or any entity, prohibition or any other impediment with respect of the Property or any part thereof, and/or having any objection(s), are hereby required to provide a notice in writing to the undersigned accompanied with documentary proof within 7 (seven) working days from the date of publication hereof, failing which it will be presumed that no one has any claim or objection concerning the sale of the Property in favor of our client, and that our client shall be absolutely entitled to purchase the Property, including take possession thereof.  
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Further land and development office has also issued notice that these structures are in common areas of the building.  
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Charanjit Singh President  
Sagar Apartments Residents Association  
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## Delhi Congress chief targets AAP govt, BJP at 'Nyay Yatra'

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**New Delhi:** Delhi Congress chief Devendra Yadav on Friday alleged that AAP-led Delhi govt failed to resolve basic problems, such as supply of dirty water, increased electricity bills, long wait for ration cards and pension for beneficiaries, in the last 10 years.

Interacting with people during the party's 'Nyay Yatra', Yadav said villagers were still facing issues related to acquisition of their land parcels and mutation and promises made by Centre and Delhi govt to regularise the unauthorised colonies had yet to be fulfilled.

No immediate reaction was available from Delhi govt. BJP's North West Delhi MP Yogendra Chandolia charged that Yadav was trying to give a cover to AAP on the issue of regularisation of unauthorised colonies.

Yadav launched the third phase of Congress's 'Nyay Yatra' from southwest Delhi's Palam constituency. Trying to connect with people across the city ahead of Delhi assembly polls early next year, the party has so far covered 32 of 70 constituencies in the capital in two phases. On Friday, Congress workers and functionaries walked through the villages and unauthorised colonies of Palam, Bijwasan and Mehrauli assembly segments.

In a press statement, Yadav said he met the representatives of khap panchayat of 365 villages during the yatra and discussed the problems and sufferings of people living in urbanised and rural villages. "Both BJP and AAP had promised to regularise the unauthorised colonies but failed in it. Due to the negligence and inaction of both govt, the people of Delhi are forced to live a hellish life at some places," he added.

Yadav exuded confidence that his party would form govt in Delhi and work to find a permanent solution to provide "justice" to the people. "The objective of Nyay Yatra is to meet as many people of Delhi as possible, understand their problems, and make policies to find permanent solutions. The youth is troubled by unemployment, women are affected by inflation and crime against them, and problems directly related to the public are never ending," he alleged.

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**New Delhi:** CM Atishi asked the youth to aspire to be job creators, rather than job seekers at the seventh convocation of Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women (IGDTUW) on Friday. Atishi, while conferring the degrees on the graduates, said: "Students here are breaking all stereotypes about women in technical education. From winning Google Generation Scholarships and hackathons, to setting benchmarks in AI, mechatronics and sports, IGDTUW students are proving that women can excel in every field."

While congratulating the students, she said: "Convocation day marks a transformative moment in a student's life. You have graduated from one of the most prestigious universities in the country, which has an exceptional placement record." Atishi said the youth should aim to become job creators, rather than job seekers. She spoke about how Delhi govt schools and universities transformed in the past decade, pointing out that student enrolment in Delhi govt universities doubled over the past

10 years from 83,620 in 2014 to 1.6 lakh in 2024. "Delhi govt has established four new universities in the last 10 years and expanded its existing university campuses. As a result, student enrolment in Delhi govt universities doubled," she said.

"Through initiatives like the Business Blasters programme, students from Delhi govt schools turned entrepreneurs and provided employment. Soon, the Business Blasters programme will be extended to all Delhi govt universities to foster entrepreneurship among students," she said.

The CM shared an anecdote to highlight gender disparity in education. "In 2015, during a school assembly, I asked girls how many of their brothers studied in private schools. Most raised their hands. This reflected a stark reality—if families could afford quality education for one child, they prioritised their sons for private schooling, leaving daughters behind."

This year, IGDTUW awarded 922 degrees, including 17 PhDs, 170 PG degrees and 735 UG degrees. The ceremony was attended by LG V K Saxena and DU vice-chancellor Yogesh Singh, among others.

## No HC relief for mall over lack of fire safety

**New Delhi:** HC refused to alter a directive from Delhi Fire Services to disconnect water and power supply to shops in a city-based mall due to several shortcomings in fire prevention measures. "Shopping malls are often bustling hubs where hundreds visit daily. In such settings, even a minor lapse in fire safety measures can be a cause of concern. Equipment like functional fire extinguishers, operational alarm systems, and adequate smoke management mechanisms, therefore, are imperative fire safety measures," Justice Sanjeev Narula observed in a recent order.

The court was hearing a plea by shop owners inside Crescent Square Mall, Rohini. The owners argued they were being selectively targeted and discriminated against.

Appearing for the department, additional standing co-

unsel Prashant Manchanda rebutted the allegations and informed HC that notices under Section 34(1) of Delhi Fire Service Act, 2007, were duly issued to all occupiers, calling upon them to rectify the specified shortcomings. **TNN**

## LG gives out job letters to 702 recruits in govt depts

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**New Delhi:** LG VK Saxena on Friday distributed appointment letters to 702 recruits for various Delhi govt departments and civic bodies at an event organised at Vigyan Bhawan. According to officials, 232 appointments were made in the health department, 200 in education, 119 in planning, 88 in the training and technical education department, and the remaining were hired for MCD and NDMC.

The LG's office, in a statement, said the recruitments would help improve the functioning of the departments.

"Distribution of permanent appointment letters assumes significance as LG VK Saxena, ever since he took over the office in May 2022, has been emphasising permanent recruitments in govt departments. Nearly 22,000 permanent appointments were made by Delhi Subordinate Services Selection Board and Union Public Service Commission in the last two years because of the LG," said an official, adding that Friday's event was the sixth in the last two years.

Saxena congratulated the recruits and exhorted them to work for the betterment of society. He said a govt job was not just a source of livelihood but an opportunity to contribute to the nation's progress. He said: "These appointments are aligned with PM's call for efficiency and accountability in governance. Permanent employment in govt departments brings responsibility and accountability with it, which is crucial for achieving the PM's dream of Viksit Bharat by 2047."

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Co-living spaces are redefining rental accommodations for the urban millennials and Gen Z. As the name suggests, co-living spaces are shared accommodations offering a cluster of homes that resemble co-living apartments

with shared amenities including kitchen, laundry, etc. Reports reveal that 40 per cent of the millennial workforce are migrants who consider flexibility and convenience a priority while finding accommodation. This housing trend has emerged as an innovative concept, addressing the challenges of tradi-

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youth gets an opportunity to skip the hassle of building a home from a traditional rental house. Moreover, some of the co-living accommodations feature carefully designed communal spaces with theatre rooms, lounges, gym, gaming zones, etc., which further foster community engagement. "I prefer this stay as it is a one-stop destination for all my residential requirements," adds Vinati, a corporate professional. The integration of technology in the form of apps is the cherry on top. Residents can customise their stays, avail amenities, manage payments and

As the purchasing power and income stability rise among the youth in tier-1 cities, they prefer to spend on high-quality premium stays

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According to a recent report, the co-living sector is anticipated to reach one trillion rupees over the next five years. As the purchasing power and income stability rise among the youth in tier-1 cities, they prefer to spend on high-quality premium stays. "The aim of rising co-living spaces in Delhi is to attract young people who start new jobs and come to work in a new city. They get access to various amenities like gym, food, housekeeping, security, repair, and maintenance without hassle," shares property expert Devendra Joshi. With a host of

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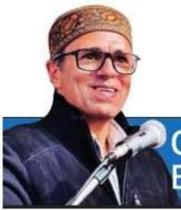
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## Low output, rising debt: SC panel flags Punjab, Haryana farm crisis

16,000 Suicides Between 2000 & 2015; Panel To Examine Legal Sanctity For MSP

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**New Delhi:** Stagnancy of agricultural production for three decades, coupled with spiralling debts, in Punjab and Haryana has created a distressing situation for farmers, a Supreme Court-appointed high-powered committee has stated in its interim report. The panel said it will examine whether giving legal sanctity to MSP could boost productivity.

last three decades. "In recent decades, the institutional debt of farmers has increased manifold — in Punjab, it was Rs 73,673 crore, and in Haryana, it was Rs 76,530 crore in 2022-23," it said.

"Declining net farm productivity, rising production costs, inadequate marketing system and shrinking farm employment have contributed to the deceleration in farm income growth. Small and marginal farmers, along with farm workers, are the most affected and vulnerable segments of this economic squeeze," it said.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan praised the committee for framing issues for examination and its attempt to in-



Small and marginal farmers, along with farm workers, are the most affected and vulnerable segments of this economic squeeze, the panel said

volve the agitating groups of farmers in the discussion. "It has framed core issues which require deliberation," the bench said.

When Punjab advocate general Gurminder Singh sarcastically said the issues need "to be taken to the right quar-

ters", solicitor general Tushar Mehta said the committee is an arm of SC and is acting to resolve the issues. "Let us not politicise it," he said.

The report said Punjab has not escaped the "suicide epidemic", evident among farmers in some other states.

As per the report, Punjab witnessed 16,606 suicides by farmers, mostly small and marginal, and landless farm workers, between 2000-2015.

It said the growing debt crisis needed special attention to provide relief to debt-stricken farmers and farm workers. The panel said it will examine the demand of farmers for providing legal sanctity to MSP.

Another issue flagged for in depth study is the "review of the budgeting norms, credit policies, agricultural research priorities, allied sectors that include horticulture, livestock, fisheries and forestry and also look into institutional architecture that will eventually bring in an ease of doing farming."

## CPM is hiring in Bengal, with an eye on 2026 assembly polls

**Kolkata:** CPM is hiring political strategists to manage campaigns in Bengal, keeping the 2026 assembly polls in mind, reports **Rohit Khanna**. On Friday, the party came out with an advertisement on Facebook looking for political analysts, content writers, graphic designers and digital marketing executives.

"We used social media volunteers to reach out to people during the Covid pandemic. But now we need creativity-infused and technology-driven teams skilled in working with data. They will also carry out research at the ground level and create actionable data sets," said party's state secretary Md Salim. CPM feels that depending on traditional modes of social media campaign was not enough to catch eyeballs of the younger population.

Over the decades, CPM had depended heavily upon its organisation and cadre for its campaign strategies. The party mouthpiece, Ganashakti, has been used since 1967 to convey the party's voice to the masses. However, a change in news consumption patterns and reversal of CPM's political fortune have impacted Ganashakti's importance.

"We cannot afford to engage a private company for campaigns and strategies. And unlike BJP or TMC, we are not outsourcing the political process to private organisations," Salim said.

**STATISTICS** A slice of life in numbers By Mudita Girotra

### If every Indian lived as densely as people in Arunachal...

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## Navy submarine collides with trawler off Goa, 2 fishermen missing

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**Panaji/New Delhi:** An Indian Navy submarine and a fishing vessel collided around 70 nautical miles northwest of Goa on Thursday night, which saw 11 of the fishermen being subsequently rescued during the night while a major search operation is underway to

find the two still missing.

The Kalvari-class diesel-electric submarine, which has a displacement of over 1,600-tonne, was at "periscope depth" during her transit from one port to another when the fishing vessel 'Marthoma' apparently collided with the boat at about 8pm.

"Eleven of the 13 fishermen were rescued by the submarine crew and Navy ships

sent to the accident site. The search and rescue operation to trace the remaining two is underway," an officer said. The fishing vessel is reportedly registered with the Kerala fisheries authority but the fishermen hail from Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, and other states.

Several Navy and Coast Guard ships, which have been diverted to the location, as

well as aircraft are participating in the operation, which is being coordinated by the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre at Mumbai. "There is no major damage to the submarine, which is now continuing with its transit. The cause of the incident is being investigated," the officer said.

The Navy has inducted five of the six French-origin Scorpene or Kalvari-class subma-

rines built at the Mumbai-based Mazagon Docks (MDL) under the over Rs 23,000 crore 'Project-75'. The sixth boat 'Vagshree' is slated to be commissioned next month.

With advanced stealth features, the Scorpene is equipped with both long-range guided torpedoes and anti-ship missiles as well as advanced sonars and sensor suites.

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Sl. No.	Name of Item	RFP No. & Date	Quantity
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**Events**

Events	Date
RFP Issue Date	22.11.2024
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RFP Submission Due Date and time	12.12.2024
Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bids	13.12.2024
Date & Time of Opening of Financial Bids	To be intimated qualified Bidder
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5. Tender paper cost : Rs. 10000/- (online)

6. Available of bid document in the web site. : From 29.11.2024 to 17.30 Hours of 13.12.2024

7. Date of opening of bid : Dt.16.12.2024 at 11.00 Hours.

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**B-657**

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1	Quantification Kit	26-RFP- Quantification Kit -2024-25 Dtd. 22.11.2024	As per RFP

**Events**

Events	Date
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Date & Time of Opening of Financial Bids	To be intimated qualified Bidder
Tender Document fee	500/-
EMD (Earnest Money Deposit)	24,000/- (Twenty Four Thousand)

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**E-514**

**TENDER CALL NOTICE**

Sealed tenders are invited from the Manufacture / Authorized Distributors/ Stockiest / Dealers for supply of Medicines to Mental Health Institute, S.C.B. Medical College Hospital, Cuttack 753007 within 27.11.2024 to 17.12.2024 and will be opened on 19.12.2024 at 12.00 Noon. The authority reserves the right to cancel or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof. The details of tender papers along with terms and conditions can be obtained from [www.scbmch.in](http://www.scbmch.in) The tenderers / their authorized Representatives should be present at the time of opening of tender. The tender paper should be reached in the office of the undersigned through Speed Post / Regd. Post only.

1. Date of sale of tender paper : 27/11/2024 to 17/12/2024.

2. Last date for receipt of tender paper : 18/12/2024.

3. Date of opening of tender : 19/12/2024 at 12.00 Noon.

4. Place of opening of tender - Office of the Director-cum-Medical Superintendent, Mental Health Institute, S.C.B. Medical College Hospital, Cuttack-753007 (in case the due date is declared as holiday the tender can be opened on next working day)

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Mental Health Institute,  
S.C.B, Medical College Hospital, Cuttack  
OIPR-10051/11/0012/24-25

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA**  
**EXTRA-ORDINARY APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Civil) Diary No. 19149 OF 2024  
AND  
I.A. No. 106927/2024- APPLICATION FOR CANDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING SLP  
GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI AND ... Petitioner(s)  
ANOTHER ... Versus  
SOMENI DEVI VERMA AND ...Respondent(s)  
OTHERS

To,  
PRADEEP KUMAR S/O AMAR NATH, PID: 244974/2024 FOR R[2] IN R/O 3467, DARIBAPAN, PAHAR DIARY NO. 19149/2024 (SEC GANJ, DISTRICT-NEW DELHI, DELHI XIV)

WHEREAS the Petition for Diary to Appeal with application for CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING, EXEMPTION FROM FILING O. above mentioned (copy enclosed) filed in the Registry by Ms. SUJEETA SRIVASTAVA, Advocate on behalf of the Petitioner above named was listed for hearing before this Court on 22nd July, 2024, when the Court was pleased to pass the following order:-

1. Issue notice on the application seeking condonation of delay as well as on the special leave petition, returnable on 20.08.2024.

2. Dasti service, in addition, is permitted.

3. Parties are directed to ascertain the facts and file a short affidavit, pointing out whether the issue involved is covered by one of the decisions pronounced by a three Judge Bench of this Court on 17.05.2024.

4. Prayer for stay, if any, is declined."

WHEREAS the Petition for Diary to Appeal with application for SUBSTITUTED SERVICE above mentioned was again listed for hearing before this Court on 24th October, 2024, when the Court was pleased to pass the following order:-

1. Application for substituted mode of service of notice is allowed.

2. The publication to effect service on unserved respondent(s) shall be carried out in two newspapers, namely, Navbharat Times in Hindi language and Times of India in English language.

3. Let necessary affidavit with the proof of publication be filed.

4. List the matter on 06.11.2024.

NOW, THEREFORE TAKE NOTICE that the above petition along with Diary No. 45446/2023 will be posted for hearing before this Court on 06th November, 2024 at 10.30 O Clock in the forenoon or so soon thereafter as may be convenient to the Court when you may appear before the Court either in person or through an Advocate on record duly appointed by you in that behalf and show cause to the court as to why condonation of delay in filing SLP be not condoned and the Special Leave Petition as prayed for be not granted and the resultant appeal be not allowed.

You may file your affidavit in opposition to the petition as provided under Rule 14(1) of Order XXI, S.C.R.2013 forthwith from the date of receipt of notice but shall do so only by setting out the grounds in opposition to the questions of law or grounds set out in the SLPs and may produce such pleadings and documents filed before the Court/Tribunal against whose order the SLP is filed.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you fail to enter appearance as aforesaid, no further notice shall be given to you even after the grant of special leave for hearing of the resultant appeal and the matter above mentioned shall be disposed of in your absence.

Dated :04th November, 2024  
DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0277/24-25  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

# MVA summons its winners to Mum; Cong denies corral plan

## 'It's For Talks To Form Govt, Not Due To Fear Of Poaching'

Prafulla Marpakwar

Mumbai: Maha Vikas Aghadi comprising NCP (SP), Shiv Sena (UBT) and Congress has summoned all its winning candidates to Mumbai immediately after the poll results are declared on Saturday.

It is not fear of poaching that has driven this decision but the idea that all legislators of the alliance should be under one roof, MVA sources said, adding that their alliance was confident of securing a clear majority.

"Senior MVA functionaries met on Friday to discuss the political situation and decided to call all the newly-elected legislators to the city on Saturday itself. We will discuss govt formation," former minister and UBT Sena politician Anil Parab said. The meeting was attended by Parab, UBT Sena MPs Sanjay Raut and Anil Desai, and Congress' Balasaheb Thorat. Raut said Sena (UBT) had made 'arrangements' in Mumbai for their MLAs from rural parts of the state to stay.



Tight security outside a Nagpur strong room a day before counting

"Old MLAs have some arrangements but new ones may not," he said.

Sharad Pawar claimed on Friday that MVA would secure 157 seats, while Uddhav Thackeray put the number at 160. MPCC president Nana Patole was confident of 150 to 155 seats. Sources in Congress said an internal survey revealed that MVA would win 158 seats, while Mahayuti would get 113. The survey stated that BJP would emerge as the single-largest party with 67 seats.

AICC general secretary Ramesh Chennithala rejected

reports that MVA would want to shift its legislators to neighbouring states. "Our legislators have remained loyal even during the worst crises, so there is no need to shift them out of Maharashtra," he said.

Parab said specific instructions had been given to all MVA candidates that they should be alert during counting of votes and if any untoward incident took place, it should be brought to the notice of the returning officer immediately; if there was no response, the matter should be escalated.

Chennithala said he was confident MVA would form the govt "with a clear majority" and that there was no dispute over the CM's post. The decision on the CM would be taken after consulting all senior MVA functionaries and the AICC brass, he said.



Incidentally, in the past five years, the state has seen two rounds of hotel and resort politics — once in 2019 when Shiv Sena walked out of the alliance with BJP and formed MVA, and then in 2022, when Eknath Shinde rebelled against Uddhav Thackeray's leadership with 40 MLAs. While in 2019, several MLAs from NCP had flown to Surat and then returned to form the MVA govt, in 2022, Sena MLAs backing Shinde first went to Surat, then Guwahati and then to Goa, from where they returned after Shinde took oath as CM.

## 10% of votes cast in last hour in 5 districts of Maharashtra

Pune: Election Commission of India's data, released on Friday, shows voters in Maharashtra stepped out in fairly large numbers towards the end of voting for assembly election on Wednesday, report Sarang Dastane & Alim Shaikh.

The state's five districts — Nanded, Solapur, Jalgaon, Ahmednagar and Hingoli — recorded more than 10% of their total turnout in the last one hour. Nashik, Washim, Yavatmal, and Sindhudurg registered 9%-10% of the total polling in the concluding hour.

Nanded stood at the top with a 13.5% rise in voting after 5pm, followed by Jalgaon and Hingoli (11% each), and Solapur and Ahmednagar (over 10%), data shows.

More than 20 districts in the state recorded a rise in voting ranging between 5% and 10% in the last hour. The only exceptions, where voting rise remained below 5% after 5pm, were Bhandara, Ratnagiri, Mumbai City and Mumbai Suburban.

Maharashtra's overall turnout increased to 65% after the day's voting, with many districts recording over 70% turnout.

## Both alliances court rebels, independents for backup

Abhishek Choudhari & Anurag Bende | TNN

Nagpur/ Pune: Fearing a hung assembly in Maharashtra, both MVA and Mahayuti have started discussions with 'winnable' independents and rebel candidates. Many exit polls have shown that 15-20 Independents may get elected to the 288-seat assembly.

A top BJP politician from Chandrapur said Mahayuti had kickstarted discussions with 10 independent candidates who are likely to win. "No big party, especially a national party, fights elections to lose. But results are not always up to expectations, and that is when we have to cobble up the numbers," he said.

A senior Nagpur-based politician from Congress said no party wanted to leave anything to chance.

"Independents will automatically be kingmakers if Maharashtra sees a hung assembly, so the focus will be on how many independents we can get to our side. For this, both alliances have opened a hotline with independents," the politician, also an ex-minister, said.



Prakash Ambedkar-led VBA, which has fielded close to 200 candidates, has said it will join the alliance that would be in a position to form govt

Though many independents have already aligned themselves with either MVA or Mahayuti, both alliances "are looking to quickly lock in their support".

While hectic parleys are on, Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut on Friday alleged that Mahayuti had been contacting independent candidates and offering them bribes. "This desperation in Mahayuti clearly shows we are winning," he said.

But a senior member of MVA was tight-lipped that the results would be "with both alliances possibly ending up with similar numbers".

With Maharashtra seeing a flip-flop of govt with MLAs shifting loyalties twice in the past three years, both the alliances want to make sure they have the numbers — 145 MLAs to form a govt.

Both sides are also approaching rebels. "It's easier to bring back a rebel than it is to woo someone who's totally independent," a BJP politician said.

Smaller parties and independent candidates are also looking to increase their bargaining power.

"We are expecting the actual result to be very different from the exit polls. We feel independents and smaller parties will have a big role to play in govt formation. Members of both alliances have contacted me seeking my support, but we will take a decision only after the results are out," said Bachchu Kadu, founder of Prahar Janshakti Party and member of Parivartan Mahashakti, the third front formed just before the polls.

Prakash Ambedkar-led VBA, which has fielded close to 200 candidates, has said it will join the alliance that would be in a position to form govt.

## Oath-taking at Raj Bhavan or elsewhere? It's not clear yet

Mumbai: Where will the new council of ministers be sworn in? That's unclear. "It will depend on the new chief minister, reports Prafulla Marpakwar. He will have to choose the venue. But since it will be the first event of the newly elected govt, the chief minister will prefer it outside Raj Bhavan," a senior official told TOI.

In 2014, the oath-taking ceremony of the Devendra Fadnis govt was held at Wankhede Stadium, while then undivided Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray's was at Shivaji Park in 2019.

On govt formation, the official said if MVA or Mahayuti secures a clear majority, it will be a simple affair — since both are pre-election alliances, either of them would be considered as one party. "Then, the governor will invite the nominees of Mahayuti or MVA to form govt."

## Female turnout up 6% over LS poll in 5 dists with max Ladki... beneficiaries

Swatee Kher & Nisha Nambiar | TNN

Pune: Data from five districts with the highest Mukhyamantri Mazhi Ladki Bahin Yojana beneficiaries in Maharashtra shows that over 6% more women turned up to vote on Wednesday compared to the Lok Sabha election earlier this year. The scheme was started by the Mahayuti govt after the Lok Sabha poll earlier this year.

Political experts said the increase in turnout of women could be attributed to the scheme's popularity. The five districts with high Ladki Bahin registrations — Pune, Nashik, Thane, Solapur and Nagpur — will emerge as the critical battlegrounds to assess the scheme's electoral impact in this election, they added.

The overall turnout in Maharashtra for the assembly polls was 66% compared to 61% in the LS poll. While the



Experts said the five districts will emerge as critical battlegrounds to assess the scheme's poll impact

rise in turnout of men in both elections was 3%, from 63.4% to 66%, for women it was 6% from 59% to 65%.

Suneeta Shinde, a 61-year-old from Pune Cantonment area, said she was happy with govt for starting the scheme that gave her some assured money every month. "I feel that govt has taken care of women like me who need this financial support at our age," she added.

Pune district reported 60.9% voter turnout among women in the assembly elec-

tion as against 54.6% in the LS election. A similar trend was reported in the other four districts. Thane saw women voters' turnout go up from 52.4% in LS election to 57.1% now, Nashik saw it jump from 60% to 67.7%, Nagpur went up from 55% to 60.4% and Solapur saw rise from 58.4% and 66% now.

The Mahayuti's campaign focused on the scheme's benefits and a poll promise of hiking the amount to Rs 2,100 if it won. Before the assembly election, over 2.30 crore beneficiaries received four instalments of the Rs 1,500 monthly payout.

BJP spokesperson Keshav Upadhye said there was no doubt that women appreciated the welfare schemes, including Ladki Bahin, and turned up to vote in support of the Mahayuti govt.

Maya Waghmare, 50, a waste-picker from Pune, said that the Ladki Bahin amount helped her buy food.

## Both J'khand camps upbeat, draw up plans to form govt

Ranchi: Political war rooms in Jharkhand were buzzing on the eve of verdict day as the governing JMM-Congress alliance and the opposition BJP-led NDA spent all of Friday strategising for a mandate that most exit polls suggest could swing the saffron camp's way.

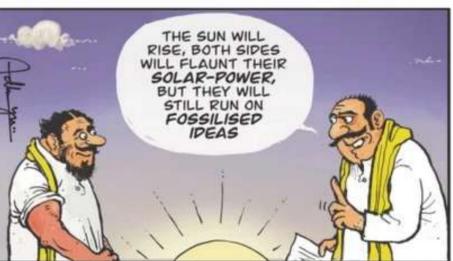
A total of 1,128 candidates contested the 81 seats at stake over a two-phase election that saw an all-time high turnout of over 67% since Jharkhand became a state in 2000.

JMM, Congress and their INDIA bloc allies were gung-ho about the electorate giving them a second consecutive term, while BJP was just as confident of going past the majority mark of 41 seats.

BJP spokesperson Ajay Shah said NDA would make a clean sweep in the tribal-dominant Kolhan and Santhal Pargana regions, helping it clinch 60% of the total seats. TNN

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## Mahayuti netas visit Tirupati ahead of D-day

Ahead of the assembly poll results in Maharashtra, Shiv Sena MP Shrikant Shinde on Friday visited Tirumala Sri Venkateswara Temple to offer his prayers. Shinde, son of the current Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde, represents the Kalyan Lok Sabha seat. Union minister Raksha Khadse also visited the Tirupati Balaji this morning. She is a BJP MP, who represents the Raver LS seat in the Parliament. BJP leader and NCBC chairman Hansraj Gangaram Ahir also paid a visit to Tirumala temple. ANI

## Apologise or face suit for ₹100cr: Tawde to Cong netas

New Delhi: BJP general secretary Vinod Tawde on Friday sent a legal notice to Congress member Rahul Gandhi, party chief Mallikarjun Kharge and spokesperson Supriya Shrinete over the "cash-for-vote" allegations, which Tawde has explicitly refuted.

Tawde said he was "seriously hurt" by the charges and that Congress "purposefully spoke untruth to the media and people" to defame him and BJP.

The BJP member said in case Congress leaders don't apologise, he will initiate criminal proceedings under Section 356 (for defamation) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and also civil proceedings for damages of Rs 100 crore.

Bahujan Vikas Aghadi leaders had accused Tawde of distributing cash to vote voters, and Rs 9.6 lakh cash was recovered. TNN

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## Man, 58, gets HC nod for IVF as under-50 wife is eligible for it

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**Kolkata:** Calcutta HC on Friday allowed an elderly childless couple, married for the last 30 years, to become parents through assisted reproductive technology (ART), even though the husband, at 58, crossed the upper age limit of 55 specified in the Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Act.

Noting that the wife, who is below 50, is eligible for IVF, Justice Amrita Sinha in her order said: "If the woman is not

allowed to avail ART even though she is eligible for it, it will be sheer injustice to her. The wife ought not to suffer for the ineligibility of her husband. This is so because the husband has no physical participation in any of the procedures involved in the birth of the child through ART."

"The husband has claimed that he is financially strong to bear the expenses of the procedure. Apart from providing moral and financial support to the wife, the husband hardly has a role to play," he added.

## India is not a theocracy: HC on plea against U'khand masjid

**Dehradun:** Uttarakhand HC admitted a plea by minority organisation Alpsankhayak Seva Samiti (ASS) and directed Uttarakashi DM and SP to ensure stringent security around Jama Masjid, which right-wing groups claim is illegal, reports Pankul Sharma.

"In an oral observation, HC said we are not a theocracy but a country governed by the rule of law and no one should indulge in hate speech and threats of destruction," petitioner's counsel Kartikeya Hari Gupta said.

The division bench of acting Chief Justice Manoj Tiwari and Justice Rakesh Thapliyal accepted the plea seeking court's intervention to prevent a mahapanchayat, called by right-wing groups on Dec 1, against Uttarakashi town's Jama Masjid.

The court also directed to list the plea as a fresh case on Nov 27, said Gupta. HC directed the state to take explicit direction from DGP to maintain law and order.

## 'No Kerala govt support', actor drops sex complaint against MLA

**Kochi:** A 51-year-old Malayalam actress who had levelled sexual abuse allegations against several male actors, including CPI(M) MLA M Mukesh, on Friday said she was not keen on pursuing her complaints due to "lack of support and protection from the Kerala govt".

The complainant alleged "carelessness" on the part of state govt and said she was "mentally exhausted" and therefore, not keen on taking the complaints forward.

She claimed she was made an accused in a Pocco case following her complaints against the actors, including Maniyanpilla Raju and Idavela Babu, and govt did nothing to protect her. "I want justice... If I commit suicide, govt will be responsible for it," she said.

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**New Delhi:** In a relief to CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu-led Himachal Pradesh govt, SC on Friday stayed the initiation of disqualification proceedings against six MLAs who were appointed as chief parliamentary secretaries in 2023.

A bench of Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Sanjay Kumar stayed the findings of the Himachal Pradesh

## SC stays disqualification of 6 HP parl secys, CM hails 'relief'

HC that held as illegal and unconstitutional the protection from disqualification granted to the MLAs for being chosen as chief parliamentary secretary (CPS) and parliamentary secretary under a state law and cleared the way for initiation of disqualification proceedings as MLAs for holding office of profit.

Following the stay of SC, though the six MLAs will not hold the post of CPS, they will not be disqualified as members of the legislative assembly.

The bench said it was not

staying the entire Nov 13 judgment of HC but only paragraph 50 of the verdict that paved way for the initiation of disqualification proceedings of the MLAs.

SC further made it clear to the Sukhu govt to not make any further appointment of

chief parliamentary secretaries or parliamentary secretaries saying "it will be contrary to law".

The bench sought the response of BJP leader Kalpana Devi, who has moved HC challenging the appointment of chief parliamentary sec-

retaries along with several other BJP functionaries.

Sukhu welcomed SC decision to stay a HC order to initiate disqualification proceedings against six MLAs appointed as CPS. "The relief granted by SC is significant, and we will now deliberate on the next steps after considering all legal aspects," he said. TNN & PTI

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**ORDER OF ATTACHMENT TO COMPEL THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED (Sec Section 83)**

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यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण के अधिसूचित क्षेत्र में प्राधिकरण द्वारा स्वीकृत मास्टर प्लान के अतिरिक्त प्लॉटिंग/हाउसिंग/कोलोनी का प्रकाश का अन्य निर्माण पूरी तरह से रोक है। सामान्यतः इस प्रकार की खरीद-फरोख्त से पूर्व: सचेत रहें तथा कोलोनाइजर के फ़ाइनल विज्ञापन से बचें। अधिक जानकारी के लिए प्राधिकरण की वेबसाइट [www.yamunaeexpresswayauthority.com](http://www.yamunaeexpresswayauthority.com) देखें।

**UTTARAKHAND POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD**  
Gaura Devi Paryavaran Bhawan, 46-B, IT Park, Sahasradhara Road, Dehradun, Phone: 0135-2607092 web : [www.uepcb.ug.gov.in](http://www.uepcb.ug.gov.in)

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POST OF JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOW**  
The Uttarakhand Pollution Control Board (UKPCB) is invited applications for the following temporary posts to assist officers for various works related to management of Solid Waste / Plastic Waste/BMW and for laboratories established under NMCG:

Sr. No.	Name of Post & Monthly Emolument	No. of Post	Place of Posting	Service Duration	Qualification
1	Junior Research Fellow (JRF) (Rs. 37000/- + Applicable HRA/Month) (for assisting day to day Board's functioning)	10	Head Office, Dehradun-06 Regional Office, Dehradun-02 Regional Office, Haldwani-02	Services of JRF to assist in day to day Board's activities shall be appointed for a period of one year including and subsequently renewal and/or upgradation shall be based on candidate's performance.	1. Post Graduation in Chemistry/ Environment Science / Micro Biology/ Bio-chemistry or Post-Graduation in Chemical/ Environmental Bio-Chemical Engineering.
2	Junior Research Fellow (JRF) (Rs. 37000/- + Applicable HRA/Month) (for NMCG)	07	Central Lab -02 Regional Office, Kashipur Lab-03 Regional Office, Roorkee Lab-02	Services of JRF under NMCG shall be upto the duration of project and any upgradation shall be subject to direction of NMCG.	2. Valid GATE or NET.

Conditions:  
1. Age limit is 35 years (as on date of publication of this advertisement).  
2. The above-mentioned posts are purely temporary. The selected candidates shall not have right to claim for regularization or of absorption whatever in regular vacancies of Uttarakhand Pollution Control Board. The posts mentioned above are not being filled against the regular sanctioned post of the Uttarakhand Pollution Control Board. Boards has all rights to suspend/ cancel the services of the appointed JRFs if found the services are not satisfactory.  
3. Applicant are required to download the application form which is available at Board's website ([www.uepcb.ug.gov.in](http://www.uepcb.ug.gov.in)) and duly filled application and attested copies of documents, as mentioned in the application form shall reach before 10.12.2024 to the Member Secretary, Uttarakhand Pollution Control Board, 46-B, Gauradevi Prayavaran Bhawan, I. T. Park, Sahasradhara Road, Dehradun.  
4. The shortlisted candidates will be called for interview, for which separate intimation will be given.  
5. The applicant shall made separate application for the post of both categories as mentioned at serial no. 1 & 2 of the table.  
Member Secretary

**Government of Rajasthan, Office of the DSO Baran**  
 Email: dsofood-brn-rj@nic.in Phone No 07453237020  
 File no. ( )/3334 Date: 13-11-2024

**NOTICE INVITING BID**

e-Bids for selection of Handling and Transportation of Food grains Under PDS from FCI Depots in District Baran are invited from interested bidders up to 09-12-2024. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (<http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> or <http://www.food.rajasthan.gov.in>) of the state. The approximate value of the procurement is 33000000 for One year. NIB No. FCC2425AO055 UBN No. FCC2425SLOB00074 DIPR/C/11355/2024

Sd/-  
 DSO Baran  
 Office Name:

**राजस्थान राज्य क्रीडा परिषद**  
 सवाई मानसिंह स्टेडियम, जयपुर, जयपुर  
 कार्यालय सूचना नं 0141-2744283, फोन नं 0141-2740568, ईमेल आईडी-rajcpur@gmail.com

क्रमांक: एफ.ए./खेल उपकरण आगर/2024/1488 दिनांक: 20.11.2024

**ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 78/2024-25 दिनांक 20.11.2024**

राजस्थान राज्य क्रीडा परिषद द्वारा Manufacturers/Suppliers/Authorised dealers for supply of sports equipments (consumable/non-consumable) से निविदा प्रपत्र में दि-प्रक्रीडा बोली तथा तकनीकी विवरण एवं प्रक्रीडा-प्रोक्वोरमेंट प्रक्रीडा द्वारा ऑनलाइन ई-निविदाएं एक वर्ष की अवधि हेतु आमंत्रित की जाती है। संश्लिष्ट पूर्ण विवरण वेबसाइट <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> एवं <http://sppp.raj.nic.in> तथा [www.rssc.in](http://www.rssc.in) पर देखा जा सकता है। UBN No. RSC2425SLOB00036

राज.सं.वार/सी/24/8116 सचिव

**कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियंता, सावित्रीवट वृत्त चूरु**  
 क्रमांक :- 1685 दिनांक :- 14.11.2024

**अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 04 / 2024-25**

इच्छुक निविदादाताओं से जिला चूरु में आर.यू.सी. का निर्माण कार्य (मय पंच वष के दोष निवारण व सुधार अर्थात्) कूल 3 आर.यू.सी. कार्य हेतु अनुमानित लागत पत्र क्र 1431.05 लाख को अल्पकालीन-ऑन लाईन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। कार्य के निविदा प्रपत्र दिनांक 25.11.2024 संघ 6.00 बजे तक ऑनलाइन अपलोड करना आवश्यक है। उक्त निविदा से सम्बंधित विवरण सत्य सकार के प्रोक्वोरमेंट पोर्टल <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> व विभाग के वेबसाइट <http://pwr.rajasthan.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है। एन.आई.सी.नं.-PWD2425A2650

यू.बी.एन नं :- PWD2425WLOB09695  
 2 PWD2425WSOB09696  
 3 PWD2425WSOB09697

Sd/-  
 अधीक्षण अभियंता  
 सा.नि.वि वृत्त चूरु  
 DIPR/C/11417/2024

**UJVN LIMITED**  
 H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006  
 Telephone: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135-2763508  
 CIN No. U40101UR2001SC0252866, Website: www.ujvn.com

Letter No:1033 e-Tender Notice Date: 21/11/2024

Office of the Executive Engineer (maintenance), Ramganga Power Station, Kalagarh invites online tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below

**e-Tender No. : 16/EE(M)/RPSK/2024-25**

**Name of work :** Design, fabrication, supply, installation, testing & commissioning of High speed lubricating system with modification and re-babbiting of 08 nos of thrust bearing pads of unit#1 and 2

**Estimated cost:** Rs.118.00 Lakh (GST extra)

**Date of Availability of bid document on e-portal :** 22.11.2024 10:00 Hrs

**Last date for submission of bids on e-portal :** 13.12.2024 up to 16:00 hrs

For further details, kindly visit the e-procurement portal: [www.uktenders.gov.in](http://www.uktenders.gov.in)

Executive Engineer (M)

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**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
 No.-DRM/C/AGRA/NFR/E-AUCTION Dated:-18.11.2024

**E-Auction Notice**

On Behalf of the President of India, The Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager-North Central Railway-Agra invites E-Auction as per category given as under:-

Category: Publicity	Catalogue No. : ADVT-AGRA- 24-08	E-Auction Start Date and Time	E-Auction End Date and Time
Commercial Publicity via GlowSign at Agra Cantt. railway station Zone 1st, Publicity on platforms and concourse area.	Date:-03.12.2024 Time:-11.00	Date:-03.12.2024 Time:-11.30	

Note:-Prospective bidders are requested to visit E-Auction Leasing Module on IREPS website ([www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)). The Lot-wise details are available therein under the above mentioned Catalogue Number. 2011/24(DG)

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**छत्तीसगढ़ शासन, जल संसाधन विभाग**  
**कार्यालय मुख्य अभियंता**  
**महानदी गोदावरी कडार, रायपुर (छ.ग.)**

**ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट निविदा सूचना**  
 eProcurement Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> (प्रथम आमंत्रण)

सिस्टम निविदा क्र. 161247 / निविदा सूचना क्र. 06/ वलेलि / 2024-25, डोंगराण दिनांक 20.11.2024

निम्नलिखित कार्य के लिए दिनांक 11.12.2024 17:30 तक ऑन लाईन निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती है:-

**कार्य का नाम** - राजनादगांव जिले के विकासखण्ड-डोंगराण का सूखानाला बैराज के सुखरी माईनर नहर के आर.डी 2160 मी से 3660 मी तक निर्माण कार्य, अर्जुनी सालिक झिल्टिया माईनर नहर के आर.डी 0 मी से 2280 मी तक, केसला माईनर नहर के आर.डी 0 मी से 3290 मी तक, केसला सब माईनर नहर क्रमांक-1 आर.डी. 0 मी से 885 मी तक, केसला सब माईनर नहर क्रमांक-2 आर.डी. 0 मी से 2110 मी तक महानापर माईनर नहर आर.डी. 0 मी से 1530 मी तक जीर्णोद्धार एवं सी.सी., लाईनिंग कार्य, 08 नम व्ही.आर.बी., 02 नम माईनर हेड, 02 नम फाल, 01 नम एस.पी., 01 नम डी.सी., 07 नम इनलेट, 72 नम आउटलेट का निर्माण सहित पुराने स्ट्रक्चर का मरम्मत कार्य।

अनुमानित लागत - रु. 469.43 लाख

अन्य विवरण एवं विस्तृत निविदा छत्तीसगढ़ शासन की ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट वेब. साइट <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> पर दिनांक 27.11.2024 समय 17.31 बजे से देखे तथा डाउनलोड किये जा सकते हैं।

नोट : निविदा में भाग लेने हेतु ठेकेदारों को ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट वेबसाइट <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> पर नामांकित / पंजीयन तथा लॉक निर्माण विभाग को एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली के अंतर्गत ठेकेदार को उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजीयन कराना अनिवार्य है।

Sd/-  
 कार्यपालन अभियंता  
 जल संसाधन बैराज संभाग, डोंगराण  
 कृते मुख्य अभियंता महानदी गोदावरी कडार,  
 जल संसाधन विभाग, रायपुर, छ.ग.

G-242503944/8

**OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER IN CHIEF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, NAVA RAIPUR, ATAL NAGAR (CENTRAL TENDER CELL) E-Procurement Tender Notice**  
 Main Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>

**Tenders are invited for the Following works:-**

S. NO.	System Tender No./Date	Name of Work	PAC Amount (Rupees in lacs)
1	160891 First Call 13.11.2024	Construction of Sendri Koni Bypass Main Road Village Ramtala to Bhadoriyakhar Barpalil Till Gatoury Approach Road Length 2.325 Km.	221.87
2	161171 Third Call 13.11.2024	CONSTRUCTION OF COURT ROOM AT PRATAPPUR (C.G.)	700.44
3	161235 First Call 14.11.2024	Construction Of High Level Bridge i/c Approach Road Across Sukhran Pangan River on Sundarpur -Chourakhaad Road.	266.44
4	161252 First Call 14.11.2024	Construction of Composite Building at Sakli. i/c W.S.S.F. Electrification, Boundary wall & Approach Road Works.	1725.38
5	161324 First Call 18.11.2024	CONSTRUCTION OF AIR STREP TAMESHWARNAGAR DISTT.-BALRAMPUR -RAMANUJGANJ (Work code -7410120240001).	367.86

Last Date of Tender Downloading S.No. 02 date 25.11.2024, S.No. 05 date 10.12.2024. Other Tenders Date are Schedule as date 05.12.2024. For more details on the tender and bidding process please visit the above mentioned portal.

Sd/-  
 Chief Engineer  
 (Central Tender Cell)  
 Office Of Engineer In Chief  
 P.W.D. Nava Raipur Atal Nagar  
 G-242503961/7

**छत्तीसगढ़ शासन जल संसाधन विभाग**  
**कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता**  
**जल संसाधन संभाग, कोटा, जिला-बिलासपुर (छ.ग.)**

**निविदा निरस्तीकरण आदेश**  
 आदेश क्र. / 5810 / वलेलि. / 2024-25 कोटा, दिनांक 20.11.2024

निविदा सूचना क्र. 04/ वलेलि./ 2024-25 दिनांक 29.08.2024 सिस्टम नं. 158106 (प्रथम आमंत्रण) जी नं. 242502127 दिनांक 31.08.2024 को अपरिहार्य कारणों से निरस्त किया जाता है।

Sd/-  
 कार्यपालन अभियंता  
 जल संसाधन संभाग कोटा  
 जिला-बिलासपुर (छ.ग.)  
 G-242503934/7

**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
 No. AGC-EL-C-T-EPC-02-2024-25 Dated: 19.11.2024

**TENDER NOTICE**

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (Const.), North Central Railway, Agra for and behalf of President of India invites "Open Tender" through on line only (E-Tendering) for the following works.

Tender No.	Approx. Cost of the work	Bid Security
AGC-EL-C-T-EPC-02-2024-25	Rs. 518,69,00,254/-	Rs. 1,00,00,000/-

**Name of work with its location :** Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 220/2x25 kv & 132/2x25 kv Traction Sub-station along with SP/SSPs between Mathura-Dholpur-Antri-Bina section of North Central Railway in connection with raising of speed to 160 kmph/200 Kmph.

**Completion Period :** 720 Days Tender closing date & time : 31.12.2024 upto 16:00 hrs.

**Validity of offer :** 180 days from the date of tender opening.

Tenders can only submit their offer through web portal [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) up to 16:00 hrs on 31.12.2024. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) 2009/24 (ADM)

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**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
 No.GSU-II-PRYJ-14-2024 Dated 19.11.2024

**TENDER NOTICE**

Dy. Chief Engineer-II/GSU/Prayagraj, North Central Railway, acting for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work through Open Tender-Two Packet System with e-RA applicable. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

**Brief Description of work:** Construction of 2 lane (End-To-End) ROB in lieu of L-Xing No. 2 at km 727/25-27 in DDU-PRYJ section and L-Xing No. 78 B at km 1015/43-45 (CNBI-CNBL) in PRYJ-CNB section of Prayagraj Division of North Central Railway.

Approx. Cost of work	Amount of EMD	Cost of Tender Document	Tender Opening date and time
₹ 109.81 Cr.	₹ 56.40,700/-	0.00/-	24.12.2024, 15.00 Hrs.

**Completion period:** 18 months. Note:- 1. The complete information along with tender document of above E-works tender will be available on website <https://ireps.gov.in> up to 15:00 hrs. on the due date of tender opening. 2. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with class III Digital signature certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000, 3. Rate entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall only be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head attached by tenderer shall be straight away ignored and shall not be considered. 4. Documents being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. 5. In case of any difficulty, helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. 2008/24 FA

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**ग्रेटर नौएडा औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण**  
 पत्रांक: वीरोप्र/ई-निविदा सेल/2024/5399 दिनांक: 21 नवंबर, 2024

**ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना**

महाप्रबंधक (अभियन्तण) ग्रेटर नौएडा औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी, ग्रेटर नौएडा की ओर से ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या- वीरोप्र/ई-निविदा सेल/2024/5399 दिनांक 21/11/2024 के माध्यम से उल्लेखित क्रम संख्या-01 से 16 तक के कार्य की ई-निविदाएं आमंत्रित जाती हैं। समस्त नियम व शर्तें ग्रेटर नौएडा प्राधिकरण की वेबसाइट [www.greaternoidaauthority.in](http://www.greaternoidaauthority.in) पर ई-निविदा लिंक एवं ई-पोर्टल <https://tender.up.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध है किसी परिवर्तन, संशोधन व अतिरिक्त सूचनाओं के लिए एका वेबसाइट देखें।

क्र.सं.	कार्य का नाम/वर्क सर्फिस	अनुमानित लागत
1.	ग्राम सादोपुर में (जी.टी. रोड से पीतम होम तक) और (ग्राम मुख्य सड़क से महाराज सिंह, सुरेन्द्र एवं सुशशा होम तक) इंटरलॉकिंग टाइल्स लगाने का कार्य। (वर्क सर्फिस-2)	₹ 18.96 लाख
2.	सेक्टर गामा-1 के ब्लॉक-ए में स्टाफ रूम का डिस्टेंल और पुनः निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सर्फिस-5)	₹ 27.68 लाख
3.	ग्राम तुगलपुर हल्दीना में अशोषण सी 0 सी 0 रोड एवं नाली नहरना का कार्य। (वर्क सर्फिस-4)	₹ 79.38 लाख
4.	सेक्टर-पाई-1 में गंगालज कैम्पस आर-1 की सड़क, ड्रेन, रेन वाटर हावरेस्टिंग, टोयलेट एवं गार्ड रूम का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सर्फिस-जल)	₹ 11.20 लाख
5.	सेक्टर ओमेगा-1, गोलक लिंक-1 में नए ट्यूबवेलों (एस. आई.टी.सी. पीपिंग प्लांट, ट्यूबवेल) का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सर्फिस-जल)	₹ 47.15 लाख
6.	ग्रेटर नौएडा के सेक्टर-1 में विलरन पाईप उपलब्ध कराने एवं बिछाने का कार्य। (वर्क सर्फिस-जल)	₹ 102.49 लाख
7.	सेक्टर ईकोटेक 01 में जलपूर्ति लाइन का कार्य। (वर्क सर्फिस-जल)	₹ 285.37 लाख
8.	ग्रेटर नौएडा के अन्तर्गत कानना 137 एम.एल.डी. एस.टी. पी. में 10 एम.एल.डी. समता के एस.पी.एस. का डिजाइन, कन्स्ट्रक्शन, इरेक्शन एवं कमिश्निंग तथा 3 वर्ष तक संचालन एवं अनुशासन का कार्य। (वर्क सर्फिस-सीवर)	₹ 422.33 लाख
9.	ग्रेटर नौएडा के सेक्टर ईकोटेक 03 में एस.पी.एस. सेक्टर-1 से 20 एम.एल.डी.0 एस.टी.डी.0 तक राईडिंग मेन लाईन बिछाने का कार्य। (वर्क सर्फिस-सीवर)	₹ 646.68 लाख
10.	ग्राम अरतोली के डम्पिंग ग्राउंड में हाई मास्ट एवं एल.डी.0 डस्ट्री लाईट के सहित 11 के.वी.0 लाईन का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सर्फिस-ईएण्डएम-3)	₹ 158.34 लाख
11.	ग्राम अजयपुर में 6 प्रतिशत आबादी मुख्ओं का विद्युतीकरण का कार्य। (वर्क सर्फिस-ईएण्डएम-3)	₹ 28.45 लाख
12.	ग्राम क्यामपुर में 6 प्रतिशत आबादी मुख्ओं का विद्युतीकरण का कार्य। (वर्क सर्फिस-ईएण्डएम-3)	₹ 31.26 लाख
13.	ग्राम नटों की मढ़ैया (फेस-2) और बिरौडी (ए एन सी ब्लाक) में 6 प्रतिशत आबादी मुख्ओं का विद्युतीकरण का कार्य। (वर्क सर्फिस-ईएण्डएम-3)	₹ 80.56 लाख
14.	ग्राम घबरवा में 6 प्रतिशत आबादी मुख्ओं का विद्युतीकरण का कार्य। (वर्क सर्फिस-ईएण्डएम-3)	₹ 38.24 लाख
15.	ग्राम कासना (एम-ब्लॉक एवं पुलिस थाने के पास) में 6 प्रतिशत किसान आबादी का विद्युतीकरण का कार्य। (वर्क सर्फिस-ईएण्डएम-3)	₹ 145.16 लाख
16.	ग्राम सिरसा में 6 प्रतिशत आबादी मुख्ओं का विद्युतीकरण का कार्य। (वर्क सर्फिस-ईएण्डएम-3)	₹ 195.13 लाख

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Ref:2045/BRIDCUL-952/24 Dated: 21/11/2024

**E-Tendering**

On behalf of Hon'ble, Governor of Uttarakhand, E-Tenders are invited by Managing Director BRIDCUL, from the Contractors registered with any Govt./Semi Govt./PSU/Nigam in suitable Class & Category for the works given as below:-

S. No.	Ref No.	Name of Project	Estimated Cost (In lac Including GST)	Earnest Money (In Lac)	Cost of Tender Document (In Rs.)	Time Period
1	BRIDCUL/HQ HLD/59/2024-25	Modernization, Renovation Upgradation & Construction of Various Buildings at Kumaun University, Nainital (Under pm usha)	3437.83	68.76	5000 + 18% GST	18 Months

For above tenders, document download start date is 26.11.2024 and Bid submission end date is 17.12.2024 at 15:00 Hrs. The details of e-tender of above work can be obtained directly from website <https://uktenders.gov.in> Changes, if any will be intimated only through website <https://uktenders.gov.in>

General Manager (Civil)

**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
 Tender Notice No.: 11820242025 Dated: 19.11.2024

**E-TENDER NOTICE**

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering) North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites the following E-Tender on prescribed form for the following works up to 13:30 hrs. on 11.12.2024. The details of the Tenders are as under:-

**Tender No.:** 246 **Name of Work:** Improvement of water supply by provision of chlorination plant at new pump house in the colonies for 5 years under ADEN/HQ/II/CNB. **Completion Period:** 60 Months

**Approx. Cost of work (Rs):** 95,19,862.81 **Earnest Money (Rs):** 1,90,400.00

**Date of Opening of tender:** 11.12.2024, similar work for Eligibility Criteria: Installation/operation and maintenance of water treatment plant for disinfection of drinking water. Note: (1) Tender on line can be submitted up to 13:30 hrs. on 11.12.2024. (2) The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) up to 13:30 hrs. on the due date of tender opening i.e. 11.12.2024. 2007/24 (D)

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**E-TENDER DATE EXTENSION NOTICE**

E-tender Specification No. CCP-I/39/2024-2025 invited by this office for work of Appointment of an agency for providing manpower and infrastructure for customer care center for UPCL at 5Km range from Urja Bhawan, Dehradun are hereby extended due to unavoidable reasons. The e-tender can be purchased and submitted upto 17:00 hrs of 26.11.2024. Part-I of the e-tender shall be opened on 27.11.2024 at 15:30 hrs. Other terms & conditions will remain same as per original tender notice. For further details, please visit our website [www.uktenders.gov.in](http://www.uktenders.gov.in).

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**Superintending Engineer 14<sup>th</sup> Circle**  
**HPPWD Rohru**

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)**

The Superintending Engineer 14<sup>th</sup> Circle HPPWD Rohru on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system, for construction of roads under National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development for following works from the legible and approved contractors registered with HPPWD and HP Jal Shakti Vibhag (Contractors of HP Jal Shakti Vibhag are eligible to participate for the works having amount put to tender above Rs. 100 lacs) Non registered contractors may submit the bids, however, the successful bidder has to register in appropriate class with appropriate authority in HPPWD.

**Sr. No. :- 1 District :- Shimla RIDF :- XXIX Name of work :- C/O of Link Road From Doodra to Chamdhar via Lagnu 0/0 km to 6/0 (SH-RofD, Protection work, Cross Drainage work, Road Side Drain, Soling, parapet and dumping Structure work ) km 0/0 to 6/0 under NABARD RIDF-XXIX Estimated including GST :- Const. Cost :- 535.21 Estimated including GST :- Maint. cost :- 0 Total cost (in lacs) :- 535.21 Period of completion on (in lacs) :- 12 month Bid Security (in lacs) :- 10.70**

- Date of release of invitation for bids through e-procurement 21.11.2024
- Cost of bid form Rs. 5000/- per job (non-refundable) only Online in favour of Executive Engineer HPPWD Division Rohru.
- Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission :- The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted online on website [www.hppwdtenders.gov.in](http://www.hppwdtenders.gov.in). The bidder would be required to register in the website which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have valid digital signature certificate (DSC) from one of the authorised certifying authorities (CA) Aspiring bidder who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in NABARD may obtain the same from the website: [www.pmgstenders.gov.in](http://www.pmgstenders.gov.in). Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering bidders already processing the valid digital signature issued from authorised CAs can use the same in this tender.

\* Non registered bidders may submit bids : the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract.

- Submission of original documents :** The bidders are required to submit (a) original Affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4B (a) (ii) ITB Section 2 with Superintending Engineer 14<sup>th</sup> circle HPPWD Rohru on a date not later than two working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the bid either by registered post or by hand.
- Last date/ Time for receipt of bid through e-tendering last date/time for receipt of bids through e-tendering on dated 29.11.2024 up to 6:00 PM**
- The site for the work is available.
- Only online submission of bids is permitted, therefore bids must be submitted online on website [www.pmgstenders.gov.in](http://www.pmgstenders.gov.in). The technical qualification part of the bids will be opened online at 11:00 A.M. on 30 Nov. 2024 in the office of Superintending Engineer 14<sup>th</sup> circle HPPWD Rohru by the authorized officers. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened online on the next working day at the same time.
- The bidder is not required to quote his rate for routine maintenance. The rates to be paid for routine maintenance are indicated in the bill of quantities. Further, the payment for routine maintenance to the contractor shall be regulated based on his performance of maintenance activities.
- All the required materials like Cement/Steel/Bitumen/ Explosive etc shall be arranged by contractor at his own level.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than seventy five (75) days after the deadline date for bid submission.
- Bidders may bid for any one or more of the works mentioned in the Table above. To qualify for a package of contract made up of this for which bids are invited in the same NIT, the bidder must demonstrate having experience and resources sufficient to meet the aggregate of the qualifying criteria for the individual contracts.
- \*"The Bidders to Note that Government has decided vide letter NO. PBW(B/F)(1)/2023 Dated 04.10.2023 to put additional rider of not more than two works in hand having awarded cost more than 1.00 crore for contractors in all State works Excluding NABARD PMGSY/Externally Aided Projects/ renewal/CIRAB/Buildings/Bridges works."
- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The Employer shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid update, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

(Pramo Kumar Upreti)  
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Advt. No. 3429/22-11-2024 HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK

**E-Tender No. GCSC/PE/DTA/2024-25/87**

**Gujarat Council of Science City**  
 Science City Road, Ahmedabad -380060  
 Phone: 91-79-29703122

**Mail:** [tender-gcsc@gujarat.gov.in](mailto:tender-gcsc@gujarat.gov.in) Web - [sciencecity.gujarat.gov.in](http://sciencecity.gujarat.gov.in)

GCSC invites Request for Proposal (RFP) for Appointment of Design and Technical Agency (DTA) for Upgradation of Planet Earth pavilion at Science City, Ahmedabad. Details of the above-mentioned RFP can be downloaded from <https://sciencecity.gujarat.gov.in> and <https://www.tenderprocure.com>. Interested Parties may read and download RFP documents. The last date for the submission of the RFP is 13-12-2024 (online) up to 6:00 PM and the last date for submission of a hard copy of the RFP document is 17-12-2024 up to 6:00 PM.

Executive Director Date 22-11-2024  
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**NOTIFICATION FOR FILLING-UP OF POSTS**  
 Advertisement No. ni-msme/vacancies notification/2024/07, Date 18.11.2024

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1	Director	1	Deputation including Short Term Contract	7 CPC, Level-12	For all details, please visit the official website. <a href="http://www.nimsme.gov.in">www.nimsme.gov.in</a> Last date for receipt of applications by post / courier is 02.01.2025
2	Faculty Member	6	Direct Recruitment	7 CPC, Level-11	
3	Associate Faculty Member	3 (UR-2, SC-1)	Direct Recruitment	7 CPC, Level-10	

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**CORRIGENDUM / TENDER DATE EXTENTION** Nov 23, 2024

## Charges not tied to Cong tenure, claims Baghel

**Raipur:** Former Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel Friday demanded that Centre file an FIR against 'Adani' and insisted that the allegations in the US indictment didn't pertain to Congress govt's tenure. At a presser, Baghel said, "Rahul Gandhi has already called for probes by ED and CBI into allegations against Adani Group. We stand by the demand."

Meanwhile, Chhattisgarh CM's media advisor, Pankaj Kumar Jha, accused Baghel of spreading falsehoods, pointing out that the deal referenced in the US documents took place in 2021, during Congress govt's tenure in Chhattisgarh. "Ever since US's revelations about Adani's alleged corruption, reactions have flooded in from ministers & BJP spokespersons to defend Adani, which makes Adani-Modi connection clear," Baghel said. **TNN**

## KTR to Rahul: Tell Revanth to junk Adani deals

**Hyderabad:** BRS working chief KT Rama Rao Friday demanded that Congress' Rahul Gandhi direct Telangana CM A Revanth Reddy to cancel agreements with Adani Group immediately if he is sincere about his stance on the corporate giant, reports **Koride Mahesh**.

"Rahul Gandhi must emulate Kenya's example where the govt cancelled all contracts with Adani after allegations of corruption surfaced. If Rahul is genuine about his accusations of corruption against Adani, why hasn't he asked Telangana's Congress govt to cancel these agreements? How can Congress portray Adani as corrupt in Delhi while treating him as trustworthy in Telangana?" KTR said at a presser.

# No way to see Adani hand: Odisha official

## Bribe Charges Will Be Probed, Says Minister

**Ashok Pradhan**  
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**Bhubaneswar:** In a recent court filing, the US Securities and Exchange Commission alleged that Adani Green's internal documents show huge kickbacks were made or committed to Odisha govt officials to influence decisions regarding a power supply agreement.

The SEC complaint read, "According to Adani Green's records, a payment equal to hundreds of thousands of dollars was paid or promised to govt officials in Odisha to cause Odisha to enter into a power supply agreement with SECI (Solar Energy Corporation of India) for purchase of 500 MW of power."

"Consistent with Adani Green's records, SECI announced its first power supply agreement related to the manufacturing linked projects in July 2021, pursuant to which Grid Corporation of Odisha (Gridco) agreed to buy 500 MW of capacity from SECI," the complaint said.

As per Gridco's annual report, during 2022-23 it had executed two PSAs with SECI towards procurement of a total of 400 MW of wind capacity and three power purchase agreements for the procurement of 410 MW of solar capacity to meet future renewable purchase obligation target. In addition, one PSA was executed with SECI in June 2023 for 600 MW of wind power capacity. While state law minister



POWER SCANDAL

## Former power minister denies kickbacks amid calls from BJD colleagues for probe

**Five-time BJD MLA Pratap Keshari Deb,** who was Odisha's energy minister from 2022 until earlier this year, contested Friday allegations about an official or govt agency in the state receiving kickbacks while signing a power purchase agreement with Solar Energy Corporation of India, reports **Ashok Pradhan**.

Deb's statement came amid calls from BJD colleagues for a thorough probe in the allegations originating from the US SEC accusing Adani Green Energy of paying Rs 2,029 crore in kickbacks to unnamed officials across several states to get discoms to sign purchase agreements with SECI at a rate higher than the market price. "In Odisha, erstwhile BJD govt didn't have involvement with Adani Group in green energy procurement. These allegations are not based on facts," Deb told **Tol**.

Explaining the state's green energy procurement process, he clarified that Odisha, like other states with limited renewable energy sources, procured 500 MW of solar power exclusively through SECI, a central PSU. "The govt's role is merely supervisory. The bulk supplier, Gridco, handles transactions with SECI, subject to approval from Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission," he said. On the possibility of wrongdoing at Gridco, the ex-minister said the agency was "a mere arbiter" and that "kickbacks seem improbable".

BJD MLA Prasanna Acharya, who is the deputy LoP in the assembly, said "a fair inquiry can reveal what exactly happened".

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1	ई-निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	25 नवम्बर, 2024
3	ई-निविदा जमा करने की अन्तिम तिथि	02 दिसम्बर, 2024 समय: पूर्वाह्न 11.00 बजे
4	ई-निविदा खोलने की तिथि	02 दिसम्बर, 2024 समय: अपराह्न 02.00 बजे
5	कार्यावधि	01 दिन
6	ई-निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क	₹ 2,000/- (कर अतिरिक्त)
7	धरोहर धनराशि	₹ 42,500/- (रूपये ब्यालीस हजार पांच सौ मात्र)
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## Order probe as TN named, CPM tells DMK govt

**Chennai:** Reacting to the alleged bribery case involving Adani Group, CPM's Tamil Nadu secretary K Balakrishnan Friday urged the state govt to investigate allegations that Tamil Nadu was among five states that had signed power sale agreement with SECI.

"The state should initiate action against those involved and make its findings public besides revoking the contract to purchase power at a higher rate from the group," he said.

The CPM neta said Centre procured electricity from private firms and sold it to state govt at higher rates. "Since Tamil Nadu is one of the states getting power from central grid, state govt should clarify this. Higher power charges affect small & micro industries."

State minister V Senthil Balaji has maintained that there is "no direct contact with Adani's firm" and TN had inked a pact with SECI at a competitive price of Rs 2.61 per unit. **TNN**

## Assam Cong for probe into Adani project in state

**Guwahati:** Assam Congress Friday demanded that investment by Azure Power, which has been charged along with Gautam Adani by US prosecutors for allegedly bribing Indian officials for obtaining solar power contracts, in the state be brought under the purview of the JPC sought by opposition parties to look into the allegations against the businessman.

Congress' Bhupen Borah said there is a possibility of Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma receiving illegal financial gratifications while awarding the solar power projects in the state to Azure Power, which were inaugurated two years ago. **PTI**

# YSRCP dismisses graft charge, says discoms inked pact with SECI

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**Vijayawada:** YSRCP condemned the allegations connecting the Andhra Pradesh govt's deal to procure solar power from Solar Energy Corporation of India generated by the Adani Group. "There is no direct agreement between AP discoms and any other entities, including those belonging to Adani Group. Therefore, allegations made on the then state govt are incorrect," said a YSRCP spokesperson.

In a statement issued Thursday, YSRCP said state power utilities supply close to 12,500 MU of free power per annum to agriculture sector, which has been borne by state govt. Owing to policies of the previous govt (TDP) to sign PPAs at exorbitant tariffs, discoms were pushed into trouble as they were made to purchase power at nearly Rs 5.10 per kWh. This resulted in a huge subsidy burden on state govt.

"With a view to mitigate this issue, the state govt proposed to install 10,000 MW of solar capacity in solar parks to be developed in Andhra Pradesh in 2020 and floated tenders through APGECL.

A tender was floated in Nov 2020 for the development of solar power capacity aggregating to 6,400 MW power, wherein over 24 bids were received, with the tariffs in the range of Rs 2.49 to Rs 2.58 per kWh. However, the tender encountered obstacles on legal and regulatory fronts and, therefore, the exercise could not fructify.

Andhra Pradesh govt subsequently received an offer from SECI, a govt of India enterprise, to supply 7,000 MW of power at the lowest



Chandrababu Naidu & Jagan Reddy

## Naidu: Will study & act on US charges

**Reacting to bribery charges in power purchase deals made by AP discoms during the YSRCP regime,** Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu Friday criticised his predecessor, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, without taking his name.

Naidu stated that the brand image of Andhra Pradesh had suffered due to this issue. He told the state assembly that govt was examining all details related to the allegations and would take appropriate action, reports **Srikanth Aluri**.

## Sis: Jagan turned AP into 'Adani Pradesh'

**Andhra Pradesh Congress chief YS Sharmila** accused her brother and former CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy of giving the state as a "blank cheque" to Adani Group and allegedly turning it into "Adani Pradesh". "He mortgaged the sentiments of Andhra people for a bribe of Rs 1,750 crore," Sharmila said, adding that Jagan's alleged corruption brought "infamy" and "insult" to YSR family. **TNN**

discovered tariff of Rs 2.49 per kWh, including waiver of ISTS charges. Subsequently, the state govt entered into an arrangement to procure power from the SECI, to the tune of 7,000 MW at Rs 2.49 per kWh for a 25-year period.

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**SH.APURAV GUPTA, SRM. COURT DELHI**  
**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**PROCLAMATION REQUIRED**  
**THE APPEARANCE OF PERSON ACCUSED**  
**(SEE SECTION 82 Cr.PC)**

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Vijay Kumar Tripathi @ Bangali, S/o-Rajeev Kumar Tripathi Age- 37Years, R/o Shop.No192, Amritkour Market, Paharganj New Delhi, Home Add.H.no.543 Tollyganj comorome moad, Kolkata has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No-5179/2023 punishable U/s 143(1)144 RLYACT and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that said accused Vijay Kumar Tripathi @ Bangali can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Vijay Kumar Tripathi @ Bangali has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said Warrant).

Proclamation is here by made that the said accused Vijay Kumar Tripathi @ Bangali is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 10.01.2025.

By order  
Shri APURAV GUPTA, SRM, Delhi  
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**PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited**  
Regd. Office :- PSEB H.O. Building, The Mall, Patiala-147001  
Corporate Identification Number (CIN) : U40109PB2010SGC033813  
Website : [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in) Contact No. 96461-18773

**TENDER ENQUIRY No. :- QQ-2355/PO-P**

Chief Purchase Officer/MM, Central Purchase Organization, PSPCL, 2nd floor, Multistory Building, The Mall, Patiala, invites E-Tender for Procurement of 10,500 Nos. 3-Phase, 11 KV, 75 Amp, Single Throw, Single Break GO Switches as per PSPCL specification no. QQ-2355/ PSPCL/PO-P. For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 23.11.2024 onwards.

NOTE :- Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.

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क्रमांक :- जसअ/2024-25/187 दिनांक: 21.11.2024

**ई बोली सूचना संख्या 05/2024-25**

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कार्यालय महाप्रबन्धक, ज़ोन-2, 14-बन्दरबोखरनगर कालोनी, तुला शेरपुर, सोनभद्रनगर बाईपास, बरेली-243122. ई-मेल: [gm2.uppcbily@gmail.com](mailto:gm2.uppcbily@gmail.com)

पत्रांक: 353/पीसीएस/जी.एम./ज़ोन-2/प्रकाशन दिनांक: 21.11.2024

**अति अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना**  
इस कार्यालय द्वारा Development of Infrastructure Works in Sports Stadium, District-Shahjahanpur हेतु अति अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना सं० 11/PCL/GM/ZONE-2/BLY/2024-25 दिनांक 21.11.2024 आमंत्रित की जाती है। उक्त निविदा <http://etender.up.nic.in> की वेबसाइट पर दिनांक 23.11.2024 से दिनांक 05.12.2024 के अपराह्न 01:00 बजे तक डाउनलोड/अपलोड की जा सकती है। ई-निविदा से सम्बन्धित अन्य विवरण, नियम एवं शर्तें कारपोरेशन की वेबसाइट [www.upprojects.org](http://www.upprojects.org) पर दिनांक 23.11.2024 से देवी जा सकती है।

**महाप्रबन्धक, ज़ोन-2, बरेली**

फाइल सं०: P-ESF011/2024-IT, E/669  
**राष्ट्रीय शर्करा संस्थान**  
आईएसओ 9001:2015 प्रमाणित संस्थान  
उपभोक्ता मामले खाद्य एवं सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय  
(खाद्य एवं सार्वजनिक वितरण विभाग)  
(भारत सरकार)

**सूचना**  
**विषय: Molasses Tank की निविदा प्रस्तुत करने की तिथि में विस्तार हेतु**

राष्ट्रीय शर्करा संस्थान में "Molasses Tank" के क्रय हेतु दिनांक 05.11.2024 को जारी निविदा को प्रस्तुत करने की तिथि 29.11.2024 तक विस्तारित की जा रही है। विस्तृत विवरण संस्थान की वेबसाइट [www.nsi.gov.in](http://www.nsi.gov.in) पर उपलब्ध है। अन्य शर्तें अपरिवर्तित रहेंगी।

**लेखा सह भंडार अधिकारी**  
कल्याणपुर, कानपुर  
दिनांक 22.11.2024

**संस्कृति निदेशालय, उत्तर प्रदेश**  
9वाँ तल, जवाहर भवन, अशोक मार्ग, लखनऊ।  
**ई-निविदा सूचना**

प्रयागराज महाकुम्भ-2025 हेतु संस्कृति विभाग, उ०प्र० द्वारा प्रदर्शनी पैवेलियन तथा अन्य व्यवस्थाओं हेतु दिनांक 21 नवम्बर, 2024 के समाचार पत्रों में फर्म/एजेंसी के चयन हेतु ई-निविदा प्रकाशित की गयी है।

उक्त प्रकाशित ई-निविदा में "संस्कृति विभाग, उत्तर प्रदेश द्वारा पंजीकृत निविदादाताओं से ई-टेंडरिंग के माध्यम से निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती हैं" का उल्लेख है, को "संस्कृति विभाग, उत्तर प्रदेश द्वारा निविदादाताओं से ई-टेंडरिंग के माध्यम से निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती हैं" पढ़ा जाए। शेष नियम व शर्तें यथावत रहेंगी।

**निदेशक**  
संस्कृति निदेशालय,  
उ०प्र०  
जवाहर भवन, लखनऊ।  
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**मुख्य अभियन्ता, उत्तराखण्ड ग्रामीण सड़क विकास अभिकरण**  
प्रथम तल, पंचायतीराज निदेशालय, आई०टी० पार्क के सामने, सहस्त्रधारा रोड, देहरादून  
दुरभाष: 0135-2608125, फ़ैक्स: 2608126, ईमेल: [ut-urda@pmgsy.nic.in](mailto:ut-urda@pmgsy.nic.in), [urda@yahoo.com](mailto:urda@yahoo.com)

पत्रांक: 229 / E-102116 / सुआरआरडी०१०१/24 दिनांक: 21/11/2024

**विज्ञापित**

प्रधानमंत्री ग्राम सड़क योजना के क्रियान्वयन हेतु गठित उत्तराखण्ड ग्रामीण सड़क विकास अभिकरण एवं खंडीय कार्यालयों में सहायक अभियन्ता (सिविल) के पदों पर प्रतिनियुक्ति पर लिये जाने हेतु राजकीय विभागों में कार्यरत अभियन्ताओं, जिनकी सेवा नियुक्ति विभाग प्रकाशन की तिथि से कम से कम 03 वर्ष उपरान्त हो, से निम्न शर्तों के आधार पर आवेदन पत्र आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं:-

क्र.सं.	पदनाम	भर्ती का स्रोत	वेतनमान	प्रतिनियुक्ति पर रखे जाने हेतु प्रस्तावित पदों की संख्या	अर्हता प्रतिनियुक्ति हेतु
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	सहायक अभियन्ता (सिविल)	प्रतिनियुक्ति	नियमानुसार वेतन संरक्षण	27	सहायक अभियन्ता (सिविल) के पद पर कार्यरत हो अथवा कनिष्ठ अभियन्ता (सिविल) के पद पर नियमित रूप से 07 वर्षों का कार्य अनुभव

टिप्पणी:-  
1- आवेदन पत्र मुख्य अभियन्ता उत्तराखण्ड ग्रामीण सड़क विकास अभिकरण प्रथम तल, पंचायती राज निदेशालय आई०टी० पार्क के सामने, सहस्त्रधारा रोड, देहरादून में दिनांक 11/12/2024 तक प्राप्त किये जायेंगे। विलम्ब से प्राप्त आवेदन पत्रों पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा।  
2- आवेदन पत्र विभागध्यक्ष के माध्यम से प्रेषित किये जायेंगे। सीधे प्राप्त आवेदन पत्र पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा।  
3- चयन होने के उपरान्त शासन के सम्बन्धित प्रशासकीय विभाग की अनापत्ति 30 दिवस के अन्तर्गत प्राप्त कर प्रस्तुत करनी होगी।  
4- विज्ञापित में दिये गये पदों की संख्या आवश्यकतानुसार कम/अधिक की जा सकती है।

**मुख्य अभियन्ता**  
सु०आरआरडी०१०१०

**M-48**  
**TENDER CALL NOTICE**  
**OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR, ODISHA BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS INSTITUTE, SIRIPUR, NEAR OUAT, BHUBANESWAR-3**  
Email ID: [jdobpibbsr@gmail.com](mailto:jdobpibbsr@gmail.com)

Bid Reference No. 3365/OBPI Dated- 20.11.2024

In pursuance to Bid Reference No. 3365/OBPI Dated 20.11.2024, Additional Director, Odisha Biological Products Institute, Bhubaneswar-3 invites tender in sealed cover in two bid system from wholesalers / Distributors / C & F agencies and suppliers approved by manufacturers dealing with Polypropylene Bottles (P. P. Bottles) 300ml Capacity with compatible Rubber bung and Aluminium Cap to participate in competitive bidding for supply of same during the year 2024-25 on rate contract basis.

The details of the Tender bid as well as terms and conditions and information docket are available on the DAH & VS, Odisha website <https://dahvs.odisha.gov.in> & DeGM, Khorda website <https://khordha.odisha.gov.in> Interested bidders are requested to download the required documents and submit their response from 12 Noon of dt.26.11.2024 to 5:00 PM of dt.16.12.2024 to the undersigned at the above mentioned address along with the Tender processing fee of **Rs.1180/-** (including 18% GST) remitted in shape of Bank Draft drawn from any Schedule Commercial Bank in favour of the Additional Director, Odisha Biological Products Institute, Bhubaneswar-3.

The technical bid and financial bid packed in a separate envelop (in 3rd envelop) to be submitted to the undersigned following the guidelines of tender process through Regd. Post / Speed Post / Courier service or can be dropped in Sealed drop box kept for the purpose at office of the Additional Director, OBPI, Bhubaneswar 3 latest by Dated- 16.12.2024 by 5:00 PM.

Sd/-  
**Additional Director,**  
**Odisha Biological Product Institute**  
**Bhubaneswar-3**  
OIPR-060231/1/0001/24-25

## संस्कृति निदेशालय, उत्तर प्रदेश

9वाँ तल, जवाहर भवन, अशोक मार्ग, लखनऊ।

### ई-निविदा सूचना

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि महाकुम्भ-2025, जो प्रयागराज में मनाया जा रहा है, में सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रमों में प्रतिभागी कलाकारों हेतु कार्यक्रम के दौरान सूक्ष्म जलपान/बैक शर्टें की आपूर्ति हेतु निविदा आमंत्रित की जा रही है। निविदा सम्बन्धी विस्तृत विवरण एवं नियम शर्तें ई-टेंडर की वेबसाइट के माध्यम से नीचे दर्शाये गये कार्य हेतु निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती हैं-

### महाकुम्भ-2025 के अन्तर्गत सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रमों में प्रतिभागी कलाकारों हेतु सूक्ष्म जलपान/बैक शर्टें की व्यवस्था के लिए फर्म/एजेंसी का चयन

उक्त कार्य एवं टेंडर फर्म की धनराशि तथा धरोहर संबंधित जानकारी तथा अन्य शर्तों के संबंध में विस्तृत जानकारी एवं निविदा प्रपत्र प्राप्त करने हेतु उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की ई-टेंडरिंग वेबसाइट <https://etender.up.nic.in/> पर देखें एवं डाउनलोड किये जा सकते हैं। निविदा उत्तर प्रदेश की ई-निविदा वेबसाइट <https://etender.up.nic.in/> में प्रकाशित किये जाने की अनुसूची निम्नवत् है:-

क्र. सं.	सूचना	विवरण
1	ई-निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	23 नवम्बर, 2024
3	ई-निविदा जमा करने की अन्तिम तिथि	06 दिसम्बर, 2024 समय: सायं 05.00 बजे
4	ई-निविदा खोलने की तिथि	07 दिसम्बर, 2024 समय: पूर्वाह्न 11.00 बजे
5	कार्यावधि	45 दिन
6	ई-निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क	₹ 5,000/- (कर अतिरिक्त)
7	धरोहर धनराशि (ई.एम.डी.)	₹ 50,500/- (रूपये पचास हजार पांच सौ मात्र)
8	परफारमेन्स सिक्योरिटी	₹ 2,50,000/- (रूपये दो लाख पचास हजार मात्र)
9	सम्पर्क सूत्र	<a href="mailto:directorcultureup@gmail.com">directorcultureup@gmail.com</a>

उक्त निविदा निरस्त करने का अधिकार निदेशक, संस्कृति निदेशालय, उ०प्र० में सुरक्षित होगा एवं निर्धारित शर्तों का उल्लंघन करने का धरोहर धनराशि जब कर ली जायेगी।

**निदेशक**  
संस्कृति निदेशालय, उ०प्र०  
जवाहर भवन, लखनऊ।  
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**MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF DELHI**  
OFFICE OF THE PROJECT MANAGER (CIVIC CENTRE)  
22<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR, DR. S.P.M. CIVIC CENTRE  
J.L. NEHRU MARG NEW DELHI - 110002

**NIT No. D/PM(CC)/TC/2024-25/01** Date: 21/11/2024

**DUAL BID TENDER NOTICE**

The Project Manager (Civic Centre), 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Dr. S.P.M. Civic Centre, Minto Road, New Delhi-110002 invites on behalf of the Commissioner, MCD sealed bids in two bid system from experienced firms/organizations for execution of the below mentioned work as per the schedule mentioned below: S.No.1. H/A-G-110-1300, Name of Work : Providing Facility Management Services(FMS) For DR. SHYAMA PRASAD MUKHERJEE CIVIC CENTRE AT JLN MARG FOR THE PERIOD OF THREE YEARS ( 2025-2028). Tender Amount (In Rs): Item Rate - Estimated Amount (In Rs.): 115.57 Crores. Earnest Money (In Rs.): 126 Lakhs(20 lakh to be deposited online on the website and 106 lakhs in shape of bank guarantee of Scheduled Bank) Time of Completion: 3 Years. Rates hold good for: 180 days from the date of opening of financial bid/negotiation, if any. Cost of Bid document: Rs. 1500/-+GST@ 18% to be deposited online. Important Dates : Activity Issue of Tender Document From : Date: 25.11.2024 Time: 1300 Hrs. Site Visit: 29.11.2024 at 1400 Hrs. Pre-Bid Meeting on 02.12.2024 at 1400 Hrs. Issue of Tender Document Up to : 16.12.2024 at 1300 Hrs. Tender Closing Date and Time : 16.12.2024 at 1330 Hrs. Tender Opening Date and Time (Technical Bid only): 17.12.2024 at 1500 Hrs. Opening of Financial Bid Date and Time: To be intimated later on to technically qualified bidders only. The intending bidders must get themselves registered with MCD e-tendering portal <https://www.etenders.gov.in> for online sale / purchase of tender documents, bid submission etc. IT Department of MCD, 24th Floor, Dr. S.P.M. Civic Centre, New Delhi- 110002 may be contacted for the same. Contact detail of IT Department, Contact No. Mr. Sahib (Ph: 8800110222).

**NOTE:- 1. Any subsequent corrigendum/information in respect of such tender will not be published in newspaper and will only be posted on our website. Bidders are advised to take specific note of this.**

R.O. No.42/DPI/MCD/2024-25 Project Manager (Civic Centre)

**9 held for attack on Assam tiger:** Nine villagers were arrested for alleged involvement in a vicious attack earlier this week on a three-year-old tigress that had wandered from a reserve forest in Assam's Nagaon, leaving the animal nearly blind. **TNN**

## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that this person (depicted in the photo) **Name:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** 30-35 Years, **Sex:** Male, **Height:** 5 feet 5 inch, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing:** Yellow Jacket and Black Pant, was found dead at Community Center, Near Mahila Park, Kotwali on dated 21.11.2024 by 11:42 am Under area

of P.S. Kotwali, Delhi

In this regard a DD. No.39A, dated 21.11.2024, has been Lodged at P.S. Kotwali, 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.

If any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

SHO

P.S. Kotwali, Delhi

DP/15478/N/2024

Ph.: 91-11-23977100, 8750870121

## SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General public is hereby informed that female male namely **Bobti Tiwari W/o Suraj Kumar Tiwari R/o H.No. 68, Gali No. 2, Vikas Nagar, Hanuman Chowk, Delhi Age: 29 years, Height: 5'3", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Thin, wearing White & Green colour Suit, has been missing/kidnapped from her house since 15.11.2024 at 1:30**

PM. In this regard a DD No. 138A, dated 15.11.2024 has been lodged at P.S. Ranholia, Delhi.

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

SHO

P.S. Ranholia, Delhi

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E-mail : [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)

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Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641

DP/15502/OD/2024

Ph. No.: 011-28363001, 9311735687, 7065036128

## Appeal for Identification



General public is hereby informed that one male person **Namely:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** About 65 Yrs., **Height:** 5'2", **Sex:** Male, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Grey Shirt and Black Pant, **Place of Recovery:** Near Monestry Market Ring Road Civil Lines, Delhi.

The dead body has been preserved in Subzi Mandi Hospital Delhi Mortuary for identification.

In this regard DD No. 85A Dated: 12/11/2024 has been lodged at Police Station: Civil Lines, Delhi. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

SHO

P.S.: Civil Lines, Delhi

DP/15468/N/2024

011-23815444

## SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General public is hereby informed that one male namely **Keshav Prashad Yadav S/o Ram Asra Yadav R/o H.No. 10455, 4th Floor, Mohan Park, Shahdara, Delhi Age: 52 years, Height: 5'8", Complexion: Fair, Built: Normal, Face: Round, Hair: Black & White, wearing Grey colour Shirt and Black colour Pant, has been missing/kidnapped from her house in the area of P.S. Shahdara, Delhi since 25.10.2024 at 9:00 PM. In this regard a DD No. 41-A, dated 21.11.2024 has been lodged at P.S. Shahdara, Delhi.**

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

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DP/15456/SHD/2024

P.S. Shahdara, Delhi

Ph.: 011-22322087, 7065036027

## SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General public is hereby informed that a male namely **Vivek Kumar S/o Murarilal R/o Gali No. 27A, Swatantra Nagar, Narela, Delhi Age: 25 years, Height: 5'3", Complexion: Shallow, Built: Thin, Face: Long, wearing White colour Shirt, Black colour Pant and Red colour Shoes in feet, has been missing/kidnapped from his house since 15.11.2024 at 9:00 AM. In this regard a DD No. 24A, dated 18.11.2024 has been lodged at P.S. Narela, Delhi.**

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

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DP/15392/ON/2024

P.S. Narela, Delhi

Ph. No.: 011-27280435, 27282350, 7065036323

## SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one female **Namely Tamanna d/o Rahamtulla R/o H-62, Abul Fazal Enclave, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi.** has been missing /kidnapped from her house. since: 27.10.2024. In this regard, a case DD.No. 60A, dated 27.10.2024 has been registered at P.S. Shaheen Bagh, Delhi. The description of the missing female is as under.



**Age:** 19 years, **Height:** 5'5", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Strong, **Wearing:** Black color Burka. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing female then please inform P.S. Shaheen Bagh, Delhi at following Tel No./ e-mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) and Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>, providing clue about the person.

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Fax No. 011- 24368639

DP/15284/SE/2024

Sd/-S.H.O.

Shaheen Bagh, Delhi

Tel No. 8750870926

## SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one Girl **Bhumi Jain D/o Sanjay Kumar Jain R/O 1-G/10123 Gali no. 1, West Gorakh Park shahdara, Delhi.** She has been missing /kidnapped from his home, since: 16.11.2024. In this regard, a case DD No. 58A, dated. 17.11.2024 has been Registered at P.S. Shahdara, Delhi. The description of the missing male is as under.



**Age:** 19 Year, **Height:** 4'9", **Complexion:** Fair, **Built:** thin, **Face:** Long, **Wearing:** black color T-shirt, Black color lower & black color leather footwear in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing/kidnapped female then please inform P.S. Shahdara, Delhi at following Tel No./ e-mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) and Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>, providing clue about the person.

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DP/15380/SHD/2024

Sd/-S.H.O.

Shahdara, Delhi

Tel No. 7065036027

## SEARCH FOR MISSING



General Public is hereby informed that one Female (depicted in the photo) namely **TANU W/o Gopal, R/o: H.No. 206, Rajpura Gurmandi, Delhi, Age: 22 Yrs.** has been reported missing since 19.11.2024 at about 2.00 PM. from her Residence vide, DD No. 100A, Dated 19.11.2024, registered at Police Station Model Town, North-West Distt., Delhi. Her physical description is as under:

**Sex:** Female, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Height:** 4'11", **Built:** Thin, **Hair:** Black, **Eyes:** Black, **Wearing:** Red Colour Suit.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing Female but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing Female, please inform to the following.

SHO,

Police Station Model Town,

Website: <https://cbi.nic.in>

DP/15474/NW/2024

Ph.: 8750870230, 7011291844

## SEARCH FOR MISSING



General Public is hereby informed that one Person **Namely: Dharmender@ Dharmu S/o Ramcharan, R/o: N-332, JJ Colony Sawada, Delhi, Sex: Male, Age: 27 Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Normal, Wearing: Black & White colour laining and Blue colour Sport Shoes has been missing from his house since 18.11.2024. In this regard DD No. 116A, Dated: 19.11.2024 has been registered at P.S.: Kanjhawala, Delhi.**

Sincere efforts have been made by local Police to trace out the missing person but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing person, please inform to the following.

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DP/15384/RD/2024

SHO

P.S: Kanjhawala, Delhi,

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# 'Socialism' in India means 'social welfare state': SC

## To Decide On Validity Of Preamble Tweak On Mon

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**New Delhi:** The issue of the legality of the insertion of 'socialism' in the Preamble of the Constitution through the 42nd amendment during the infamous Emergency, which has simmered for decades, will be decided on Monday. Supreme Court on Friday reserved its order on petitions challenging the changes in the Preamble to put 'socialism' and 'secularism' in it in 1976, even while making plain its disinclination to intervene saying 'socialism' in the Indian context meant "social welfare state".

Advocate Vishnu Jain cited the recent judgment of a nine-judge SC bench, in which the court had said during the nascent years of the nation, the country had followed the mixed economy model, which in the 1960s and 70s gave way to a socialist pattern. "Since the decade of the 1990s, or the liberalisation years, there has been a shift towards pursuing a policy of market-based reforms," it had said.

Jain said the nine-judge



SC said the 1976 constitutional amendment has not prevented courts from striking down many legislations

bench had ruled against imposition of a particular economic ideology, for example socialism, and argued that since the Preamble too formed part of the basic structure of the Constitution, it could not have been amended by Parliament in 1976 in violation of the 13-judge bench 'basic structure' ruling in Kesavananda Bharati case. Similar arguments were advanced by Subramanian Swamy and advocates Ashwini Upadhyay and Alakh A Srivastava.

However, a bench of Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna and

Justice Sanjay Kumar said, "The way we understand socialism in India is different from the way it is understood in other parts of the world."

The CJ said, "In India, it means a welfare state. Despite the inclusion of the word 'socialism' in the Preamble of our Constitution, we have turned to privatisation and benefited from it. But we have also focussed on equal opportunity for every citizen. So, why should the court go into the validity of inclusion of 'socialism' in the Preamble?"

The CJ-led bench said the 1976 constitutional amendment has not prevented courts from striking down many legislations.

In favour of the amendment inserting 'socialism' in the Preamble, the bench said, "Power under 168 of the Constitution (to amend the Constitution) extends to amending the Preamble, which is part and parcel of the Constitution." When arguments were advanced that Preamble too was part of the basic structure, which could not have been amended, SC asked, "Who says Preamble is part of basic structure?"

## SC rejects Punjab plea seeking details of PM's security breach report

**New Delhi:** Supreme Court on Friday rejected the Punjab gov't's plea seeking statement of witnesses that formed a part of the report of Justice Indu Malhotra, who inquired into the security lapses during PM Narendra Modi's visit to the state on Jan 5, 2022, to enable it to proceed against delinquent officers.

The Justice Malhotra committee in its report, submitted in the middle of 2022, had indicted the then Ferozepur senior superintendent of police, Harmanbir Singh Hans, for lapses in security arrangements for the PM, whose convoy while travelling from Bathinda airport to Ferozepur had to take a U-turn after getting stuck for nearly 20 minutes on a flyover due to a sudden protest. Congress's Charanjit Singh Channi was CM then.

After nearly two years, the Punjab gov't initiated proceedings against two other senior police officers — Siddharth Chattopadhyaya and Inderbir Singh. Govt said the witness statements, based on which the Justice Malhotra committee gave its report, would be helpful in conducting disciplinary proceedings against the alleged delinquent officers. A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan bench said the report has been sent to both the state and Centre, and SC on Aug 25, 2022, asked them to take appropriate action. Giving the witness statements to the gov't for conducting the disciplinary proceedings would serve no purpose, it said and asked the state to conduct proceedings without the aid of the witness statements contained in Justice Malhotra's report. **TNN**

## Nadda slams Kharge for pushing 'false' Manipur narrative, Cong hits back

**New Delhi:** Accusing Congress of pushing an "incorrect, false and politically" motivated narrative on the Manipur unrest, BJP president J P Nadda on Friday hit out at Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge for seeking President Droupadi Murmu's intervention and alleging that the Centre had completely failed to defuse the crisis.

In a rejoinder to Kharge, Nadda said the repercussions of Congress's "abject failure" in dealing with local issues in Manipur when it was in office were being felt even today. "What is shocking is how repeated attempts are being made by the Congress party to sensationalise the situation in Manipur," he said, adding the current dispensation had been working since the first incidents of violence to bring stability and peace to the state.

Congress called Nadda's letter to Kharge an exercise in "denial, distortion, distraction and defamation".

AICC spokesperson Jairam Ramesh said the principal issue in the protracted crisis is when will Prime Minister Narendra Modi visit the north-eastern state and when will the discredited chief minister, N Biren Singh, be replaced.

Nadda said he felt compelled to respond to the "incorrect, false and politically motivated narrative" being pushed against the gov't and which Kharge's words failed to camouflage.

Ramesh said the people of Manipur are yearning for normalcy and harmony.

## Citizens' rights to safety as important as that of accused, says top court

**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court on Friday said protection of citizen's safety and their right to live in safe social environments is as important as incorporating mechanisms in provisions of new penal laws to protect the rights of a person accused in organised crimes, reports **Dhananjay Mahapatra**.

The observation came from a bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan as it deferred hearing on a PIL questioning the validity of three provisions of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) relating to organised crime, terrorist activities and sedition — for allegedly not incorporating measures to safeguard rights of the accused.

Senior advocate Menaka Guruswamy said the validity of two laws — Maharashtra Control of Organised Crimes Act and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act — have been upheld because of the safeguards incorporated in these legislations that curbed potential misuse and framing up of persons in organised crimes or terrorist activities. "These provisions in BNS and BNSS are cut and paste from the earlier legislations," she said. Justice Kant dissuaded her from using 'cut and paste' phrase for legislation enacted by Parliament and said there is an overwhelming presumption of the validity of such laws. "If the law is toothless, then it is not good for society. Maybe by inserting stringent provisions, a message is being sent to the offenders... Should the new penal laws be not given some time before their validity is tested."

## Manipur to get 70 more CAPF companies as toll in 19 months hits 258

**Guwahati/Silchar:** Strife-ridden Manipur is getting 70 additional companies of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF), bulking up deployment to nearly 39,000 personnel with the focus on safeguarding civilians from armed militant groups that the state gov't blames for fuelling the ethnic divide, reports **Prabin Kalita & BB Goswami**.

The announcement by security adviser Kuldip Singh coincided with the funerals of nine people — including three women and as many children — at Jiribam's Ningsingkhul Biodiversity Park. Eight of the deceased were inmates of a shelter for displaced Meitei people, near which security forces killed 10 Hmar "militants" on Nov 11.

Singh said officially the toll in the ethnic conflict over the past 19 months stand at 258.

Friday's funerals were arranged by a joint action committee of Jiribam's Meitei community after the bodies arrived from Silchar Medical College in Assam's Cachar district, 48km away. Black flags fluttered atop the cavalcade of cars and bikes ferrying mourners. "We are appealing to the Union and state gov'ts for justice for these innocent victims. We regard those responsible for these killings as terrorists, not as village defence volunteers," a committee spokesperson said. Kuki-Zo groups say those killed by CRPF and police on Nov 11 were Hmar "volunteers" tasked with protecting their tribal villages rather than "militants".

## Appeal for Identification



General public is hereby informed that one male person **Namely: Ram Naresh, S/o: Ukhray, R/o: Apna Ghar Ashram Pooth Khurd Delhi, Age: About 65 Yrs., Height: 5'7", Sex: Male, Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Uniform blue colour & shirt, Place of Recovery: Apna Ghar Ashram Pooth Khurd Delhi.**

The dead body has been preserved in BSA Hospital Delhi Mortuary for 72 Hrs for identification.

In this regard DD No. 45A Dated: 20/11/2024 has been lodged at Police Station: Bawana, Outer North, Delhi. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

SHO

P.S.: Bawana, Outer North, Delhi.

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## Maha factory gas leak kills 3

**Kolhapur:** Two women and a man died, while four women are critical, after they inhaled toxic chemical fumes leaked from a fertiliser factory in Maharashtra's Sangli district late Thursday night. All worked at the private factory that manufactures liquid chemical fertilisers.

The leak started around 8pm Thursday when 10 workers were on site. "Industrial experts have reached the accident site to investigate the cause of the leak," said the local tehsildar. **TNN**

# 'Over 20 years, methane warms Earth 80 times more than CO<sub>2</sub> — but it offers us opportunities'

**Robert C. Stowe** is Executive Director of the Harvard Initiative on Reducing Global Methane Emissions. Speaking to Srijana Mitra Das at Times Evoke from COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan, he discusses the urgency — and methods — to lower methane releases:

## What are the most profound impacts of methane on the environment?

Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), like carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), is a greenhouse gas — it warms Earth. However, it is different from CO<sub>2</sub> in two ways — it is a more powerful warming agent. Over 20 years, methane is 80 times more powerful than CO<sub>2</sub> in retaining heat near Earth's surface. Also, methane is very short-lived compared to CO<sub>2</sub> — it disappears in just a few decades, rather than hundreds of years like CO<sub>2</sub>. These two scientific facts combined make methane a terrific opportunity for climate action.

By reducing methane emissions, we can have an immediate impact on global average surface temperature, keeping 2°C or even the 1.5°C target within reach.

## What are the most important sources of methane emissions?

To start, there is energy. Natural gas is basically methane to a close approximation — when it leaks into the atmosphere, whether from fracking or other kinds of oil and gas production, this is methane escaping. There is often some confusion about flaring here. At times, in the production of oil, either the oil company doesn't care about the natural gas or it doesn't have the pipeline capacity to get it to market — so, it burns it at the production site, as with flares seen in oilfields. This actually turns the methane into carbon dioxide and other byproducts. However, a lot of the natural gas doesn't get combusted, so there is still methane leakage.



WEAK LINKS: CH<sub>4</sub> leaks via energy



**WILL A NEW RICE RISE?** For centuries, farmers have grown paddy by flooding their fields — today, however, this is a major contributor to both methane emissions and water loss, spurring research on alternative ways of farming rice

Another source is agriculture — there are two distinct areas here. One is livestock — ruminants produce methane in the course of digesting food. Most of this comes from cattle used in the dairy and meat sectors.

The other area is paddy rice. There are two kinds of rice production, flooded and dry upland, and the flooded or paddy rice method produces a great deal of methane. The next source is waste and landfills — putting organic matter like food waste, plant debris, etc., into landfills results in a lot of methane production. Finally, a fair amount comes from coal mines operating in some parts of the world.

## You've described a wide range of sources — what are some remedial measures to reduce CH<sub>4</sub> emissions?

Given how diverse these sectors are, the approaches to mitigation, with the technologies, economics, etc., involved are quite different. In many ways, the oil and gas sector is the easiest one — once you find the leak, it's quite simple to fix it. A portfolio of technologies to pinpoint such leaks, from satellites to handheld devices, exists now and it's only improving. This will cost but if you're a natural gas producer, you get that money back because the otherwise escaped amount now goes to market.

With livestock, there is a lot of research underway on developing feed additives which could affect cattle digestion and reduce methane production — many startups doing this rely on Asparagopsis, for instance, which is a particular type of seaweed.

Also, adjusting the ratio of pasture feed to processed feed is a strategy.

With paddy, there is research on water management — perhaps flooding the rice all the time isn't necessary. The amount of water used could be reduced at different stages of growth, thereby helping to lower emissions. Research is also being done on some rice strains which produce less methane.



SKIP IT: Compost food waste instead

Importantly, methane is formed from the decomposition of organic matter in the absence of oxygen — so, anaerobic digestion produces methane. The chemistry of this differs across sectors but the principle applies. So, if you provide a chance for organic matter to be exposed to oxygen, you can reduce the methane produced.

With waste, the key is to keep food and other organic matter out of landfills — the second-best method is to capture the methane from waste sites. This is often done via PVC pipes placed atop landfills but it's much better to keep organic material out of waste sites in the first place. In an ideal world, this would be composted, letting matter decompose in the presence of oxygen.

## With such pressing impacts, which international agreements govern this area?

The most significant is the Global Methane Pledge (GMP), put forth by the European Union and the United States at COP26 in 2021. Currently, 159 countries have signed this — the GMP aims to reduce aggregate global emissions by 30% below 2020 levels by 2030. There are no national targets though, with each country pledging to do what it can. China and India haven't signed yet — but that doesn't mean they are not working to reduce methane.

## READERS WRITE

Dear Times Evoke, TE acts as a true light to readers. The conversation with Lisa A. Levin (16<sup>th</sup> November) illuminated how the general public can mistake marine mining as being helpful in combating climate change when the opposite is true. TE enables me to see through the eyes of a benthic ecologist!

— **Dhanika Gaikwad S., Chennai**

Reading Sunil Amrith and Lisa A. Levin in TE sent shivers down my spine! Over millennia, humans have considered themselves superior to all other species, damaging every lifeform. As the deep-sea is now threatened, the enlightened should feel enraged at further damage done to Earth. Readers are indebted to TE for showing us the right direction!

— **Rashi Beriwal, Delhi**

I love TE and was enthralled reading about extractive fossil fuels. As the TE editorial said, we didn't know much about this issue before. With the public unaware, we have now landed in a global environmental crisis. Kudos, TE, for presenting such important knowledge beautifully!

— **Naveen Kulkarni, Hyderabad**

This was my first time reading TE and I found it really very insightful. I'd learnt about endangered species in school but TE had a detailed explanation, wonderfully written by Srijana Mitra Das. I had not even heard about sturgeons and ibises before! Thank you for knowledgeable TE, TOI.

— **Musham Hasan, Mumbai**

TE featured such a timely article on global warming in the deep ocean. Industrial activities are now driving even seabed mining, wrecking marine life. Lisa A. Levin underscored the immense risks posed and emphasised the dire need of action by governments. It is hoped COP29 addressed this.

— **BM Rao, Ahmedabad**

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# 'Sabarmati Report' shows courage to narrate truth: Shah



Amit Shah with the makers of 'The Sabarmati Report' in New Delhi on Friday. 'The film exposes the lies and misleading facts,' he said

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** Home minister Amit Shah on Friday met the production team and cast of 'The Sabarmati Report' — a film based on the Godhra train burning incident of Feb 27, 2002 — and congratulated them "for their courage to narrate the truth".

"The film exposes the lies and misleading facts to unveil the truth that was suppressed for a long time to meet political interests," Shah stated in a post on 'X'. The post put out photographs of his meeting with key members of the team behind the film at his North Block office.

Produced by Balaji Motion Pictures and distributed by Zee Studios, the movie stars Vikrant Massey, Raashii Khanna and Riddhi Dogra. It is directed by Dheeraj Sarna.

## On 3-nation tour, PM held 31 meetings with global leaders

**New Delhi:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi engaged in 31 bilateral meetings and informal interactions with global leaders during his three-nation foreign visit.

He had a bilateral meeting with Nigerian President Bola Ahmed Tinubu in Brazil on the sidelines of G20 summit. He also had 10 bilateral meetings — with the leaders of Brazil, Indonesia, Portugal, Italy, Norway, France, UK, Chile, Argentina and Australia.

Additionally, Modi had informal interactions and pull-aside meetings with leaders from Singapore, South Korea, Egypt, US and Spain, along with heads and executives of various international organisations which included Ursula von der Leyen (European Union), Antonio Guterres (UN), Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala (World Trade Organisation), Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus (World Health Organisation), and Kristalina Georgieva and Gita Gopinath (IMF).

In Guyana, Modi held nine bilateral meetings with leaders of Guyana, Dominica, Bahamas, Trinidad & Tobago, Suriname, Barbados, Antigua & Barbuda, Grenada, and St Lucia.

**Shimla:** HP high court allowed Friday nine of 18 loss-making hotels of Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation (HPTDC) to continue operations until March 31 next year, modifying a Nov 19 order that required all the state-run prop-

## HC allows 9 of 18 crisis-hit HP govt hotels to run till March

erties to shut down from Nov 25 due to the cash crunch and unpaid staff dues, reports Sanjeev Verma.

A single bench of Justice Ajay Mohan Goel clarified that the continuation of the

nine hotels would be re-viewed after March.

HPTDC had urged the court to allow at least nine of these hotels to continue, citing earnings from other sources, including restau-

rants, banquet halls and entry tickets, despite their low occupancy rates. Some of these hotels have obligations such as room and event bookings, with advances already received, HPTDC said.

Justice Goel had earlier called the 18 hotels "white elephants" and ordered them shut as they had less than 40% occupancy in last few years, including Palace Hotel in Chail. The order had come on a plea by some retired HPTDC employees denied their dues.

**Student raped:** A girl was allegedly raped by coaching centre's owner in Aligarh.

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Bihar Medical Services & Infrastructure Corporation Limited  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Swasthya Bhawan, Behind IGIMS, Sheikhpura, Adjacent to State Health Society, Patna- 800014, Bihar  
Phone/Fax: +91612 2283287, + 91612 2283289

**(Notice Inviting E-Bids)**

**Tender for Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Medical Equipments on Turnkey Basis for Govt. Medical College and Hospital, Mahua (Vaishali) and Govt. Medical College and Hospital, Madhubani, Bihar.**

**Notice Inviting Tender No.-BMSICL/2024-25/ME-382**  
(Only through E-Tender on website:- <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>)

The Bihar Medical Services and Infrastructure Corporation Limited, Patna invites e-bids from interested parties for supply, installation & commissioning of Medical Equipment on Turnkey Basis for Govt. Medical College and Hospital, Mahua (Vaishali) and Govt. Medical College and Hospital, Madhubani, Bihar.

**Tender Schedule**

Tender Reference No.	BMSICL/2024-25/ME-382
Date of Pre-Bid Meeting and Submission of Pre-bid queries	29 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 15:00 Hrs in Conference hall of BMSICL, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Swasthya Bhawan, Behind IGIMS, Sheikhpura, Adjacent to State Health Society, Bihar. All pre-bid queries to be submitted through e-mail on <a href="mailto:bmsicltenderequipment@gmail.com">bmsicltenderequipment@gmail.com</a> upto 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 till 17:00 Hrs, further to this date no more query will be entertained
Last date and time of submission of online bids	16 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 up to 17:00 Hrs.
Last date and time for submission of original documents of EMD	17 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 till 14:00 Hrs.
Date, Time and Place of opening of Technical Bid	17 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 (at 15:00 Hrs.) on the website of <a href="https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in">https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in</a> in the office of BMSICL
Date and time of opening of financial Bids	To be announced later on <a href="https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in">https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in</a>
Validity of Tender	180 Days
Cost of the tender document	Rs.11,800/- (Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred only) Non-refundable.
Tender Processing Fee	Rs 590/- (on the website of <a href="https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in">https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in</a> )

- To participate in E-Tendering the tenderer will have to be registered with E-Tendering service provider. For this, help desk - junction services limited RJ complex, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Canara Bank, Campus, khajpura, Ashiana road, P.S-Shastri Nagar, Patna-800014, Toll Free No.-18005726571, Email-ID: [eproc2support@bihar.gov.in](mailto:eproc2support@bihar.gov.in) can be approached.
- It is essential to deposit hard copy of EMD Fee in the form of BG (Offline mode), of quoted item in sealed envelope at Bihar Medical Services Infrastructure Corporation Limited, Patna by 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 14:00 Hrs.
- Any queries and questions regarding the tender should be addressed to MD BMSICL (either through letter or through e-mail:- [md-bmsicl-bih@nic.in](mailto:md-bmsicl-bih@nic.in) and/or [bmsicl.equipment@gmail.com](mailto:bmsicl.equipment@gmail.com) or contact no. 0612-2219634/35) up to 7 days before of closing of online bid registration.

For further details please visit website [state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar](http://state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar)

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**GM (Procurement)**  
**BMSICL, Patna**

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No. 5272/IMAGE, Dated: 21.11.2024

**CORRIGENDUM NOTICE**  
with reference to the RFP No 5055 /IMAGE dt. 12.11.2024 for "Selection of Event Management Agency for Krushi Odisha-2025"

The details of information relating to the Corrigendum with reference to the RFP No. 5055 / IMAGE dt. 12.11.2024 can be downloaded from [www.agri.odisha.gov.in](http://www.agri.odisha.gov.in) from dt. 17.10.2024. Other terms and conditions as mentioned in the RFP document remains unchanged.

Sd/-  
**DIRECTOR, IMAGE**  
OIPR-01408/11/0014/24-25

**संस्कृति निदेशालय, उत्तर प्रदेश**  
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**ई-निविदा शुद्धि पत्र**

प्रयागराज महाकुम्भ-2025 हेतु संस्कृति विभाग, उ०प्र० द्वारा लोक कलाकारों हेतु आवास/भोजन की व्यवस्था हेतु दिनांक 21 नवम्बर, 2024 के समाचार पत्रों में फर्म/एजेन्सी के चयन हेतु ई-निविदा प्रकाशित की गयी है।

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निदेशक  
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UPID-222806/21.11.2024 [www.upgov.nic.in](http://www.upgov.nic.in)

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UPID-222808/21.11.2024 [www.upgov.nic.in](http://www.upgov.nic.in)

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**  
**Licensing out Ethnic India Tourist Complex, at Rai (Sonapat), Haryana**

Tourism Department, Govt. of Haryana intends to license out Ethnic India Tourist Complex, at Rai (Sonapat) for a period of 11+11 Years on "as is where is basis" along with its existing assets and inventory. The details are available on the website of Haryana Tourism i.e., [www.haryanaturism.gov.in](http://www.haryanaturism.gov.in) and [www.etenders.hry.nic.in](http://www.etenders.hry.nic.in).

Scope	Technical Qualification	Financial Qualification
Licensing out Ethnic India Tourist Complex at Rai (Sonapat) on "as is where is basis" for a period of 11 Years which is further extended for 11 more years i.e. 11 + 11 years	The Applicant should have minimum Seven (07) years' experience of managing/operating/running at least one Hotel, Resort, banquet hall, with 3-Star/4-Star/5-Star rating.	An individual Applicant shall have and average annual turnover of Rs. 100 Crore (Rupees One hundred crore only) and in case of consortium, combined average annual turnover of applicant should be Rs. 240 Crore (Rupees two hundred forty crore only) in last 3 (three) Financial Years (2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24). All Applicants, including each member of consortium, should have positive net worth as on 31st March, 2024.

Interested Applicants will be given opportunity to submit the pre-application queries till 06.12.2024 and after submission of EoI the applicant will be invited for technical presentation. For any query please email: [haryanaturism@gmail.com](mailto:haryanaturism@gmail.com) / [mdtourismhry@gmail.com](mailto:mdtourismhry@gmail.com) / [tourism@hry.nic.in](http://tourism@hry.nic.in) or call on 8146623399/8826122432/7849055150. The Managing Director, Haryana Tourism Corporation reserves the right to accept/reject any or all of the EoI without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-  
**Managing Director**  
**Haryana Tourism Corporation.**

Issued through: DPR/Haryana/Adv. No. 30475/22.11.2024

**GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI**  
**TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT: OPERATION BRANCH**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CHROMIUM BASED HOLOGRAM STICKER ON OLD & NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED IN NCT OF DELHI**

- General Public is hereby informed that the installation of Chromium Based Hologram Sticker on new vehicles (w.e.f. 01.04.2019) and old vehicles (registered till 31.03.2019) registered in NCT of Delhi is a mandatory requirement, as per Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dated 13.08.2018 and subsequent amendment in Rule 50 of Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.
- The Owners of old/ existing vehicles are advised to approach their concerned vehicles dealers for affixing Chromium Based Hologram, depending on the relevant class of fuel, on the windshield of their respective vehicle.
- The on-line booking facility for affixation of HSRP alongwith colour coded sticker at home is available through the website of Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers [www.siam.in](http://www.siam.in). A link is also available at <http://transport.delhi.gov.in>.
- The vehicle owners, who fail to get the colour coded sticker (third registration mark) and HSRP affixed on their vehicles are liable for prosecution under the Motor Vehicle Act and Rules.

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**DEPUTY COMMISSIONER (OPS)**

## NGT seeks U'khand reply on Char Dham pilgrim carrying capacity

Dehradun: National Green Tribunal (NGT) has directed Uttarakhand govt to submit an affidavit regarding carrying capacity of pilgrims at the Char Dham shrines of Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri, and Yamunotri, following concerns over the potential risks associated with overcrowding, reports Pankul Sharma.

In May 2022, the state govt had issued an order setting a cap on the number of

pilgrims allowed at the Char Dham shrines. However, this decision was withdrawn in April 2023. The absence of a defined carrying capacity has led to concerns about safety. During the ceremony for opening of the temple's portals for the summer season, a massive crowd of pilgrims became stuck on a narrow path adjacent to a dangerous ravine. Although no casualties happened, the situation

highlighted the risks of overcrowding.

At the previous hearing, NGT had directed the secretary of the state environment department to share the govt's stand on potential mishaps. The official submitted that the threshold for pilgrims visiting these places was fixed by the state. However, the tribunal found no such order. NGT granted the state an extension of one week to provide relevant records.

## SC seeks Gyanvapi panel response to survey plea

### Hindu Side Wants ASI Study Of Sealed Area Within Mosque

Dhananjay.Mahapatra@timesofindia.com

New Delhi: Supreme Court on Friday sought Varanasi's Gyanvapi mosque management committee's response to a plea of the Hindu side for an ASI conducted scientific survey of the sealed area inside mosque, where a court commissioner had purportedly discovered a huge 'Shivling' which the Muslim side claimed was a fountain.

The Hindu side, through senior advocate Shyam Divan, said ASI survey of the area inside the mosque, which has been sealed on the orders of SC since May 20, 2022, could not take place and pleaded that ASI be directed to conduct the survey using all possible scientific methods and submit a report to SC.

The Hindu side's application, through advocate Vishnu S Jain, said the ASI survey report on other parts of the Gyanvapi mosque contained several photographs and material relating to the temple. "There is important material and evidence relating to the temple within the sealed area



A court commissioner had purportedly found a huge 'Shivling' in the sealed area of the mosque. The Muslim side claimed it was a fountain

which could serve as important evidence in deciding the suits seeking right to worship within the mosque," it said.

Earlier, SC had deferred scientific survey of the 'Shivling' as even the Centre had said that such a survey, as ordered by the trial court in Varanasi and upheld by Allahabad HC, could be postponed.

Divan pointed out that several suits were pending for trial before the district judge and civil judge (senior division) in Varanasi and pleaded for their consolidation before the district judge, whom SC had entrusted with the main suit, or before a three-judge bench of HC. A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan said it was for consolidation of the suits to avoid conflicting views. However, it said consolidation of suits before HC would not be advisable as HC should remain the appellate forum, which could re-appreciate evidence.

## Climate finance a sticking point, COP29 in search of consensus

Baku: Negotiations at COP29 went into overtime as the presidency texts that were tabled on Friday, the UN climate talks scheduled concluding day, carried huge gaps on climate finance issues, which need to be bridged for a final outcome.

The biggest point of disagreement was meagre core goal of \$250 billion per year which developed countries are expected to mobilise for developing nations from a "wide variety of sources", including public, private, bilateral and



multilateral, by 2035, rather than only from public finance. Though the annual \$250 billion is part of the overall figure of "at least \$1.3 trillion per year by 2035" from "all public and private sources", developing countries outrightly rejected it as they are pitching for a bigger share of public finance (grants and grants equivalence resources) from the developed nations in the overall package. The post-2025 annual \$250 billion by 2035 in the text is meant for replacing the existing goal of \$100 billion per year.

The other point of discord is the provision where even developing countries are expected to make additional contributions to supplement the finance goal.

### NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Signal & Telecommunication)/Northern Railway/Lucknow, for and on behalf of President of India invites E-tenders in Single packet system for the under noted work:

Tender No.	106-Sig-Tender-18-2024-25
Name of Work	"Interlocking of LC gates having TVU greater than 30000 in LKO-SLN-ZBD-BSB-MGS section of LKO Division of Northern Railways."
Approximate Cost	Rs.41927436.05
Cost of tender form	NIL
Earnest Money	Rs.359600.00
Completion Period	720 Days
Last date and time of submission of tender document	16.12.2024 15.30 Hrs
Website particulars and notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen	"http://www.reps.gov.in" Office of the Sr.DSTE, DRM office Complex/Northern Railway, Lucknow

\* The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. "http://www.ireps.gov.in" for participating in the e-tender system.  
\* For all terms and conditions please refer tender document.  
\* No manual offers are acceptable.  
\* Cost of tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable online through net banking or payment gateway only.  
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Paryatan Bhawan, C-13, Vipin Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010, U.P. (India)

#### Tender Notice

E-BID REFERENCE: WallCalendar/Publication Dated-23/11/2024  
"Selection of an Agency for Designing & Printing of Wall Calendar 2025 on Tourism Sites of Uttar Pradesh"

The Directorate of Tourism, Government of Uttar Pradesh invites sealed technical and financial proposals for the "Selection of an Agency for Designing & Printing of Wall Calendar 2025 on Tourism Sites of Uttar Pradesh".

Interested parties may download bid document from e-tender website <http://etender.up.nic.in> and submit their proposals with requisite documents on the above e-tender portal before 02/12/24, 18:00 hours.

The submitted proposals will be open at 03/12/2024, 14:00 hours at DoT office, Paryatan Bhawan 4th Floor, C-13, Vipin Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010 Uttar Pradesh, India.

DoT reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals without assigning any reason thereof. For any queries, please respond on email: [publication.upt@gmail.com](mailto:publication.upt@gmail.com) on or before the scheduled pre-bid meeting. All subsequent notifications, changes and amendments will be posted only on the website- <http://etender.up.nic.in>. DoT reserves the right to cancel this invitation and/or invite fresh Bid with or without amendments to this invitation, without liability or any obligation.

Director General Tourism

### NORTHERN RAILWAY Engagement of CMP/GDMO against Four post for NRHD/DLI.

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for Engagement of Four CONTRACT MEDICAL PRACTITIONER (CMP) at Northern Railway, Divisional Hospital Delhi Division-Detailed advertisement with Vacancy Status, terms & conditions, format of application form is available on <https://nr.indianrailways.gov.in>. News & Recruitment Info

No. NR-DL/DL/GENL/466/2020-O/DP/A/DL/NR/22409/P-9(Gaz) Date: 22.11.2024

Divisional Personnel Officer/N.D.L.S 3595/2024

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#### ई-निविदा सूचना

संचालनालय खेल और युवा कल्याण, मध्य प्रदेश, द्वारा "राज्य खेल अकादमी के बालक/बालिकाओं के लिए पेन्ट, टी-शर्ट, यूनीफॉर्म, बैग, वाटर बॉटल, लंच बॉक्स, जूता, जूती, मौजे, दोहर, बैडशीट, टॉबल लिनन सामग्री बैडशीट, गैरे, कम्बल, रजाई, तकिया, मच्छरदानी आदि के साथ ही अलंकरण समारोह हेतु सेरेमोनियल किट हेतु" ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा प्रपत्र व निविदा की विस्तृत शर्तें [www.mptenders.gov.in](http://www.mptenders.gov.in) पर उपलब्ध है। ई-निविदा प्रकाशन उपरान्त निविदा में कोई संशोधन व परिवर्तन किया जाता है तो वह मात्र उपरोक्त उल्लेखित ई-टेंडर पोर्टल पर ही उपलब्ध रहेगा।

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### Assam Urban Infrastructure Development & Finance Corporation Ltd. (AUIDFC L)

No. AUIDFC/90/2024/01

#### EXCELLENT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

AUIDFC is pleased to inform that it has undertaken 3 projects namely 24x7 "Drink from Tap" (DFT) Water Supply Scheme in 6 towns of Assam, Assam State Institute of Urban Development (ASIUD) at IIT Guwahati Campus and Storm Water Drainage Project in Guwahati. These projects will be funded by Asian Development Bank (ADB) and are now ready to commence. AUIDFC is organizing a Business Opportunity Workshop for potential bidders on November 30, 2024 at Novotel Hotel, GS Road, Guwahati-781006.

We are pleased to invite organizations to participate in this conclave. For inquiries and confirmation of your attendance, please contact us at +917099-063044 or email us at [auidfc@gmail.com](mailto:auidfc@gmail.com). Kindly scan the QR code for details and registration:

Sd/-  
Managing Director, AUIDFC

Janasanyog/CF/2302/24/23-Nov-24

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#### VACANCY NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT NUMBER 09/2024

Applications are invited for the post of **Professor, Associate Professor & Assistant Professor** at Rajiv Gandhi Super Speciality Hospital (RGSSH), an autonomous institute under Govt. of NCT of Delhi. For application form, details of the vacancies, pay scale, eligibility criteria, educational qualifications, experience required, age limit, terms and condition of appointment visit official website of RGSSH i.e. [www.rgssh.co.in](http://www.rgssh.co.in) or Delhi Govt. website i.e. <http://health.delhi.gov.in>.

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Director & CEO, RGSSH  
DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0274/24-25

### कार्यालय प्रबंध निदेशक पश्चिमांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि

बिक्टोरिया पार्क, मेरठ

#### ई-निविदा सूचना

निविदा संख्या: 03/2024-25 के अन्तर्गत पश्चिमांचल, मुख्यलय मेरठ की पुरानी व नई बिल्डिंग के कब्रों में तथा बिल्डिंग के प्रयोग में लगे उपकरण/कमीचर के निर्यात रखा/मरम्मत तथा इन्वेंट्री आदि कार्य कराने हेतु निविदा संख्या: 04/2024-25 के अन्तर्गत साक सफाई आदि के कार्य में प्रयोग होने वाली सामग्री/उपकरणों की अपूर्ति कराने हेतु एवं निविदा संख्या: 05/2024-25 के अन्तर्गत पश्चिमांचल, मुख्यलय मेरठ की नई बिल्डिंग में स्थापित स्वचालित आग नियंत्रण सिस्टम एवं सहायक उपकरणों का वार्षिक अनुक्षण (आवश्यक पार्ट्स की अपूर्ति सहित) कराने हेतु निविदा संख्या 16.12.2024 अपराह्न 12.00 बजे तक निविदा आमंत्रित है। निविदा में संशोधन अथवा निविदा शर्तों में विचार आदि की सूचना ई-टेंडर वेबसाइट [www.etender.up.nic.in](http://www.etender.up.nic.in) पर तथा [www.pvnl.org](http://www.pvnl.org) पर उपलब्ध कराई जाएगी। अधीक्षण अधिकारी (मु) को प्रत्येक निदेशक राठ हित में बिजली बचाने " बिजली चोरी की सूचना हेल्पलाइन नम्बर पर द: 1800-180-3002 (मेरठ) 1800-180-8752 (लखनऊ) फ़ोन: -744 टिंका: - 22.11.2024

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#### e-Tender Notice No:TACTV/001/STB Rental/2024

Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation (TACTV) invites online Tender for Empanelment for supply of High-Definition (HD) Digital Cable TV Set Top Boxes including Conditional Access System (CAS) to TACTV on Rental Model. The tender document can be downloaded at free of cost from <https://tntenders.gov.in> from 23.11.2024 - 16.00 Hrs. The last date and time for online submission of bids through <https://tntenders.gov.in> (e-Tender) is 9.12.2024 till 3.00 PM.

DIPR/5080/Tender/2024 Managing Director

### GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / BMD (APPROX) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED	RE-TENDER FOR HIRING OF AGENCY FOR DIGITIZATION OF VARIOUS ACTIVITIES OF 38TH SURAJKIND INTERNATIONAL CRAFTS HUB-3025 AT SURAJKIND	23.11.2024 26.11.2024	END 8.50 LACS	<a href="http://haryanaturism.gov.in">haryanaturism.gov.in</a>	9417461127 <a href="mailto:haryanaturism@gmail.com">haryanaturism@gmail.com</a>

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### संस्कृति निदेशालय, उत्तर प्रदेश

9वां तल, जवाहर भवन, अशोक मार्ग, लखनऊ।

#### ई-निविदा सूचना

प्रयागराज महाकम्म-2025 हेतु संस्कृति विभाग, उ०प्र० द्वारा वृहद मंचों में अतिरिक्त लाइट एवं साउण्ड व्यवस्था हेतु दिनांक 21 नवम्बर, 2024 के समाचार पत्रों में फर्म/एजेंसी के चयन हेतु ई-निविदा प्रकाशित की गयी है।

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UPID-222803/21.11.2024 [www.upgov.nic.in](http://www.upgov.nic.in)

### NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

NO: 128-W/Sr.DEN-C/NIT-26A-26B-2024-25-WC Date:-22.11.2024

The Divisional Engineer/IV, Northern Railway, DRM Office, Delhi Division, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055, for and on behalf of the President of India invites sealed open electronic-tenders for under noted work:-

S. No.	NIT No.	Name of work	Approximate Cost of work	Earnest Money to be deposited	Completion Period	Date of Opening
1	26A	Supplying, stacking and loading of 29,228 Cum, 65 mm gauge stone ballast (Machine crushed) into Railway Wagons at ballast sub depot No. 03 at SSB. (including all leads & lift, GST, taxes etc., so nothing will be paid extra whatsoever the case may be)	Rs. 3,63,16,374.56	Rs. 3,31,600	12 months	17.12.2024
2	26B	Supplying, stacking and loading of 29,000 Cum, 65 mm gauge stone ballast (Machine crushed) into Railway Wagons at ballast sub depot No. 02 at TKD. (including all leads & lift, GST, taxes etc., so nothing will be paid extra whatsoever the case may be)	Rs. 3,60,33,080/-	Rs. 3,30,200	12 months	17.12.2024

The e-tender is to be submit through railway website "http://ireps.gov.in". The tenders can be submit on website up to 15:00 hrs. on 17.12.2024 and shall be opened there after. 3604/24

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### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA EXTRA-ORDINARY APPELLATE JURISDICTION

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Civil) Diary No. 17775 OF 2024

GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI AND ANOTHER ... Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

VINOD GUGNANI AND OTHERS ... Respondent(s)

To,

1 VINOD GUGNANI S/O BAINI PRASAD, W-1 GREATER KAILASH PART II NEW DELHI THROUGH HIS CONSTITUTED ATTORNEY SHIV SARAN, DISTRICT- NEW DELHI, DELHI  
PID: 244971/2024 FORR[1] IN DIARY NO. 17775/2024 (SEC XIV)

2 BINA GUGNANI W/O VINOD GUGNANI, R/O W-1, GREATER KAILASH, PART II, DISTRICT- NEW DELHI, DELHI THROUGH HIS CONSTITUTED ATTORNEY SHIV SARAN  
PID: 244972/2024 FORR[2] IN DIARY NO. 17775/2024 (SEC XIV)

WHEREAS the Petition for Diary to Appeal with application for CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING, EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, SUBSTITUTED SERVICE above mentioned (copy enclosed) filed in the Registry by Ms. SUJEETA SRIVASTAVA, Advocate on behalf of the Petitioner above named was listed for hearing before this Court on 9.7.2024, when the Court was pleased to pass the following order:-

1. Issue notice on the applications seeking condonation of delay as well as on the special leave petitions, returnable on 22.07.2024.

2. Dasti service, in addition, is permitted.

THEREAFTER the matter above named was listed for hearing before this Court on 24th October, 2024 along with the connected matters , when the Court was pleased to pass the following order:-

Diary No(s).23443/2022 & Diary No(s).17775/2024

1. Applications for substituted mode of service of notice is allowed.

2. The publication to effect service on unserved respondent(s) shall be carried out in two newspapers, namely, Navbharat Times in Hindi language and Times of India in English language.

3. Let necessary affidavit with the proof of publication be filed.

4. List the matter on 06.11.2024. Diary No(s).35484/2023

5. Application (1A No. 237294/2024) for substitution is allowed after condoning the delay and setting aside the abatement. Cause title be amended accordingly.

6. List on 06.11.2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE that the above petition along with connected matters will be posted for hearing before this Court on 06th November, 2024 at 10.30 O' Clock in the forenoon or so soon thereafter as may be convenient to the Court and you may enter appearance before this Court either in person or through an advocate on record of this Court duly appointed by you in that behalf and show cause to the court as to why delay in filing SLP be not condoned, Special leave and interim relief as prayed for be not granted and the resultant appeal be not allowed.

Take Further Notice that the prayer for interim relief after notice will also be listed before the Court on the aforesaid date.

You may file your affidavit in opposition to the petition as provided under Rule 14(1) of Order XXI, S.C.R.2013 before the returnable date but shall do so only by setting out the grounds in opposition to the questions of law or grounds set out in the SLPs and may produce such pleadings and documents filed before the Court/Tribunal against whose order the SLP is filed and shall also set out the grounds for not granting interim order or for vacating interim order if already granted.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you fail to enter appearance as aforesaid, no further notice shall be given to you even after the grant of special leave for hearing of the appeal and the matter above mentioned shall be disposed of in your absence.

Dated: 04th November, 2024

DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0278/24-25 ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

### Main accused's aide held in Siddique case

In NCP neta Baba Siddique's murder case, Mumbai crime branch Friday arrested an alleged key associate of main accused, Shubham Lonkar, from Akola after his name appeared in financial transactions, reports Ahmed Ali. Anti-Extortion Cell arrested Sumit Wagh (26), after it reportedly learned he facilitated the transactions for the shooters and their aides.

### HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD SHORT ADVERTISEMENT

To perform the Classification work willingness of retired Judicial Officers and retired Officers from the Registry of High Court of Judicature at Allahabad is invited. The Classification work shall be done on remuneration basis during the office hours of the working days at Allahabad High Court.

The information regarding format of Application and other informations are available on the Official website of Allahabad High Court at <https://www.allahabadhighcourt.in>.

Dated: Assistant Registrar Classification Section

\*Remarks: The Candidates who have already applied earlier in compliance of advertisement dated 25.09.2024 need not apply again.

UPID-222835/22.11.2024 [www.upgov.nic.in](http://www.upgov.nic.in)

### उपरोक्त राज्य औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण

ए-1/4, बरकपुर, कानपुर

#### ई-निविदा सूचना

एनएचएल द्वारा निविदा काता है। कि सिविन औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा हेतु संरचनात्मक विकास/निर्माण/प्रतिकरम/परिष्कार/नगर विकास में कार्यरत कर्म/उपकरणों से ई-निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदाओं को अंतिम करने की समयवारी निम्नवत है:-

जुल सं 1 पर अंतिम कार्य की निविदा दिनांक 26.11.2024 को पूर्ण 11.00 बजे से दिनांक दिनांक 17.12.2024 को अर्थात् 5.00 बजे तक अर्थात् की जा सकती है, जिसे दिनांक 18.12.2024 को पूर्ण 11.00 बजे खोला जाएगा (पूर्णांकित)।

निविदादाताओं द्वारा केवल शरारतों की मूल प्रतियां निविदा प्रपत्र में संश्लिष्ट दिनांक तक कार्यालय में जमा की जा सकती हैं। ई-निविदा के माध्यम से आमंत्रित की जाने वाली निविदाओं का विवरण निम्नवत है:-

क्रमांक	कार्य का नाम	प्रति मूल्य (रु.)
1	Structure and Hydraulic, Design and Cost Estimate of RCC Drain work in the I.A. TDS City, Loni Ghaziabad. (EPC Mode)	3770.26

नोट:- निविदादाता अपनी निविदाओं में समस्त कर सहित वरें अंकित करें।  
निविदा सम्बन्धी विस्तृत जानकारी अधिकारण की वेबसाइट: [www.onlineupsidc.com](http://www.onlineupsidc.com) पर स्थित है-सिक एच यूएफएससी की वेबसाइट: <http://etender.up.nic.in> पर देखी जा सकती है। अन्य जानकारी हेतु कार्यालय के भी आरकॉड निगम, श्री टीक सोलरक सहायक प्रबंधक (सिबिल) के मोबाइल नं० 9415720768, 9044197166 पर संपर्क किया जा सकता है।  
प्रधान महाकम्पक, उपरोक्त औद्योगिक, कानपुर

### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA EXTRA-ORDINARY APPELLATE JURISDICTION SLP(C) Diary No. 32916 OF 2023

WITH 175099/2023-APPLICATION FOR CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING AND 236776/2024-APPLICATION FOR SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI AND ANOTHER ... Petitioner(s)/Appellant(s)

VERSUS

SUDESH MALVIYA AND ANOTHER ... Respondent(s)

To,

1 SUDESH MALVIYA S/O LATE D. K. MALVIYA, R/O I, MIRA FARM, CHATTARPUR FARMS, DISTRICT - NEW DELHI, DELHI  
PID: 244916/2024 FOR R[1] IN DIARY NO. 32916/2023 (SEC XIV)

WHEREAS the Petition for Special Leave to Appeal with prayer for interim relief along with application for CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING, EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, SUBSTITUTED SERVICE above mentioned (copy enclosed) filed in the Registry by Ms. SUJEETA SRIVASTAVA, Advocate on behalf of the Petitioner(s) above named was listed for hearing before this Court on 22nd July, 2024 along with the connected matters, when the Court was pleased to inter-alia pass the following order:

"1. Issue notice on the application seeking condonation of delay as well as on the special leave petition, returnable on 20.08.2024.

2. Dasti service, in addition, is permitted.

3. Parties are directed to ascertain the facts and file a short affidavit, pointing out whether the issue involved is covered by one of the decisions pronounced by a three Judge Bench of this Court on 17.05.2024.

4. Prayer for stay, if any, is declined. XXXX"

AND WHEREAS, the matter above-mentioned was listed before Hon'ble Court on 24th October, 2024, when the following order was passed:

"1. Application for substituted mode of service of notice is allowed.

2. The publication to effect service on unserved respondent(s) shall be carried out in two newspapers, namely, Navbharat Times in Hindi language and Times of India in English language.

3. Let necessary affidavit with the proof of publication be filed.

4. List the matter on 06.11.2024."

NOW, THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE that the above petition with prayer for interim relief along with application for CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING, EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, will be posted for hearing before this Court on 06.11.2024, at 10:30 O' Clock in the forenoon or so soon thereafter as may be convenient to the Court and you may enter appearance before this Court either in person or through an advocate on record of this Court duly appointed by you in that behalf and show cause to the Court as to why delay in filing SLP be not condoned and Special Leave Petition and interim relief as prayed be not granted and the resultant appeal be not allowed.

Take Further Notice that the prayer for interim relief after notice will also be listed before the Court.

You may file your affidavit in opposition to the petition as provided under Rule 14(1) of Order XXI, S.C.R.2013 at the earliest, but shall do so only by setting out the grounds in opposition to the questions of law or grounds set out in the SLPs and may produce such pleadings and documents filed before the Court/Tribunal against whose order the SLP is filed and shall also set out the grounds for not granting interim order.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you fail to enter appearance as aforesaid, no further notice shall be given to you even after the grant of special leave for hearing of the resultant appeal and the matter above mentioned shall be disposed of in your absence.

Dated: 04th November, 2024

Sd/-  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

Copy to :  
1 Ms. Niharika Ahluwalia (adv.)  
Office No.855 Sector 29 Noida (up)201301 New Delhi, Delhi

Sd/-  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0279/24-25

## 3 months after flash flood, Malana village remains cut off

Kullu: More than three months have passed since a flash flood had wiped away the road to Malana in Parvati valley of Kullu, but the Himachal Pradesh village continues to remain cut off from the rest of the district, reports Rohit Mullik. Food has become expensive as it has to be carried to the village by labourers and patients have to be carried on stretchers across 8 km of rough terrain to reach a point from where they can get transport. And now it's time for snow.

The link road, around 8 km in length, is yet to be rebuilt from Malana Hydro Dam-I project site, which also was damaged in the flash flood, up to near Malana village.

Villagers are forced to cover the 8 km on foot if they wish to visit any other part of the district.



**SEBASTIAN STAN, WHO PLAYED TRUMP IN FILM, SAYS MISSED OUT ON 'ACTORS ON ACTORS' INTERVIEW BECAUSE H'WOOD IS 'AFRAID' TO DISCUSS PREZ-ELECT**

**KATY PERRY WINS 5-YEAR-LONG TRADEMARK BATTLE AGAINST AUS LABEL 'KATIE PERRY', DESIGNER SAYS 'LOST EVERYTHING'**



**Pam Bondi, who defended Trump in first impeachment trial, is new AG pick**

## Putin: Stock ready for more combat tests of new missile

**Orders Serial Production Of Oreshnik Hypersonic Missile; Nato & Ukraine To Hold Emergency Talks; Kyiv Cancels House Session**

Moscow: President Vladimir Putin said on Friday that Russia would keep testing its new Oreshnik hypersonic missile in combat and had a stock ready for use. Putin was speaking a day after Russia fired the new intermediate-range weapon into Ukraine for the first time, a step he said was prompted by Ukraine's use of US ballistic missiles and British cruise missiles to hit Russia.



**HARD WINTER AHEAD:** A snow-covered street in Kyiv on Friday

"We will continue these tests, including in combat conditions, depending on the situation and character of the security threats posted to Russia," Putin said in a televised meeting with military chiefs.

Russia is developing similar advanced systems, he added. "We need to begin serial production. The decision... has in effect been taken," he said while praising the "strength and power" of the Oreshnik (which means hazel tree) missile. "There is no countermeasure to such a missile, no means of intercepting it."

Earlier, the Kremlin said the firing of the Oreshnik was a warning to the West against taking further "reckless" actions and decisions in support of Ukraine. Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Russia had not been obliged to warn the US about the strike, but had informed the United States 30 minutes before the launch anyway.

Intermediate missiles have a range of 3,000-5,500km, which would enable them to strike anywhere in Europe or the western US from Russia. Experts said the novel feature of the Oreshnik missile was that it carried multiple warheads capable of simultaneously striking different targets — something usually associated with longer-range intercontinental ballistic missiles designed to carry nuclear warheads.

### 'For troops, Russia giving N Korea oil, missiles'

Russia has supplied air defence missile systems to North Korea in exchange for sending its troops to support Russia's war efforts against Ukraine, a top South Korean official said Friday. The US, South Korea and Ukraine say North Korea sent more than 10,000 troops to Russia in Oct, some of whom have recently been engaging in combat on the front lines. Lee Ilwoo, an expert, said that Russia has likely sent S-400 long-range surface-to-air missiles, launchers and ground-based radar systems. He said that North Korea is capable of building shorter-range surface-to-air missiles on its own. The S-400 missile, with a range of 400km, is considered one of Russia's most advanced anti-aircraft weapons. Meanwhile, North Korea has likely received more than 1 million barrels of oil from Russia over an eight-month period this year in breach of UN sanctions, according to an analysis of satellite imagery published on Friday by the British-based Open Source Centre. North Korean oil tankers have made more than 40 visits to Russia's Far Eastern port of Vostochny since March, the report said. AGENCIES

ing different targets — something usually associated with longer-range intercontinental ballistic missiles designed to carry nuclear warheads. In response to the strike, Nato and Ukraine will hold

emergency talks Tuesday. The conflict is "entering a decisive phase," Poland's PM Donald Tusk said Friday. Ukraine's parliament cancelled a session as security was tightened following the strike. AGENCIES

### Missile speed was over 13,000 kmph, took 15 mins to reach target: Kyiv

Kyiv: The Russian missile that struck the Ukrainian city of Dnipro on Thursday reached a top speed of more than 13,000 kmph and took about 15 minutes to reach its target from its launch, Ukraine said on Friday in its first public assessment of the new weapon. "The flight time from the moment of its launch in the Astrakhan region to its impact in the city of Dnipro (more than 1000 km away) was 15 minutes," the military's Main Directorate of Intelligence (HUR) said. "The missile was equipped with six warheads: each equipped with six submunitions. The speed at the final part of the trajectory was over Mach 11." Mach is a measurement of supersonic speed. Mach 11 equals 13,600 kmph. Deputy head Vadym Skibitskiy said Russia could have at least 10 more such missiles to test before they enter mass production. Kyiv initially suggested Russia had fired an ICBM, but US and Nato echoed Putin's description as an intermediate-range ballistic missile. REUTERS

### Orban invites Bibi to Hungary as ICC warrant divides West

PM Viktor Orban invited Benjamin Netanyahu on Friday to visit Hungary but several other European nations said the Israeli PM would be detained if he set foot on their soil, following an arrest warrant by the International Criminal Court.

All EU countries are members of the court, which means they are supposed to enforce its warrants. But the diverging reactions — and the fact that EU heavyweights Germany and France have not said if they would arrest Netanyahu — highlight the major diplomatic and political challenge posed by the ICC decision, which drew swift condemnation from US President Joe Biden.

Assuring Netanyahu that he would face no risks if he visited Hungary, Orban branded the arrest warrants a "brazen, cynical and completely unacceptable decision". Orban, often at odds with his EU peers, has forged warm ties with Netanyahu.

The ICC has only limited diplomatic means to force countries to act if they do not want to. However, the Netherlands, Italy, Spain, Finland, Portugal, Slovenia and Ireland, are among EU states that have said they would meet their ICC commitments.

But Berlin declined to spell out what it would do until and unless Netanyahu planned to travel to Germany. Paris said it took note of the ICC decision but that it was not a ruling but a "formalisation of an accusation". Non-EU member Britain was similarly circumspect. REUTERS

## Court allows Trump to seek hush money conviction dismissal

New York: Donald Trump may seek dismissal of the criminal case in which he was convicted in May of 34 felony counts involving hush money paid to a porn star, a judge ruled Friday, while also indefinitely delaying Trump's sentencing in light of his victory in the presidential election. The sentencing had been slated to take place next Tuesday.

Prosecutors with Manhattan district attorney Alvin Bragg's office this week asked New York state Supreme Court Justice Juan Merchan to consider deferring all proceedings in the case until after Trump, 78, finishes his four-year presidential term.

Trump's lawyers have argued the case must be dismissed as having it loom over him while he is president will cause "unconstitutional impediments" to his ability to govern. Bragg's office said it will argue against dismissal. Merchan Friday set a Dec 2 deadline for Trump to file his motion to dismiss, and gave prosecutors until Dec 9 to respond. The judge did not set a new date for sentencing or indicate how long proceedings would remain on hold. The judge also did not indicate when he would rule on Trump's motion to dismiss.



Donald Trump at his trial in May. A judge confirmed on Friday that the prez-elect won't be sentenced this month in for the 34 felony counts he is convicted of

The case stemmed from a \$130,000 payment Trump's ex-lawyer Michael Cohen made to adult film actress Stormy Daniels for her silence before the 2016 election about a sexual encounter she has said she had a decade earlier with Trump, who denies it.

A Manhattan jury found Trump guilty of falsifying business records to cover up his reimbursement of Cohen. Trump pleaded not guilty in the case, which he sought to portray as a politically motivated attempt by Bragg, a Democrat, to interfere with his presidential campaign.

"The American People have issued a mandate to return him to office and dispose of all remnants of the Witch Hunt cases," Trump's campaign said. REUTERS

President-elect Donald Trump said Thursday he would nominate Pam Bondi to be attorney general, turning to a longtime loyalist who served as state attorney general in Florida to put his stamp on a Justice Department that he sees as politically hostile to him.

Trump announced her selection hours after his first choice, Matt Gaetz, withdrew from consideration amid a growing consensus that he could not be confirmed by the Senate because of allegations of alleged sexual encounters he had taken part in drug-fueled sex parties.

Trump has been keen to install a close ally to head the Justice Department, which he has vowed to purge of what he calls "deep state" foes — suggesting an end to a long-standing practice of Justice Department criminal investigations operating independent of White House direction or interference.

Bondi, 59, served on Trump's legal team during his first impeachment. She leads the legal arm of America First Policy Institute, a right-wing think tank that has kept close ties to Trump's transition team. Bondi has long been a favourite of Trump's, although it was unclear whether her name had been on a vetting list before. NYT

## Taking A Leaf Out Of Putin's Playbook? Tehran Ups The Ante Iran says activating 'advanced' centrifuges after UN watchdog's censure over nuclear secrecy

Tehran: Iran said on Friday that it would launch a series of "new and advanced" centrifuges in response to a resolution adopted by the UN nuclear watchdog that censures Tehran for what the agency called lack of cooperation. The censure motion brought by Britain, France, Germany, and the United States at the 35-nation board of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) follows a similar one in June.

The censure by the International Atomic Energy Agency could lead to penalties against Iran, including renewed economic sanctions. It came as tensions run high over Iran's ato-

### The censure came on the heels of a confidential report earlier this week in which the IAEA said Iran has defied international demands to rein in its nuclear programme and has increased its stockpile of uranium enriched to near weapons-grade levels

mic programme, with critics fearing that Tehran is attempting to develop a nuclear weapon — a claim the Islamic Republic has repeatedly denied. The three European nations and the US moved to censure Iran over its secretive nuclear programme and its consistent refusal to answer questions from the IAEA or allow

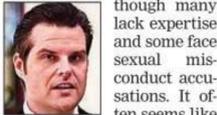
oversight. The resolution — which China, Russia and Burkina Faso voted against — carried with 19 votes in favour, 12 abstentions and Venezuela not participating. It followed the circulation of a report at the agency earlier this week detailing Iran's expansion of its stockpile of enriched uranium close to weapons grade.

"The head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran issued an order to take effective measures, including launching a significant series of new and advanced centrifuges of various types," a joint statement by the organisation and Iran's foreign ministry said. But they added that Iran was open to engagement and would cooperate with the IAEA. Iran operates thousands of centrifuges that spin at high speed to separate uranium isotopes. The machines typically produce low-level reactor fuel but can be programmed to make higher concentrations of uranium suitable for a weapon. AFP

### London cops blow up 'hoax device' near US embassy

London: The US embassy in London returned to normal operations Friday afternoon after police carried out a controlled explosion of a suspicious package that was found in the area earlier in the day. Metropolitan Police later said it was a "hoax device."

"An investigation will follow," police said. "Some cordons will remain in place but the majority of the police response will now be stood down." The embassy said all public appointments were cancelled for the day. AP



Washington: In the two weeks since Donald Trump won the presidency, he's tried to demonstrate his dominance by naming loyalists for top administration positions, even though many lack expertise and some face sexual misconduct accusations. It often seems like he's daring Congress to oppose his decisions. But on Thursday, Trump's attempt to act with impunity showed a crack as Matt Gaetz, his choice for attorney general, withdrew from consideration. On Friday, he said he will not return to Congress next year. Now the question is whether Gaetz was uniquely unpalatable.

Pete Hegseth, who Trump wants to lead the Pentagon, is facing the most scrutiny after Gaetz. Once Trump announced Hegseth as his nominee for Pentagon chief, allegations emerged he sexually as-

saulted a woman in California in 2017. The woman said he took her phone, blocked the door to the hotel room and refused to let her leave, as per a police report. Pete Hegseth told police at the time that the encounter had been consensual and denied any wrongdoing, the report said. However, he paid the woman a confidential settlement in 2023. His lawyer said the payment was made to head off the threat of a baseless suit.



Trump's choice for secretary of health and human services, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., has faced claims of misconduct too. A woman who babysat for him and his second wife has claimed Kennedy groped her in the late 1990s, when she was 23. Kennedy did not deny the cla-

im and texted her an apology after an article was published. Linda McMahon, chosen by Trump to be education secretary, is fighting a lawsuit connected to her former company, World Wrestling Entertainment. She's accused of knowingly enabling sexual exploitation of children by an employee as early as the 1980s, and she denies the allegations.



Tulsi Gabbard is another person who could face a difficult confirmation battle, but for very different reasons. The former Democratic representative from Hawaii has been a vocal Trump ally, and he chose her to be national intelligence director. But there's grave concern by lawmakers and national security officials over Gabbard's history of echoing Russian propaganda. Critics said she would endanger relationships with US allies. AP

### B'desh Hindu body calls for quotas for minorities in parl

Ahsan Tasnim

Dhaka: Bangladesh Jatiya Hindu Mahajote demanded at the Jatiya Sangsad on Friday that 42 of the 350 parliamentary seats be reserved for minority communities and also sought a separate electoral system for all tiers of governance to establish "real representative democracy" and to "end deprivation of minorities" in the country. The demand of the Mahajote, an alliance of Hindu organisations, comes as the chorus for holding national elections grows, and a day after the president appointed a new election commission to hold the polls.

If the Muhammad Yunus-led interim govt does not accept the demand, the Hindu community will not participate in any election, Mahajote

### The body called for 38 reserved seats for Hindus, three for Buddhists and one for Christians

secretary general Gobinda Chandra Pramanik said at a press conference. "We will not even go to polling stations," he added. Pramanik said 12% Bangladeshis are from minority communities (Hindu 10% and Buddhists and Christians 2%). Pramanik said out of the 42 seats, 38 should be for Hindus, three for Buddhists, and one for Christians.

Mahajote president Dinabandhu Roy said, "Being a minority, we are deprived of our rights and our demands are not heard. We hope govt and people of other religions look at us with a sympathetic eye."

### China's hack into US telecom system 'most serious in history'

Washington: China's recent breach of the innermost workings of the US telecommunications system reached far deeper than the Joe Biden administration has described, the chair of the Senate intelligence committee said Thursday, with hackers able to listen in on telephone conversations and read text messages.

Democratic chair, Sen. Mark Warner of Virginia, a former telecommunications executive, said he had been stunned by the scope and depth of the breach, which was engineered over the past year by a group linked to Chinese intelligence that has been named Salt Typhoon by Microsoft, whose cybersecurity team discovered the hack in the summer. Govt officials have been struggling to understand what China obtained and how it might

have been able to monitor conversations held by well-connected Americans, including Donald Trump and JD Vance.

US officials said that since the hack was exposed, the Chinese intruders had seemingly disappeared, suspending their intrusion so their full activity could not be discovered. But Warner said it would be wrong

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to conclude the Chinese had been ousted from the nation's telecommunications system, or that investigators even understood how deeply they were embedded. "We've not found everywhere they are," he said.

China has been the source of hacking concerns for two decades but Warner said "this is far and away the most serious hack in our history." NYT

### Bolsonaro indicted for coup bid, his political revival hit

Sao Paulo: Police indicted Brazil's former president Jair Bolsonaro and 36 others for allegedly attempting a coup to keep the right-wing leader in office after his defeat in the 2022 election. Already barred from running again in 2026 for a different case, he could now land in jail and see his influence further diminished.

Brazil's federal police said the sealed findings in Thursday's indictment were being delivered to Brazil's Supreme Court, which will refer them to prosecutor-general Paulo Gonet, who will decide whether to formally charge Bolsonaro and put him on trial, or toss the investigation. Gonet is already under pressure from his legal peers to move for-

ward with the various investigations related to the ex-president, local media reported.

Bolsonaro told the website Metropoles he was waiting for his lawyer to review the indictment, reportedly 700 pages long. But he said he would fight the case and dismissed the investigation as being the result of "creativity."

The former president has denied all claims he tried to stay in office after his narrow electoral defeat in 2022 to leftist President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva. Bolsonaro has faced a series of legal threats since then.

Police said in a brief statement the Supreme Court had agreed to reveal the names of all 37 people who were indicted "to avoid the dissemination of incorrect news." AP

### DAILY PLANET



**RARE, REVEALED:** A portrait by baroque painter Caravaggio held in a private collection since it was discovered over 60 years ago is on display for the first time at a Rome museum. It is one of just a handful of surviving Caravaggio portraits, since most have been lost or destroyed

### Cutting the queue? US airline unveils new tech to stop violators from boarding plane

Sneaking a little ahead of line to get on that plane faster? American Airlines might stop you. In an apparent effort to reduce the headaches caused by airport line cutting, American has rolled out boarding technology that alerts gate agents with an audible sound if a passenger tries to scan a ticket ahead of their assigned group. This new software won't accept a boarding pass before the group it's assigned to is called, so customers who get to the gate prematurely will be asked to wait their turn. As of Wednesday, the airline said, the technology is being used in more than 100 US airports that American flies out of.

Thursday revealed. Critics have argued taxpayer spending on the events was too large. The figures showed the department for culture, media and sport spent £50.3 million, while the interior ministry's costs for policing the "once-in-a-generation" event totalled £21.7 million. Charles was crowned monarch at Westminster Abbey in May 2023.

**Dry US town prepares to open the tap after 120 yrs**  
For all of its 120-year history, Haddon Heights has been a dry town. But this month, its residents voted to change that. By a nearly two-to-one margin, voters passed a ballot initiative to allow restaurants and bars to serve alcohol, joining the growing ranks of formerly dry counties and towns across the US that have abandoned such restrictions. Haddon Heights, with its population of 7,500, would only be eligible to grant liquor licenses to two bars or restaurants. But that's a question for later, its mayor says.

## Musk & Bezos, world's two richest men, publicly spar over Trump

Karen Weise

A few months ago, a three-post exchange between Jeff Bezos and Elon Musk on Musk's X would have passed for petty sniping between billionaire rivals. But times have changed.

"Just learned tonight at Mar-a-Lago that Jeff Bezos was telling everyone that @realDonaldTrump would lose for sure, so they should sell all their Tesla and SpaceX stock," Musk wrote Wednesday night, referring to two of his companies. He added an emoji for a snickering face.

"Nope. 100% not true," Bezos responded Thursday mor-

ning. "Well, then, I stand corrected," Musk wrote back, with a laughing-crying emoji.

With President-elect Donald Trump's history of animosity toward Bezos, the posts carried an unspoken message about Musk's growing power within the incoming administration. The exchange — brief, brassy and fairly typical of Musk's overwhelming presence on X — could foreshadow a bumpy next few years for Bezos and the companies he started. Amazon and rocket maker Blue Origin. It was also a reminder that the power dynamics in the longtime rivalry between the world's two richest men changed Nov 5.



The three-post exchange carries an unspoken message about Musk's growing power within the Donald Trump 2.0 administration, and could foreshadow a bumpy next few years for Bezos and the firms he started

Plenty of tech executives have drawn Trump's wrath over the last few years. Perhaps none more than Bezos, largely because he owns Washington Post, which has often written critically about Trump. Trump complained Amazon had an unfair deal with the Postal Service. There was also a legal battle over whether he had meddled in a \$10 billion

military cloud computing contract many expected Amazon would win. The contract was awarded to Microsoft before it was cancelled altogether.

Few if any corporate barons have had as much influence over an incoming presidential administration as Musk seems to have. He hitched himself to Trump's campaign and has become a near constant presence at Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate. Trump named Musk a co-leader of the department of govt efficiency, giving him a broad mandate to find ways to slash federal spending. Musk could have significant sway over how the federal govt interacts with Bezos' companies.

The men have long been rivals, particularly in their space ambitions. Musk believes humanity should head to Mars, and through SpaceX, he has become by far the leading launcher of rockets in the world. Bezos founded Blue Origin over two decades ago, and it has become his primary focus since he stepped down as Amazon's CEO in 2021. Blue Origin has launched many short commercial space trips, but has not yet put anything into orbit. In a 2021 interview, Musk needed Bezos' management of the firm: "In some ways, I'm trying to goad him into spending more time at Blue Origin so they make progress." NYT



## A thought for today

Some men change their party for the sake of their principles; others their principles for the sake of their party

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## Age Young Wisdom

Why China's red bosses are in tizzy over its youth

Edmund Burke said, "The arrogance of age must submit to be taught by youth." What is China's youth trying to tell its leadership today? A spate of incidents in recent weeks has given communist bosses a scare. First, thousands of students were seen cycling more than 30 miles from Zhengzhou to Kaifeng in central China, all for a soup-dumpling breakfast. This march of the young was initially encouraged by Chinese authorities, before they got cold feet and cracked down on cycle rides. Then eight people were killed and 17 injured in a stabbing spree on a college campus in eastern China. The suspect was reportedly lashing out for failing an exam, not receiving his graduation certificate, and dissatisfaction over internship compensation.

All of this will give authoritarian China's leadership sleepless nights, as the economy slows down and prospects for the youth dim. Recall that it was young people protesting with blank papers that forced Chinese authorities to lift their extreme Covid restrictions in 2022. But it's not just China. The young everywhere are always a potential disruptor of the status quo. They can galvanise nations or herald revolutions. Be it the fall of the Berlin Wall, Vietnam or the Ukrainian Euro-maidan protests, it's the young who struck the first blow, brought about great change.

The lesson for China: listen closely to the young. What motivates them? What troubles them? Is the economic situation causing them to despair? Is the stress of exams taking a toll? Is social media distorting their perception of reality? Reading the pulse of counter-culture trends is vital. Is Banksy a youth icon in West? Are lots of India's young listening to the tunes of Sidhu Moose Wala? Understand, then connect. Don't stifle. Oldies in power don't always get this.

## Who Goes Around...

...Comes around. The art of retaining &amp; poaching netas

Party chiefs are Mother Hens, clucking around to keep their quacks together. So, when AAP 'gifted' six defectors poll nominations to Delhi assembly elections, it was but a joining bonus. It's a strange way, or maybe smart - hard to tell nowadays - to handle anti-incumbency. Defectors who were rewarded lost to AAP in the last few elections. AAP is hoping to counter anti-incumbency against its own MLAs by acquiring and fielding the runners-up. What about miffed MLAs? Maybe they join the rival camp? Poaching talent from rival parties has strong potential to kill competition - because the Indian political market is cluttered with parties selling near-identical 'dreams', beyond ideology-differentiated rhetoric.

Competition's keen, real winners few, and poaching is a free-for-all. Even tough love doesn't ensure retention. In Maharashtra, for example, in the event of no clear verdict today, there's a cynical certitude that all the chatter will be on defections, resorts, and 'huddles'. Poaching is a political reality, though only a few manage sunny side up, most end up scrambled. The hard-boiled do well. Bihar's Jitan Ram Majhi has worked his way through Congress, JD, RJD, JDU, BJP, back and forth, to stay bobbing in Bihar assembly for 44 years. Far away, blue-turned-red Mother Basil stands as US's soon-to-be intel chief. Fact is, to hold on to their ambitious brood, parties need to sweeten the deal. Or else, those chickens, they will come home to roost.

## Stomachs Speak Loudly &amp; Wisely

They can tell you things you didn't consciously know

Kidneys are quiet, lungs puff away unobtrusively, all other organs do their jobs under the surface. But human bellies can't be ignored: growling, gurgling, grumbling without warning, bringing news of digestion and defecation. **Rumbles: A Curious History of the Gut** by **Elsa Richardson** sets out to tell the 'secret story' of the body's most fascinating organ.

It traces the gastric saga since ancient Greece but it is a cultural history: Metaphor, simile and stories abound, because the stomach has always testified to the connection between mind and body. The gut has figured in debates over subjectivity, spirituality, even nationhood and identity.

Physicians like Erasmus Darwin (grandfather of Charles) figured that stomach troubles were connected to fear and anxiety. The stomach was seen as a drafty corridor that mediates between the external world and the internal one.

The gut's relationships with the brain and the microbiome are being studied seriously now. Vagus nerve controls inflammation and aging. Enteric nervous system can operate independently of the brain. It is not a subdivision of the brain, but an independent kingdom in the viscera that can process info and send eloquent signals. A stomach flip, a quiver of the intestine can tell you things you didn't consciously know.

The idea that intelligence is embodied, disposed and multiple is at odds with the mind-body dualism of Western thought. Thinkers following Descartes insisted that the soul resided in the brain, and only humans had souls. Those who protested violence against animals were, unsurprisingly, feminists, who fought the idea that some bodies were worth more than others.

The pre-modern world, though,

was intrigued by all the themes that preoccupy us today, relationship between food and mood, ideal diet, and how the stomach speaks to the soul.

Understandings of the stomach have tracked social change - in the early 20th century, the body was compared to a factory, oesophagus as a gleaming pipe, thyroid gland as industrial silo, heart as engine room, and so on. The digestive system was likened to cities, and chemical labs.

For many influential thinkers, the stomach was not just physical but also metaphysical, chief seat of the vital force - which led to theological tensions about the god-given spark of life. The Romantics thought that poor digestion was a sign of a troubled artist or crabbed scholar. Meanwhile, the rhythms of the stomach were also created by society: lunch was a Victorian innovation, an essential break in the working day created by industrialisation.

The book explores the idea of the exterior belly too, the paunch, and the industry dedicated to firming and flattening it. Paleo, Atkins, keto and other diets that drastically cut carbs have their origin in a 'letter on corpulence' by Victorian-era influencer William Banting. Associations between obesity and laziness or immorality, and shame around fat, were as evident then as now, dietary advice was presented not just as a way to shape the body but also to reform society.

Over the last few decades, there has been an increase in gut-related disorders like Crohn's disease, digestive cancers make up 30% of all cancer-related deaths, IBS afflicts a huge part of the population. Panics around processed foods and the right diet are running high. The book shows us, though, that there is nothing novel about current anxieties around what we eat, and how we evacuate it.

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SHORT TAKES ON BIG IDEAS



## Bosses Cared, So You Ain't Fired

Musk's promise to savagely slash US budget smells of what Jack Welch did to GE. Welch, finally, was a failure. The better approach to excess staffing is exemplified by what Tatas did in 1990s

Dipankar Gupta



"You're fired." This is one phrase Elon Musk is particularly fond of using. In 2022, he said it at least 6,000 times while reducing Twitter staff by 80%. He reasoned that this would hike the efficiency of X, as Twitter was renamed, but its investors lost \$24bn in paper value after Musk's takeover. Alluring though it seems, is firing the right way to go?

Donald Trump thinks it is and has tasked Musk to enhance govt efficiency, primarily in terms of cost cutting. Musk obliged by promising a \$2tn budget slash; consequently, many jobs will now have to go. Recall here Trump's 2004 TV show, *The Apprentice*, where for 14 seasons he famously bellowed: "You're fired."

Well before Trump or Musk, it was Jack Welch, of General Electric, who fired thousands and made these two scary words legend. He was worshipped for years by GE shareholders before they realised that Welch wasn't the god who walked the earth. GE was even taken off the Dow Index after it tanked hard in 2017.

Yet, in the popular mind, a tough executive is one who can fire employees, unmoved by the fear and mist in their eyes. GE, under Welch, strategically used the dismissal threat to frighten workers to further efficiency. Instead, the reverse happened. In 2016, it had to sell its appliance wing to Haier, horror of horrors, a Chinese firm.

Jack Welch relished the sobriquet "Neutron Jack". In all, he fired half the company staff after taking over. Trump was impressed and when Welch died in 2020, he said: "There was no corporate leader like Neutron Jack." As Musk is a Welch redux, it's not at all surprising that Trump should take to him too.

"You're fired," is a handy mantra only if the principal aim is to stuff stockholders' wallets in the

short term and let the long term take care of itself. In 2003, Wall Street Journal did a roundup of companies that hired scissorhands to trim personnel and found most had sliced themselves to death. It was harakiri, but in slow motion.

On the other hand, Ratan Tata, ever ready to take one for the team, thought that firing, at the first sign of trouble, was a "knee-jerk reaction". In the 1990s, Tata Steel was faced with a choice: sack 40,000 workers or sink. Ratan felt differently. Here were people who had spent much of their working lives with Tata Steel. Now, where were they to go?

So, the company devised a plan whereby redundant

statecraft, as LTHobhouse, the political thinker, argued years ago. If Musk finally cuts \$2tn of federal spending (or about 30%), he will have to fire many govt employees, as he did when he took over X.

While on this cost-cutting spree, Musk can't touch two-thirds of the budget, for that expenditure is deemed "mandatory". They include social security, Medicare, and Medicaid. This leaves roughly a third, which goes to defence, education, transportation, agriculture, research and Homeland Security, and they too are very essential.

These "discretionary" expenses, amounting to roughly \$2tn, are all Musk can legally fiddle with. But will he shut down entire departments of agriculture, education, defence etc? This obviously can't happen. Also, the defence budget is sacred, for in his election campaign, Trump vowed to make US the world's strongest fighting force.

Where then is the \$2tn that Musk proposes to slice? It can only be done if staff strength is hacked across departments, but that would mean raiding "mandatory" expenses too. This will make the horses, even in Trump's stable, very nervous. As it is, govt spending in prosperous America isn't a fat sandwich to start with.

Among the developed countries, US is at the lower rung when it comes to budgetary expenditures. France, Germany, Italy, UK and Canada allot upwards of 43% of GDP on such expenses, while in US it is only 37.5%. On the spectrum's upper end are France and Italy, whose govt's spend as much as 57.2% and 50.6%, respectively, of their GDP.

Musk's effort to raise govt efficiency but cut costs is a short-term stockholder strategy. He did that with X and its value dropped. On the other hand, India's Tata Steel increased efficiency by paying attention to employees and prospered. If we must have corporates in govt, let's pick the right ones.

Firing is easy, but there's a catch. The easiest things in life are often the most expensive.

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labour could voluntarily retire or stay on till the final date, at roughly their current wage, but those positions were never refilled. Almost 30,000 Tata workers happily acquiesced to this scheme and Fortune magazine hailed it as one of the top 10 corporate decisions of that year.

Before firing anybody, Tata companies try voluntary retirement, even re-skilling, for there could be cases of midlife chrysalis too. This is why when in 2008 terrorists attacked Tata's Mumbai Taj Hotel, 11 of its employees gave up their lives trying to save the guests. Can Musk ever hope anyone in his employ would die for such a cause?

A govt is not a company, yet scare (Welch style) and care (the Tata way) can alternate approaches to

## Mumbaiya Logic: Speak And Ye Shall Be Found Out

Hindi film industry's avoided reacting to Hema Committee's exposé of discrimination &amp; violence faced by women in the Malayalam movie industry. Their silence indicates a fear of being shown the mirror

Anna M M Vetticad



Newsbreaks from Kerala have been unrelenting since the release of the Hema Committee report on working conditions for women in the Malayalam film industry. Earlier this month, producer Sandra Thomas initiated legal proceedings against the Kerala Film Producers' Association (KFPA) for expelling her on charges of breaching discipline. Among other developments preceding her expulsion, Sandra had publicly derided KFPA for being tight-lipped about the report. Beyond the newsworthiness of their clash, an aspect of this episode warrants focus, particularly in the national context: the significance of silence.

Not speaking at all can amount to speaking volumes. This has never been more evident than in the three months following the publication of the Hema Committee's findings of discrimination, harassment and violence against women in Malayalam cinema. These disclosures have rocked Kerala and drawn reactions from high-profile figures - mostly women - across Indian film industries, but Hindi filmdom has distinguished itself by largely staying mute about the biggest entertainment-industry-related news of the year.

**Pan-India storm** | The committee was instituted in 2017 by the Kerala govt at the urging of the Women in Cinema Collective (WCC), a network of women artists and technicians formed early that year in the state after a leading Malayalam star was sexually assaulted. The committee's exposé of the Malayalam industry has spurred activism in several other Indian film industries.

Women in Bengal, for one, sought a similar probe into the Bengali industry. In September, actor Ritabhari Chakraborty announced that CM Mamata Banerjee accepted this demand at a meeting (a formal govt statement is awaited). The Nadigar Sangam in Tamil Nadu announced the setting up of a committee to address concerns about exploitation in the Tamil industry.

Meanwhile, the Voice of Women, a group set up in 2019 in the Telugu industry, is pushing for the publication of a report on sexual harassment submitted to the Telangana govt in 2022.

The Hindi industry, in contrast, barring some individuals, is neither introspecting nor backing outspoken women of other industries.

**House of cards** | Hindi filmdom merits special scrutiny in this matter because it gets more space in the media than any other Indian film industry. Support from

Besides, a sustained national conversation on the Hema Committee would inevitably shift to the violence in the Hindi industry that was briefly bared during the #MeToo movement, placing a spotlight on how they snuffed it out.

In either situation, the Hindi film industry's carefully constructed house of cards could collapse, destroying the facade of being a fraternity built over decades.

Amid a resounding quiet from their colleagues, this September, Hindi producer-directors Vinta Nanda and Onir, actors Swara Bhasker and Sushant Singh, joined a list of 72 prominent individuals across professions nationwide who signed a letter to Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan regarding the aftermath of the Hema Committee's revelations. Their move is atypical of an industry long reputed for its collective unresponsiveness to pressing socio-political issues.

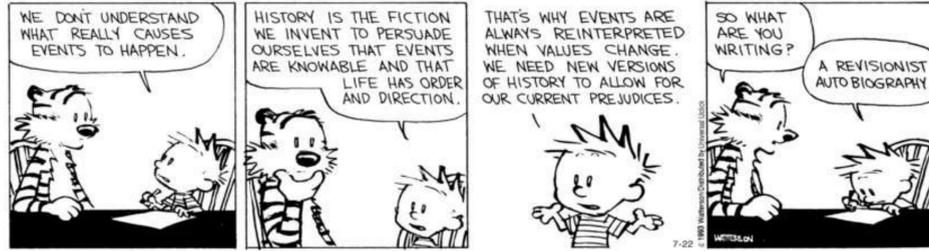
**Behind the scenes** | In a statement on the Hema Committee report this August, Bhasker described it as "heartbreaking because it is familiar". Her comment revives memories of #MeToo breaking out in the Hindi industry in 2018. As accusations emerged against more influential persons the following year, the movement died out in Hindi cinema.

In the six years since, a few Hindi producers have striven to make their sets safe for women, but there has been no collective effort to ensure industry-wide systemic change. Meanwhile, women who raised their voices in 2018-19 have been marginalised, and the accused men are back in the saddle.

Hindi film personalities willingly admit off-the-record that silence is their go-to strategy in all potentially controversial scenarios. Their current silence too is a carefully considered ploy to avoid contributing to continued public interest outside south India in Malayalam cinema's women activists. This is why even Hindi cinema icons who pontificate about women's rights during film promotions and in ad campaigns have nothing to say about a study as groundbreaking as the Hema Committee report and a movement as revolutionary as the one spearheaded by WCC.

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## Calvin &amp; Hobbes



## Consciousness Is Force of Being, Not Merely Awareness

Pranav Khullar

At the heart of Sri Aurobindo's notion of the triple transformation of human consciousness lies a unique reshaping of the Upanishadic philosophical tradition from a prism of a meaningful life-affirming philosophy. As he maps out the psychic, spiritual and supramental dimensions of consciousness in the 'Life Divine', this idea becomes a counterpoint to the philosophical paradigm that all existence, and thereby consciousness too, is an illusion, *maya*.

For Aurobindo, this life itself is unique, for it gives an opportunity to understand, open up and realign ourselves with the Divine consciousness. The seeker has to work on his nature to become a fit instrument and a material channel for the descent of this consciousness. The concept of descent of the Divine supramental consciousness into our very physical

bodies gives a unique evolutionary thrust to Aurobindo's vision, which he posited would materialise sooner than later, as nature forces us to transcend the merely physical dimension and pattern of life.

The question of consciousness was central to Aurobindo's philosophy of life and existence. Consciousness was not just a way of knowing reality but could be looked upon as something that takes the seeker beyond the human mind into a divine or cosmic dimension of reality. Echoing Hegel in mapping out the evolution of human consciousness, Aurobindo sees this phenomenal reality as expressing, but one dimension of that universal consciousness, and all layers of this consciousness synthesise in the Supermind. Aurobindo then takes it a step further and visualises the descent of the universal consciousness into the

physical body as the next step in evolution.

Consciousness is the "Force of Being", Aurobindo says, not merely awareness. It is possible to "seek the union of our soul of mind with universal mind, our soul of life with universal life, our soul of body with universal physical existence, consciously".

*Chit Shakti*, consciousness, presents itself to itself through forms and procedures of nature, and it is this Spirit pervading through matter that Aurobindo urges us to strive to know through experience. To call upon that cosmic consciousness is the true calling of every seeker, which will, in turn, give impetus to the evolutionary impulse.

This unique notion of the descent of cosmic consciousness, the overmind, into the manifest world through the transformation of human consciousness is at the heart of his poetic opus, 'Savitri',

wherein he reinterprets the ancient Upanishadic story of Savitri and Satyavan, as a story of spiritual freedom from ignorance. Savitri is the instrument for descent of Divine Grace, who overcomes death, suffering and ignorance through her burning, single-minded focus on bringing back Satyavan to life. This spiritual quest sets the stage for emergence of a new divinity within us, which transcends mortality.

Aurobindo then contends that the story of Savitri shows the way for the individual soul to ascend to a higher dimension of consciousness, wherein the manifest world would be revealed as a materialisation of this absolute consciousness. To be thus blessed by Divine Grace, our inner guru, like Savitri, would provide a new meaning to the here and now of existence, without which life would merely be like the theatre of the absurd, devoid of purpose and directionless.

## Sacredspace



If there is a pot, a pot is perceived. And if the pot is broken, its brokenness is perceived; If there is no pot at all, Is not its absence perceived as well?

Sant Jnaneshwar

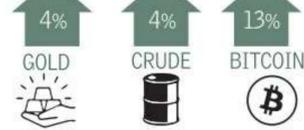


THE SPEAKING TREE

## The Week That Was...

### Sensex Snaps 2-Week Losing Streak

Indian stocks snapped a two-week losing streak, as easing worries about credit risks from exposure to Adani Group stocks lifted heavyweight financials



### US fund Advent to sell packaging co Manjushree for \$1bn

**Hong Kong:** US private equity firm Advent International has signed a deal to sell Indian packaging company Manjushree Technopack to PAG for an enterprise value of close to \$1 billion, two sources with direct knowledge said on Friday. Advent, which invested in the company in 2018, was planning to take Manjushree Technopack public but opted for a sale that will end the offering process, the people said. Manjushree did not immediately respond to Reuters' requests for comment. Advent and PAG, which is headquartered in Hong Kong, declined to comment. **REUTERS**



### Binny Bansal quits PhonePe board

**Mumbai:** Flipkart co-founder Binny Bansal has stepped down from the board of PhonePe, the fintech which the e-commerce firm had acquired in 2016 under Bansal's watch and has now separated from Flipkart. In Jan this year, Bansal had also exited the board of Flipkart. **TNN**

### Zomato to replace JSW Steel in sensex

**Mumbai:** Zomato, the app-based food delivery major that was listed in July 2021, will replace JSW Steel in the sensex on Dec 23, a BSE notice said. Currently, Zomato, with a market cap of Rs 2.3 lakh crore, is the 37th most valued company in India. **TNN**

### NTPC Green's IPO attracts \$1.8bn bids

**NTPC Green Energy,** the renewable energy arm of state-owned NTPC, garnered bids worth Rs 15,406 billion rupees (\$1.8 billion) on Friday for its \$1.2-billion IPO, as investors bet on the country's growing clean energy needs. **REUTERS**

### Walmart's Bartlett joins Flipkart board

**Mumbai:** Dan Bartlett, executive VP (corporate affairs), Walmart, has been appointed to Flipkart's board. Bartlett's appointment comes when Flipkart and Amazon are navigating a challenging regulatory environment in India. **TNN**

### figure it out

**56%** is banks' share in vehicle loans as of Sept-end 2023, up from 40% as of March 2019, due to implementation of a new emission standard, which spurred purchases of new vehicles

## RBI: Policy guidance is more effective when rates are low

**Mumbai:** Interest rate guidance is more effective when policy rates are low as compared to when they are on their way down, according to RBI deputy governor **Michael Patra**. "Under heightened uncertainty, discretion in forward guidance has increasingly gained legitimacy among major central banks. Empirical evidence in the Indian context suggests that forward guidance in a policy tightening cycle



loses steam as the policy rate increases beyond a threshold," Patra said. He was speaking at an RBI conference of central banks in the global south. According to Patra, the optimal level of communication remains the gold standard for all central bankers — too much can create a "signal extraction problem" while too little can keep markets guessing. In its Aug policy, RBI changed its stance from "withdrawal of accommodation" to "neutral" leading ma-

ny to believe that a rate cut was around the corner. However, RBI governor Shaktikanta Das subsequently said that assuming an imminent rate cut was a wrong inference. Patra, in his speech, said that central banks have moved away from secrecy towards greater transparency and public engagement. This evolution has been driven by the need for accountability and the recognition that communication itself can be a policy tool. While transparency is important, there are limits, especially during times of high uncertainty.

## FM: Brand India as responsible capitalist

**Bengaluru:** Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said India should position itself as a nation practising responsible capitalism. "We need to understand that capitalism also has its limitations. It is important to brand India as a responsible capitalist country, one that knows how to take care of its people, with many of its institutions doing their job," Sitharaman said at the India Ideas Conclave 2024 held in



Bengaluru on Friday. The minister discussed how the Indian society has traditionally practised resource utilisation based on necessity rather than excess, primarily due to economic constraints rather than environmental consciousness. Sitharaman expressed her apprehensions about specific aspects within economic frameworks that require fresh thinking to reimagine building the Bharat identity. She highlighted issues of expansionism, exploitation, and aggression.

## Sensex surges 2k pts, best day in 5 months

### Bounces Back A Day After Adani Group-Led Rout Even As Foreign Investors Keep Selling

#### ADANI ST: ENERGY STOCKS SLIDE, CEMENT COS LEAD REBOUND

##### Adani Green, Which Is At Centre Of Bribery Charges, Bled The Most On Friday

	Day 1	% change	Day 2
Adani Green	-18.8		-8.2
Adani Energy Solutions	-20		-6.9
Adani Power	-9.1		-3.2
Adani Wilmar	-10		-0.7
NDTV	-0.6		0.5
Adani Total Gas	-10.4		1.2
Adani Ports	-13.5		2.1
Adani Enterprises	-22.6		2.2
ACC	-7.3		3.2
Ambuja	-12		3.5
Sanghi Industries	-6.2		3.9

#### Adani Group's Market Cap Has Plunged ₹2.3L cr in 2 Days



US prosecutors accused Gautam Adani and other execs of allegedly plotting to bribe Indian govt officials to win solar energy contracts. The conglomerate has denied the allegations, and plans to seek legal recourse

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**Mumbai:** Sensex rallied to close 2,000 points or 2.5% higher on Friday at 79,117 on the back of a strong Wall Street close on Thursday night and short covering by local speculators during closing hours. While Reliance Industries, Infosys and ICI-ICI Bank contributed the most to the sensex's gains, all 30 of its constituents closed higher too, a rare occurrence. On the NSE, Nifty rallied 557 points or 2.4% to close at 23,907 points.

The stocks of Adani Group companies had a mixed closing on Friday, although they lost some more value in market cap on a net basis from Thursday's close.

The day's rally added about Rs 7.3 lakh crore to investors' wealth, with BSE's market capitalisation now at Rs 441 lakh crore. However, mar-

ket players are not convinced that the rally could sustain. Benchmark indexes surged more than 2% due to short covering ahead of the weekend, said Joseph Thomas, Head of Research, Emami Wealth Management. "There is little more than just short covering in this massive uptick as some of the major market participants expressed positive views on the market supported by buying in the banking stocks. Despite this up move, it remains to be seen to what extent the current momentum is going to be sustained next week."

According to Thomas, the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict, the volatile geo-political situation in West Asia, state election results for Maharashtra and Jharkhand, are the factors that may have some impact on the markets in the coming week.

The day's session saw a mixed trend in Adani group's stocks. The stock price of group flagship Adani Enterprises went up by 2.2% and in the process recovered only a small part of its 22% loss the previous session. Stock prices of both the cement majors — Ambuja Cements and ACC — closed higher, along with Adani Ports & SEZ and Adani Total Gas.

Among the laggards were Adani Green Energy that crashed another 8.2% on Friday, while Adani Energy Solutions lost another 6.9%.

At the market cap level, the group's total value was down about Rs 10,300 crore to just a tad below the Rs 12 lakh crore mark. In Friday's session, foreign funds continued to be sellers with the day's net outflow at Rs 1,278 crore. In contrast, domestic funds were net buyers at Rs 1,722 crore, BSE data showed.

## Forex reserves drop by record \$18bn in a week

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**Mumbai:** Foreign exchange reserves fell by nearly \$18 billion in the week ending Nov 15 — the sharpest fall on record — as global investors continued pulling out funds from Indian stock markets.

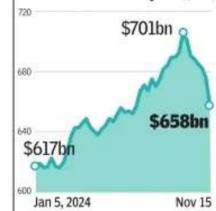
According to RBI data, forex reserves declined by \$17.8 billion to \$657.9 billion during that week. The decline was largely due to a \$15.5 billion drop in foreign currency assets to \$569.8 billion, coupled with a \$2 billion decrease in gold reserves to \$65.7 billion.

Reserves had peaked at \$704.9 billion on Sep. 27, falling by \$47 billion over the next 49 days. Dealers indicated that this drop reflects the scale of the central bank's intervention in the forex market, supplying dollars to meet demand from exiting foreign portfolio investors selling in equity markets.

While the decline in reserves signals RBI's intervention, it does not fully re-

#### RBI Defending Rupee?

##### Forex reserves this year (\$ bn)



## Rupee gains six paise against \$ to close at 84.44

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**Mumbai:** The rupee closed higher on Friday at 84.44, gaining six paise from Thursday's close of 84.50, though it closed marginally lower for the week. A rebound in the equity markets offered some support, but the currency faced pressure from global factors including the strengthening of the dollar and geopolitical tensions.

Reuters reported that RBI had called banks to ask them to liquidate long dollar positions in a bid to reduce speculative positions with the currency at a record low. The dollar index climbed to a two-year high of 108.09 before settling at 107.69, up 0.5%. The greenback's strength was driven by weak economic data from Germany and the UK, which weakened the euro and the British pound.

At the interbank forex market, the rupee opened at 84.48, touched a low of 84.50, and ended the session at 84.44, rising 6 paise from its previous close. On Thursday, the rupee had depreciated by 8 paise to hit an all-time low of 84.50.

## 'Byju asked biz ally to flee to avoid testifying in US court'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Mumbai:** Byju Raveendran, founder of edtech startup Byju's, allegedly tried to convince his US-based business associate William R Hailer to leave the country so he could skip appearing in court to testify about Raveendran's involvement in dubious activities.

"On Nov 20, Byju arranged a ticket for me to Dubai on Emirates out of Chicago, Illinois to avoid testifying and to be out of the country as an excuse if required to testify,"



Hailer said in his declaration to a US court earlier this week which has been reviewed by TOI. Hailer said that after Raveendran learnt of the court filing where he was listed as a witness, he showed "grave concern" about the fact that Hailer might testify. Byju's declined to comment.

Hailer, CEO of consulting services firm Rose Lake, was introduced to Raveendran in 2023 through a mutual connection. He had shown interest in acquiring Byju's unit Epic, which has now been placed

under bankruptcy and under the management of a court-appointed trustee. Last year, Byju's had put Epic on sale to raise funds and repay its lenders but the process didn't materialise. Rose Lake was eventually offered a proposition by Raveendran to buy the \$1.2 billion term loan B which is at the heart of the startup's dispute with its lenders who have alleged that Byju's has hidden \$533 million in loan proceeds extended to the firm. "The top priority was for RL (Rose Lake) to buy term loan B," Hailer said, referring to his conversations with Raveendran.

## GALLERY

## Jannik Sinner leads Italy to Davis Cup semis

**Malaga:** Jannik Sinner won matches in singles and doubles to lead defending champion Italy to a 2-1 comeback victory over Argentina in the Davis Cup. The win gave Italy a spot in the semifinals. On Saturday, Italy will face Australia in a rematch of last year's final.

**Hamilton fastest in Las Vegas GP practice:** Lewis Hamilton topped the times for Mercedes ahead of McLaren's Lando Norris as Max Verstappen struggled in Thursday's practice for this weekend's Las Vegas Grand Prix. Verstappen made little impression and finished 17th, more than two seconds adrift of pace.

**Sreejesh-coached team look to defend Junior Asia Cup title:** Fresh from winning the bronze medal in the Sultan of Johor Cup, PR Sreejesh-coached Indian junior men's hockey team on Friday departed for Muscat to defend the Junior Asia Cup title.

**'Ultimate C'ship will be a gamechanger':** World Athletics president Sebastian Coe said the new Ultimate Championship team event officially unveiled by the sport's governing body would be a "gamechanger" for track and field. AGENCIES

## ACTION TODAY

**FI:** Las Vegas GP, Qualifying, 11.30 am (Fancode); **BADMINTON:** China Masters, SFs, 7.30 am & 2.30 pm (Jio); **CRICKET:** Australia vs India, 1st Test, Day 2, 7.50 am (Star); Mushtaq Ali T20s, 9.30 am onwards (Jio); **FOOTBALL:** ISL, Punjab FC vs NEUF, 5 pm; Mohun Bagan vs Jamshedpur, 7.30 pm (Jio); EPL, Leicester City vs Chelsea, 6 pm; Arsenal vs Nottingham Forest, 8.30 pm; Man City vs Tottenham, 11 pm (Star); **TENNIS:** Davis Cup, Semis, Italy vs Australia, 5.30 pm (Sony)

## 'Can't leave after four defeats'

Pep Guardiola Signs Two-Year Contract Extension With Man City, Eyes More Trophies

**Manchester:** Pep Guardiola has won 15 major trophies since taking charge of Manchester City but remains hungry for more after signing a two-year contract extension to take his stay at the Etihad beyond a decade.

"I felt I could not leave now, simple as that," said Guardiola on his reasoning for staying in the job. "Maybe the four defeats were the reason why and I felt I cannot leave. I felt the club still want me." City are on a four-game losing streak in all competitions -- the worst of Guardiola's managerial career, excluding penalty shoot-outs.

With 39 trophies in his collection, he is already one of the most decorated coaches in football history.

Since a difficult first campaign in 2016/17, Guardiola has won six Premier League titles in the past seven seasons, including an unprecedented four in a row.

But his latest commitment is arguably the most significant during a period of turmoil. For the first time in Guardiola's coaching career he has lost four consecutive matches as City struggle to cope with a mounting injury list, including the loss of Ballon d'Or winner Rodri. Mateo Kovacic was ruled out for up to a month because of an undisclosed injury. AGENCIES

## Lebanese football star left in coma by Israeli airstrike

**Beirut:** Leading Lebanese footballer Celine Haider is in a medically-induced coma after she was wounded in an Israeli strike in Beirut.

Already included in the national youth team twice, the 19-year-old refused to allow her training to be interrupted by Israel's bombardment. She convinced her parents to let her



## PEP IN CITY

The 53-year-old Spaniard joined City in 2016 and has won 18 trophies, including 6 Premier League titles. He's been in charge of 490 games.

## Trophy haul

**EPL (6):** 2017/18, 2018/19, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24

**FA Cup (2):** 2018/19, 2022/23

**League Cup (4):** 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21

**Community Shield (3):** 2018, 2019, 2024

**Champions League (1):** 2022/23

**Super Cup (1):** 2023

**Club World Cup (1):** 2023

**It's good news for the league. It's interesting for us managers to keep facing one of the best managers football has ever had.**

—Arne Slot (LIVERPOOL MANAGER)

## Will consider potential interest from Real Madrid, says Rodri

**Barcelona:** Manchester City's Ballon d'Or winner Rodri said he would listen to Real Madrid if the "best team in history" one day came knocking.

Rodri appeared on a popular sports talk radio programme in Spain on Thursday where he said, "When Real Madrid, the best club in history, the club with the most titles, and all that it represents, comes calling, well clearly it is an honour and you have to pay attention," Rodri replied before immediately adding that he was happy at Man City.

## Barca need to learn how to win without Yamal, says Flick

**Barcelona:** Barcelona winger Lamine Yamal will miss a second consecutive game due to an ankle injury but manager Hansi Flick on Friday urged the rest of his players to step up in his absence in their LaLiga clash at Celta Vigo this weekend. The 17-year-old missed their 1-0 loss at Real Sociedad which halted Barca's seven-match winning streak in all competitions two weeks ago and Flick said that his players need to show that they can win without their teenage sensation.

"Tomorrow I will put the question to the team, (if they can win without Yamal)," Flick told a press conference on Friday.

## France paired with Croatia in Nations League quarters

**Nyon (Switzerland):** In a rematch of the 2010 World Cup final, European champions Spain were drawn against the Netherlands in the Nations League quarterfinals on Friday, while France was paired with Croatia in a 2018 World Cup final rematch. Italy will face Germany and Portugal will play Denmark. Spain are defending Nations League champions.

The quarter-finalists advanced by placing first or second in the four Nations League top-tier groups that finished this week. The two-leg quarter-finals will be played on March 20 and 23. The winners advance to a Final Four mini-tournament scheduled for June 4-8, hosted by one of the teams involved.

The four semi-finalists will not be available to start qualifying games for the 2026 World Cup until September. AP

## Deception, play-acting, et al: The other side of the chequered game

## Poker-Faced Gukesh, Expressive Ding A Study In Contrasts

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China's Ding Liren is already being hailed a moral victor, even before the first chess piece has moved in his World Chess Championship match against D Gukesh that starts in Singapore from Monday.

For, despite the general perception of Chinese being inscrutable and stoic, the chess community is almost united in their assertion that the 32-year-old World No. 23 is not faking his mental vulnerability and that it is not his strategy to lure Gukesh into complacency.

Elite GM Levon Aronian told TOI: "Ding is not a tricky guy. I don't see that. He may not be in the best state, it is maybe caused by the lingering effects of the Covid pandemic or him not being able to play for a long period. But he is going to fight it out. He won't come to Singapore and resign, no."

"But what is also clear that all of the chances are on Gukesh's side," Aronian reiterated.

RB Ramesh, coach and R Praggnandhaa's mentor, too provided some insight. "Ding is genuinely suffering," he said. "When Prag faced Ding in January, I remember him telling me after the game, 'His hands were shivering while making the



**AHEAD OF THE CURVE:** Garry Kasparov was famous for being animated on the board

moves.' Something is not right with Ding. And playing against youngsters makes him even more stressful. So, he won't enjoy this match."

Gukesh's early coach Vishnu Prasanna said, "You start doubting Ding when he says, 'I am not afraid of losing but I am afraid of losing badly'. There is no need to say that."

Is Ding being too forthright? Gukesh had he is prepared to play the best version of Ding, eliminating concerns of complacency.

Faking, or deception, is not only allowed in sport but often marvelled at due to its brilliance in execution, and impact. But in chess, a cerebral sport, this feigning is so subtle that it goes unnoticed by the spectators, many watching the board and not the players.

In his 2008 title match in Bonn, Viswanathan Anand famously scored two wins with black against Vladimir Kramnik. In one of those wins, he had prepared an entire line. Conventional wisdom said that it was better for white. But the Indian genius had found an exciting initiative with black.

The trick lay in the fact that during the game, Anand had to give the impression of being "out of the book" and trying to attain equality. For, even a hint of the line being prepared would have alerted Kramnik and he would have deviated to a safer territory. Talk about being poker faced!

Soft signals too are important in the game. Anand had said elite players won't need a cheating gadget but just a small hint — eg. a chess engine's evaluation number (plus 1, minus 2, etc.) — is enough to take the position to the desired territory. Gukesh is unlikely to give an inch to Ding in terms of body language. For, he is poker faced almost all the time, giving away nothing, making it quite difficult to judge whether he is placed better or not. But some players, Garry Kasparov, famously are expressive and can convert that into a tool of gamesmanship.

It includes removing the wristwatch, pressing the chess clock harder or moving the pieces forcefully, sipping water, rubbing their faces with their hands, making expressions with eyes and holding eye contact. Anand had said the players also learn to decipher breathing signals from the opponents.

While all this doesn't change the board position, it can influence the course of the game in a big way. Such novelty is not announced. In chess, that bubbly must be uncorked without noise.

## Clubs get broadcast assurance, call off protest hours before I-League opener

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**Panaji:** Agitating clubs called off their protest and ensured that the I-League kicked off as scheduled on Friday, after being assured by the commercial rights holder that the matches would be broadcast on Sony, but only from the second round onwards. A day before the scheduled start, I-League clubs had told the All India Football Federation (AIFF) in an email that it is "no longer financially viable to play the league" as they were being asked to pay for broadcast, cope fines ranging from Rs 10 lakh to Rs 24 lakh for failure to meet the stringent club licensing criteria, and despite assurances, the broadcaster was finalised.

"I-League clubs request you to send us con-

firmation of Sony Network as the official broadcaster of the I-League by 8pm tonight, failing which I-League clubs will not commence the league as scheduled to commence tomorrow (Friday)," the club said in the letter.

The federation did not respond before the 8pm deadline. Instead, the next morning, AIFF convened a meeting of all clubs and the commercial rights holders for the league, Shraichi Sports, where a breakthrough was achieved, four hours before kick-off.

"Each of the clubs agreed to pay Rs 12.5 lakh to cover part of the broadcast cost," a club official told TOI after the meeting.

Last week, I-League clubs joined hands and addressed an unprecedented press conference, accusing the AIFF of trying to kill them.

## Computer-based test likely for NEET-UG, indicates Pradhan

## Says A Group Has Been Set Up To Monitor And Advise NTA

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**New Delhi:** Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan has indicated that National Eligibility cum Entrance Test for Undergraduate (NEET-UG) is likely transitioning to computer-based testing (CBT).

Speaking exclusively to TOI, Pradhan said a consensus is being developed in consultation with ministry of health, National Testing Agency (NTA), and a newly formed third-party monitoring group led by former Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) chief K Radhakrishnan. This group is tasked with advising and monitoring NTA to ensure robust and transparent examination processes.

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He said: "We have started

implementation of the committee's report. A monitoring group has been set up, which will continuously advise and monitor NTA. It will work as a third-party vigil." On NEET, he said, "Health ministry is primary client and it is being consulted for its suggestions. NTA will conduct the test. We have two ways — paper-based and computer-based testing. Based on consultation and deliberations with the ministry, the committee and NTA, we are in all likelihood moving towards CBT."

Ministry of education has also placed renewed emphasis on social science research to evaluate policies and their societal impact. Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) has announced a significant budget increase to Rs 235 crore for current financial year by expanding funding support for diverse initiatives, including studies on particularly vulnerable tribal groups, projects led by women researchers, and opportunities for undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Highlighting the significance of social science research, Pradhan emphasised its role in understanding societal behaviour and crafting effective policies.

"Govt in the past 10 years has implemented various transformative policies. So it is important for govt to get these policies and their impact analysed by a third party," he said, adding that social sciences are crucial for addressing real-world challenges with practical solutions. "They provide critical insights for evidence-based policymaking that takes into account empirical data and human factors."

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## K'taka hairdryer blast wasn't an accident but a murder plot

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**Bagalkot:** In a shocking twist to the incident of a hair dryer exploding in the hands of a woman recently, leaving her maimed, Karnataka police have arrested a person who allegedly planted a detonator inside the appliance with the intention to kill.

However, in a bizarre turn of events, it ended up maiming the accused's paramour rather than his purported target — a woman who was opposed to their relationship.

Accused is Siddappa Sheelavant alias Hudedmani, 35, of Kurtageri village in Karnataka's Koppal. The hair dryer was originally couriered to a woman, Shashikala, on Nov 15. Since she was not at home, she requested the delivery man to hand it over to one of her neighbours, Basavarajeshwari, to collect the parcel and open it.

However, as soon as Basavarajeshwari switched it on, it exploded, severing her hands.

Though police had initially suspected an electrical short circuit as reason behind the blast, investigation revealed that it was Siddappa who had plotted to kill Shashikala for objecting to his affair with Basavarajeshwari. Sources said Siddappa and Basavarajeshwari were from the same village and were in a relationship. Their affair continued after the death of Basavarajeshwari's husband Papanna Yarnal, an ex-armyman.

Bagalkot SP Amarnath Reddy said a few months ago, Basavarajeshwari introduced her friend and neighbour Shashikala to Siddappa. Once Shashikala came to know about the affair, she advised Basavarajeshwari to avoid Siddappa, which she did. This angered Siddappa and led him to plot the lethal, booby-trap attack.

Police said Siddappa's job at a granite company for past 16 years had made him familiar with detonators and their use. He bought a hair dryer and fixed a detonator — commonly used for blasting rocks at quarries — in it.

## 10 Reds shot in Bastar; toll reaches 207 this yr

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**Raipur:** Ten Maoists, including three women, were shot dead by security forces in Bastar's Sukma on Friday. This is the biggest encounter since the Oct 3 gunfight in which 38 Maoists were killed. The Maoist death toll this year has now risen to 207, this week alone accounting for 15 deaths.

An AK-47, an Insas rifle and an SLR were among 10 arms seized on Friday. Maoists' South Bastar division "military in-charge", Madkam Masa, who carried a bounty of Rs 8 lakh, was eliminated. Five other cadres were identified as divisional 'small action team' commander Lakhma Mavi, who had a Rs 5 lakh bounty, platoon 4 member Doodhi Hungi, and cadres Madkam Jitu, Madkam Kosi and Kovasi Kesa, who carried bounties of Rs 2 lakh each.

Four dead Maoists are yet to be identified. Bastar

range IG P Sundarraaj said the operation was planned on inputs that Maoists were on the move in Bhandarpada region.

Troops from CRPF and DRG set out to intercept the Maoists in a three-pronged move. A day ago, Odisha police had intercepted a group in Malkangiri trying to cross over to Sukma. One Maoist was killed and other cadres scattered.

Chhattisgarh CM Vishnu Deo Sai said: "Our govt's priority is progress and security in Bastar."

**Maoists brand 2 brothers 'informers', kill them in T'gana:** Maoists Thursday axed to death 2 tribal brothers, one of them a panchayat secretary, in Telangana's Mulugu, accusing them of being 'police informers', reports Srinath Vudali. Eight Maoists reached the house of Uika Ramesh Peruru, 36, and Uika Arjun, 35, attacked them with an axe, killed them, & escaped, police said.

## HC junks earlier order in BRS MLAs' case

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**Hyderabad:** Telangana HC Friday set aside a single judge order of Sept 9 directing assembly secretary to convey within four weeks a time frame for adjudicating disqualification pleas against three turncoat BRS MLAs pending before the Speaker. The trio had joined Congress.

The bench said that the Speaker must decide the pleas against Danam Nageswar, Kadiam Srihari and Tella Venkat Rao within a "reasonable time".

The bench stressed that the Speaker, as chairman of the tribunal constituted under the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution, must keep in mind the purpose of this schedule and resultant anti-defection law.

"The Speaker shall bear in mind the concept of reasonable time by taking into account the period of pendency of the disqualification petitions, the object of inclusion of Tenth Schedule to the Constitution as well as the tenure of the assembly," the bench further explained.

The assembly secretary had challenged the single judge order, contending that courts could review decisions only after the Speaker took them and not before that. While BRS had filed three separate pleas seeking disqualification, BJP lodged a separate petition seeking disqualification of Nageswar who had contested as Secunderabad LS Congress candidate immediately after getting elected as Khairatabad MLA on a BRS ticket.

## Rollout of new Vande Bharat sleeper coaches may be delayed

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**Moscow:** Amid govt's big push for more Vande Bharats, railways is yet to finalise the design for the semi-high-speed train's new sleeper coach version, even after 14 months of it signing a Rs 55,000 crore contract with Russian firm TMH under a joint venture. The reasons for the hold-up are need for more toilets in a coach (four instead of three), a pantry car in every train set, and luggage space in each coach — issues that could lead to an increase in project cost and roll-out delay.

The matter was taken up at a high-level committee meeting between external affairs minister S Jaishankar and first deputy PM of Russia Denis Manturov in Delhi last week. TMH CEO Kirill Lipa said. He added that even Russian President Vladimir Putin is aware of the issue.

"We raised this issue during the meeting. It's not that we are seeking some pressure from Russian govt, but we want Indian Railways to give us key explanations. For that, we need some support from Indian govt," Kirill said.

TMH is the major shareholder in Kinet Railway Solutions, SPV of the Russian firm and Indian Railways PSU RVNL. It bagged the contract and signed an agreement with Indian Railways in Sept 2023 to manufacture 1,920 Vande Bharat sleeper coaches and maintain them for 35 years.

Kirill said till May this year, they were hopeful of rolling out the first prototype of the train by year-end. "But Indian Railways sought changes in the design and we had to rework. These changes are creating need for time and for additional budget," he said. Kinet has also sought compensation for changes in design.

A railway spokesperson said the "technical modifications" were sought as per the contract agreement and Kinet gave responses "after a gap of 4-5 months". The response is under examination.

(The reporter is in Moscow on invitation of the Russian foreign affairs ministry)

## Closer to their tech dreams: 276 students selected for Bharti Airtel scholarship

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After the death of his father, Shikhar, who lives in Fatehpur, UP, had to grow up fast. A physical disability and mounting agricultural loans only added to this pressure. He focused on his education, and today, has been admitted to a computer science degree at National Institute of Technology, Karnataka. Thanks to the new Bharti Airtel Scholarship, his studies have been fully funded, and his dream to uplift his community using technology is more accessible.

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**LATE PHILLIP HUGHES TO BE HONOURED AHEAD OF ADELAIDE TEST, SAYS CRICKET AUSTRALIA**

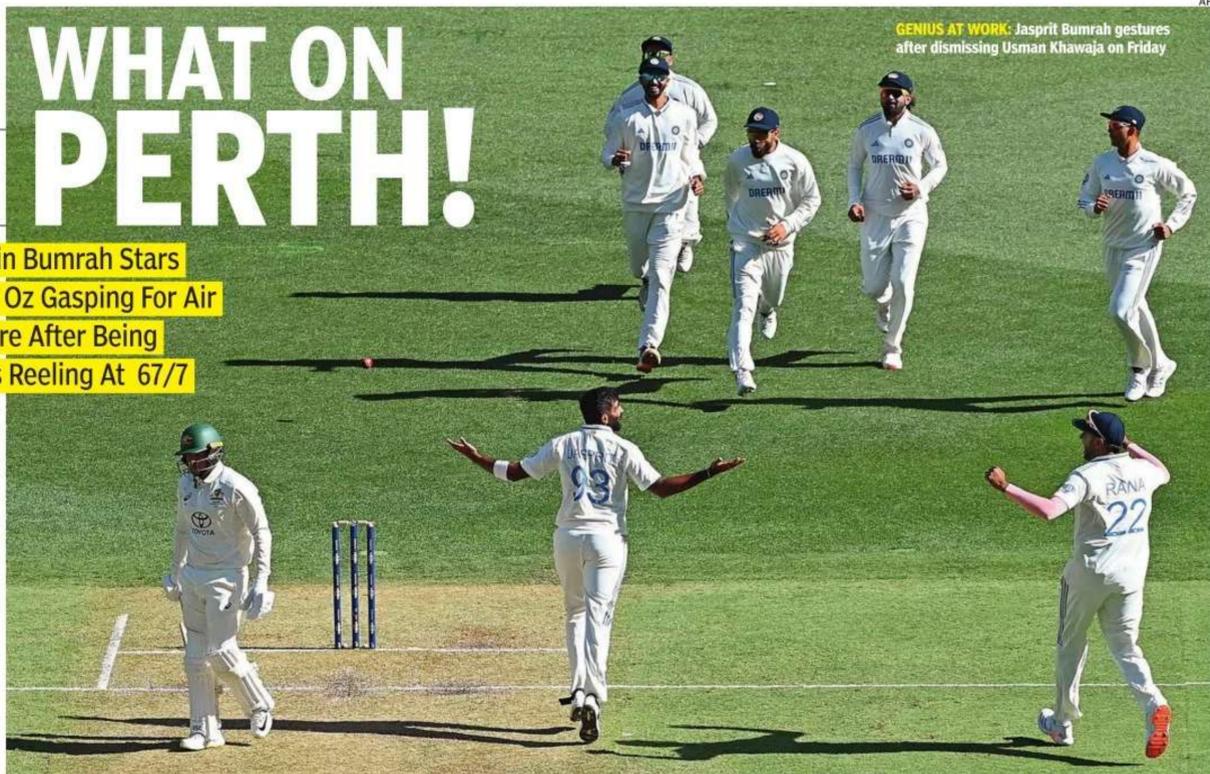
**SCOTT BOLAND NAMED IN AUSTRALIAN PM'S XI TO FACE INDIA IN TOUR MATCH BEFORE 2ND TEST**



**4/17** Jasprit Bumrah has produced his best bowling performance as captain in Tests. His previous best was 3/68 vs England in Birmingham in 2022.

**2** Bumrah is the second bowler to dismiss Steve Smith for a golden duck in Tests, the first being Dale Steyn (Feb 2014).

## WHAT ON PERTH!



**GENIUS AT WORK:** Jasprit Bumrah gestures after dismissing Usman Khawaja on Friday

**150** India's first-innings total, equalling their lowest ever while batting first vs Australia in Australia. They also scored 150 in Sydney in Jan 2000. India's lowest-ever 1st-innings total is 58 in response to Australia's 382/8 declared in Brisbane in 1947.

**18** Ducks for India's batters in 11 Tests this year, the most by them in a calendar year in Tests. There were 17 ducks in 1983 and 2008. —Stats: Rajesh Kumar

**On Dramatic Day 1, Captain Bumrah Stars With 4-Wkt Haul To Leave Oz Gasping For Air As India Fight Fire With Fire After Being Bowled Out for 150; Hosts Reeling At 67/7**

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India captain Jasprit Bumrah showed ample evidence of the endless spirit in his heart and the freakish skill in his bowling bones as he brutalized Australia with his initial spell of 6-2-9-3. With the shadows of the stands engulfing Perth's Optus Stadium, he even returned later on Day One to dismiss his opposite number, Pat Cummins, to end the day with 4/17. It left the hosts reeling at 67/7. As many as 17 wickets fell on Friday, on a surface that offered liberal seam and bounce.

That was after Bumrah himself had made a questionable call at the toss of electing to bat on a grassy pitch where India got bundled out for 150 at the stroke of tea. Josh Hazlewood (4/29) and Mitchell Starc (2/14) suffocated the Indian batters by bowling a relentless line and length and Mitchell Marsh showed that his West Australian teammate Cam Green's injury-forced absence wouldn't affect Australia's team balance.

"The Bison", as Marsh is nicknamed for his broad shoulders, trundled in post lunch to send back Dhruv Jurel and Washington Sundar to offer the legendary pace trio of Cummins, Starc and Hazlewood a solid helping hand.

If the first two sessions were a setback for the Indians, the final session was all about their fightback, and it was Bumrah that made it possible. He dismissed debutant Nathan McSweeney LBW by bowling fuller and successfully reviewing a decision adjudged not out by Richard Kettleborough.

After a few unsuccessful overs from over the wicket to the stubborn Aussie left-handed opener Usman Khawaja, Bumrah switched to round the stumps and opened Khawaja up to have him

edging to Virat Kohli at second slip. Kohli, who had dropped Marnus Labuschagne off the second ball that the batter faced, made no mistake this time.

The next ball, Bumrah dismissed India's perennial nemesis Steve Smith LBW when the batter indulged in his customary shuffle to meet the ball, but

the 140.5 kmph thunderbolt seamed in sharply, skidded and struck him plumb in front. Harshit Rana, who was one of the two debutants India fielded along with Nitish Kumar Reddy, then castled the tormentor of India's dreams in global events, Travis Head. Rana's wobble seam delivery in the high 130s from

round the stumps came in with the angle, hit the seam and moved 1.36 degrees away after pitching. Head had no chance in hell playing that one, especially sans footwork.

Mohammed Siraj, bowling with better rhythm than he has shown in the past six weeks, played his part too, sending back Mitchell Marsh and Marnus Labuschagne after a painful 52-ball stay in which the Queenslander managed just two. In terms of turnarounds in moods and fortunes, this was as emphatic as it could get after Indian batters once again floundered to be dismissed in 49.4 overs, giving catching practice to men behind the sticks.

Nine of them perished to catches in the slips or the 'keeper. Starc first accounted for Yashasvi Jaiswal as the batter did exactly what one is told not to do at Perth, drive on the rise, loosely. He was caught by McSweeney in the gully. Devdutt Padikkal, who was roped in as a makeshift No. 3 to replace the injured Shubman Gill, was nicked off by the metro-nomic Josh Hazlewood for a 23-ball duck.

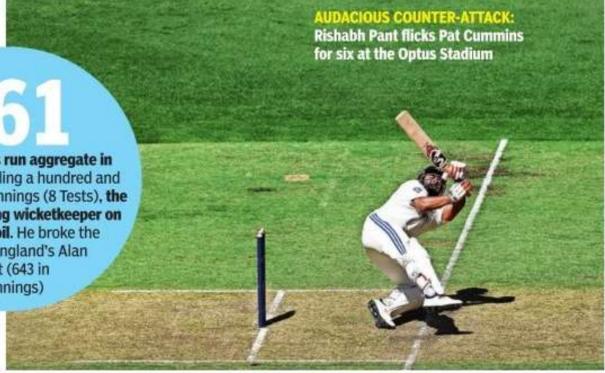
Virat Kohli walked in at 2-14 and employed an aggressive forward press technique with interception points ear-

lier than all his previous outings. But Hazlewood got one to lift from a length to devour the Indian star for another single digit score.

The much maligned and heavily trolled KL Rahul ironically looked the best batter on view as he defended stoutly and left judiciously. His controversial caught behind for 26 off Starc sunk India's hopes of going into lunch just three down. Rishabh Pant (37) and Nitish Kumar Reddy counterattacked for an entertaining 48-run stand, with Pant's falling scoop off Cummins over fine leg for six making it to the few batting highlights of a day dominated by bowlers.

Both were enterprising against off-spinner Nathan Lyon, hitting him out of the attack. Cummins, though, dismissed both close to tea. The Aussie skipper, however, would be disappointed with his returns of 67 from 15.4 on a pitch that offered so much help.

He would also be annoyed at not reviewing a caught-behind appeal of Reddy off Starc when the debutant was still new to the wicket, as his 41 could prove decisive in a Test that is low-scoring and fast-moving.



**AUDACIOUS COUNTER-ATTACK:** Rishabh Pant flicks Pat Cummins for six at the Optus Stadium

**661** Rishabh Pant's run aggregate in Australia, including a hundred and two fifties in 13 innings (8 Tests), the most by a visiting wicketkeeper on Australian soil. He broke the record of England's Alan Knott (643 in 22 innings)

## KL Rahul DRS dismissal sparks first controversy of tour

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The Border-Gavaskar Trophy has had its share of umpiring controversies. There was Sachin Tendulkar's shoulder-before-wicket dismissal, adjudged by Daryl Harper, off Glenn McGrath's bowling in Adelaide in 1999. Steve Bucknor's howlers in Sydney in 2008 are still remembered. Virat Kohli's catch by Peter Handscomb at the Optus Stadium in 2018 appeared to be a bump ball but was ruled out by third umpire Nigel Long. Then there was Bucknor again, adjudging Tendulkar out in Brisbane in 2003 off Jason Gillespie when the ball appeared to be passing six inches over the stumps. India have been at the wrong end of the stick on each occasion.

On Friday, it was KL Rahul's turn to feel the heat. India's opener looked the part, defending resolutely, meeting the ball underneath his eyes and leaving the ball on length, but with minutes to



**INCONCLUSIVE?** Mitchell Starc successfully appeals for KL Rahul's dismissal on Friday. (Right) TV grab of Snicko spike that led to Rahul's dismissal

go before lunch, he was victim of a controversial caught-behind decision.

Batting on 26, he was adjudged not out by on-field umpire Richard Kettleborough, after the Aussies appealed for a caught-behind off Mitchell Starc. After some deliberation, the umpires sent it to the third umpire Richard Illingworth and the Snickometer registered a spike

as the ball passed the willow, but visuals also showed Rahul's bat hitting the pad.

However, umpire Illingworth ruled in favour of the hosts, saying, "I've got a spike when the ball passed his outside edge," leaving Rahul to walk off in a huff. The decision caused a debate on social media and among those commentating on TV. Former India head coach Ravi

Shastri, who was commentating for Fox Cricket, said there was not enough evidence for the third umpire to overturn the on-field official's not-out decision.

Shastri found support on air from former Aussie left-hand batter Mike Hussey, who called the decision controversial. "You can see the bat just clipping the pad, so you've just got to get the tim-

ing right...there's got to be some doubt there in my mind. The disappointing thing is the technology's there to make sure you get things correct," he said. Sanjay Manjrekar, while commentating on Star Sports, labelled it a "travesty" and said such an important decision should not have been made without sufficient visual evidence.

Manjrekar said, "Ideally, if there was bat, as an edge to the ball, there should have been an earlier spike because clearly two events there, and the umpire heard one noise. The visual certainty was bat hitting pad. If that was the spike, there wasn't an outside edge. If we were shown two spikes, then you could say the first one was bat. He should have said he can't rule it out."

Noted former umpire Simon Taufel, who has worked extensively with the ICC to get the tricky third umpire's decisions right, felt that the ball did brush Rahul's outside edge, but the bat hit the pad at the same time.

**“My initial reaction was, was there enough evidence there for the third umpire to overrule what was given? It was not out on the field of play. Did I see enough there for me to be convinced? I didn't see enough, to be honest.”**

—Ravi Shastri

**“Third umpire asked for another angle which wasn't provided. I'd assume he'd only ask for another angle if he wasn't sure. Then if he wasn't sure, why did he overturn the on-field not-out call? Poor use of technology and proper protocol not followed. KL hard done by.”**

—Wasim Jaffer

**“The TV umpire had a tough job there, but this camera angle is probably the best one for me, it shows that the ball does graze the outside edge which has caused the scuff marks, but then the bat goes on to hit the pad. So I think from a batter's perspective, they are looking to see that evidence on the big screen.”**

—Simon Taufel

## IPL to be played from March 14 to May 25

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**Mumbai:** The BCCI has announced the dates for the next three IPL seasons, officially communicating the timelines to the franchisees on Friday morning, just a couple of days ahead of the IPL auction in Jeddah on Sunday and Monday. The IPL-2025 season is slated to run from March 14 to May 25. IPL-2026 will run from March 15 to May 31, while IPL-2027 will be held from March 14 to May 30.

In the past, IPL officials have waited until the last minute to release the dates. The start time of the IPL auction on Nov 24 and 25 has also been pushed to 3.30 pm at the request of the broadcaster to ensure it doesn't clash with the Perth Test.

**Archer, Netravalkar added to auction list**

Meanwhile, the BCCI has added Barbados-born Eng-

lish paceman Jofra Archer, who will now be available for the season, to the auction list, along with US left-arm pacer Saurabh Netravalkar and Mumbai wicketkeeper-batter Hardik Tamore.

Archer's base price is Rs 2 cr, while Netravalkar, who performed well for the US in the 2024 T20 World Cup (six wickets in six matches at an economy rate of 6.63), and Tamore's base price is Rs 30 lakh. "The lowest base price of a player has been raised from Rs 20 lakh to Rs 30 lakh now," a source told TOI. Tamore has played 23 white-ball games (13 List A and 10 T20s) in domestic cricket.

Archer could have been in the marquee players' set had his availability been known earlier. However, he has now been listed as player No 575 in the auction register, while Netravalkar will be player No 576 and Tamore will be player No 577.

## Overseas stars commit to next 3 IPL seasons

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**Mumbai:** Players from Afghanistan, England, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, the West Indies, and Zimbabwe have committed to being fully available for all the next three seasons of the IPL in the current cycle (2025-2027).

The only exception is that a few Australian players will not be available at the start of IPL-2026 and IPL-2027. In 2026, Australia is scheduled to tour Pakis-

**Auction in focus as SMAT starts today**

**New Delhi:** The presence of a few frontline stars like Hardik Pandya, Mohammed Shami and the event coinciding with the IPL auction has given the latest edition of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, beginning on Saturday, an important context.

tan for a three-match ODI series, immediately following the T20 World Cup, with the short tour concluding by March 18 (tentatively). IPL-2026 will begin from March 15. "The relevant players in this squad, or rested from this squad due to their participation in the T20 World Cup, will be released to play in the IPL at the conclusion of the series," the BCCI informed the franchisees on Friday, a couple of days ahead of the IPL auction in Jeddah.

Shami will be eager to come up with a fine show to further underline his fitness. The 34-year-old will also be looking to get picked up in the IPL auction after getting released by Gujarat Titans. Shreyas Iyer (Mumbai) and Yuzvendra Chahal (Haryana) will be looking to boost their already impressive IPL CV with fine efforts in the tournament. PTI

## Satwik-Chirag pair makes semis; Lakshya knocked out

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**Satwiksairaj Rankireddy** and **Chirag Shetty** stormed into the semifinals of the China Masters BWF Super-750 tournament with a hard fought 21-16, 21-19 victory against Kim Astrup and Anders Skaarup Rasmussen in Shenzhen on Friday. The Indian challenge ended in the men's singles, however, after unseeded Lakshya Sen lost to third seed Anders Antonsen of Denmark 18-21, 15-21 in the quarterfinals.

**CHINA MASTERS**

The sixth seeded Indians took 47 minutes to record their fourth victory against the second seeded Danes in 10 meetings. The Indians dominated the first game but faced stiff resistance in the second. Hitting smashes with ease, the tall pair took an early lead in the first game and widened the gap to 14-8.

The Danes struggled to keep pace, changing their strategy in the second to play a flat game. The ploy worked and both teams battled hard for each point. Satwik made a couple of service faults in the second game which allowed the Danes to secure a



Chirag Shetty (left) and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy in action on Friday

two-point lead before the break. However, the Indians pounced at every small opportunity to smash hard. The Danes were unable to stop the Indians towards the end of the second game.

Satwik said that having made the semifinals, there was no pressure on them now. "There were so many downs for us in the last three months. Our coach Boe left. Mentally and physically it was very bad. But now our mindset is very clear. Olympics is over and we will have a fresh start and there is no pressure. We want to go little deep into this tournament," Satwik said.

## Wrestlers' participation at Belarus and Egypt meets hangs in balance

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**New Delhi:** Indian wrestling continues to suffer in the absence of govt recognition.

In a latest development, wrestlers are awaiting clearance from the Sports Authority of India (SAI) to participate in two prestigious invitational tournaments in Belarus and Egypt.

The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) — which has been fighting for recognition from both the sports ministry and Indian Olympic Association (IOA) — had submitted a proposal to the SAI on Nov 10, expressing its interest to participate in the Oleg Karavaev Greco-Roman meet in Minsk from Nov 28 to 30 and Ibrahim Moustafa meet in Alexandria on Dec 7 and 8.

With the dates fast approaching, there has been no response from SAI despite reminders from the federation. "Even if the clearance comes from the SAI, it would be difficult to get the visas processed on time for both countries. The organisers have been asking for names, but we can't send them the list in the absence of any response from the SAI," said a WFI source.

Recently, the federation was forced to pull out the Indian contingent from the World Wrestling Championships in Albania's Tirana. Later, the sports ministry had cleared the trip after a day-long protest outside the minister's residence by participating wrestlers demanding that the teams be sent to the meet.

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