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The driver of a van was charred to death after it collided with a car coming from the wrong direction and caught fire on Dwarka eway at 12.15am on Wednesday. The car driver allegedly fled to his village in Haryana. P 7

French PM Michel Barnier ousted

France's far-right and left-wing lawmakers joined together to vote Wednesday a no-confidence motion prompted by budget disputes that forced PM Michel Barnier to quit. National Assembly approved motion by 331 votes. AP

Explosion at police station in Amritsar

Several cops had a close shave Wednesday when a blast rocked Majitha police station in Amritsar, shattering glass windows. The blast came within a week of a similar explosion at an abandoned chowki on Nov 29. TNN

Boy, 12, held over classmate's death

Police detained a 12-year-old boy, a day after a classmate died at a south Delhi school. According to the FIR, the boy was allegedly involved in pushing his classmate before he fell, started frothing at mouth & became unresponsive. P 8

Manipur buses back on road after 19 mths

Nineteen months after suspending inter-district public bus services due to ethnic clashes that erupted in May 2023, Manipur govt Wednesday resumed operations on four key routes. P 14

Alert cop saves Sukhbir as man fires at him during his penance

Attack On Former Dy CM Outside Golden Temple

Yudhvir Rana | TNN

Amritsar: Shiromani Akali Dal chief and former Punjab deputy CM Sukhbir Singh Badal narrowly escaped assassination while undergoing religious punishment outside Golden Temple on Wednesday when an alert plainclothes cop lunged and pushed pro-Khalistan hardliner Narain Singh Chaura's gun hand upward, causing the shot to go wide. The shooter had come within a few feet of Badal.

The timely intervention of ASI Jasbir Singh in Sukhbir's security detail, and a sewadar (volunteer) who helped overpower the gunman, averted a tragedy. The attack, which occurred around 9.30am, was filmed by reporters covering Day 2 of Sukhbir's penance.

Police said Sukhbir was unhurt. Clad in a blue sewadar uniform, the SAD president was sitting at the Golden Temple entrance at the time and had a placard around his neck as part of the "tankhah" religious punishment pronounced by the Akal Takht for religious misconduct during his father Parkash Singh Badal's tenure as CM from 2007 to 2017.

▶Attack shows rise of radical fringe, P 13

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SHOOTER LINKED TO TERROR GRPS, WENT TO PAK IN 1984

- **68-year-old Narain Singh Chaura**, the would-be assassin, is a former pro-Khalistan militant earlier **booked in 21 police cases but acquitted in most**
- Chaura had formed Khalistan Liberation Army and **escaped to Pakistan in 1984**, police said. Later returned to India
- Linked to several terrorists in the past. Accused of receiving an RDX consignment in 2010, he was **arrested in 2013**. Came out on **bail in 2018**
- **Lone wolf?** Punjab **cops probing** whether Chaura planned the attack on Sukhbir on his own or was **part of a larger conspiracy**

Photo: ANI

ASI Jasbir Singh (in plainclothes) lunges at the gunman to prevent him from getting a straight shot at Badal (sitting on right). The bullet went wide and hit a wall

Youth murders Army vet father, mother and sister

Feared His Dad Would Will His Property To Sister

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New Delhi: A 20-year-old Delhi University student, Arjun Tanwar, was arrested for murdering his father, a retired Armyman, mother and his sister at their residence in south Delhi's Neb Sarai. Tanwar allegedly committed the murders early on Wednesday, the couple's wedding anniversary. In a bid to mislead cops, he went for his usual early morning run, and on returning raised an alarm that his family had been murdered.

According to police, the accused, Arjun, believed that his father, Rajesh Kumar (51), intended to transfer ownership of his property to his sister, Kavita (23). This, coupled with his father's purported disapproval of his boxing career and public humiliation, fuelled Arjun's anger and resentment towards his family, cops said.

Police received a call from Arjun at 6.53am, claiming that his parents were murdered. The investigation revealed that the victims' throats were slit, and they sustained multiple stab wounds.

▶Followed daily routine, P 4

STABBED PARENTS ON THEIR ANNIV

Photo: Jatin Kumar

Arjun used his father's Army knife to kill his family

- Arjun Tanwar (20), a BA student and an aspiring boxer, felt unsupported in his boxing career
- Planned the murders a week in advance, choosing his parents' anniversary to carry out the act
- After committing the crime, he went for his daily run, returning later to alert others about the murders

AAP MLA Balyan gets bail in extortion case, re-arrested on MCOCA charges

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New Delhi: A short while after Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA **Naresh Balyan** was granted bail in an extortion case by a Delhi court on Wednesday, he was arrested again by Delhi Police in a separate FIR. Balyan was taken into custody on charges under the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA). He will be produced in Dwarka court on Thursday.

Reacting to the fresh arrest, AAP said, "BJP yet again misused its agencies and imposed MCOCA, misusing terrorism laws on the legislators of AAP. This arrest is only to silence Arvind Kejriwal, who is regularly questioning Union home minister Amit Shah on the failed law and order situation in Delhi."

During the hearing of his bail plea in the extortion case Wednesday, Delhi Police informed the court that they would arrest the MLA under MCOCA. "We will be arresting him right now," special public prosecutor Akhand Pratap Singh submitted before the court of additional chief judicial magistrate Paras Dalal, who rejected the prosecution's request for 14-day judicial custody.

> "The alleged audio clip which is the main link of alleged criminal conspiracy between gangster Kapil and present accused has yet not been forensically examined or verified despite having been seized about 15 months back... There is **no evidence of any criminal nexus... no money trail** has been found
>
> —ACJM Paras Dalal

▶ 'Can't pick & choose', P 6

J&K: Army jawan injured after ultras open fire in Tral

Pulwama: An Army jawan was injured after terrorists opened fire on him on Wednesday in the Tral area of Awantipora in Pulwama, official sources said. According to sources, the jawan, who was on leave and had returned home, sustained a gunshot wound to his leg. He was rushed to hospital for treatment. Sources added that his condition is stable, and the area has been cordoned off by security forces. Earlier, a terrorist was killed during an encounter with security forces in Srinagar's Dachigam forest on Tuesday, police said. ANI

Headed to Sambhal, Rahul & Priyanka stopped at UP Gate, made to turn back

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Ghaziabad: A Congress convoy led by Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and Wayanad MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra was stopped at UP Gate on the Delhi-Ghaziabad border on Wednesday morning while it was on its way to violence-hit Sambhal.

The incident triggered a political controversy and **derailed peak-hour traffic on Delhi-Meerut Expressway, with a jam stretching back nearly 6km in Delhi,** affecting vehicles all the way till Mayur Vihar.

TOI

Rahul said as Leader of the Oppn it was his right to visit Sambhal

After Congress's announcement about the visit a day before, UP Police on Wednesday deployed around 100 cops at the border and put up multiple tiers of barricades on DME to block the Gandhi's route to Sambhal.

▶ 'Let peace be restored', P 16

Jailor, dy suspended for prison meeting

The jailor and deputy jailor of Moradabad jail have been suspended for facilitating a meeting on Monday between 15 SP functionaries and some of those booked for their alleged involvement in the Sambhal violence. The senior superintendent of the jail may also face disciplinary action. P 16

No Sci-Fi, It's Real: Dec Anomalies A Concern

Mosquito Proliferation, Delayed Tree Defoliation, Key Species Missing Not Good News

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New Delhi: It's the first week of Dec and the city is aflutter with butterflies. But that is not good news. Their presence and activity show the weather this month is comparable to that of Aug or Sept. The anomalies don't stop at the butterflies. House geckos are still crawling on the walls, semal and palash leaves are still green and mosquitoes are breeding and biting.

The absence of the typical cool weather in Oct, Nov, and now potentially Dec, has given the city some reasons for worry. The mosquito proliferation, delayed tree defoliation and the absence of migrant species in the region signal significant ecological disruptions.

According to wildlife biologist Faiyaz Khudsar, who is the scientist in charge of DDA's biodiversity parks programme, cold winters are crucial to the health of nature and forests. "In winter, the earth's surface temperature is regulated. Snow covers the earth, and then when it melts, it creates rivulets and reservoirs that assist life. Species like bears and snakes hibernate; it's part of the life cycle and energy balance," said Khudsar. "This year so far, the weather has been warm. Not a single plant in the Yamuna Biodiversity Park has started shedding."

He said it is important for plants to 'sleep' in winter in order to minimise activity, store energy for regeneration, flowering and fruiting, and again sprout in spring. "In the absence of a proper winter, this overall phenology is affected," said Khudsar, who also said this weather trends foretold larger impacts like 'range shifts', when the habitats of certain shrubs and animals gained altitude to cope with the heat. Environmentalist Pradip Krishen added that some trees like the jacaranda that like cool winters might suffer this year.

The scientist also pointed out that winter offers a brief relief from vector-borne diseases. This year, however, that's not the case. "As the temperature is optimum, mosquitoes and other pests and pathogens may last longer and create problems," he warned.

According to field biologist Sumit Dookia, house lizards should have gone into hibernation by now. "But these reptiles are still seen on walls. Generally, they go into hibernation around Diwali, but the temperature is conducive for their presence," said Dookia, who also remarked the native semal, palash and Ficus trees have yet to shed their leaves as usual. "The leaves of these species haven't even turned yellow. They are set to bud and flower in Feb but haven't even started shedding. This can impact the lifecycle of the plants," he said.

Warm winter will affect not only specific species, but also have a cascading effect, cautioned wildlife biologist Sohail Madan. "The coming seasons will be impacted. And in Delhi, which has dry deciduous forests, plants are supposed to go into dormancy in winter, but if they don't shed now, they might not be healthier in the coming seasons," said Madan. "The volume of migratory waterfowls is very low. And most peculiarly, butterflies are still active when their number usually drops by the time Dec begins. They are as active as in Aug and this can impact their lifecycle."

DELHI'S UNUSUAL WINTER TRENDS

File Photo

Warmest Oct in 73 years (since 1951) › Warmest Nov in 13 years › Dec expected to follow the trend

Unusual symptoms in nature

- Mosquitoes still breeding; dengue cases persist
- Butterflies active because conditions are similar to Aug
- Native trees have yet to shed leaves
- House lizards and reptiles yet to hibernate
- Flowering plants like chrysanthemums have not achieved full bloom
- Winter migratory birds observed in very low numbers

Temperature anomalies in Nov
Max temp 1.3°C above normal | Min temp 1.7°C above normal

CONCERNS

1 **Phenology disruptions** — Life cycles of many species may shift or fail to synchronise; Possible impact on bud burst, sprouting, and leaf regeneration

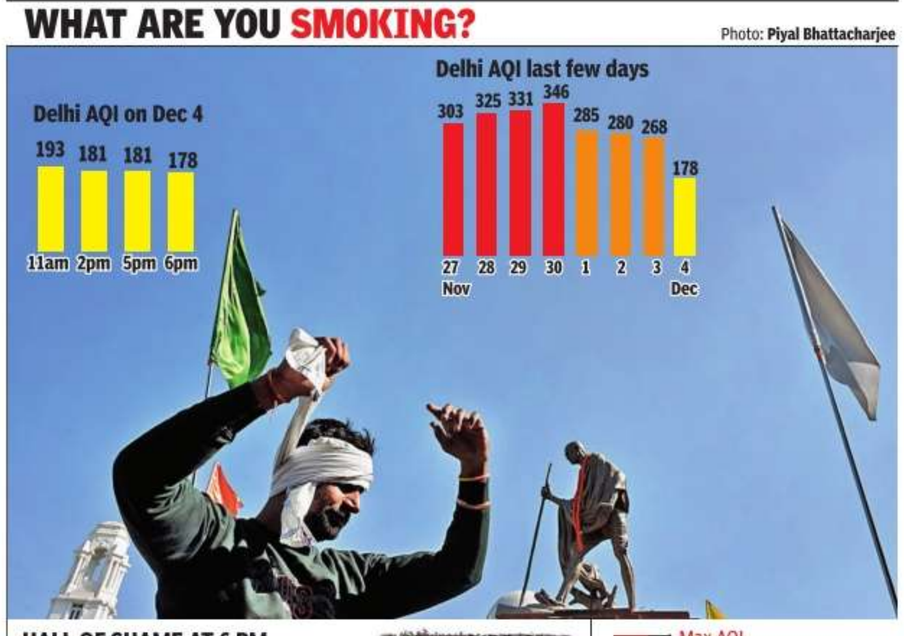
2 **Plant health** — Lack of rest could affect plants' health and lifespan

3 **Pathogen activity** — Prolonged activity of pathogens may have negative effects on human health

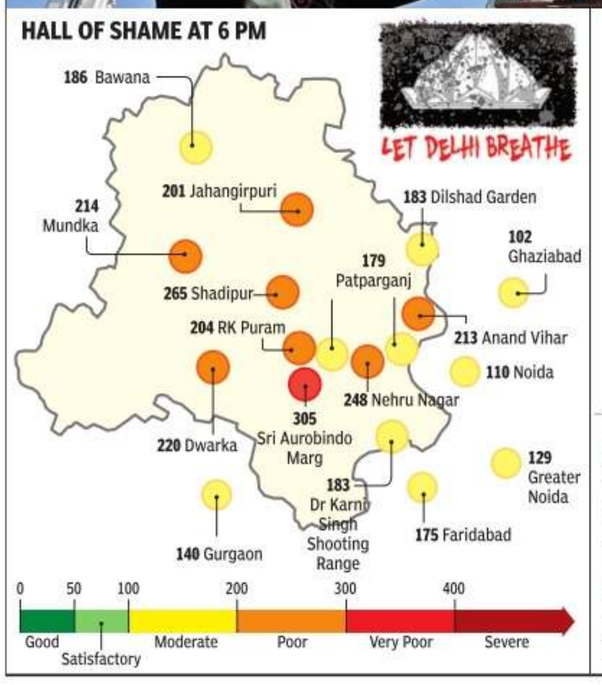
Rain next week may lead to drop in temperatures

WHAT ARE YOU SMOKING?

Photo: Piyal Bhattacharjee



HALL OF SHAME AT 6 PM



Max AQI **305** at Sri Aurobindo Marg (5pm)
174 *Difference*
Min AQI **131** at Narela

*(Highest AQI of 305 was **6.1 times worse than 'good'**)*

- Best AQI in Delhi since Oct 12 (155)
- AQI improved due to consistent moderate winds, low moisture
- AQI likely to be 'moderate' on Thursday, and 'poor' thereafter

▸Continued from P1

On Wednesday, the AQI was 194 at 11am, which by 3pm had improved to 179 and to 178 by 4pm, before dipping slightly to 181 by 5 pm.

Pollution monitoring agencies expect the AQI to remain in the moderate to poor range for another day before deteriorating to poor again.

According to weather analysts, the city is seeing consistently strong winds, which may continue for a few more days. "The city saw wind speeds of 15-20 kmph on Wednesday. This may remain so for another few days. The wind direction was northwesterly. Consistently stronger winds coming from the same direction led to an improvement in the air quality," said Mahesh Palawat, vice chairman, meteorology and climate change, Skymet.

Weather analysts also expect rain early next week under the impact of a western disturbance, which may lead to a drop in temperatures in the region. "A western disturbance might show its impact soon, around December 10. Under its influence, there are chances of fresh snowfall from December 8-10 and rain in Punjab, Haryana, and western Uttar Pradesh. There are chances that the rain might also occur in Delhi. Post these rains, the temperature may fall," said Palawat.

95.1 MAX PM2.5 LEVEL RECORDED IN THE CITY ON WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday, the city recorded a maximum temperature of 28 degrees Celsius, three notches above normal, against 28.2 degrees C a day earlier. The minimum temperature was recorded at 12 degrees C, a notch above normal, against 10.5 degrees C a day earlier. The maximum and minimum on Thursday are likely to hover around 26 and 10 degrees Celsius.

According to the advance air quality forecast, moderate air quality may continue for another day; however, it may may slip back to poor after December 6. On Wednesday, the PM2.5 levels hovered between 65.8 to 95.1 micrograms per cubic metre, against 24-hourly standards of 60 micrograms per cubic metre. The PM10 levels hovered between 148.1 to 187.7 micrograms per cubic metre, against the national standard of 100 units and 45 units as per WHO standards.

Warm Dec may give wings to viral infections

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New Delhi: The meteorological prediction of unusually high temperatures in Dec has alarmed healthcare professionals, who expect a surge in health problems in vulnerable groups such as respiratory ailments and viral infections. The unexpected warmth could also cause dehydration and heat-related discomfort, especially among susceptible groups.

Dr Suranjit Chatterjee, senior consultant, internal medicine, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, explained that elevated temperatures could worsen existing health conditions and trigger new health issues. It is particularly true of susceptible groups, including senior citizens, young children and individuals with underlying medical conditions.

"The unusually warm weather during a traditionally cool month can result in heat-related illnesses and fluid loss, particularly when people have not adjusted to higher temperatures," said Chatterjee. "The unexpected weather variations can also affect mental wellbeing, potentially causing heightened stress and anxiety among people. The extended warm period also provides favourable conditions for mosquitoes to breed, raising concerns about increased instances of diseases like malaria and dengue fever. So, healthcare systems might experience additional strain from increased patient numbers, requiring enhanced disease monitoring and medical preparedness."

An additional concern due to the warm and humid weather is a flare-up in skin fungal infections and eczema, said Dr Rommel Tickoo, director, internal medicine, Max Super Speciality Hospital, Saket.

Air pollution's influence on climate change is notably affecting weather patterns and, according to Dr Avi Kumar, senior pulmonology consultant, Fortis Escorts, Okhla, winter temperatures are becoming less severe while summers are getting warmer. To date, Dec has shown milder cold with warmer air, accompanied by significant temperature variations. These environmental changes are resulting in increased allergic reactions affecting the skin and upper respiratory tract, leading to symptoms including nasal blockage, rhinorrhoea, and irritation in eyes and throat.

"The temperature fluctuations are also causing an increase in lower respiratory tract conditions, particularly bronchial asthma, with respiratory patients showing heightened vulnerability to infections. These environmental changes are problematic for individuals with existing respiratory conditions, including asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and interstitial lung disease," said Kumar.

Expressing similar views, Dr Arvind Aggarwal, senior consultant, internal medicine, Sri Balaji Action Medical Institute, said that after Nov's air pollution, the higher temperatures this month could worsen respiratory problems like asthma, bronchitis and COPD.

Emphasising the importance of regular health screenings during this period, particularly for individuals with ongoing respiratory or cardiac conditions, Dr Ashish Kumar Prakash, associate director, respiratory & sleep medicine, Medanta, Gurgaon, said that a nutritious diet rich in vitamins played a vital role in strengthening the immune system. Preventive steps such as wearing masks and avoiding drastic temperature variations could minimise health concerns.

"To ward off infections, ensure proper hydration, use masks for protection against pollution and maintain proper hygiene practices," advised Prakash. "Keep track of air quality levels and limit outdoor activities when smog is at its peak. Ensure proper airflow in your residence to prevent the accumulation of indoor pollutants."

CLIMATE CHANGE & HEALTH

Vector-borne diseases such as malaria, dengue fever, and chikungunya are a growing concern as warmer temperatures allow mosquitoes to thrive in previously unaffected regions

Leptospirosis cases may rise due to heavy rainfall and flooding, creating ideal environments for the bacteria involved

Respiratory infections are likely to increase

Gastroenteritis may also become more common due to food safety challenges in warmer climates

Essential Tips

Stay hydrated | Drink water regularly to avoid dehydration and heat-related conditions

Dress smart | Wear loose, airy clothing to stay cool and promote air circulation

Protect from pollution | Use masks, monitor air quality, and reduce outdoor activity during peak smog hours

Ensure ventilation | Maintain proper airflow in your home to prevent indoor pollution buildup

Control mosquitoes |
- Apply repellents containing DEET or picaridin
- Cover arms and legs during peak mosquito activity (dawn & dusk)
- Eliminate stagnant water near your home

Prioritise sanitation | Secure clean drinking water and manage waste properly to prevent waterborne diseases

Stay informed | Monitor local disease outbreaks and seek medical care promptly if symptoms arise

Boost immunity | Get vaccinated against respiratory illnesses

CM inaugurates 25 EV charging stns in E Delhi

New Delhi: Chief minister Atishi and senior Aam Aadmi Party functionary Manish Sisodia inaugurated 25 low-cost EV charging stations in Mayur Vihar Phase-1 on Wednesday.

The move is part of Delhi govt's broader strategy on combatting pollution, promoting the use of electric vehicles, and reinforcing the city's status as India's EV capital, an official statement said.

At the event, Atishi emphasised on Delhi govt's commitment to fostering a sustainable future. "Delhi now boasts of more than 2,400 EV charging points, offering the lowest rates in the country. It is the reason why 12% of all new vehicles registered in Delhi are electric," Atishi said, adding that the city is also home to the second-largest fleet of electric buses globally.

The new charging stations, managed by Delhi Transco Limited, took the total number of govt-operated charging points to 78, the statement said.

Praising the initiative as a step towards making the capital a hub for green mobility, Sisodia said, "These charging stations are the power banks of a modern Delhi. Despite challenges, we achieved 12% EV adoption among new vehicles, laying the foundation for a cleaner, healthier future. When we created the EV policy, we set a target that by 2025, 25% of new vehicles would be electric." TNN

ED busts ₹640cr cyber fraud racket run by CAs and CSs...

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New Delhi: Given the big money, highly educated people are joining cybercrime. The Enforcement Directorate has unearthed a syndicate in Delhi-NCR where a few chartered accountants, company secretaries and crypto traders got together, scripted a cyber fraud racket and collected more than Rs 640 crore.

During a search operation between Nov 28 and Nov 30, two CAs — Ajay and Vipin Yadav — and a crypto trader, Jitendra Kaswan, were arrested. Further investigation unearthed a large-scale money laundering racket operated with the assistance of handlers sitting abroad and through closely held chat groups on instant messaging apps.

When ED officials raided the premises of a CA, Ashok Kumar Sharma, in Bijwasan in Delhi last week, associates of the accused attacked the agency's team, injuring an official. The others were saved by CRPF and Delhi Police personnel. The syndicate was engaged in online betting, gambling, part-time jobs, and phishing scams across several states.

The money was collected and siphoned off by layering through more than 5,000 mule bank accounts in India, and subsequently, uploaded on "PYPL", a UAE-based payment platform. Part of the fraud money was withdrawn in cash in Dubai through Master/Visa Indian Bank ATM cards.

ED conducted searches at 13 premises across Delhi, Gurgaon, Jodhpur, Jhunjhunu, Hyderabad, Pune and Kolkata, and recovered hundreds of debit cards, cheque books, ATM cards, PAN cards, digital signatures, trust wallet secret phrases and seized unaccounted cash of Rs 47 lakh and cryptocurrency (USDT) worth Rs 1.36 crore from a private wallet. Several bank accounts have been frozen.

"Instructions regarding opening of mule accounts, cash circulation and purchase of crypto were provided on a group messaging account by the handlers. More than 2,000 documents detailing debit/credit transactions in hundreds of bank accounts and purchase of cryptocurrency have been recovered and are being analysed," ED said on Wednesday.

The Delhi Police has registered an FIR on the attack on the ED team and arrested Radhe Shyam Sharma, brother of CA Ashok Kumar Sharma who is absconding.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of two FIRs registered by the CBI and the Economic Offences Wing of the Delhi Police with respect to cyber fraud money to the tune of Rs 640 crore.

AI image

YOUR HARD-EARNED MONEY UNDER ATTACK

...CBI unearths ₹117cr cyber scam after raids at over 10 locations

New Delhi: Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has cracked down on a massive cyber fraud scheme, uncovering a staggering Rs 117 crore scam. The investigation, which involved searches at 10 locations in Delhi and surrounding areas, has shed light on a complex web of financial scams orchestrated by organised cybercriminals and suspected foreign actors.

CBI has registered the case under various sections of Indian Penal Code and the Information Technology Act, 2000, following a complaint from the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), ministry of home affairs. The complaint alleged that these cybercriminals were engaged in systematic financial fraud across India, targeting victims through digital platforms such as websites, WhatsApp and Telegram.

The scammers employed various tactics to lure people, including part-time job scams, task-based frauds, and promises of high returns on initial investments.

Once the victims deposited funds, they were quickly transferred through a network of "mule accounts" designed to obscure their origins. The funds were eventually withdrawn overseas via ATMs or used for wallet top-ups on fintech platforms.

An analysis of 3,903 complaints registered on the National Cybercrime Reporting Portal (NCRP) revealed that the fraudsters siphoned off approximately Rs 117 crore, primarily withdrawn in Dubai and other UAE locations. Investigations identified 3,295 Indian bank accounts involved in these fraudulent transactions.

During the searches, the CBI seized incriminating evidence, including electronic devices and financial records, from the premises of 10 people suspected of involvement in the fraud. The investigation is ongoing to identify additional members of the syndicate and trace the complete flow of illicit funds.

In light of this development, the CBI has urged citizens to exercise caution while engaging with offers on digital platforms, particularly those promising quick earnings or lucrative investments. TNN

54 children freed from factories, 181 in 30 days

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New Delhi: At least 181 children have been rescued from factories in the city in the past 30 days. Of these, 54 were rescued on Wednesday alone in central Delhi's Anand Parbat. Six factories were also sealed during the operation led by SDMs of Patel Nagar and Civil Lines, labour department, Delhi Police and NGO Sahyog Care for You.

The rescued children are all aged between eight and 17 and hail mainly from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. Rescue workers found them working in factories producing plastic toys, fans, doorbells and other items. The children said they earned Rs 100 per day while working 12-hour shifts without breaks.

"The rescue operation revealed a horrific scene. We found children working in plastic factories, living and sleeping in the same dingy spaces where they worked. They were forced to seek respite on makeshift cardboard beds, positioned dangerously close to the machinery itself in almost all these cases," said Harish Kumar, a rescue worker.

"These children who work in plastic moulding are constantly exposed to toxic fumes from burnt plastic. Their health is severely compromised, affecting both their quality of life and life expectancy," he added.

"We consistently find such children in a state of severe undernourishment, their bodies visibly weakened. Most were trafficked from impoverished families in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar villages to work in Delhi-NCR," Kumar told **TOI**.

The labour department recorded statements from the children about their wages while a team of doctors conducted health checks. The child welfare committee has also ordered the children to be placed in care facilities.

"Delhi High Court has mandated quick trials for such cases and back wages to be paid within three months of rescue. We request the district magistrate to help these children with rehabilitation and compensation as early as possible," said Shekhar Mahajan, general secretary of Sahyog Care for You.

5 minor girls rescued from bonded labour

Five minor girls were rescued from different areas in Delhi in a joint operation conducted by the crime branch of Delhi Police, the Jharkhand police, and an NGO. The rescued girls, some as young as 12, were working as domestic workers without pay for up to four years. The authorities are working to reunite the girls with their families in Jharkhand. The operation was launched following the arrest of a human trafficker, Poonam Marandi, last month from a rented accommodation in Shakarpur. Marandi, who was involved in trafficking young girls from Jharkhand to Delhi-NCR, allegedly exploited these girls for years. An officer said that in one of the cases, a girl was brought to Delhi in 2021 on the pretext of a job opportunity. While the father managed to stay in touch with her for the first three months, all communication ceased thereafter. TNN

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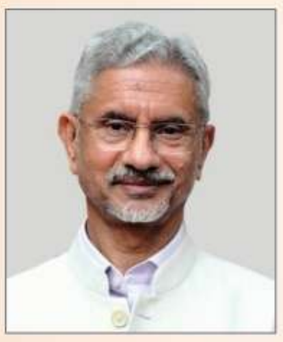

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27th Wedding Anniv Their Last

Neighbours Say Family Was Peaceful With No Known Enemies

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New Delhi: The morning of what was supposed to be a joyous occasion for the Tanwar family on Wednesday turned out to be a shocker for the neighbourhood. Rajesh Tanwar and Komal Tanwar were all set to celebrate their 27th wedding anniversary, but fate had a cruel twist in store for them. They were allegedly attacked by their son, Arjun, and lost their lives and that of their daughter, Kavita.

As news of the tragedy spread, a silence descended on the neighbourhood in Neb Sarai in south Delhi. Relatives, friends and neighbours flocked to the crime scene, their faces showing a range of emotions from disbelief to sorrow. Saurav, a neighbour who knew the family for years, said Rajesh, the family's sole income earner, worked as a personal security officer for a south Delhi businessman.

"I was asleep when I received the horrifying news. The entire neighbourhood was shocked. I had tutored Rajesh's children. Kavita was an ambitious young woman who aspired to crack the competitive exams," said Saurav.

The Tanwars were deeply respected within the community. Neighbours described them as kind, punctual and always ready to lend a helping hand. "I never once witnessed them engaging in arguments or disputes. They were a peaceable family," a neighbour disclosed.

Deepak, a close relative, recalled his last interaction with his uncle and his cousin, Arjun. He said he messaged his uncle the night before to wish them on their anniversary. Around 4.30am on Wednesday, Deepak said, Arjun sent a reply thanking him. Another relative remembered the couple were planning a small celebration to celebrate their anniversary.

At the scene, police were seen taking Arjun, 20, while a police dog followed them to different parts of the house. Later, the cops took the youth to the police station.

Rajesh, according to relatives, was a black belt in karate, while Arjun, also called Bunty by family members, was a boxer and was preparing for the national championships. "The daughter, Kavita, too had learned taekwondo. The father spent a lot on his children's education and their sports," the relative said. Another kin added that the couple were planning to shift back to Mahendragarh in Haryana after both their children settled down.

Sube Singh, another relative, said, "Rajesh retired from the army in 2007 as a naib subedar, a junior commission rank. During his army tenure, he also received training as an NSG commando." He revealed that the Tanwars, originally from Mahendragarh in Haryana, had been living in Delhi for more than a decade now. Singh recalled the last time he saw them — at a relative's wedding in Haryana on Nov 22. "They were the life of the party, radiating joy and warmth as they mingled with other relatives," he recalled.

The murders sent shockwaves through the community. For the residents of Neb Sarai, it was something horrific that had never before occurred in their peaceful locality.

MURDERS MOST FOUL

Photo: Jatin Kumar

Location Devli village, **Neb Sarai**

Time PCR call **6.53 am** on Wednesday

Deceased **Rajesh Kumar (51), his wife Komal (46), and their daughter Kavita (23)**

WHAT HAPPENED

- An ex-armyman, his wife, and their daughter are murdered at their residence
- They are found with throats slit and numerous stab wounds
- The man's body is found on first floor. His wife and their daughter are found dead on ground floor
- The woman, who woke up during the attack, may have fought back and sustained injuries

ABOUT THE ACCUSED

- **Arjun Tanwar (20),** a undergrad student in political science and an aspiring boxer, believed his father would give his property to his sister and felt unsupported in his boxing career
- He planned the murders a week in advance, choosing his parents' anniversary to carry out the act
- Using his father's army knife, he killed his sister, father, and mother
- After committing the crime, he went for his daily run, returning later to alert others about the murders

After murders, 20-year-old followed his daily routine

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Rajesh's body was found on the first floor, while his 46-year-old wife Komal's and daughter Kavita's bodies were discovered on the ground floor, each on separate beds. Neighbours who witnessed the scene reported that clothing was placed around the victims' necks to stem the flow of blood.

A team under the supervision of DCP (South) Ankit Chauhan scanned multiple CCTV footages and found no signs of forced entry or burglary. Everything inside the house appeared to be in its original place. "When we questioned Arjun, he started giving different answers, and there were multiple contradictions," joint CP (south) Sanjay Kumar Jain said, adding that Arjun subsequently confessed to the crime.

The team that cracked the case was formed under ACP Abhinendra Jain and led by inspector (AATS) Umesh Kumar.

During interrogation, Arjun revealed that he devised the plot to eliminate his family members a week ago. He chose Wednesday, which was his parents' wedding anniversary, believing that no one would suspect him.

To create a web of deception, he went out of the house at 5.30am for his daily morning run. "When he returned, as per his plan, he rushed to a gym where he works out and informed the gym owner that his parents had been murdered," police said. He then alerted the neighbours and relatives.

He further told police that he first killed his sister and then his father. His mother went to the bathroom, and as soon as she returned, he killed her. The sister and mother showed resistance, which was evident from the nature of their injuries, while he killed his father in his sleep. He used his father's Army knife for the murders.

"He told us that he opted for slitting their throats as he knew it would prevent them from screaming. He was so enraged with his father that he stabbed him in the head," police said.

Arjun said his father regularly scolded him over his daily routine and studies. He was also angry that his parents supported his sister, who was pursuing a master's degree and doing well in her studies. The accused was also pursuing a BA in political science from a college affiliated with Delhi University. He is a trained boxer and represented Delhi in boxing and won a silver medal. He studied at Army Public School in Dhaula Kuan.

"Arjun harboured a deep grudge against his father and family members, feeling that no one supported him. He felt neglected and isolated. He also suspected that his father was planning to give their property to his sister," police said.

Rajesh reportedly reprimanded and physically assaulted him in front of others outside their home. According to sources, on Dec 1, during his sister's birthday celebration, his father had physically assaulted him.

Police are also scanning Arjun's digital devices to check if he watched any videos to plan his crime.

Unitech projects: SC asks states to give consent within 2 weeks

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: To expedite construction of Unitech's housing projects spread across the country, Supreme Court on Wednesday directed various states, including Punjab, Haryana and Karnataka, to grant requisite consent within two weeks to the company, which is now being run by Centre appointed board of directors. It also ordered Noida authority to grant approval and sanction to start construction of stalled projects in Sectors 96, 97, 98, 113 and 117.

Rejecting the plea of Noida authority to get back the land that had not been developed so far, a bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan underscored the need to first finish the construction of the projects in which around 6,000 homebuyers in Noida had invested their hard-earned money long back but are still waiting for possession. The bench, however, assured the authority that the court would examine its claim over dues to be paid by the company.

The court said that interest of homebuyers, who were left in lurch after their investments were siphoned off by the erstwhile directors of the company, needed to be protected and construction should start off at the earliest. The lands which were leased out to Unitech comprised three segments: (i) Sectors 96, 97 and 98 of Noida comprising 347 acres; (ii) Sector 113 comprising 53.53 acres; and (iii) Sector 117 comprising 71 acres. As per the company, the amount which is due from the existing homebuyers ranges in the vicinity of Rs 3,200 crore and in respect of the unsold inventories, approximately, Rs 8,000 crore.

Thousands of people, including some who had invested close to 15 years ago, are awaiting delivery of their flats. According to forensic audit report, Rs 14,270 crore was deposited by 29,800 homebuyers and Unitech borrowed Rs 1,806 crore from six financial institutions for 74 projects. After examining the account books of Unitech Group and its subsidiaries, the auditor said Rs 5,063 crore or 40% of collections from homebuyers were not used for the housing projects while outflows of Rs 2,389 crore were not ascertained. The report said 40% of the money raised from financial institutions, amounting to Rs 763 crore, had not been utilised for construction.

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Refused to give discoms to Adani Group, claims Kejriwal

New Delhi: AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday claimed that he faced pressure to transfer the control of Delhi's power companies to Adani Group during his tenure, but he did not relent.

Addressing the Delhi assembly, Kejriwal said, "Today, in this assembly, I want to take full responsibility for stating that when I was the chief minister, I was pressured to hand over Delhi's electricity companies to Adani Group." He added, "If I handed over Delhi's electricity companies to Adani, you would not have been able to afford electricity anymore."

"Electricity in Delhi would have become so expensive that neither Delhi govt could provide subsidies, nor could you pay your electricity bills from your earnings. I refused, I declined to hand over the electricity companies to Adani Group," the AAP convener said.

Kejriwal further said he wanted to warn the people of Delhi that if they voted for BJP in the upcoming assembly polls, they (BJP leaders) would hand over Delhi's electricity companies to Adani Group.

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said that since BJP raised the issue of public exploitation through the collusion of AAP govt and private power discoms and demanded an investigation into their accounts, Kejriwal was "rattled". "A few days ago, Kejriwal alleged that BJP would stop electricity subsidies if it came to power. However, when BJP clarified that it would not stop subsidies but extend their benefits to the middle class, Kejriwal began creating a narrative about handing over power discoms to Adani," Sachdeva added. TNN

Saxena distributes job letters to over 1.6k Home Guards

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Lieutenant governor VK Saxena on Tuesday distributed enrolment letters to 1,669 Home Guards, engaged recently after following a detailed recruitment process.

One-fifth of the new appointees included erstwhile Civil Defence volunteers (CDVs), the LG's office said.

It added that of the 1,669 new Home Guards, 181 were women.

While the directorate-general of home guards initiated the process to hire 10,285 Home Guards in Jan this year, the LG, while speaking at the event, said 15,000 more would be added in the near future to take the total strength of the personnel to over 25,000 in the capital.

LG VK Saxena

While giving his nod for the enrolment of 10,285 new Home Guard personnel, the LG issued directions to the revenue department that the CDVs be given preference by way of extra credits in the selection. This was done to provide alternative employment opportunities to those CDVs who worked in various departments, including transport, as marshals in public buses, but their services were terminated in Nov 2023.

Following the advertisement by the directorate of Home Guards, several candidates moved court, and the appointment of 7,939 was put in the 'pending' category till the outcome of the two cases.

"Considering this, LG issued directions for the immediate appointment of Home Guards on the remaining 2,346 posts, who had cleared their physical measurement and efficiency test (PMET) and written test. He underlined that the remaining could be filled once the court decides the matter," the official said. " LG also issued specific directions to squeeze the timeline for selection and asked for the process to be completed at the earliest," he added.

Officials said that following the directions of LG, a dedicated medical camp was organised for medical tests of the qualified candidates. Fifteen boards, comprising senior officials, were constituted to assess PMET expeditiously, and the process was videographed to ensure fairness and transparency.

"For these 2,346 posts, 1,669 candidates cleared the medical test and were subsequently handed the letters of appointment," an official said. While giving his nod for the enrolment, the LG directed that 33% of posts be kept reserved for women. While 1.09 lakh candidates applied, only 32,511 reported for the PMET.

"LG has directed the DG Home Guards to ensure that the remaining 7,939 vacancies are filled at the earliest," said an official.

Attack On Badal A Bid To Defame Punjab: Kejriwal

Targets Shah Over Rising Crimes In Delhi, BJP Hits Back

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New Delhi: AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday condemned the attack on Shiromani Akali Dal leader Sukhbir Singh Badal at Golden Temple in Amritsar and lauded Punjab Police for averting a "very big" tragedy. Speaking in the Delhi assembly on Wednesday, Kejriwal said "very big powers" were conspiring to defame Punjab and the people of the state.

"A major incident was narrowly averted in Punjab today. An attempt was made to shoot former deputy CM Sukhbir Badal, but due to the vigilance and excellent work of Punjab Police, a serious tragedy was prevented. Sukhbir Badal is safe," Kejriwal said. "I strongly condemn this incident in the harshest terms. However, one thing is clear: there is a massive conspiracy underway to tarnish the image of Punjab and Punjabis. Powerful forces are involved in this attempt to defame Punjab and its people," he added.

The AAP supremo said that the way Punjab Police not only prevented this incident but also set an example for the entire nation about how to maintain law and order efficiently was commendable. "I highly appreciate Punjab Police for bringing the situation under control," he said. He said soon after the incident, BJP and the media began questioning the law and order situation in the state. "But when crimes happen in Delhi, BJP remains silent," he alleged.

Piyal Bhattacharjee

Satyendar Jain, Saurabh Bharadwaj, Arvind Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia and Atishi at Delhi assembly on last day of the session on Wednesday

Hitting back on the issue, BJP MP Bansuri Swaraj said "if AAP govt cannot ensure the safety of Punjab's former deputy CM, what security can it provide to the common people." "Arvind Kejriwal and Bhagwant Mann must clarify whether the issue of safety is just an election gimmick for them. Are Punjab's resources meant only for the promotion of AAP and Kejriwal," she asked.

The former Delhi CM also raised the issue of law and order in the national capital on the last day of the session. He accused BJP of turning a blind eye to Delhi's escalating crime rates. "In Delhi, people are being openly murdered, and BJP says crime is not an issue. Women in Delhi are being raped, women are unsafe, and BJP says law and order is not an issue," he said. "In Delhi, traders are openly receiving threats of extortion, and BJP says crime is not an issue. In Delhi, gangsters are firing bullets at traders' shops, and their leaders say crime is not an issue," he added.

Kejriwal also held Union home minister Amit Shah accountable for the deteriorating law and order in Delhi. "Home minister Amit Shah has a direct responsibility to ensure proper law and order in Delhi. Gangsters are running the show, and different standards exist for the security of the establishment and the common man."

"I want to ask, doesn't the security of the common man matter? Isn't the life of an ordinary person as valuable as the life of a VIP? Ask that boy whose three family members were killed; for him, his parents and sister were the most important VIPs in the world," the AAP leader said.

Hitting back, Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said, "Kejriwal and AAP misuse the Delhi assembly to speak on national issues, but it is shameful that they remain silent on the development failure in Delhi and Punjab and the worsening pollution situation."

Sachdeva claimed that the former CM exaggerated certain criminal incidents in Delhi in the assembly but had no concrete answers on security failure in the Golden Temple complex. Sachdeva said that he should also answer on the arrest of AAP MLA Naresh Balyan.

The Delhi BJP chief said several AAP MLAs and party functionaries, including Vibhav Kumar, Naresh Yadav and Amanatullah Khan, had criminal records. "If some criminal incidents occur in Delhi, Delhi Police swiftly arrests the criminals, but Kejriwal takes no action against his criminal MLAs," he said.

Sachdeva further said that the people of Delhi were aware that the drug trade was ruining the youth of Punjab, and in Delhi, Kejriwal's excise department failed to curb the sale of drugs. "Delhi Police often catches drug traders across Delhi and other states."

HC suspends sentence of AAP Delhi MLA in sacrilege case

Chandigarh: Four days after a local court in Punjab awarded two-year imprisonment to AAP MLA from Delhi Naresh Yadav in a sacrilege case, the Punjab and Haryana High Court on Wednesday suspended the sentence.

"Sentence of imprisonment imposed upon the applicant/petitioner in the present case is hereby suspended during the pendency of the present petition. He is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing of adequate bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the chief judicial magistrate/duty magistrate concerned," the HC ordered.

Recording the facts where the state as well as the complainant in the case were not willing to pursue the appeal against Yadav, the HC observed, "Prima facie, the approach of learned appellate court seems to be not only unusual; rather untenable in law."

Justice Mahabir Singh Sindhu passed this order while hearing a revision petition filed by Mehrauli MLA Naresh Yadav. The matter has now been adjourned for hearing on Dec 19.

Yadav has filed the revision petition against the judgment dated Nov 29 and order of sentence dated Nov 30 passed by the additional sessions judge, Malerkotla through which he was convicted for the offence under various sections of IPC for hurting religious sentiments.

The allegations against him were that he was an abettor and a co-conspirator with other accused. In his petition, Yadav has submitted that he was not present at the spot at the time of alleged offence. TNN

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Seventh Delhi Assembly holds its last session

New Delhi: The 74th session of the seventh Delhi Legislative Assembly was held on Wednesday, which was probably the final sitting before the upcoming elections scheduled in Feb 2025. Speaker Ram Niwas Goel called the occasion "emotional and historic."

Goel said during its tenure, the assembly addressed 1,095 questions during Question Hour, tabled 19 committee reports and passed 26 bills. Additionally, 702 special mentions, 39 short-term discussions and 13 motions were part of its legislative proceedings. Four govt resolutions and 14 others were also passed.

Reflecting on his role, Goel said, "As Speaker, I fulfilled my duties impartially, giving equal importance to both the ruling party and the opposition. Despite being a Union Territory assembly with limited powers, remarkable work was accomplished."

The Speaker stated that members were given ample opportunities to express their views and raise matters of public importance. He also thanked the MLAs for their cooperation, stating, "I am deeply grateful to all members for their support in running the House successfully for five years. If anyone's feelings were hurt during proceedings, I hope they do not take it personally, as my role was bound by rules."

As the assembly adjourned sine die, Goel acknowledged the impending elections, saying, "This is our last sitting, and after this, we all will be preparing for the upcoming elections." TNN

CAG prepares two more audit reports, asks Delhi govt to table all docus

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The comptroller and auditor-general has finalised two more audit reports related to the functioning of govt and its departments and has sent to govt to be tabled along with the pending reports before the legislative assembly at the earliest.

In separate communications to Delhi govt's finance department and the principal secretary to LG, the accountant general (audit) urged that the reports be tabled in the House in the winter session. However, with the House holding the last day of the seventh legislative assembly of Delhi on Wednesday, the reports may now be tabled only after the formation of a new govt after elections in Feb next year.

The accountant-general in his letter asked govt and LG's office to also table eight more audit reports, which were sent to the elected dispensation by CAG at different times over the last two years.

No immediate reaction was available from Delhi govt on the matter.

Of two recent CAG reports, one is the audit report related to Delhi govt for the year ending March 31, 2022. The second one is the performance audit on the functioning of the Delhi Transport Corporation.

In a communication to the additional chief secretary (finance) on Wednesday, the principal secretary to LG, Ashish Kundra, asked him to ensure that the reports are tabled in the House at the earliest. He added that the accountant general (audit), has raised concerns over the delay in tabling the reports. "... LG has desired that necessary action as per law may be taken expeditiously as required under section 48 of the GNCTD Act, 1991, for laying all the pending audit reports of the CAG before the legislative assembly of Delhi, during the ensuing session," Kundra said in his letter to the ACS (finance). The matter may be brought to the attention of the chief minister.

Gujarat a hotspot of narcotics smuggling, claims Kejriwal

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Former chief minister and AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday attacked BJP for the influx of narcotics in Delhi and across the country. He alleged that most of the contraband was coming from the Mundra port in Gujarat. BJP, in turn, accused AAP govt of "shielding" drug traders.

Speaking in the Delhi assembly on Wednesday, Kejriwal charged that drugs worth over Rs 2.5 lakh crore were seized in Gujarat in the last couple of months. "The drugs are entering India via the sea route through Mundra port. They are then processed in factories in Gujarat and supplied all over the country — Punjab, UP, Haryana, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh," Kejriwal alleged, while participating in a debate on drug abuse. He urged Union home minister Amit Shah to take "concrete, decisive steps" to combat drug trafficking and protect the younger generation.

Expressing concern over rising cases of drug abuse in the capital, Kejriwal said during his recent visits to various parts of Delhi, residents repeatedly raised the issue of rampant drug availability. "Drugs are being sold in every corner. People are even scared to speak out loud," the former CM said.

FORMER CM SAYS
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Listing several cases of seizures of contraband over the past few months, the AAP chief alleged that Gujarat had become a hub for drug trafficking in India. "The Election Commission in a press release dated May 20 also stated how Gujarat had become a hub for drugs in the country. It said during the Lok Sabha elections, drugs worth Rs 30,999 crore were seized, out of which 30%—worth Rs 9,189 crore—were seized from Gujarat alone," he said.

"It is Amit Shah's responsibility to control the drug menace in the country. Can such large-scale drug trafficking happen without govt protection or negligence?" he questioned.

The leader of the opposition in the Delhi assembly, Vijender Gupta, accused AAP govt of shielding drug traders and Rohingyas, which, he alleged, led to an increase in drug abuse and crime in Delhi. "It is AAP govt, which is responsible for the rising crimes in Delhi. It is trying to issue voter IDs to thousands of Rohingyas living illegally in Delhi using fake documents to include them in voter lists. These Rohingyas are involved in drug trade and other criminal activities," Gupta alleged.

The BJP leader also accused AAP govt of stifling the opposition's voice and deliberately avoiding discussions on public interest issues in the assembly. He alleged that the opposition's demands to discuss critical topics such as the "expenditure on the renovation of CM house, CAG reports, air pollution, education, health, and infrastructure" were being rejected. "AAP govt's priority is not public welfare but self-promotion," Gupta claimed.

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'Investigation can't pick and choose evidence'

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Advocate Sujan Singh and others appeared for Balyan. The court dismissed their plea for his arrest in a fresh case filed under MCOCA, saying there can be no direction from it to IO, who may proceed as per law. The court said the plea was not maintainable. The court, saying it is not convinced with the investigation carried so far, observed, "The alleged audio clip which is the main link of alleged criminal conspiracy between gangster Kapil and present accused/applicant has yet not been forensically examined or verified despite having been seized 15 months back."

Noting that Balyan himself filed three complaints dated Dec 19, 2023, March 7, 2023 and May 5, 2023 of having received threats from gangster Kapil, the court said that the three victims who joined the investigation denied having ever heard about the involvement of Balyan with gangster Kapil's gang.

"The investigation cannot pick and choose as to the evidence gathered during investigation. It was the duty of IO to forthwith investigate the authenticity of the alleged audio conversation seized in Aug 2023 and then even the complaints of the accused/ applicant should have been investigated. Till date, no other associate of accused/ applicant has been named or arrested. There is no evidence of any criminal nexus till date and no money trail has been found in the investigation. Even all the allegations are of year 2023 and none of the victims is stated to have been threatened since then," said the court.

The court also granted one day to Balyan's counsel to file a reply on prosecution's application to collect his voice sample. In the morning, police had moved an application before the court of additional sessions judge Vandana Jain in Dwarka court seeking Balyan's interrogation in relation to the MCOCA case while he was in police custody in the extortion case. The Dwarka court allowed this application. In the evening, police told the court of ACJM Dalal in Rouse Avenue that they were arresting Balyan as he did not cooperate during the interrogation.

In a statement, AAP said, "Delhi is becoming a den of gangsters and extortionists. Balyan is himself a victim who received threats to life and extortion calls from gangsters against whom he filed five written complaints from 2022 and 2023 but no action was taken. On the contrary, false cases have been fabricated by BJP against him. However, people of Delhi are aware of these tactics and will deliver a fitting response in the assembly elections."

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Govt Allocates Additional ₹2.5k Cr For Capital Work

REVISED BUDGET: Cash-Strapped DJB To Also Get ₹1,900cr

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New Delhi: With assembly polls around the corner, Delhi govt made an additional allocation of over Rs 2,500 crore for capital works, apart from earmarking Rs 1,900 crore for the cash-strapped Delhi Jal Board to meet its routine revenue expenditure, in the revised budget estimates for FY 2024-25.

Additional provision has been made for ongoing Delhi Metro works under Phase IV expansion plan, construction of bus depots, strengthening of roads, installation of CCTV cameras and remodelling of existing hospitals.

Govt also set aside Rs 400 crore under MLA Local Area Development Fund to meet its commitment of increasing the yearly amount for each assembly constituency from Rs 10 crore to Rs 15 crore.

CM Atishi, who holds charge of the finance department, presented the Delhi Appropriation Bill in the assembly Wednesday, seeking a supplementary grant to meet expenses as per revised estimates, which was approved by the House with a voice vote. Officials said Delhi assembly passed supplementary demands for grants of Rs 4,575 crore for FY 2024-25.

Expecting increased revenue receipts through better tax collection, GST compensation and other sources, govt increased the total outlay from Rs 76,000 crore in budgetary estimates to Rs 77,700 crore in revised estimates.

The bill was passed on the last day of the winter session, which most likely was the last sitting of the House in the seventh Delhi assembly, whose term will end in Feb.

While Delhi Metro sought Rs 7,200 crore under various heads, Delhi govt set aside an additional amount of Rs 1,648.7 crore in the revised estimates for Phase IV expansion. Govt also provisioned Rs 951 crore for repayment of the Japan International Cooperation Agency loan, taken by Delhi Metro for constructing corridors in Phases I, II and III.

Govt made an additional allocation of Rs 100 crore in revised estimates to the transport department for Rapid Rail Transit System's two proposed corridors - Delhi-SNB and Delhi-Panipat. Construction of the Delhi-Meerut corridor is on in full swing, and govt is already paying its share as per schedule.

The transport department has been provided with Rs 140 crore for the EV policy and Rs 2,985 crore for DTC salary and other expenses, apart from other funds.

Govt increased the power department's allocation by Rs 350 crore to provide subsidies to domestic consumers using up to 400 units of electricity.

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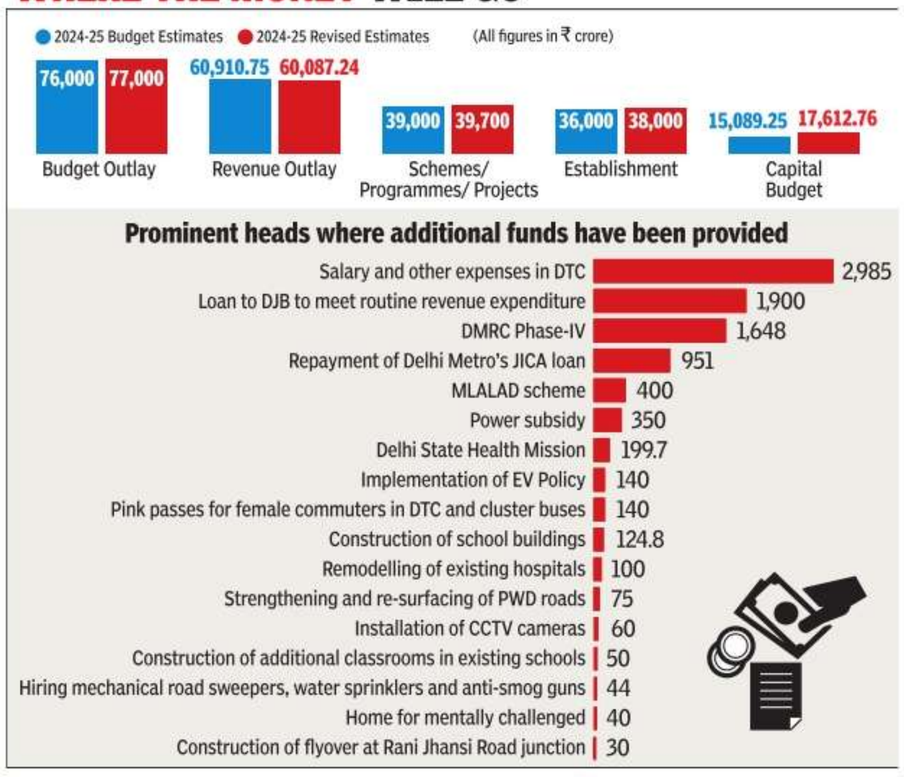

SC next: Longest serving HC judge bids tearful adieu

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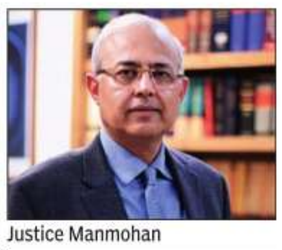
New Delhi: The longest serving judge in Delhi High Court's history bid a tearful adieu Wednesday after his elevation to the Supreme Court.

On Tuesday, the law ministry notified Delhi HC Chief Justice Manmohan's appointment as an SC judge with effect from the date he assumes office. He is set to take oath on Thursday.

Justice Manmohan was appointed as acting CJ of Delhi HC on Nov 9, 2023 and confirmed as Chief Justice on Sept 29, 2024. During his tenure, he broke several records in legal history. Apart from being the sole judge to have had an uninterrupted tenure of 6,142 days in HC, he is only the second person in 37 years to have been appointed as Delhi Chief Justice despite it being his parent HC, a rarity.


Justice Manmohan

Often described as a "quintessential Delhi product", Justice Manmohan had an eventful tenure, where he identified two issues plaguing the city. Friction between Delhi's ministers and their department officers, along with a "culture of freebies", were repeatedly flagged as worrisome by his bench, be it ordering revamp of govt hospitals, stormwater drains, removal of encroachments near Nizamuddin Dargah, mutation of "urban villages", or tackling stray dogs and the monkey bite menace.

In a case where the absence of the MCD standing committee delayed the supply of textbooks and uniforms for students, Justice Manmohan's bench authorised the MCD commissioner to sanction Rs 5 crore funds without waiting for clearance. In another PIL, his bench stressed the "mindset" of Delhi's administrators needs to change, particularly the perception that everything can be provided for free, as it resulted in a lack of funds to improve public facilities.

In a rare outburst over the state of affairs in Delhi's health department, Justice Manmohan told the city's health minister and health secretary the court would "send you to jail" for feuding over enactment of a law to regulate clinical establishments. He told them they were "servants of govt" and couldn't have "large egos".

Dealing with this year's unprecedented flooding, Justice Manmohan criticised attempts to politicise efforts to protect the Yamuna floodplain by removing encroachments so floodwater can flow to the river. It was HC's intervention that led to one agency being answerable for everything related to the flow of water and stormwater drains. While dealing with the deaths of UPSC aspirants in a coaching centre's basement due to waterlogging, he also set up a high-powered committee to overhaul Delhi's infrastructure, such as outdated drains.

His bench also highlighted the deadly menace posed by stray dogs and monkeys. Striking a balance between animal lovers and the right of children to play in parks or people to walk freely, Justice Manmohan observed "stray dogs and monkeys cannot be allowed to take over the city", voicing concern over the menace in big hospitals and public parks. He identified "misplaced public sympathy and a notion of love for these animals", terming it a genuine problem.

During his tenure, the Delhi judiciary saw significant upgrades in virtual and physical infrastructure. Soon, 255 courtrooms at Karkardooma, Rohini and Rouse Avenue will be ready as funds have been sanctioned by govt.

With his appointment, SC will have 33 judges, one short of the sanctioned strength of 34 judges, including the CJI.

Son of former J&K governor Jagmohan, Justice Manmohan was elevated as Delhi HC had only one representation in SC — CJI Sanjiv Khanna.

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Van catches fire in e-way crash, driver charred

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New Delhi: A 36-year-old man burned to death after the van he was driving collided with a car and caught fire on Dwarka Expressway in the early hours of Wednesday. According to police, the car was being driven in the wrong direction and its driver fled after treatment in hospital.

The deceased driver was identified as Arvind Kumar, a resident of Gopal Colony in Samalkha.

An officer said Dwarka Sector 23 police station received information at 12.15am Wednesday about two vehicles catching fire due to collision on Dwarka Expressway. "When the police personnel reached the spot, they found a car and a CNG van in an accident and burning. The driver of the van had burned to death," a senior police officer said.

A Delhi Fire Services official said fire brigades were sent to the spot and the blaze was extinguished. The burnt body of the driver was recovered from the van and transported to a govt hospital for post-mortem.

Car was being driven in the wrong direction

"The police team is analysing the footage of nearby CCTV cameras to ascertain the proper sequence and movement of both the vehicles. However, prima facie, our investigation revealed that the car was coming from the wrong direction and rammed the van," a senior police officer said.

The driver of the car was also injured in the accident. After receiving medical treatment, he allegedly fled to his village in Haryana. "He has been identified and efforts are underway to track him. Several police teams have been sent to Haryana to nab him," the officer added.

A case has been registered under sections 281 (rash driving) and 106 (causing death by negligence) of BNS at Dwarka Sector 23 police station.

Arrested farmers released after Gr Noida protest

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Noida: Around 5,000 farmers protested near the entry point of Yamuna Expressway on Wednesday, compelling police to release 123 leaders who were arrested from a sit-in demonstration close to the Delhi-Noida border a day before.

Most farmers dispersed after the arrested protesters were released around 4.30pm.

Among those released from jails were BKU-Tikait's West UP president Pawan Khatana, Bhartiya Kisan Parishad chief Sukhvir Khalifa and All India Kisan Sabha's district president Rupesh Verma.

Farmer outfits said they will hold a meeting on Thursday to determine their course of action. Farmer outfits from west UP revived their protest this week to demand higher compensation and 10% abadi (developed residential) plots in return for land acquired by authorities in Gautam Budh Nagar over the years.

They had planned a march to Delhi from the Noida-Greater Noida Expressway on Monday, but layers of security apparatus blocked them from entering the capital, also throwing traffic out of whack in the NCR city for around five hours.

Farmers called off the expressway protest by the evening after being assured by officials that their concerns will be addressed. But a group continued a sit-in demonstration at the Dalit Prerna Sthal, a few hundred metres from the Delhi-Noida border near Chilla.

Noida police on Tuesday arrested those protesting at the Sthal, in a move that farmers said was unexpected as they were holding a peaceful demonstration, which did not block the expressway route.

On Wednesday, farmers from Noida, Greater Noida, Hapur, Meerut, Bulandshahr and Muzaffarnagar joined the protest organised under the loop of the Yamuna Expressway, called the zero point, so traffic remained unaffected on the speedway. BKU (Tikait) spokesperson Sunil Pradhan said the primary demand for Wednesday's demonstration was the release of arrested protesters.

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Hindu Sena calls for Jama Masjid survey, writes to ASI official

Times News Network

New Delhi: Hindu Sena's national president Vishnu Gupta has written to the director general of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), requesting a survey of Delhi's iconic Jama Masjid. In the letter, Gupta alleged that Hindu deities' idols were buried within the mosque.

The Hindu Sena chief further alleged that the historic Jama mosque was constructed after the demolition of temples in Jodhpur and Udaipur. He claimed that the remains of these temples, including the idols of deities, were used in the stairs of the mosque to humiliate Hindus, supposedly by Aurangzeb.

Jama Masjid's officials refused to comment on this issue. Gupta stated that as the responsible authority, ASI should conduct a thorough examination of the mosque structure. The letter alleged that numerous temple remains and idols are buried beneath the mosque's stairs. Gupta claimed that this situation affected his religious sentiments and impeded his right to worship the deities believed to be buried there.

"Your office is requested to survey Jama Masjid, Delhi so that the idols of our deities can be preserved and concrete steps can be taken to install them in the temple and the truth about Aurangzeb can be revealed to the world," the letter reads. ASI's spokesperson Nandini Bhattacharya Sahu said that the organisation had no knowledge regarding the specific correspondence.

AFP

In the letter, Hindu Sena claimed that Hindu deities' idols were buried within the mosque

Day After 12-Yr-Old's Death At School, Classmate Held

'Pushed Minor Following An Argument Over Trivial Matter'

Times News Network

New Delhi: A day after a 12-year-old boy died in unexplained circumstances at a school in southwest Delhi, police on Wednesday apprehended one of his classmates, also aged 12. A case has been registered under Section 105 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) of BNS.

According to the FIR, the student was allegedly involved in pushing and pulling the boy at school just before he fell, started frothing at the mouth and became unconscious and unresponsive.

A senior officer said, "We reviewed the CCTV footage, and it shows the boy pushing his classmate. The victim was then pushed against a wall by other students, before falling to the ground two steps later."

He denied that the boy's head was smashed into the wall. "The juvenile told us there was an argument about a trivial issue," he said.

The family members of the deceased staged a protest, alleging police brutality and claiming they were manhandled by the authorities. However, police denied the allegations

The role of school officials will be investigated, police said, adding that teachers and other staff are likely to be summoned for questioning.

The family members of the deceased staged a protest, alleging police brutality and claiming they were manhandled by the authorities. However, police denied the allegations. During the protest, the family placed the boy's body outside the school.

The child's uncle accused police of manhandling them and using batons on them. He claimed they were forcibly taken to conduct the boy's last rites.

"They also detained several people who came to support us," he said.

Police refuted the claims, saying they never manhandled anyone or force the last rites. "A few people were detained but were later released," an officer said.

The child's family claimed he was from the EWS category and they had worked hard to get him admitted to the school. The father of the boy repairs drains while his mother is a homemaker.

"He was physically fit and good at both studies and sport. He used to play football for his school team and won several medals. His dream was to become a footballer. He would have excelled in life, but all those dreams have been shattered now," said his uncle.

MCD's Lodhi Road crematorium gets better parking, light facilities

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New Delhi: At the Lodhi Road crematorium, one of the 49 such facilities selected for upgrades, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi has expanded the parking and installed new lighting, with some more renovation also planned.

"We identified 49 crematoriums and burial grounds that require work related to the civil and electrical departments. While funds have been allocated for these works, they will be carried out one by one this year and in and the next financial year," said an MCD official. "At Lodhi Road cremation ground, we created space for around 100 vehicles and installed electrical poles to provide illumination. The erection of a gate, boundary wall, toilet block and office space, etc., are in progress. There are two electric furnaces in addition to 20 conventional pyres and four moksh dham at this crematorium. One of the electric furnaces is not functioning, so we plan to replace it and encourage people to use this option."

Other sites where work is in progress are Basant Gaon, the cremation facility behind the old JNU Campus, Jonapur, Kishangarh, Aya Nagar, Dakshinpuri, Madanpur Khadar, Green Park Extension, Karkardooma, Buland Masjid and Sabhapur. Efforts are being made to restore the internal roads, repair the boundary walls, install CCTV cameras, create sitting areas, improve electric facilities and revamp the entrance gates, drainage and lighting. "At Karkardooma cremation ground, we constructed a new gate and finished other repairs," said a civic official. "At the Buland Masjid burial ground in Shastri Park, work is under way to develop an additional 2,000-metre space received from DDA as a burial ground. The existing area has been saturated. At Madanpur Khadar, MCD resurfaced the connecting road. Work is also underway at the burial ground and crematorium there." The official said that MCD will revamp the site in Sabhapur ward which was ceded by Delhi govt's revenue department some time ago.

These efforts are in addition to more pyres or electric furnaces to be installed at the crematoria. As per data provided by the 12 municipal zones, around 9% of cremations now involve using non-conventional methods. "Less than 3-5% of the people used the gas and electric furnaces in the pre-Covid times," claimed an official. MCD installed 20 CNG and three electrical furnaces at nine cremation grounds, while work on four others are in progress at various cremation grounds.

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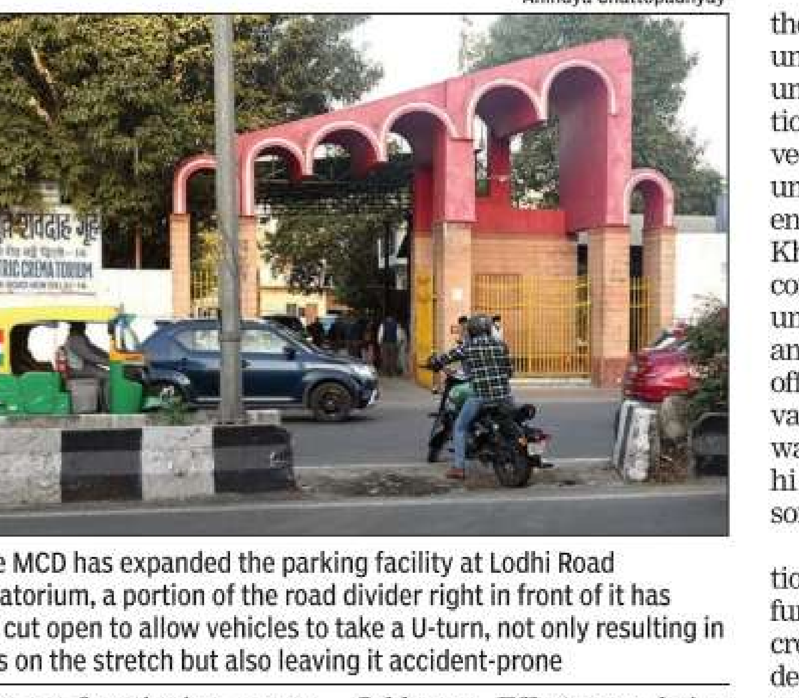

While MCD has expanded the parking facility at Lodhi Road crematorium, a portion of the road divider right in front of it has been cut open to allow vehicles to take a U-turn, not only resulting in chaos on the stretch but also leaving it accident-prone

DJB contests DPCC report on fecal coliform in harvesting pits

Times News Network

New Delhi: DJB has informed NGT that out of samples tested from 42 rainwater harvesting pits of 39 societies in Dwarka in Sept, it found fecal coliform to be at a low percentage compared to the findings of the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC), which collected samples in the pre-monsoon period.

DJB, in its report dated Dec 3, said that a previous analysis by DPCC in May, which found high fecal coliform in over 50% of the water samples, was conducted during the dry season, which could lead to contamination due to stagnation.

However, DJB identified 34 societies where the run-off was connected to rainwater harvesting pits through surface water drains, possibly leading to some form of contamination. The residential societies were informed, and five had already taken corrective action by bifurcating the surface run-off from paved areas to RWH pits, DJB said.

NGT has been hearing a plea from a resident, who claimed that rainwater harvesting pits in Dwarka were contaminating the groundwater.

In May last year, an NGT-appointed expert committee, which included members from DPCC and DJB, took samples from rainwater harvesting pits in 235 societies in Dwarka and found high ammoniacal nitrogen and high total dissolved solids in 180 societies.

Woman harassed outside police stn

New Delhi: A video of a 45-year-old woman allegedly being harassed outside Sangam Vihar Police Station went viral on Tuesday night, prompting police action. The cops said they received a PCR call around 8.50 pm from a woman who reported being beaten by two to three women outside the station. The complainant stated that the accused were her neighbours."The altercation occurred due to personal issues between the parties involved," a senior police officer said. TNN

Bus mows down man, driver held

Ghaziabad: A 37-year-old bus driver was arrested on Wednesday, two days after a pedestrian was hit while crossing a road in Arthala. Cops are on the lookout for the conductor. The accused driver, Raghuraj Singh is a resident of Badalpur, Greater Noida. TNN

Excise case: Kejriwal's stand sought on ED plea

New Delhi: Delhi High Court has sought the stand of former CM Arvind Kejriwal and 40 other accused in the excise policy case on a plea by ED challenging a trial court's order. The order directed the agency to furnish "unrelied documents" with scanned copies to all the accused in the case. ED raised a technical objection, stating that Supreme Court had sttated that only a list of documents had to be given before the trial stage and not complete copies. A single judge bench of Justice Manoj Kumar Ohri listed the matter for further hearing on Jan 30 next year. The notice was issued by HC in ED's petition as well as its application for a stay in the case. In Nov, the trial court directed ED to supply the chargesheet and the digitised records of the remaining "unrelied documents" (those not used by the prosecution to support their case) to the accused in the case. The agency, raising an objection, said the trial court gave ED direction at the stage of scrutiny of documents to supply unrelied upon documents to the accused. However, according to the apex court's direction, only a list of unrelied upon documents had to be given at this stage. The case before the trial court is fixed for Dec 21. TNN

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Online Bids are invited for the work of "Day to Day routine and preventive maintenance of all kind of Electrical Installations of all buildings and sub-stations incl. cleaning of FDS system by engaging manpower within the compound of Anamoy Superspeciality Hospital (SS wings of BMC&H) in the District of Purba Bardhaman under jurisdiction of BMC Electrical Sub-Division, PWD." Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_778086_1. Bid submission closing date (online): 18.12.2024 upto 3.00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of e-Tender documents may be downloaded from : http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/-P.K.Mondal Superintending Engineer, P.W.D., Western Electrical Circle ICA-T22050(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
CORRIGENDUM
Please note Bid submission end date (online) is extended to 11.12.2024 upto 03.00 P.M. for the following job "Renovation of Electrical Installation and SITC of Air Conditioning system at conference room NS Office NRS Medical College and Hospital, Kolkata" vide e-tender no. WBPWD/EE-II/CKHED/ eNIT-67/24-25 Tender ID 2024_WBPWD_765485_1. Detail information/download/upload will be available from the website: http://etender.wb.nic.in, http://wbtenders.gov.in & http://pwdwb.in Sd/- S.K. Mondal. Executive Engineer-II, P.W.Dte. Central Kolkata Health Electrical Division. ICA-T22041(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
The Executive Engineer, Bankura Highway Division, Public Works (Roads) Directorate invites online e-Tender for the 6 nos works through e-NIT No. 10 of 2024-25 of the Executive Engineer, Bankura Highway Division, P.W.(Roads) Directorate. Tender Ids: 2024_WBPWD_777637_1, 2024_WBPWD_777637_2, 2024_WBPWD_777637_3, 2024_WBPWD_777637_4, 2024_WBPWD_777637_5 and 2024_WBPWD_777637_6. Bid submission start date (online): 09-12-2024 at 10.00 A.M. Bid submission closing date (online): 26-12-2024 upto 2.00 P.M. Corrigendum, if any, will only be published accordingly. Details of NIT and NIT documents may be downloaded from:- http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Bankura Highway Division, Public Works (Roads) Directorate ICA-T22049(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Superintendent Governor's Estate, (W.B) Raj Bhavan, Kolkata-62 invites Tender (online) vide Notice Inviting e-Tender No. WBPWD/SGE/RAJ/NIeT-14/2024-25 for the Works: - sl-01, "Special repairing, painting works at Marco varanda Kol Raj Bhavan" Tender ID:- 2024_PWD_777896_1; Est. Amount Rs. 6,95,570/- sl-02, "Refurbishment work of Women Co-Ordinating Council with retrofitting work to adjacent building at 5/1, R.C. Place" Tender I D:- 2024_PWD_777896_2; Est. Amount Rs. 7,34,478/- sl-03, "Refurbishment works of quarter at 9, Govt. Place and quarter at 1, Red Cross Place" Tender ID:- 2024_PWD_777896_3; Est. Amount Rs. 8,28,478/- sl-04, "[Part-A] Replacement of damaged Polycarbonate Sheet and inspection & dismantling of deteriorated volutes of the Kolkata Raj Bhavan. [Part-B] Washing & cleaning of 4 nos Masonry Gate & Painting North Gate Both side Pathway, Chain Post, Lily pond, Swimming Pool attached bldg outside wall, etc." Tender ID:- 2024_PWD_777896_4; Est. Amount Rs. 12,27,261/- sl-05, "Special Repair painting works Vivekananda kaksh Kolkata Raj Bhavan" Tender ID:- 2024_PWD_777896_5; Est. Amount Rs. 18,80,179/- Bid Submission Start date (online): 08.12.2024 from 6.00 pm. Bid submission Last date (online): Sl. 01, 02, 03 - 17.12.2024 upto 2.00 pm And for Sl. 04 & 05 - 24.12.2024 upto 2.00 pm, Details may be seen in website: https://wbtenders.gov.in PWD helpline No: (033)-2223 6236. Corrigendum, if issued will be published in Dept. website only. If any discrepancy arises between different sources of advertisement, the advertisement in Dept. web site will prevail. Sd/- Superintendent, Governor's Estate, W.B. ICA- T22048(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Tender is hereby invited by the Executive Engineer, PWD, Kolkata IT Division, Main Block, Ground Floor,Writers' Buildings, Kolkata-700001 from the eligible contractors for the following works. 1." Provision for Audio-Video Support System including Data Networking and Allied Infrastructure for Training-cum Conference Hall of High Court, Calcutta at 9th Floor, Block-B, N.S. Building, 1, K.S. Roy Road, Kolkata - 700 001. [Job No: KIT/OW/224 of 24-25] " e-TENDER No. WBPWD/EEKIT/E-NIT-219/T/24-25 Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_775717_1 Bid Submission Closing : 24.12.2024 up to 03.00 PM 2." Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Integrated CCTV Surveillance system along with allied infrastructure at Nursing Training School, R.G Kar Medical College and Hospital, 1, Khudiram Bose Sarani, Kolkata- 700 004 [Job No: KIT/OW/225 of 24-25]" e-TENDERNo. WBPWD/EEKIT/E-NIT-222/T/24-25 Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_776514_1 Bid Submission Closing : 12.12.2024 up to 03.00 PM 3." Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Video Conference System and Allied Infrastructure for the Conference Hall of the Directorate of Correctional Services, West Bengal located at Jessop Building, 1st Floor, 63, N. S. Road, Kolkata- 700 001. [Job No: KIT/OW/228 of 24-25]" e-TENDERNo.WBPWD/EEKIT/E-NIT-223/T/24-25 Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_777307_1. Bid Submission Closing : 24.12.2024 up to 03.00PM Tender Sd/- Executive Engineer, Kolkata I T Division, PWD ICA-T22039(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
EE, P.W.D. Asansol Division invites online e-Tender for 04 nos of Work: 1. Installation of Main Gate and Morgue Gate at Asansol District Hospital, Paschim Bardhaman. Estimated Amount: 7,13,195.00, Tender Id: 2024_PWD_777388_1 2. Barakar-Kalyaneswari-Dendua Road Ch 8.00 Km to 10.00 Km in stretches potholes repairing and pre-mixing work under Asansol Division, PWD in the district of Paschim Bardhaman during 2024 2025. Estimated Amount: 12,77,733.00, Tender Id: 2024_PWD_777388_2 3. Radhanagar Disherghar Road Ch 3.05 Km to Ch 3.85 Km & Ch 4.45 Km to 4.80 Km in stretches repairing work under Asansol Division, P.W.D. in the district of Paschim Bardhaman during 2024-25. Estimated Amount: 20,13,550.00, Tender Id: 2024_PWD_777388_3 4. Radhanagar Disherghar Road Ch 550 to Ch 2450 in stretches repairing work under Asansol Division, P.W.D. in the district of Paschim Bardhaman during 2024-25. Estimated Amount: 21,31,533.00, Tender Id: 2024_PWD_777388_4. eNIT No.: 23 of 2024-2025 of EE(ASN)PWD. Bid submission start date (online): 05.12.2024 at 09.00 IST. Bid submission closing date (online): 24.12.2024 at 09.00 IST. Corrigendum and addendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT and Tender documents may be downloaded from: http://wbtenders.gov.in. Sd/- EE, PWD, ASANSOL DIVISION. ICA- T22032(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
JALPAIGURI ZILLA PARISHAD
JALPAIGURI
Memo No. 2231/Eng Date : 03.12.2024
e-Tender Notice
e-Tender of NIT No. WBZP/24-DE/JLP/24-25 for 4 (Four) nos. works vide Tender ID No. 2024_ZPHD_778334_1 to 4 is invited. Details may be seen in at our website: www.wbtenders.gov.in & simultaneously this office Notice Board during working hours.
Sd/-
District Engineer
Jalpaiguri Zilla Parishad
Memo No.: 203(3)/ADVT/DICO/JAL, Dated : 04.12.2024

Office of the District Magistrate & Collector, Alipore Kolkata
Notice Inviting e-Tender
Name of Work: Hiring of GPS Based Mobile Van (12ft x 8ft) from 8th January, 2025 to 17th January, 2025 during Gangasagar Mela -2025 (2nd Call)
Tender reference No: 22/IT/GS Mela-2025
Tender ID: 2024_DMSP_775936_1
SCHEDULE OF IMPORTANT DATES OF BIDS

PARTICULAR	DATE & TIME
Date of Publication of e-NIT	29.11.2024 at 11:00 AM
Document download start date & time	29.11.2024 from 11:00 AM
Document download end date & time	13.12.2024 upto 11:00 AM
Bid submission start date & time	29.11.2024 from 11:00 AM
Last date & time of online submission of Technical Bid and Financial Bid.	13.12.2024 upto 11:00 AM
Date & Time of opening of Technical Bid in the Office of the Additional District Magistrate (Infrastructure), South 24 Parganas	16.12.2024 at 11:00 AM
Presentation on proposed work (NIC, 3rd Floor, New Administrative Building, Alipore)	16.12.2024 at 03:00 PM

For details please refer to the following website: s24pgs.gov.in & wbtenders.gov.in
Sd/-
Additional District Magistrate (Infrastructure)
South 24 Parganas
Memo No.: 3927(3)/DICO/S24 Pgs Date: 04.12.2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
Online tender of e-NIT No.-10 of 2024-25 is being invited by the undersigned for the works vide Tender Id No.- 2024-WBPWD_777613_1 to 2024_WBPWD_777613_5 from Bonafide Outsiders. Details will be obtained from the website : https://wbetenders.gov.in and office Notice Board. Bid submission end date (online) - 18.12.2024. Sd/- S.K. Sarkar. Executive Engineer, Hooghly Hwy. Divn-II. P.W.(Roads) Directt. ICA- T22035(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer, Cooch Behar Division, Social Sector, P.W.Dte. invites online e-tender. e-NIT No.- WBPWD/SS/EE/COB/NIT-08e/24-25, Tender ID : 2024_WBPWD_777697_1. Bid Submission start date (online): 09.12.2024 from 10.30 A.M. Bid Submission closing date (online): 23.12.2024 upto 02.00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.T. and Tender documents may downloaded from: http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Cooch Behar Division, Social Sector, P.W.Dte. ICA-T22045(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Office of the Chief Medical officer of Health Murshidabad
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
Tender ID-2024_HFW_776585_1,
Tender Portal- www.wbtenders.gov.in
E-Tender No- HFW-45025(99)/703/2023/11473
Dated 28.11.2024
CMOH & Member Secretary, DH & FWS, Murshidabad invites online tender for Procurement of Cell Counter Reagent. Last date of submission of online bid is 13.12.24 upto 5:30 P.M. For Detail, Please visit the website: www.wbtenders.gov.in, www.wbhealth.gov.in and www.murshidabad.nic.in Sd/- Secretary, DH & FW Samity and CMOH, Murshidabad. ICA- T21994(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-Tender Notice
e-NIT is invited by the Executive Engineer, Jhargram Zilla Parishad, Ref: JGM/ZP/N-22/2024-25(Sl.No-1 to 4) Tender id 2024_ZPHD_778373_1 to 4 For different PS area under Jhargram Zilla Parishad. Technical and Financial bid submission closing date & time 19.12.2024 upto 16:00 Hours for both NITs.
All details can be obtained from the website www.wbtenders.gov.in & www.jhargram.gov.in.
Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Jhargram Zilla Parishad
Memo No.: 161(2)/Adv/JICA Date : 04.12.2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
NIeT No.-06/2024-25 of E.E. Mid.Divn./SS/P.W.Dte.
The e-Tender is being invited for (i) Construction of Ground water recharge type Rain water harvesting system at GGDC Keshiary, Project Id : HE242525964S000. (ii) Construction of Cemented Badminton Court at Government General Degree College, Narayangarh. (iii) Repairing and maintenance work of the damaged Cycle stand, student common room, College building and Security room (adjacent to main gate) along with outside painting work at Government General College, Dantan-II in the Dist. of Paschim Medinipur." against Tender Id: 2024_WBPWD_777362_1 to 3. Last Date of Submission of Tender is on 24/12/2024-2024 at 16:00 hrs. Other details and Corrigendum if any will be obtained from the website https://wbtenders.gov.in & Departmental website only. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Midnapur Division, Social Sector, P.W.Dte. ICA- T22044(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
E-TENDER Notice for Boards with installation or fittings to the Office of the MSVP, CMSDH Tender ID- 2024_HFW_777496_1, MSVP, CMSDH invites bids from eligible qualified organisation for Boards with installation or fittings to the Office of the MSVP, CMSDH. www.wbhealth.gov.in, www.cmsdh.edu.in & www.wbtender.gov.in Sd/- MSVP, CMSDH, Kamarhati. ICA- T21991(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer, PWD, Alipurduar Division invites online e-tender for the work of NIET no. 19 of 2024-25 of EE/PWD/APDD. Renovation and Repairing of Alipurduar Treasury Building. Tender ID:- 2024_WBPWD_777696_1. Estimated Amount Rs. 35,27,306.00. Bid submission start date (online): 06.12.2024 from 02.00 P.M. Bid submission closing date (online): 20.12.2024 up to 02.00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIET & Tender documents may be downloaded from http://wbtender.gov.in Sd/- EE, PWD, Alipurduar Division. ICA- T22046(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer, P.W.D, North 24 Prgs Electrical Division invite online e-Tender for the work of: SITC of 250KVA DG set with allied works at CMOH Office, Basirhat Health District, North 24 Parganas. NIT No: WBPWD/EE/N24/EL/e-NIQ-205/24-25/Retender. Pre-Bid Meeting Date: 09.12.2024 at 13.00 Hrs. Bid Submission start date (Online): 10.12.2024. Bid Submission Closing date (Online): 24.11.2024. Corrigendum if any will be published website only. Details of NIT & tender documents may be downloaded from http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.D., NORTH 24 PARGANAS ELECTRICAL DIVISION ICA-T22043(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
West Bengal Tourism Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Undertaking)
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
NIT No. 94/WBTDCL OF 2024-25 (Technical) Tender ID-2024_WBTDC_777918_1
WBTDCL invites e-Tender for the work: "Erection of Iron fencing and Chain link fencing at Aranya TP in the dist. of Alipurduar under WBTDCL." From the reputed, bonafide and experienced agencies in similar works. Start date & time of documents download: 03.12.2024-13:00 Hrs. Last date & time of Bid Submission: 20.12.2024-16:00 Hrs. Details are available in website: wbtdcl.wbtourismgov.in/ wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Superintending Engineer, West Bengal Tourism Development Corporation Limited. ICA-T21989(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WRI&DD. e-NIT
Executive Engineer (A-I), Berhampore-I(A-I) Division, Berhampore, Murshidabad invites e-NIT for Re-drilling and allied works of DTW Scheme in Domkal, and Hariharpara Block of Murshidabad District under the E.E. (AI), Berhampore-I (A-I) Division under Core-Sector Program during F.Y. 2024-25 vide e-NIT no. WRDD/EE(A-I)/BER-I/ 09 of 2024-25(2nd Call) and Tender Id: 2024_WRDD_777915_1 to _2 maximum amount put to tender Rs.12,95,888.00 and Last date of online bid submission 23.12.2024 upto 05.00 P.M. For details please visit to website www.wbetenders.gov.in.
Sd/-
Executive Engineer(A-I),
Berhampore-I(A-I) Division
Berhampore, Murshidabad
ICA- T22065(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
E- TENDER Notice (2nd Call)
for Stationary & MISC. Articles to the Office of the MSVP, CMSDH
Tender ID- 2024_HFW_777332_1
MSVP, CMSDH invites bids from eligible qualified organisation for (2nd Call) Stationary & MISC. Articles to the Office of the MSVP, CMSDH www.wbhealth.gov.in www.cmsdh.edu.in www.wbtender.gov.in Sd/- MSVP, CMSDH, Kamarhati ICA- T21983(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
N.B.D.D NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
Notice Inviting e-Tender by the S.E./NBDD Vide NIeT No. 48 (Sl. No. 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11) of 2024-25 and NIeT No. 49 of 2024-25 of the S.E., NBDD. Details of works may be seen in the above mentioned NIeT in the website:- www.wbtenders.gov.in & www.wbnorthbengaldev.gov.in
Superintending Engineer, North Bengal Development Department
ICA-T21980(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
On behalf of the Governor of West Bengal, E-Tender(3rd Call) is invited by the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Diamond Harbour Health District, South 24 Parganas, Pin-743331 for supply of "Canteen at Ganga Sagar Mela Ground for GSM-25 under H&FW Department" from resourceful, eligible agency having experience in Govt. Sectors. Technical & Financial Bid Submission Closing Date: For e-Tender 10/12/2024 at 12 PM. For Detail, Please visit the website www.wbtenders.gov.in / www.wbhealth.gov.in or the Office of the Undersigned. Sd/- CMOH, DHHD. ICA- T22061(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
NIeT No. 60 of 2024-25 Circulated vide Memo No. 3889/SMD Dt- 02.12.2024
On behalf of the Governor of W.B. e-Tenders are invited in W.B.F. No 2911 / W.B.F No 2908 by the Executive Engineer, South 24 Pgs Mechanical Division, PHE Dte. [2024_PHED_777147_1 to 10]. Bid proposal submission end date 20.12.2024 up to 6.00 PM. Other details information/download/upload will be available form the website www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, South 24 Pgs Mechanical Division, PHE Dte. ICA-T22012(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
e-Quotation of NIQ No. 05 of 2024-25 by the of E.E./Diamond Harbour Highway Division. EE, Diamond Harbour Hwy Div, Dakshin Hazipur, Diamond Harbour-743331 invites on line percentage rate etender whose ID No. 2024_SH_777594_1. The details can be obtained from the website https://wbtenders.gov.in & office notice board. Corrigendum or Addendum if issued will be published only on website previously mentioned. Documents down load end date (online) & Bid submission end date (online) will be 23.12.2024 up to 18:00 HRS. Sd/- EE, Diamond Harbour Highway Division P.W.(Roads) Directorate, Govt. of WB. ICA- T22033(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
CORRIGENDUM
Please note Bid submission end date (online) is extended to 11.12.2024 upto 03.00 P.M. for the following job "Renovation of ESWL room for construction of compact Delta II with UIMS ESWL machine at ground floor of Baker Building under the NRSMC and H Kolkata" vide e-tender no. WBPWD/EE-II/CKHED/ eNIT 66/24-25 Tender ID 2024_WBPWD_765478_1. Detail information/download/upload will be available from the website: http://etender.wb.nic.in, http://wbtenders.gov.in & http://pwdwb.in Sd/- S.K. Mondal Executive Engineer-II, P.W.Dte. Central Kolkata Health Electrical Division. ICA- T22040(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
NIeT No. 59 of 2024-25 Circulated vide Memo No. 3888/SMD Dt- 02.12.2024
On behalf of the Governor of W.B. e-Tenders are invited in W.B.F. No 2911 by the Executive Engineer, South 24 Pgs Mechanical Division, PHE Dte. [2024_PHED_777144_1 to 5]. Bid proposal submission end date 20.12.2024 up to 6.00 PM. Other details information/download/upload will be available form the website www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, South 24 Pgs Mechanical Division, PHE Dte. ICA- T22011(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WBPHED TENDER NOTICE
NIET No. 05/SE/MC-I/WBPHED OF 2024-2025, Dated 27.11.2024
Tender ID : 2024_PHED_774157_1 to 6
The Superintending Engineer, Mechanical Circle-I, P.H.E. Dte., Govt. of W.B., 81/2/7, Phears Lane, 3rd Floor, Kolkata - 700012, Email: se_mc1@wbphed.gov.in, invites bids for different works under Central Mechanical Division, PHE Dte. Last date of submission of bid (online): 27.12.2024 up to 2:00 pm. The tender document can be downloaded from www.wbtenders.gov.in The NIT will also visible at www.wbphed.gov.in Sd/- SE/MC-I/WBPHED ICA- T22005(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
NIeT No. 61 of 2024-25 Circulated vide Memo No. 3890/SMD Dt- 02.12.2024
On behalf of the Governor of W.B. e-Tenders are invited in W.B.F. No 2911/ W.B.F No 2908 by the Executive Engineer, South 24 Pgs Mechanical Division, PHE Dte. [2024_PHED_777148_1 to 10]. Bid proposal submission end date 20.12.2024 up to 6.00 PM. Other details information/download/upload will be available form the website www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, South 24 Pgs Mechanical Division, PHE Dte. ICA- T22013(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
Following E-tender has been invited by the concerned TIA under the Directorate of Fisheries, WB: Establishment/ District : Assistant Director of Fisheries, Malda. NIT No.: WBDOF/ADF/MALDA/ NIeT-02/2024-25(3rd Call). Name of Work/Scheme : Supply of good quality Pungus, Carp fingerlings, lime, SSP, Urea, Mollases, Yeast, fish culture equipments, prophylactics & medicine. Bid Submission Start date: 06.12.2024, Bid Submission End date: 13.12.2024. Other details may also be seen at https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Director of Fisheries, West Bengal ICA- T21978(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
e-Tenders are invited online from resourceful and bonafide contractor for the following works:-NIeT/SE/NBC-I/05/2024-25 (SL NO. 01 TO 02) Tender ID:- 2024_PHED_775660_1, 2024_PHED_775660_2. Last date of submitting e-tender: 27/12/2024 (online) up to 04:00 P.M. Please log-in in the department website:- https://wbtenders.gov.in for details. Addenda/Corrigenda if any would be intimating departmental website on https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Superintending Engineer, North Bengal Circle-I, P.H.E. Dte. ICA- T22001(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
TENDER ID- 2024_PHED_775791_1 to 20 (JJM Work)
Electronic Notice Inviting Tender No. 19/WBPHED/EE/BD-I/2024-25. Last date of Documents download/sell closing date (Online) is on 18.12.2024 upto 01:00 P.M. Date of opening of technical Proposals (Online) on 20.12.2024 at 01:30 P.M. Further details will be available in our website: www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/-Executive Engineer, Berhampore Division-I, P.H.E. Dte. ICA-T22003(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
e-Tenders are invited by the Executive Engineer, South 24-Pgs. W/S Division-I, PHE Dte., vide Ref. No. 34/2024-2025/EE/SWD-I/WBPHED and ID: 2024_PHED_772729_1 to 6 for Sinking of Rig Ground bored 250mm x 150mm dia. & 300 mtr. deep Tubewell of different PWSS in different blocks under SWD-I, PHE Dte. Details will be available in the website http://wbtenders.gov.in The last date for submission of tender is 13.12.2024 upto 3.00 P.M. Sd/- for Executive Engineer, South 24-Pgs. W/S Division-I, P.H.E. Dte. ICA- T22007(3)/2024

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TENDER NOTICE
On behalf of the Governor of West Bengal, E-Tender(3rd Call) is invited by the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Diamond Harbour Health District, South 24 Parganas, Pin-743331 for supply of "2 nos. Launch for GSM-25 from Lot-8 to Kachubaria/ Kachubaria to Lot-8" from resourceful, eligible agency having experience in Govt. Sectors. Technical & Financial Bid Submission Closing Date: For e-Tender 10/12/2024 at 12 P.M. For Detail, Please visit the website www.wbtenders.gov.in / www.wbhealth.gov.in or the Office of the Undersigned. Sd/- CMOH, DHHD. ICA- T22067(2)/2024

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
e-tender invited by the Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Howrah Electrical Division. Onkarmal Jetia Road, Howrah – 711103. NIT No. WBPWD/EE/HED/NIT-188 (2nd Call) of 2024-2025. Memo. 3236 Dt. 02.12.2024. Tender ID : 2024_WBPWD_777562_1. SITC of Solar Photovoltaic Power Plant on the rooftop of different buildings within the campus of Ramsaday College at Amta in the District of Howrah. Intending bidder may download the Tender/Quotation documents from the website : www.pwd.wb.in Sd/- A. Das Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Howrah Electrical Division. Govt. of West Bengal. ICA- T22025(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
NIeT No. 63 of 2024-25 Circulated vide Memo No. 3898/SMD Dt- 02.12.2024
On behalf of the Governor of W.B. e-Tenders are invited in W.B.F. No 2911 / W.B.F. No 2908 by the Executive Engineer, South 24 Pgs Mechanical Division, PHE Dte. [2024_PHED_777167_1 to 15]. Bid proposal submission end date 14.12.2024 up to 02.00 PM. Other details information/download/upload will be available form the website www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, South 24 Pgs Mechanical Division, PHE Dte. ICA-T22015(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
e-Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Alipore Division, P.H.E. Dte. On behalf of Governor, West Bengal vide Ref. No. WBPHED/EE/NIeT-69/AD/2024-2025 and Tender ID: 2024_PHED_776866_1 for Hiring of Motor Launch for Canning Sub-Division under Alipore Division, P.H.E. Dte. for execution and maintenance of different piped water supply schemes at different Island in the district of South 24 Parganas. Details will be available in the website: wbtenders.gov.in The last date for submission of tender is 20.12.2024 upto 03:00 P.M. Sd/- for Executive Engineer, Alipore Division, P.H.E. Dte. ICA- T22000(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
eNIT No.: 55/ City (WB) of 2024-25 of The Executive Engineer-I, City Division, PWD. for 1(One) No. work from bonafide outsider only having credential for similar nature of work. Bid submission closing date (online) will be on 24.12.2024 at 15.00 hrs. for Tender ID: 2024_PWD_776198_1. Other details may be seen from the website: http://etender.wb.nic.in & http://wbpwd.in Sd/- Executive Engineer-I, City Division, P.W.D. ICA- T22047(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Superintending Engineer, Eastern Circle, P.W.D. invites online e-tender for the work of - "Old Calcutta Road for Strengthening from 3.85 km to 4.80 km under Barrackpore Division, P.W.Dte. in the District of North 24 Parganas during the year 2024-25. Estimated Amount Rs. 1,05,62,982.00, NIeT No: WBPWD/SE/EC/NIeT-09/2024-2025, Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_778162_1. Bid Submission upload start date: 10.12.2024 from 15.00 Hours. Bid Submission upload end date: 31.12.2024 up to 15.00 Hours. The details of NIeT and Tender document may be downloaded from http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- SE, EC, PWD, GOVT. OF W.B. ICA- T22058(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
EE/Darjeeling Highway Division, P.W.(Roads) Directorate invites online e-tender for the work:- 1. Peshoke-Mungpoo Road Repairing of damaged parapet wall & colour wah from Ch. 0.00 Kmp to 17.00 Kmp under Darjeeling Highway Division in the district of Darjeeling during the year 2024-25. Tender Id: 2024_WBPWD_777654_1. NIT No. 19 of 2024-25of Executive Engineer, Darjeeling Highway Division, Bid Submission start date (Online) 06/12/2024 from 12.00 PM, Bid Submission closing date (Online) 20/12/2024 upto 2.30 PM. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT and Tender Documents may be downloaded from http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- EE/Darjeeling Highway Division, PWRD, GOVT. OF W.B. ICA- T22051(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
The Superintending Engineer, Northern Circle, Social Sector, P.W. Directorate Siliguri invites online e Tender for the work Construction of a new Karmatirtha at Kamartore Haat shed under Lahutara-II GP of Kamartore Mouza under Block Karandighi in the District of Uttar Dinajpur- Balance work." e- NIT No. WB PWD/SS/SE/NC/NIT- 06(e)/ 2024-2025 TENDER ID: 2024_WBPWD_777473_1. Bid Submission Start Date: 09.12.2024 from 06.55 PM. Bid Submission Closing Date 31.12.2024 upto 02.00 PM. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT and Tender documents may be downloaded from: http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Northern Circle, Social Sector, P.W.Dte. ICA- T22031(4)/2024

TENDER NOTICE
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Submission Deadline- 09.12.2024 up to 2.00 P.M.
Contact No. 03582-223135.
Sd/-
Secretary
Cooch Behar Zilla Regulated Market Committee
Cooch Behar

'Failure To Provide Cab On Time Deficiency In Service'

Aggregator Told To Pay ₹54k To Man Who Missed His Flight

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission has upheld a district commission ruling that deemed Uber India Systems Pvt Ltd's failure to provide a cab on time and non-resolution of the issue as a "deficiency in service".

The district commission had asked Uber to pay Rs 24,100 as compensation, plus Rs 30,000 for mental distress and legal costs.

A bench of Justices Pinki and Sangeeta Dhingra Sehgal noted that Uber provided neither evidence nor adequate justification for the taxi's non-arrival. "As a service provider facilitating the transportation process, the appellant (Uber) has an obligation to ensure services are provided without undue delay or inconvenience. Its inability to deliver constitutes a clear deficiency in service. The appellant must be held accountable for the harm caused to the complainant," the Nov 11 order stated.

COMMISSION SAYS

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The incident dates back to Nov 19, 2022. The complainant, Upendra Singh, had booked Uber at 3.15am to go to IGI Airport. The driver never arrived and there was no response from the firm despite numerous calls. Singh cancelled Uber and took a local taxi, reaching the airport at 5.15am. The delay caused him and his wife to miss their Delhi-Indore flight. They could spend less than 12 hours with their family in Indore, as return tickets to Delhi were pre-booked.

Singh tried to take up the issue with Uber but there was no response to a legal notice dated Nov 23, 2021. So, he filed a consumer complaint with Delhi District Commission.

In Oct 2023, the district commission ordered Uber to pay Rs 24,100 for the replacement tickets and Rs 30,000 for mental distress and legal costs. Challenging the decision at Delhi State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Uber India claimed "insufficient opportunity" to present its case and denied any "deficiency in service". It maintained its role as a cab aggregator, arguing against liability for drivers' defaults. It pointed out Singh's decision to use a local taxi, instead of requesting another ride through the app.

However, the bench said since Uber India functions as a facilitator, it should have provided a viable alternative. Failure of grievance redressal highlighted the lack of responsibility in ensuring a seamless customer experience, it added.

Budget presentation likely to be delayed due to absence of MCD's standing panel

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New Delhi: The Municipal Corporation of Delhi is likely to deviate from the previous practice of presenting the budget proposals for the coming financial year before Dec 10. Under the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, the municipal commissioner must present the budget in a special meeting of the standing committee on or before Dec 10.

Officials are attributing the likely delay to the absence of a properly constituted standing committee.

The compilation of proposals received from various departments hasn't been completed yet. Once done, it will take some more days to print the budget booklets. "The statutory norms require presenting the budget proposals before mid-Dec, but the proposals are placed before the standing committee first and then sent to the zonal ward committees and the other statutory committees, such as education, horticulture and public health for discussion and the addition of their points," said an official. "After that, the budget is finally taken to the House by the leader of opposition and concluded by the leader of the House. But in the absence of a standing committee and other statutory committees (except for 12 zonal ward committees), this process stands disrupted."

In similar circumstances last year, then-commissioner Gyanesh Bharti presented the budget directly at a House sitting, getting it approved later by leader of the House Mukesh Goyal at a House meeting. This time, it is likely that the administration will send the proposed budget to the municipal secretary's office for presentation to the standing committee. But since the committee has still not been constituted, it is unlikely to see further progress. The final outcome may depend on the verdict in the standing committee case pending before the Supreme Court.

Though the poll for the 18 members of the standing committee was completed on Sept 27, then mayor Shelly Oberoi questioned the election of the 18th member. Officials have ruled out the possibility of holding the election for the last member again, stating that everything happened in accordance with the DMC Act. Oberoi filed a petition in the Supreme Court on Oct 4. The apex court has stayed the election result until it disposes of Oberoi's petition. This has further delayed the process for the constitution of the standing committee, pending for at least 21 months. The next hearing on this matter is scheduled for this month.

The non-installation of the standing committee has held up the implementation of crucial projects for many months.

Ph IV: DMRC completes work on longest underground tunnel on Golden Line

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) on Wednesday completed the longest underground tunnelling between Tughlaqabad Airforce Launching Shaft and Maa Anandmayee Marg on the Tughlaqabad-Aerocity corridor of Phase IV. This is the longest underground tunnel of Phase IV.

A tunnel boring machine broke through at Maa Anandmayee Marg Station after creating a nearly 2.7-kilometre-long tunnel. This tunnel breakthrough was achieved using a mammoth 105-metre-long machine. Two parallel circular tunnels for up and down movement are being constructed on this stretch as part of the Aerocity–Tughlaqabad corridor, which is the new Golden Line. However, the breakthrough on the other parallel tunnel is expected to be achieved in Jan 2025.

A DMRC official said this new tunnel was constructed at an average depth of 16 metres. A total of 1,894 rings have been installed in the tunnel, with an inner diameter of 5.8 metres.

A tunnel boring machine broke through at Maa Anandmayee Marg Station after digging a nearly 2.7-kilometre-long tunnel

"The tunnelling work posed significant technical challenges, including the relocation of a sewer line, navigation through hard rock strata, etc. The tunnel was built using the proven technology of earth pressure balancing method with a concrete lining made of precast tunnel rings. These tunnel rings were cast at a fully mechanised casting yard set up at Mundka. The concrete segments were cured with a steam curing system to achieve early strength," said Anuj Dayal, principal executive director, corporate communications, DMRC.

Dayal added that necessary safety precautions were taken during the construction of the tunnel. Ground movements were monitored with highly sensitive instruments fixed on nearby structures, ensuring that there was no settlement anywhere.

As part of the Phase IV work approved so far, 40.1 kilometres of underground lines are being constructed. The corridor has underground sections totalling 19.3 kilometres.

Kidneys with stones donated after nod

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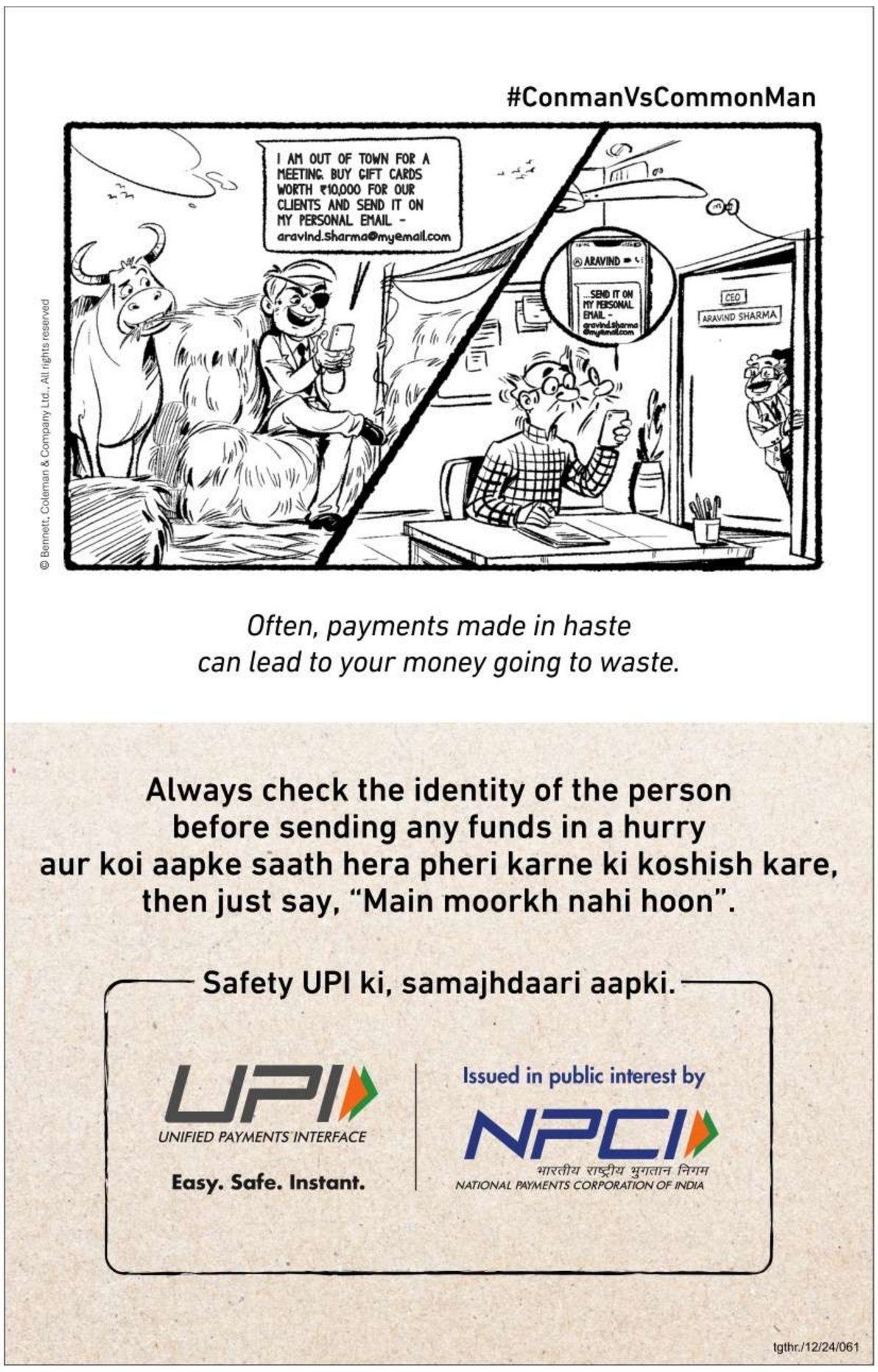
Noida: A 58-year-old brain-dead man's organs — liver and kidneys, which were both found to have stones — gave three critically ill patients a new lease of life.

Such kidneys are rarely accepted for transplantation as the possibility of a recipient developing stones exists. But doctors at Max Super Speciality Hospital in Vaishali deemed them suitable for donation as the stones — 4.5 cm in the right one and 2.1 cm in the other — could be removed before the transplant.

The Sahibabad resident and COO of a travel company was admitted to the private hospital two weeks ago with severe headache and dizziness. Diagnosed with brain haemorrhage, he underwent emergency surgery but was declared brain dead on Nov 28.

His liver and kidneys were retrieved at Vaishali's Max after his family consented to donate his organs. One of the kidneys was transported via a green corridor to Max's Saket centre and transplanted into a 50-year-old man. The other kidney was transplanted to a 52-year-old woman battling chronic kidney disease (CKD) for six years at the Vaishali centre. The liver was transplanted into a 60-year-old woman suffering from chronic liver disease.

According to doctors, a person who has previously undergone kidney stone removal surgery can also donate if doctors deem the organ's function good.



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EXTENSION OF LAST DATE OF VACANCY NOTIFICATION NO. 1/2024

The Last Date for Receipt of Online Applications for various Posts notified in Vacancy Notification No. 1/2024 Dated 25-10-2024 published in National Level Newspapers, Employment News, NIA Website etc. is hereby extended till **20-12-2024.** Rest of the said Vacancy Notification will remain the same. The Vacant Posts notified are: 1 Post of Vaidya (Medical Officer), 2 Posts of Clinical Registrar (Tenure Basis for 3 Years), 1 Post of Nursing Officer (Ayurved), 2 Posts of Pharmacist (Ayurved), 22 Posts of Multi Tasking Staff (MTS) and 1 Post of Accounts Officer (On Deputation), all for NIA Deemed to be University, Jaipur; and 1 Post of Administrative Officer and 1 Post of Matron (both to be filled on Deputation) for National Institute of Ayurveda, Panchkula (Haryana), an Extension Centre of NIA, Jaipur.

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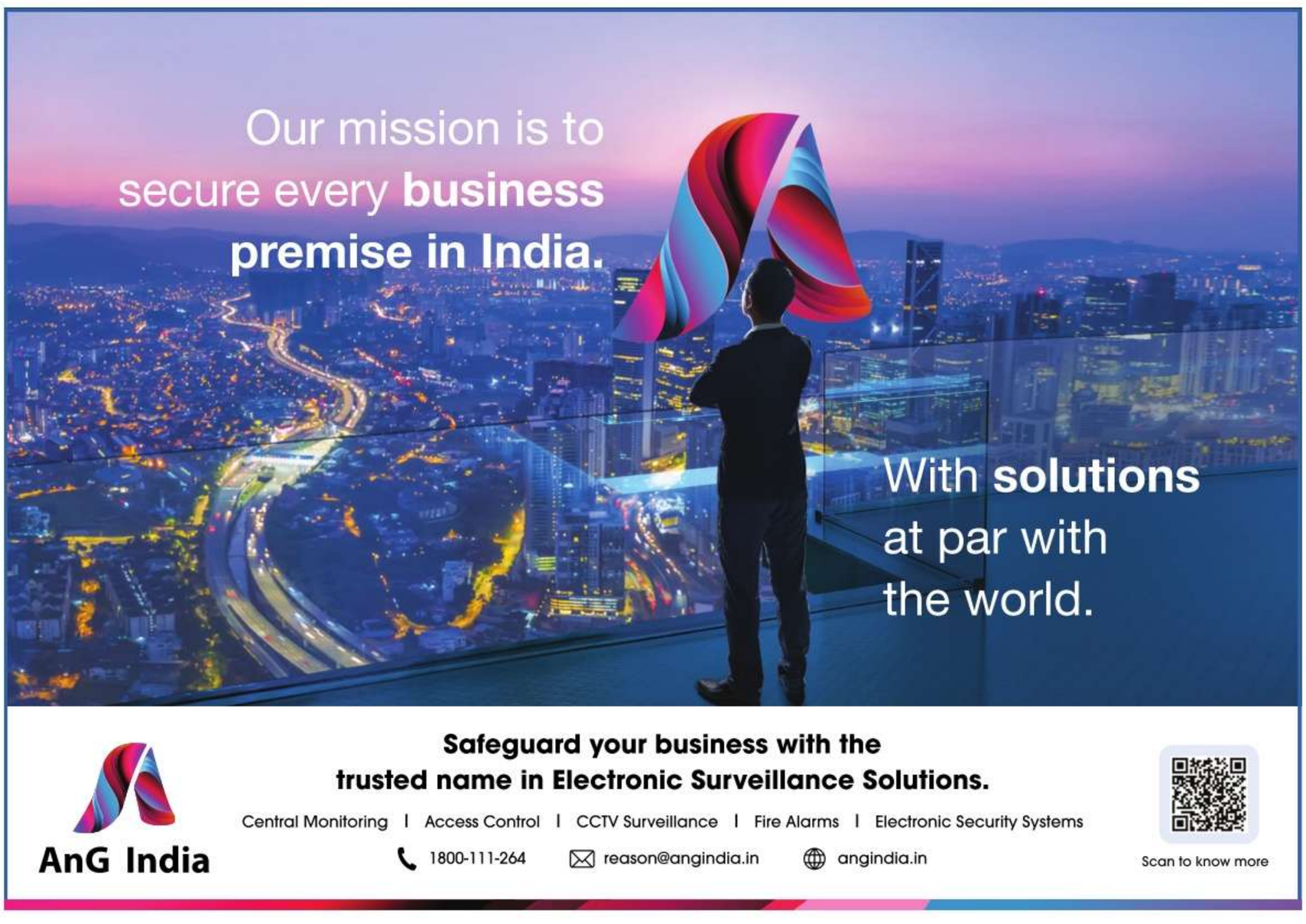

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RISE ABOVE POLITICS, GIVE LANDSLIDE RELIEF TO WAYANAD: PRIYANKA TO SHAH AFTER MEETING

BJP MP HEMA RAISES B'DESH ISSUE IN LS, SAYS WE CAN'T BE SILENT ON ATROCITIES AGAINST HINDUS

Dispose of 350MT of UCC waste or face contempt: HC to MP

Ashutosh Shukla & Siddharth Shankar Pandey

40 YEARS OF BHOPAL GAS DISASTER: A toxic water pond behind the now-closed Union Carbide factory in Bhopal

Bhopal/Jabalpur: In a hard hitting order, Madhya Pradesh HC on Wednesday asked the authorities if they were "waiting for another tragedy", 40 years after the Bhopal gas disaster, before they are "shaken from their inertia" and do something for disposal of toxic waste at the Union Carbide site.

The court warned of contempt proceedings against principal secretary of the department concerned if any hurdle is created in complying with its order to dispose of 350 metric tonne packaged toxic waste kept in Dhar district (220km from Bhopal) within four weeks.

If the waste isn't disposed of in the time assigned, the state chief secretary and principal secretary of gas relief & rehabilitation department will have to be present at the next hearing on Jan 6, 2025, to explain the non-compliance, the bench of Chief Justice Suresh Kumar Kait and Justice Vivek Jain said.

The bench is hearing a petition filed by activist late Alok Pratap Singh, seeking disposal of toxic waste at the factory site. "We have perused orders passed by this court on March 30, May 13, and June 23, 2005, and recently, on Sept 11, 2024. Though some steps have been taken, they are minimal and cannot be appreciated because the petition dates to 2004 and almost 20 years have elapsed but the respondents are at the first stage of initiating the disposal process," the bench said.

"This is a really sorry state of affairs because the removal of toxic waste from the plant site, decommissioning the MIC and Sevin plants, and removal of contaminants that have spread in the surrounding soil and groundwater are of paramount requirement for the safety of Bhopal residents. Incidentally, the gas disaster took place on this very date, exactly 40 years ago," the judges said.

On face of it, you are corrupt, SC tells TMC former minister

'Do Not Seek Parity With Other Accused In Teachers Job Scam'

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'You were the minister... Look at the recovery of huge sums of money from firms virtually owned by you and your associate,' SC told Partha Chatterjee

New Delhi: SC on Wednesday lashed out at former West Bengal education minister Partha Chatterjee, seeking bail in a money laundering case related to the teachers recruitment scam, for arguing that while bail has been granted to all other co-accused, he has been behind bars for more than two years.

"Do not seek parity with other accused. They are not ministers. You were the minister of the department where this alleged recruitment scam took place. Look at the recovery of huge sums of money from firms, virtually owned by you and your associate Arpita Mukherjee," a bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan said.

Chatterjee's counsel, senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, said the accused is a first time offender and he must get the benefit of bail having served one-third of the maximum sentence that could be imposed if he gets convicted. Enforcement Directorate's counsel, additional solicitor general S V Raju, said the beneficial provision of the Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita did not apply as many cases are pending against Chatterjee.

When Rohatgi said this reflects the sadistic attitudes of ED and CBI to get him embroiled in case after case so that he does not get out of jail on bail, the Justice Kant-led bench said, "When the minister is the kingpin in a scam, and SC grants him bail, what message it sends to society? That a powerful and influential person can get bail? On the face of it you are corrupt."

However, the bench was quick to clarify that since the investigation is going on and there is no likelihood of trial getting completed in the near future, the court has to balance the rights of the accused with suitable conditions to ensure there is a fair investigation without any impediments.

Rohatgi offered that Chatterjee would stay out of the territory of Bengal for a period of six months if that helped ED to complete investigations without apprehending any obstruction from the accused. "Chatterjee has been removed from TMC," he said, indicating that he does not wield any influence through state govt.

Raju opposed the bail, saying Chatterjee was the mastermind of the scam in recruitment of teachers and group C&D employees for schools, and instrumental in depriving nearly 50,000 genuine candidates of their jobs by giving these to undeserving candidates in consideration of bribes. SC reserved verdict on Chatterjee's bail plea.

Rohatgi said identical were the charges against TN minister Senthil Balaji, but SC had granted him bail. The bench said there is no parity between a TN minister and a WB minister. "After all there is no association of ministers in this country," it said.

CBI will probe case against BJP neta: SC

New Delhi: SC Wednesday transferred the probe against BJP leader Kabir Bose in an assault case from Bengal cops to CBI, observing that the "politically charged atmosphere" in the state may not be conducive to a fair investigation.

A bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and Pankaj Mithal said the possibility that the petitioner may not not get a fair probe or that the police may not behave cordially with him could not be brushed aside outright.

Bose alleged being targeted by the state administration and also by his ex-father-in-law Kalyan Banerjee, who is a TMC MP, and said the probe by the state police against him would not be fair. He alleged that his house and car were surrounded by 200 TMC members on Dec 6, 2020, but an assault case was instead lodged against him.

Noting Bose's plea, SC said, "We do not feel any prejudice would be caused to either party if the probe is conducted by an independent agency other than state police." TNN

Stampede at Pushpa 2 premiere, 1 dead

A 32-year-old woman died and a boy was injured in a stampede outside Hyderabad's Sandhya Theatre when police tried to disperse an unruly crowd that had gathered for a glimpse of actor Allu Arjun during the premiere show of his new film Pushpa 2: The Rule. The woman, who was with her husband and two children, might have "got trapped in the crowd" during the commotion that led to the stampede in the RTC X Roads neighbourhood, an official said.

The woman was given CPR and taken to a hospital at Vidya Nagar, where she succumbed to her injuries. The boy was unconscious before cops at the site revived him through CPR. He was moved to a hospital in Begumpet, where his condition is stable. Roads leading to the theatre were swarming with a few thousand fans till midnight, resulting in traffic snarls. Allu Arjun was inside the theatre watching the film when the stampede occurred. TNN

STATOISTICS A slice of life in numbers — By Mudita Girotra

INDIA, CHINA TIED AT THE TOP OF THE WORLD

Indian and Chinese climbers have scaled the Everest an equal number of times while Nepal holds the world record as most foreign climbers are accompanied by sherpas from the country. From 1953 to 2023, a total of 6,662 climbers have summited the top of the world

Top countries by number of climbers summiting Everest

Nepal	US	UK	Japan	Russia	Canada	France	Australia
1,856	783	421	209	192	148	138	127

Source: High Adventure Expeditions; Design: Anil Dinod

Foreign secy may visit Bangladesh next week amid bilateral tensions

Dhaka: Indian foreign secretary **Vikram Misri** is likely to visit Bangladesh next week for a foreign secretary-level meeting, amid tensions between the two countries after the interim govt headed by Muhammad Yunus came to power.

Foreign adviser Md Touhid Hosain said the scheduled Foreign Secretary-level Foreign Office Consultation (FOC) between Bangladesh and India will take place in Dhaka on Dec 9 or 10, state-run BSS news agency reported.

It will be the first high-level visit by a Indian govt official to Bangladesh since the interim govt came to power on Aug 8 after the ouster of Sheikh Hasina as PM. "It is very clear that we want a good relationship (with India)," Hosain said.

However, he emphasised that relations between Bangladesh and India must be built on a reciprocal basis. Hosain said while the FOC is scheduled for Dec 10, it might be held a day earlier, on Dec 9.

During the high-level consultation, foreign secretary Md Jashim Uddin and Indian foreign secretary Misri will lead their respective delegations, the news agency said. The discussions are expected to cover a range of bilateral issues, including the potential extradition of Hasina and visa-related matters, it said.

The tension between the two neighbours, simmering since Aug 5 when Hasina fled to India, aggravated further with the arrest of the Hindu monk Chinmoy Krishna Das last week. PTI

7-month-old abducted, raped in Kolkata; admitted to ICU

Kolkata: A seven-month-old girl sleeping beside her parents on a pavement was allegedly kidnapped and raped last week in Kolkata's Burtolla area. Police registered a case under Pocso Act and launched an investigation. No arrests have been made so far, despite having questioned at least a dozen suspects, report **Dwaipayan Ghosh & Sumati Yengkhom**.

The infant remains hospitalised at the Paediatric ICU of R G Kar Medical College and Hospital. Police said her condition was now stable. "The bleeding has stopped and she has started to eat. We have set up a team of four doctors. Her condition should improve further in the next few days," said a hospital official.

Around 1.45pm on Nov 30, a Burtolla resident noticed the infant howling on the pavement in front of his home with no one around, police said. The person immediately informed cops. The child's parents had approached police after a futile search for her. A probe into the two reports soon reunited the girl with her parents. She was rushed to R G Kar MCH, where doctors found multiple injuries on her private parts and scratches all over her body. She was believed to have been sexually assaulted, police said.

Amid spat with Cong, Assam govt bans beef in public places

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Guwahati: Assam's BJP-led govt banned Wednesday consumption of beef in public spaces — hotels, restaurants, and even social and religious gatherings — days after Congress accused BJP of distributing beef among the electorate as part of its winning strategy for the assembly byelection in Muslim-majority Samaguri.

CM **Himanta Biswa Sarma**, who had responded to the accusation by saying he would be happy to clamp a beef ban if Congress made a written request, chaired an online cabinet meeting from Delhi before announcing that consumption of beef in public anywhere in Assam was prohibited with immediate effect. According to the cabinet brief, the decision is meant to strengthen the Assam Cattle Preservation Act, 2021.

The legislation bans sale or purchase of cattle within a 5km radius of any Hindu temple or Vaishnavite satra (monastery), and in areas predominantly inhabited by Hindus, Jains, Sikhs and other communities. The law also bars transportation of cattle within the state without a permit.

"We realised that our cattle preservation law did not have a provision barring consumption of beef at community gatherings, and in hotels and restaurants. The cabinet decision will be incorporated into the legislation," CM said.

Without mentioning the new order, Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi on X said that Sarma was resorting to diversionary tactics. After leading BJP to a humiliating loss in Jharkhand (Sarma was the party's co-in-charge there), Assam CM is attempting to obscure his failure," he said.

38 years after his act of bravery, SC orders reward for UP cop

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TIMES VIEW: The policeman displayed outstanding courage. It is a matter of sadness and shame that his bravery went unrecognized by the state. The apex court needs to be commended for ensuring that his heroism did not go unnoticed and unrewarded.

New Delhi: Travelling in a night bus in the dacoit-infested Banda district of Uttar Pradesh nearly four decades ago, a station officer of UP police single-handedly fought a gang of armed dacoits which had waylaid the vehicle.

When the dacoits fired at him, Ram Yadav whipped out his service revolver and fired at the gang, killing their ringleader. Unnerved by this, the dacoits fled.

While the incident happened on March 10, 1986, the Banda SP on Aug 3, 1989, recommended Yadav's name for the President's gallantry medal. Yadav eagerly waited the recognition, but it never came. With passage of time, govt appeared to have forgotten about it but Yadav kept writing to his seniors.

Decades later, on inquiring with the department concerned, Yadav learnt that the file containing the SP's 1989 recommendation had been lost. He then filed a writ petition before Allahabad HC, but the court dismissed it saying it was barred by limitation as almost four decades had passed. He then moved SC.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant, Dipankar Datta and Ujjal Bhuyan subsequently sought response from UP govt and also appointed senior advocate Rana Mukherjee as amicus curiae for a dignified resolution.

On Wednesday, UP govt counsel Ruchira Goel informed the bench that the DGP after due verification of Yadav's documents had agreed to grant a commendation certificate to him.

The bench said Yadav was honest enough to inform SC that he just wanted recognition of his bravery and not money. But the bench felt Yadav should be rewarded for his bravery that went unrecognised for 38 years, and using its discretionary powers, SC directed the state govt to give Yadav an honorarium of Rs 5 lakh.

House sale to Muslim sparks Moradabad protest

Kanwardeep Singh & Asif Ansari

Bareilly: A late-night protest broke out in Moradabad's posh TDI City housing society on Tuesday after a house in the Hindu-majority colony was sold to a Muslim doctor by her fellow Hindu doctor. Women and other residents from the society, which houses around 450 Hindu families, demanded cancellation of the registration, saying they "feared the sale could lead to demographic changes and spark a trend of Hindu families leaving their apartments".

The house, located in the upscale colony on Kanth Road, was sold by Dr Ashok Bajaj to Dr Ikra Chaudhary. Protesters alleged that Bajaj had not informed anyone about the sale and that the transaction "violated the social harmony" of the gated society, which allegedly "had no Muslim families before".

Protesters said they didn't have enmity with any community but sought cancellation of the registration as they 'feared the sale could lead to demographic changes'

One of the protesters, Payal Rastogi, said, "Bajaj sold his house to a non-Hindu without giving any information to us. We live here peacefully and there was never any issue before. Now we just want Bajaj to get the registry cancelled. We have already lodged a complaint with the district administration and local police."

Another resident, Pallavi, added, "We have no enmity with any community. We just don't want the system to change. This has been our home for over 15 years, and we feel it's important that the house is registered in the name of a Hindu again. Otherwise, Hindus might start leaving, and everything will change."

Women participating in the protest highlighted "fears that similar incidents in other areas had led to Hindus moving away". One of them said, "If one house is sold, others might follow, and soon the area could lose its character." Moradabad district magistrate Anuj Kumar Singh said, "We are aware of the situation and are working to resolve the matter peacefully. The administration and police are in talks with both parties to ensure communal harmony is maintained."

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From parched earth to green pastures

By Rejuvenating Waterbodies, This Foundation Has Infused Life Into Arid MP, Maha Farmlands

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In the dust bowl of Khaman Kheda in Madhya Pradesh, Dev Yadav, a local farmer, marvels at his wheat fields.

Ever since fresh life was infused into the once-dry local lake in 2022, his crops need three times less water and yields have doubled, which Yadav believes is nothing short of remarkable.

"I can now plant two crops of wheat and lentils, even in the drier months," he says.

Just a few kilometres away, in Serwai village, summer used to mean dry waterbodies and plummeting groundwater levels, making livestock rearing nearly impossible.

"But so much more is possible now," says Santosh Patel. "Every family had only about two cows to supply milk for their home consumption. Now that the 'talaab' (pond) stays full longer, we can rear more livestock and earn from milk sales," he added.

These stories of prosperity rippling across villages are the humane side of a waterbodies rejuvenation project by ATE Chandra Foundation that manages philanthropic initiatives of the ATE Group, an engineering firm founded in 1939 as part of India's freedom movement.

"While loan waivers by the govt only offered temporary relief, we realised we needed a sustainable solution to allow farmers live with dignity, and not on dole-outs."
—Gayatri Nair Lobo | CEO, ATE CHANDRA FOUNDATION

"I can now plant two crops of wheat and lentils, even in the drier months."
—Dev Yadav | FARMER IN KHAMAN KHEDA VILLAGE, MADHYA PRADESH

WATER WISDOM: A rejuvenated waterbody in Chhatarpur, Madhya Pradesh. Farmers like Santosh Patel (with saffron scarf) from Chhatarpur and others like Dev Yadav (white t-shirt) from Rajgarh in Madhya Pradesh have benefited from the efforts of this organisation

Trigger For The Project

The foundation, driven by the personal efforts of Archana and Amit Chandra, is focused on improving income and sustainability of small and marginal farmers in India since 2015.

While they've been partnering with ministries and charities to achieve these and helped conserve 1,500 acres of forests, their standout project has been tackling rural water problems by rejuvenating old waterbodies across India. Since 2016, the foundation has breathed new life into 5,000 lakes, ponds and tanks, spanning 7,000 villages across seven states.

The trigger for the project was the epidemic of farmer suicides in Maharashtra.

Gayatri Nair Lobo, the foundation's CEO, recalls how small and marginal farmers, burdened with loans to buy seeds and fertilisers, were pushed to the brink every time monsoons failed.

"While loan waivers by the govt only offered temporary relief, we realised we needed a sustainable solution to allow farmers live with dignity, and not on dole-outs," she says.

The foundation knew they had to tackle the problem at its root—dependence on rain. "We explored a few existing solutions and identified one that focused on rejuvenating existing but no longer usable waterbodies," explains Lobo.

Their pilot project, the foundation said, took root at the Akoladev Dam in Maharashtra's Jalna district, driven by enthused farmers and a demand for nutrient-rich silt that would reduce their need for costly fertilisers.

Public-Private Partnership

"We figured out that all the lakes and ponds in Maharashtra could hold water three times the capacity of Bhakra Nangal Dam. The demand from farmers and the feedback that we got pushed us to do more," she further said.

However, given the limitations of funding a project solely with the foundation's resources, they began collaborating with the govt. The public-private partnership allowed them to expand across Maharashtra and initiate pilot projects in other states, including Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh, starting in 2022.

While the govt bears 30% of the cost to hire necessary machinery, the rest of the cost to rejuvenate a waterbody is covered by local farmers and communities that help remove silt, which, they believe, "creates a strong sense of ownership to maintain the waterbodies in the long run".

With the foundation and the govt joining hands under the 'Gaalmukt Dharan, Gaalyukt Shivar' (silt free water reservoirs and silt applied farms) scheme, farmers such as Dasharath Kalidas Hirve in Bhoom district of Osmanabad are transforming barren stretches into fertile fields.

Suresh Survase in Dindegaon is hopeful of a bountiful harvest this year. "Because it will also increase the waterholding capacity of our dam and we all will get water for cash crops," he reasoned.

Rejuvenating waterbodies is a multi-step process that the foundation has refined over time. Lobo breaks it down into clear steps. First, dry waterbodies are identified.

Timing Is Crucial

"We use an app to determine which ones have the potential for groundwater percolation. Next, a local NGO engages with the community to educate farmers about the benefits of silt application and generate demand for the silt.

On a predetermined date, machinery such as a backhoe loader or excavator is hired. Farmers line up with their tractors to collect the silt, apply it to their fields, and return for more," says Lobo, adding that timing is crucial since the work needs to be completed between mid-April and mid-June, when the waterbody is dry.

Tapping into local wisdom has been the key, given that many communities have their age-old ways of managing water.

"The NGO we select for a district identifies village elders who weigh in, especially on silt quality and application techniques," Lobo adds. So, how do they prevent future silting?

"Our experience shows these waterbodies stay healthy for eight to ten years," she says, adding that this ensures a higher return on investment. "For a very small cost per litre of water storage, you get a functioning waterbody with all its benefits for almost a decade."

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RFP No.- 01 **Date: - 05.12.2024**

Request For Proposal (RFP)

Selection of Master Developer for Development, Operation and Maintenance of the PM MITRA Mega Textile and Apparel Park at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh through Public Private Partnership (PPP) on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) basis.

PM MITRA Park Uttar Pradesh Limited invites bid for Development, Operation and Maintenance of 1000-acre greenfield Mega Textile and Apparel Park at Lucknow. Interested parties are invited to submit their Proposal in accordance with the guidelines outlined in the RFP document.

Bid commencement date	**02.12.2024**
Pre-bid conference is scheduled on	**07.01.2025 (11:30 hours IST)**
Last date for bid submission	**04.02.2025 (17:00 hours IST)**

All other details including any date extensions, clarifications, amendments, corrigendum, etc., will be uploaded on the website https://etender.up.nic.in and will not be published in newspaper. Bidders shall regularly visit the website to keep themselves updated.

Email ID for queries: -
pmmitraparklucknow@gmail.com

Chief Executive Officer,
PM MITRA Park Uttar Pradesh Limited, Lucknow

कृषि निदेशालय उत्तराखण्ड नन्दा की चौकी, प्रेमनगर, देहरादून विज्ञप्ति
जीओ लाइन टैंक के मूल विनिर्माताओं के सूचीबद्ध/पंजीकरण हेतु सूचना संख्या-3

कृषि विभाग उत्तराखण्ड की विभिन्न अनुदानित योजनाओं के अन्तर्गत राज्य के कृषकों को अनुदान पर उपलब्ध कराए जाने वाले **जीओ लाइन टैंक** के ऐसे विनिर्माताओं (Original Manufacturer) से सूचीबद्ध/पंजीकरण हेतु आवेदन पत्र आमंत्रित किए जाते हैं, जो **जीओ लाइन टैंक** का निर्माण करते हों। प्रदायकों को सूचीबद्ध/पंजीकरण दिनांक से दो वर्ष तक के लिए किया जाएगा। सूचीबद्ध/पंजीकरण हेतु निर्धारित शर्तें एवं आवेदन पत्र जिसका **शुल्क रु0 2000/- (रुपये दो हजार मात्र)** होगा, कृषि निदेशालय उत्तराखण्ड, नन्दा की चौकी, प्रेमनगर देहरादून से किसी भी कार्य दिवस में दिनांक 30 दिसम्बर, 2024 तक (सांय 5:00 बजे तक) प्राप्त किए जा सकते हैं अथवा www.agriculture.uk.gov.in से एडवरटीजमेन्ट सेक्शन से डाउनलोड किए गए आवेदन पत्र का प्रिन्ट लेकर रु० 2000/- का बैंक ड्राफ्ट कृषि निदेशक, उत्तराखण्ड के नाम पर बनाते हुए आवेदन पत्र के साथ संलग्न कर दिनांक 30 दिसम्बर, 2024 को सांय 5:00 बजे तक सूचीबद्ध/पंजीकरण हेतु डाक के माध्यम से अथवा स्वयं कृषि निदेशालय में रखे बॉक्स में डाले जा सकते हैं। आवेदन पत्र के साथ धरोहर राशि की एफ.डी. भी उपलब्ध कराना होगा।

कृषि निदेशक
उत्तराखण्ड।

BIHAR EDUCATION PROJECT COUNCIL

Govt. of Bihar

Siksha Bhawan, Rastrabhasha Parisad Parishar
Rajendra Nagar, Patna - 800 004

NOTICE INVITING RFP

(https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in).

I. Bihar Education Project Council (BEPC), Patna, invites Request For Proposal (RFP) for "Selection of Service Provider(s) to Design, Develop, Deploy, Integrate and Maintenance of Facial Recognition Based Authentication Systemfor Government Schools in Bihar"

II. The complete RFP documents can be seen on and downloaded from the website https://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in.

III. Schedule of Events:

SL	Information	Details
1	RFP Issuing Authority	State Project Director, Bihar Education Project Council (BEPC)
2	RFP No. and Date of availability	RFP Reference No. BEPC/BAS/2024-25/4482, Dated 28/11/2024 Available for download from 28.11.2024, 05:00 PM onwards till 18.12.2024, 3:00 PM on https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in
3	Last date for submission of written queries for clarifications	04.12.2024, 12:30 PM Email: ssabihar@gmail.com
4	Date of pre-bid conference	05.12.2024, 02:30 PM Virtual Mode - Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81546272058?pwd=SllzRzhiVHVCVTg4NFQ5MTZMMWY5UT09 Meeting ID: 815 4627 2058 Passcode: abc123 e-mail: ssabihar@gmail.com
5	Release of response to clarifications	06.12.2024, 5:00 PM
6	Last date of submission of bid	18.12.2024, 4:00 PM
7	Last date of submission of Hard copy of EMD	18.12.2024, 4:00 PM
8	Opening of Technical Bids	18.12.2024, 4:30 PM
9	Opening of Financial Bids	To be intimated
10	Contact person for queries	The State Project Director, Bihar Education Project Council, ShikshaBhawan, Bihar RashtraBhashaParishad Campus, Saidpur - 800 004. e-mail : ssabihar@gmail.com

For further details please visit : **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar**

(Yogendra Singh)
State Project Director
Bihar Education Project Council

PR- 013765 (B & C) 2024-25

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

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
AGRA CIRCLE, P.W.D AGRA
INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB) {E-Tender}

Letter No. : 6005 /14M-Agra Circle/2023-24 Dated: 16.11.2024

1. The Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra (U.P.) on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites ITEM RATE BIDS (SBD) on work online for the construction of work detailed in the table given below. The bidders are advised to examine carefully all instructions including addendum/amendments to ITB, conditions of contract, contract data, forms, terms, technical specifications, bill of quantities etc. in the Bid Document.

2.

Sl. No	District	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs.in Lac) Construction Cost	Estimated cost (Rs.in Lac) Maintenance Cost (5 year)	Total Cost (Rs.in Lacs)	Bid Security (Rs.in Lacs)	Cost of Document (in Rs.)	Time of Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Mathura	Widending & Strenghtning work of Kosi-Goverdhan-Sonkh-Farah road (SH-142) in Distt. Mathura Ch. 49.620 to 85.240	6315.00	158.00	6473.00	64.73	Stationery Charges Rs. 2000.00 + Rs. 300 (Tender Fee) + 60.00 GST= Rs. 2360.00	15 Month including rainy season
2	Mathura	Widending & Strenghtning work of Chatikara Ral Radhakund road (ODR) in Distt. Mathura	1693.00	50.69	1743.69	30.00	Stationery Charges Rs. 2000.00 + Rs. 300 (Tender Fee) + 60.00 GST= Rs. 2360.00	12 Month including rainy season
3	Mathura	Widending & Strenghtning work of Barsana Uanchgaon Sunhera road (ODR) in Distt. Mathura	1100.00	27.00	1127.00	22.54	Stationery Charges Rs. 2000.00 + Rs. 300 (Tender Fee) + 60.00 GST= Rs. 2360.00	12 Month including rainy season
4	Mathura	Widending & Strenghtning work of Arhera to Ral Via Bati (NH-2) road (ODR) in Distt. Mathura Ch. 0.000 to 10.000	1450.00	36.00	1486.00	29.72	Stationery Charges Rs. 2000.00 + Rs. 300 (Tender Fee) + 60.00 GST= Rs. 2360.00	12 Month including rainy season
5	Mathura	Widending & Strenghtning work of Akbarpur Shergarh road (ODR) in Distt. Mathura Ch. 8.500 to 16.700	1460.00	36.50	1496.50	29.93	Stationery Charges Rs. 2000.00 + Rs. 300 (Tender Fee) + 60.00 GST= Rs. 2360.00	12 Month including rainy season
6	Mathura	Widending & Strenghtning work of Radhakund Bypass road (ODR) in Distt. Mathura Ch. 0.000 to 10.400	1460.00	37.00	1497.00	29.94	Stationery Charges Rs. 2000.00 + Rs. 300 (Tender Fee) + 60.00 GST= Rs. 2360.00	12 Month including rainy season

3. Bid document with detailed terms and conditions will be available online on website **http://etender.up.nic.in** and Prahari (http://wms.upppwd.gov.in/Prahari) from **06-12-2024 to 12-12-2024 upto 12:30 Hours**. Bids must be submitted online only at e-tendering portal of **http://etender.up.nic.in** and **Prahari App** with all documents as per GO No. 14/2020/879(1)/23-7/2020/176(साo)/06 Dt 25-08-2020 on or before **12:30 Hours on 12-12-2024** Technical Bid received online will be opened on **12-12-2024 at 01:00 Hours.**
4. The prospective bidders who do not posses Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) must get the same issued from approved agencies before submission of bids.
5. Contractor should Quote their rates without G.S.T. which shall be paid extra as per applicable at the time of payment.
6. Labour Cess @ 1.00% will be deducted from contractor's bill at the time of payment.
7. Principal Secretary, Directorate of geology & mining utter Pradesh Letter No-2146/86-2019-52(साo)/2019 Dt. 30.09.2019 and other relevant Government orders, circulars will be applicable to bidders.
8. The bidders are required to submit Original receipt of Internet Banking of E-tender portal Account as per G.O. No.-742/78-2-2018-42 I.T./2017 T.C., I.T. & Electronics Section-2 Dated- 03-12-2018 follows as :
   (1) Online Tender Cost shall be deposited by contractor/firm towards the cost of bid document (As per Column 8) by Internet Banking of E-tender portal Account (Non Refundable).
   (2) Online Bid security shall be deposited by contractor/firm (As per Column 7) will be received in favour of "Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra (U.P.)" by Internet Banking of E-tender portal Account.

(Ajay Kumar Singh)
Executive Engineer
Provincial Division, P.W.D., Mathura

UPID 223253
dt 03.12.2024,
www.upgov.nic.in

(C.P. Singh)
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
AGRA CIRCLE, PWD, AGRA

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GOVT. OF ODISHA eMail: se_nerwkjr@rediffmail.com
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE: KEONJHAR

eProcurement Notice for Road Works under MMSY-Impvt. to Existing RD Roads

Bid Identification No. NCB-18/RWCKJR/2024-25

No. 3572 / Date: 30.11.2024

1. Name of the work : **Construction and Maintenance of road under MMSY- Improvement to Existing RD Roads in the District of Keonjhar.**
2. No. of work : **18** (Eighteen) Nos.
3. Estimated Cost : As per Annexure in NIT.
4. Class of Contractor (Eligible) : As per Annexure in NIT.
5. Period of Completion : As per Annexure in NIT.
6. Other details :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding From	Availability of tender On-line for bidding To	Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O. C.C.E.R.W. Circle, Keonjhar: Technical bid	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O. C.C.E.R.W. Circle, Keonjhar: Financial bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Keonjhar	NCB-18/ RWCKJR/ 2024-25	Dt. 10.12.2024 at 11.00 A.M.	Dt. 24.12.2024 up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt. 23.12.2024 up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt. 26.12.2024 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

- Further details can be seen from the website: **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**

Sd/- **Chief Construction Engineer**
R.W. Circle, Keonjhar

OIPR-25177/11/0022/24-25

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE BOLANGIR
e Procurement Notice

1.	Name of work	:	Improvement of Road in the district of Bolangir under MMSY-TRIP for the year 2024-25
2.	No. of work	:	8 (Eight) works.
3.	Time for completion varies from	:	9 (Nine) to 12 (Twelve) calendar months
4.	Approximate estimated cost varies from	:	Rs. 273.97 lakhs to Rs. 645.96 lakhs
5.	Mode of Submission of tender	:	Tender should be submitted online in **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**
6.	**Other details are as follow**		

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender Online for bidding From	Availability of Tender Online for bidding To	Last Date & Time of seeking tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender: Technical Bid	Date & Time of Opening of Tender: Financial Bid
Chief Construction Engineer, R.W. Circle, Bolangir	BLGR-Online-07/2024-25	09.12.2024 at 11.00 A.M.	23.12.2024 upto 5.00 P.M.	21.12.2024 upto 5.00 P.M.	24.12.2024 at 11.00 A.M.	The date will be intimated later on

- Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**
- Any Corrigendum/Addendum will be displayed in the above e tender website only.

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer
R.W. Circle, Bolangir

OIPR-25118/11/0010/24-25

Office Of Tubewell Construction Division, Muzaffarnagar

Auction Notice No. 02/2024-2025

Auction of M.S. scrap at our office Executive Engineer Tubewell Construction Division, Muzaffarnagar. Site will be held **"As is where is" on 10.12.2024** at 02:00 PM by Auction committee. Interested firm/contractors may participate in this auction by submitting nessesary documents (such as Aadhar card, character certificate issued by District magistrate, PAN card, GST certificate etc.) and bank in the favour of Executive Engineer, Tubewell Construction Division, Muzaffarnagar & Application fees in cash on **10.12.2024** from 10:00 AM to 01:00 PM. Auction will be held at 02:00 PM same date. Item for auction may be seen at store compound of this office situated at jail chungi, Meerut on any working day. If auction date will be declared as holiday, it will be conducted on next working day.

Highest bidder has to submit 25% of total amount of auction as bank draft on the same day of auction. Otherwise his security amount will be seized. After approved from competent authority, within 7 days the balance amount of auction with GST to be deposited, otherwise earlier deposited 25% amount will be seized. All right to accept/reject bids reserved with auction committee. All terms and conditions & other related information can be taken/seen undersigned at office or by the department website https://idup.gov.in

S. No.	Item Description	Qty.	Security Amount	Auction Date	Application Fees	Place to Observe and Receive the Auction item	Place of Auction
1	M.S.Scrap	9.5 Metric Ton	32000	10.12.2024	100.00	Store Compound at Jail Chungi, Meerut	Office of Tubewell Construction Division, Near Suzroo Chungi, Meerut Road, Muzaffarnagar

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www.upgov.nic.in

Executive Engineer
Tubewell Construction Division
Muzaffarnagar

Government of Uttar Pradesh
Directorate of Animal Husbandry, Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow-226007.

No. - 802/Pur.Cell/E-Tender/Medicine/2024-25/II, Dated: 02.12.2024

E-TENDER INVITATION NOTICE

Online tenders through e-procurement system are invited through this Notice for Invitation of e-Tender for rate approval of Veterinary Medicines/Vitamins/ Hormones etc.(As per Schedules of requirement mentioned in table below) under the Department of Animal Husbandry, U.P. for financial year 2024-25) from (1) Sole manufacturers, (2) Repacking license holders, (3) such Third party manufacturers (who are producing for Tenderer), (4) loan licensee and (5) bearer of import license; who have minimum 05 years manufacturing experience for the quoted medicines. Tenderer should not be blacklisted or debarred in any state/department/government institution in the country for last 02 years and quoted products are not found Not of Standard Quality by the Competent Authority for last 3 years. If the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) or any other investigating agency recommends the existing rate contract of the concerned firms for staying or cancellation, the action shall be taken accordingly as per U.P. Procurement Manual 2016. Tenderer should have valid Manufacturing License, Non-Conviction Certificate, Performance Certificate, Market Standing Certificate, Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and ISO certificates and minimum 50% of the total turnover of quoted products should be sold in open market; and other eligibility as per detailed tender documents. The Tenderer should have BIS/ISI Certificate for the items for which BIS/ISI mark is required. Only those tenderer will be eligible to participate in tender whose turnover for last 03 years is not less than Rs. 5.00 crore each year. MSME/SSI units of U.P. are exempted from Turnover condition & MSME/SSI units of U.P. & Government of India Undertakings (C.P.S.E.) will be given purchase preference as per government policy. It is also to inform that only those tenderers who are registered for e-tendering (documentary proof for registration in U.P. Electronics Corporation Ltd., Lucknow is necessary to enclose) and having digital signatures in reference to this office memorandum No. 3157/Pur.Cell/Kra,Ni./E-pro/2016-17 dated 15-03-2017, shall be eligible to participate in e-tendering in Department of Animal Husbandry, U.P. Detailed Terms and Conditions and other details alongwith proforma for Tender Documents would be available on the departmental website http://animalhusb.upsdc.gov.in and U.P. Govt. e-tender portal http://etender.up.nic.in within the stipulated period.

Particulars	Earnest Money (EMD) Rs.	Tender Documents Rs.
Tender for approval of rate of Medicines/Vitamins/ Hormones etc. (for financial years 2024-25) as per schedule of requirement given below- 1. A-General Medicines 2. B-Anthelmentics/Antihaemoprotozoans/ Coccidiostat/Acaricides/ Ecto-parasitic / Maggoticide drugs 3. C-Disinfectants/Local Antiseptics/Sanitizers. 4. D-Antibiotics/Anti Fungal & Sulpha Drugs. 5. E-Metabolic Restorative & Mineral Supplements (oral liquids/powders/ tablets/bolus/ injections/ infusions 6. F-Intra Mammary Infusions/Intra unterine & Uterine Activities/ Applicants for skin diseases, intrauterine drugs (Anitbiotics, Antiseptic and Anti fungal drug) 7. G -Infusions 8. H-Hormones and Oestrus Inducers 9. I-Analgesic, Antipyretics, Anti-inflamatory antisposmodics, Anti Diarrhoeal, Diauretics) 10. J-Tranquilizers, preanaesthetics, anaesthetics, antiemetics, antacids. 11. K- Anti allergic, anti histaminics, corticosteroids & Haemostatics	As per schedule of requirement Section III(B) of tender documents, for estimated value of the goods upto Rs. 1.00 lakh (one lakh) Rs. 1500.00 and for each additional Rs. 1.00 lakh and part there of Rs. 1000.00 as bid security.	Rs. 25000.00 + GST

Cost of Tender Form (Non-refundable) in shape of Demand Draft of any nationalized/scheduled bank in the name of Director, Administration & Development, Animal Husbandry, U.P., Lucknow and amount of Earnest Money in shape of Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) of any nationalized/scheduled bank pledged in favour of Director, Disease Control & Farms, Animal Husbandry, U.P., Lucknow should compulsorily be deposited in the Directorate of Animal Husbandry, U.P., Badshahbag, Lucknow. The scanned copy of the Cost of Tender Form and e-Bid Security/EMD must be submitted along with the e-Bid and the original should reach to Director, Disease Control & Farms, Department of Animal Husbandry, U.P., Lucknow preferably on or before end date of submission of e-Bid but in any case, not later than 5 days after end date of submission of e-bid. Online e-bid should be submitted through U.P. Govt. e-Tender website http://etender.up.nic.in.

The Scheduled dates and time for the e-Tender are:-

1. Availability of Online Tender Forms: Date 06.12.2024 from 04:30 PM
2. Submission of Online Tender Forms start date: Date 06.12.2024 from 06:00 PM
3. Pre Bid Meeting: Date 20.12.2024 at 03:00 PM
4. Last Date for online submission of tender form: Date 27.12.2024 up to 01:00 PM
5. Opening of Online Tender Forms (Technical bids): Date 27.12.2024 at 04:30 PM

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Director
Disease Control & Farms,
Animal Husbandry, U.P.

Attack on Badal shows rise of radical fringe

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20+ cases registered earlier against Badal shooter: DGP

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New Delhi: It was the ubiquitous 'Sikh moderates vs radicals' tug-of-war on display as history-sheeter and highly-radicalised pro-Khalistan terrorist Narain Singh Chaura aimed his weapon at former Punjab deputy CM **Sukhbir Singh Badal**, scion of the 'moderate' Badal family.

According to an ex-IPS officer from Punjab, the sensational assassination attempt by a terrorist who has been involved in serious offences like murder, attempt to murder, possession of arms and explosives and militancy in the past, and was in constant touch with the leadership of Sikh terrorists outfits based in Pakistan, was the manifestation of the discontent and religious extremism simmering in Punjab for almost two decades.

Particularly between 2007 and 2017, when the 'moderate' Badals were in office, the 'radical fringe' voices in the Sikh diaspora grew shriller, using social media as a vehicle to influence and indoctrinate new generation that has no living memory of how their families had suffered at the height of Sikh terror and who only seem to have seen the romanticised, pro-Khalistan propaganda fed to them online.

"The 'radical extremism' sentiment seems to have only gained momentum in the wake of the farmers' protests/unrest, dominated by agriculturists from Punjab," added another officer.

Pakistan not only sheltered the leadership of prominent pro-Khalistan outfits like Babbar Khalsa International and Khalistan Tiger Force for the past several years, but also continued to press on the pro-Khalistan pedal through projects like the Sikhs for Justice's 'Khalistan Referendum 2020'.

The Sikh diaspora, in which the extremists seem to hold sway, provided funding and resources to pro-Khalistan elements, even as Pakistan-backed actors whipped up communal tensions and ensured a steady supply of arms. That even laws like UAPA could not hold back terrorists like Chaura for long, enabling him to get relief from the courts and go back to extremist activities, made the threat of radicals crushing any moderate voices, even more real.

"Those born after 1993, when Sikh militancy had faded out due to a tough police crackdown and dominance of moderate voices, were in the past two decades fed on lies that 1.5 lakh people were killed in the militancy era, when the actual number of deaths was around 22,000, including 1,800 police personnel. Radical voices like Simranjit Singh Mann building a popular base by fighting polls and the emergence of radical leaders like Waaris Panjab De chief Amritpal Singh are proof that pro-Khalistan sentiments have been on the rise in Punjab," said a former intelligence officer.

The solution, several officers told **TOI**, lay in promoting moderate voices to neutralise 'radical fringe', strengthening police's hands to deal with extremists and tightening anti-terror laws.

Chaura was wearing a jacket and drew the pistol from his pocket as he advanced towards Sukhbir. After the shot went wide, Chaura was overpowered and taken to an undisclosed location. Amritsar police commissioner Gurpreet Singh Bhullar said Chaura was arrested and charged with attempted murder and violations under the Arms Act.

Sukhbir continued to carry out his duties as a sewadar, despite the scare. He later washed used utensils and listened to kirtans.

The shooter's wife, Jasmeet Kaur, condemned her husband's actions. She said Chaura had told her he was attending a "death anniversary programme" in Amritsar. "I didn't know what had happened until reporters came knocking at my door. Earlier, he had been lodged in jails in Amritsar, Ludhiana, and Gurdaspur," Kaur told reporters.

"Chaura has a criminal background and there are more than 21 cases against him. Police are interrogating him," special DGP (law & order) Arpit Shukla said.

Former Rajya Sabha MP and SAD functionary Naresh Gujral termed the attempt on Sukhbir's life an "attack by extremists on the moderate forces of Punjab" and called for an NIA probe.

(With inputs from agencies)

SC agrees to hear if Coalgate accused can appeal in Delhi HC

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A decade after SC barred coal scam case accused from approaching Delhi HC on the apprehension that attempts would be made to stall trials in 44 cases, a bench led by CJI Sanjiv Khanna on Wednesday agreed to consider pleas for relaxation of the injunction.

Appearing for CBI and ED, special public prosecutors R S Cheema and Manindder Singh, informed the bench the trial in 25 of 44 cases relating to coal scam, that hit UPA govt soon after it was wracked by 2G spectrum scam, have been completed and that the July 25, 2014 order restraining the accused from moving HC could be reconsidered by apex court. SC in July 2017 had refused to relax its 2014 restraint order.

CJI Khanna said since the trial in more than half of the cases are completed, if appeals are directly filed in SC, then SC would not have the benefit of the opinion of HC that could re-appreciate the evidence considered by the trial court against the accused persons. Arguing for some accused persons, senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi said ten years have elapsed since the order restraining the accused from approaching HC was passed. " SC should reconsider whether a precious right of the accused to approach HC be curtailed," he said.

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, on behalf of NGO Common Cause, said SC had barred the accused from obtaining stay of the trial proceedings on any ground from HC to ensure early completion of trials.

The bench said since the restraint order was passed by a 3-judge bench, it would place all these pleas before a same-strength bench in Jan.

Hand over plots on receiving payout: SC to landowners

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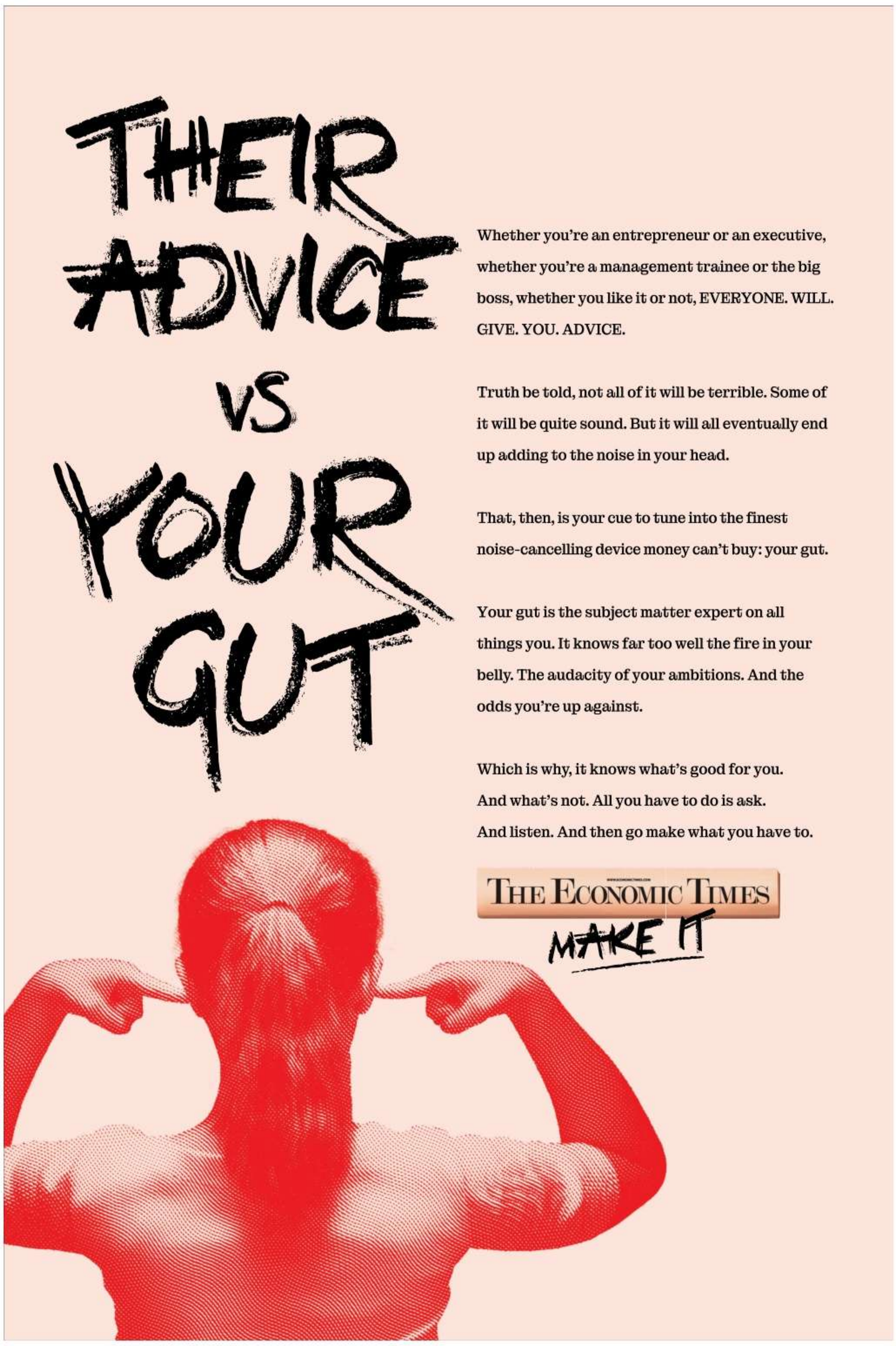
The bench said this warrants cancellation of the acquisition of the parcel of land. However, it said segregating a small plot from among huge tracts of land would not be either in the interest of development of basic amenities or the landowners.

SC directed special land acquisition officer to determine land's market value as of June 1, 2019 and deposit the same with reference court within four weeks of determination. It asked the land owners to give possession of the land, free from encumbrances, to authorities after receiving compensation amount. It also barred land owners from challenging acquisition after payment of compensation.

Advocate Nuli said, "In spite of issuing the final notification and the award, respondents kept the petitioners in the dark and neither took possession of the land, nor deposited or paid the compensation amount. The land continues to be in possession of petitioners even till date and they have been paying taxes, electricity bills etc. in respect of the said properties."



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CORRIGENDUM

GEM BID No.: - (1) GEM/2024/B/5602532. (2) GEM/2024/B/5613129. Date: 29/11/2024. Following changes are as below:- **Sl. No.: [1]. From (existing): (a)** Link mentioned as **www.ireps.gov.in**. **(b)** Processing link as mentioned **www.ireps.gov.in ---> login ---> E-Tender Stores Supply. (c)** Payment of Earnest Money Deposit [EMD] may be done through Online payment mode available on IREPS portal by NET BANKING, DEBIT CARD, and CREDIT CARD etc. **To Be Read As: (a) www.gem.gov.in. (b) www.gem.gov.in ---> login. (c)** Payment of Earnest Money Deposit [EMD] may be done through Online payment mode available on GEM Portal as per extent procedure as indicated in the bid itself.

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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice

Open Tender Notice No: ECR/Proj./DNR/TRL/NBG

(1) Name of the work with its location: Construction of 132KV D/C 3-phase transmission line from GSS Nabinagar to Railway TSS Nabinagar and associated 02 nos. 132KV Line Bays at GSS Nabinagar under Railway Project Danpaur of East Central Railway. **(2) Approximate cost of the work:** Rs. 41,97,57,454.49/- **(3) Cost of Tender form:** Rs.0.00/- **(4) Earnest money to be deposited:** Rs.22,48,800.00/- **(5) Date & time for submission of tender and opening of tender:** Bidding start date 10.12.2024 and opening of tender on 24.12.2024 at 15.00 hrs. **(6) Website particulars, notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.:** For eligibility criteria and other conditions and details, please go through the tender document available in web- site at **http://www.ireps.com (7) Address of the office from where the tender details can be obtained. website particulars and notice board location:** Office of the Chief Electrical Engineer Railway Project, Danapur, Near Jagjeevan stadium, Khagaul, Danapur- 801105 E-tendering website- **www.ireps.gov.in** Notice board- Office of the Chief Electrical Engineer Railway Project, Danapur, Near Jagjeevan stadium, Khagaul, Danapur.

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PR/01632/DNR/WP/T/24-25/40

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ई-अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना

1. ई-निविदा विशिष्टीकरण सं0 **DVVNL/RDSS/Additional HH/2024/12 :** आर0डी0 एस0एस0 योजना के अन्तर्गत छूटे हुए द0वि0 वि0नि0लि0 के आगरा/अलीगढ़/फिरोजाबाद/मैनपुरी/मथुरा/एटा/हाथरस एवं कासगंज जनपदों के कुल 632 अदद् मजरों में अविद्युतीकृत परिवारों को विद्युतीकृत किये जाने के कार्य। धरोहर राशि: **Rs. 0.67 Cr. (2% of Estimated Cost or Rs. 5.00 Cr. which is lower)** निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य: रु0 11,800.00 (जी0एस0टी0 सहित)। **निविदा शुल्क केवल ऑनलाइन, DVVNL, AGRA की वेबसाईट www.dvvnl.org के माध्यम से ही स्वीकार किया जायेगा। विवरण के लिए कृपया निविदा प्रपत्र ध्यानपूर्वक पढ़ लें।** उपरोक्त निविदा दिनांक **19.12.2024** को समय **13:00 बजे** तक ऑनलाइन अपलोड की जा सकेगी एवं निविदा खुलने की दिनांक **20.12.2024** को **सांय** 16:00 बजे खोली जायेगी। निविदा प्रपत्र **उ0प्र0 शासन के ई-प्रोक्योरमैंट पोर्टल https://etender.up.nic.in** पर अपलोड की जायेंगी, वहाँ से निविदा प्रपत्र डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड किये जा सकेंगे। अधिक जानकारी हेतु कृपया **http://etender.up.nic.in** को लॉग-इन करें। ***मुख्य अभियन्ता (RDSS)*** **''राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचायें''**

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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

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Item No. :1. Name of the work with its location : Increasing sleeper Density (ISD) & other misc. track works in BKP-RGD, PNBE-GYA, FUT-IPR Danapur Division. (Two Packet system) Approx. Cost of work : ₹12,87,76,923.39, Bid Security:₹7,93,900/-

Item No. :2. Name of the work with its location : Provision of platform boundary wall, 02 bay PF shed, Improvement of waiting hall, station name board, Urinal & Toilet etc. at Nalanda. Approx. Cost of work:₹1,95,07,780.89, Bid Security : ₹2,47,500/-,

Item No.:3. Name of the work with its location : Strengthening of bank Br. No.- 47 and other allied works for upgradation and increasing of Sec. speed of BKP-RGD-TIA section. (Two Packet system). Approx. Cost of work:₹20,18,77,269.48, Bid Security : ₹11,59,400/-

Item No.:4. Name of the work with its location : Improvement of main road of colony under Sr. DEN/1/DNR. Approx. Cost of work : ₹69,86,302.19, Bid Security : 1,39,700/-

Item No.:5. Name of the work with its location : Through fiting Renewal (TFR) work in PNBE-GAYA Line and other miscellaneous work in section of ADEN/JHD. Approx. Cost of work : ₹2,09,96,615/-, Bid Security : ₹2,55,00/-

Item No.:6. Name of the work with its location:Track Maintenance work in connection with newly commissioning double line between PWS-PPTA and PPTA-PHLG section of Danapur Division. Approx. Cost of work : ₹3,13,75,158.87, Bid Security : ₹3,06,900/-,

Item No. : 7. Name of the work with its location : Balance work of provision of short term and long term facility for Divyangan on station under Sr. DEN/3/DNR. Approx. Cost of work : ₹1,12,02,288.45, Bid Security : ₹2,06,000/-

Date & Time for submission of tender and opening of Tender. : The tender have to be submitted online on www.ireps.gov.in. Upto 12.00 hrs. on the date of opening i.e. 26.12.2024 and will be opened on the same day after 12.00 hrs. 5. Website particulars, Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender from can be purchased etc. : Detailed tender notice, eligibility criteria & tender documents can be seen from the CRIS website: http.//www.ireps.gov.in & full details of notice can be seen on notice board. Ammendments/modifications if any shall not be published in news papers, but the same shall be uploaded in the web-site. In case of any dispute in the English & Hindi version, modification/publication in IREPS will be acceptable. It is tenderers responsibility to view web-site for ammendements/modifications and submit his tender accordingly.

Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.)/ ECR/Danapur

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MSRDC

TENDER NOTICE

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Online digitally signed offers are invited by MSRDC from interested parties for the above work for 60 years Lease Period.

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- Interested parties may download the offer document on payment of **Rs. 50,000/- + GST**
- The offers shall be submitted along with as per NIT for per location / per land parcel in the form of Bank Guarantee or in Demand Draft.
- Guidelines to download the offer document and online submission of offers can be downloaded from website **https://mahatenders.gov.in.**
- The last date of submission is **11.12.2024 till 15.00 hrs.**
- Right to accept or reject any or all the offers without assigning any reason whatsoever is reserved with MSRDC.

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Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Pay Matrix Level	Age limit	Number of Posts
1.	**Assistant Registrar**	Pay Level - 11	56 years	2
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IMPORTANT DATES

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2.	Last date for receiving application at NBRC for M.Sc. programme	31st March 2025
3.	Last date for receiving application at NBRC for Ph.D. programme	16th May 2025

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Sr. No.	Scheme	Research Areas
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Council of Science & Technology, U.P.

Installation of new CM will be a smooth affair, says Shinde

NCP's Ajit Pawar Set To Be Deputy CM For Record Sixth Time

Prafulla Marpakwar

Mumbai: Seeking to project unity in Mahayuti, BJP's legislative party leader Devendra Fadnavis said, "The chief minister's post is just a technical agreement between us."

At a presser with Fadnavis and NCP's Ajit Pawar, outgoing CM Eknath Shinde evaded a reply when asked if he would join the govt. "Wait till evening," he said, only for Ajit to interject, "He may decide by evening, but I am going to take oath (as dy CM)." While Ajit's comment drew laughter, Shinde said, "Ajit dada has experience. He can take oath in evening as well as in the morning," referring to the NCP chief's early-morning oath-taking as Fadnavis's deputy when BJP and an NCP faction led by him formed a short-lived govt in 2019. Ajit remarked that this time, it won't be for a short span but for five years.

Ajit Pawar will be deputy CM for a record sixth time. Wilfred De Souza (Goa) had four terms as deputy, while Sushil Modi (Bihar), Mukul Sangma (Meghalaya) and Sukhbir Badal (Punjab) have been dy CMs three times each.

According to reports, Mahayuti has submitted to the governor a list of 237 legislators (out of a total of 288) in support of the govt. "We submitted a letter from political parties supporting us. After the governor was convinced we have enough support, he invited us to form the govt," Fadnavis said. Before heading to Raj Bhavan, Fadnavis was elected leader of BJP legislative party. Members of the BJP state core committee met at Vidhan Bhavan before the legislative party meeting.

The core committee meeting was held in the presence of central observers — Union FM Nirmala Sitharaman and former Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani. Party national general secretary Vinod Tawade was also present. At the meeting, Fadnavis's name was proposed and approved for the legislative party leader's post. It was decided that Chandrakant Patil would propose his name at the legislative party meeting and Sudhir Mungantiwar would second the motion.

Shinde said at the presser that he had made it clear to PM Modi, home minister Amit Shah and BJP president J P Nadda that he would support BJP's decision on the new CM. "It is my commitment to both Modi and Shah. They stood by me like a rock and supported our decisions. Installation of new CM will be a smooth affair and there will be no hindrance from our side," Shinde said.

Shinde said the victory of Mahayuti candidates in the assembly elections was "unprecedented" in recent political history. "People of Maharashtra voted for the developmental work of Modi and Shah. We took all developmental projects stalled by the MVA govt to the logical end," he said.

He said the election of Fadnavis as CM will benefit the state in view of his experience as CM from 2014 to 2019 and again as deputy CM. "Our team, comprising myself, Fadnavis and Ajit worked relentlessly for the cause of the state and I am sure the new team too will work with the same vigour and enthusiasm. Now we have greater responsibility," Shinde added.

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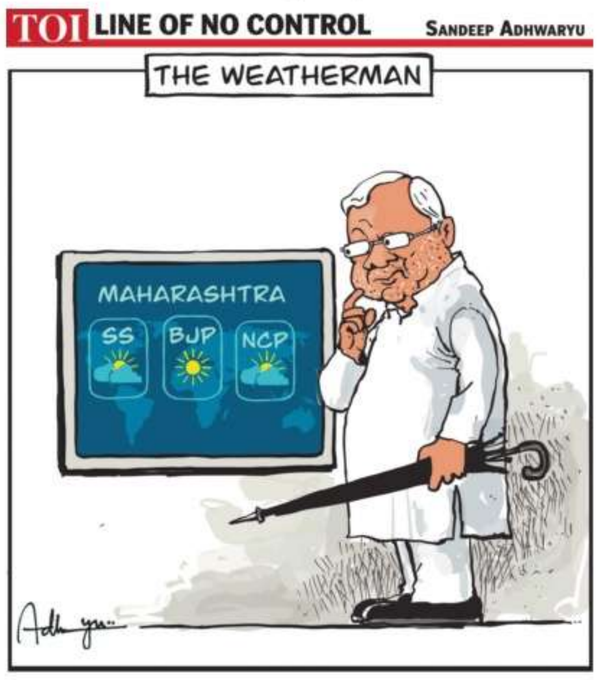

Five tough years end with a big reward for the Parivar veteran

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As the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh gets ready to enter its 100th year, it has got the kind of gift it could only have dreamed of: in the state of its birth, a dyed-in-the-shakha saffron swayamsevak as chief minister, with smackingly high numbers in the legislature to back him up. Devendra Fadnavis is a man with deep ideological moorings in the Sangh and serious political upbringing in the BJP, and as he gears up for his new innings as CM, he brings with him, in addition, the vastly educative experience of a real rollercoaster ride he's had over the past five years.

That has seen him go through many moods, moments, experiences: one of exhilaration when the BJP-Shiv Sena combine won 161 seats in the 2019 assembly polls fought under his leadership; one of downright dejection when Uddhav Thackeray walked out of the alliance and Fadnavis suddenly realised the limitations of BJP's reduced tally of 105 (from the 122 it had in 2014), which had actually enabled Uddhav to jump ship; one of having to endure mocking references to his pre-2019 polls pronouncement of 'Mee Punha Yein (I'll be back),' which the opposition—and even detractors within BJP—used to beat him with. Also of having to play second fiddle to Eknath Shinde despite BJP having greater numbers in mid-2022. And of being at the receiving end of personal attacks—over his weight (by Uddhav Thackeray), allusions to his caste background (by a rival), and direct, denunciatory talk by Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange.

Through it all, Fadnavis kept his head down. For some time literally so, because, as leader of opposition, Shinde said he'd sneak out quietly in the dead of night to meet him as they plotted Operation Topple MVA together. For one and a half years, Fadnavis, along with Shinde, worked on Shiv Sena legislators to get them to switch over and 'restore' the popular mandate. In the non-nocturnal hours, he carried out his job equally effectively, mounting blistering attacks and pressure on the floor of the House as the Anil Deshmukh-Param Bir Singh and Sachin Waze-Antilia bomb scare controversies blew up. At the end of it and given his experience as CM between 2014 and 2019, his lawyerly skills and his talent for sifting through govt papers and analysing budget numbers, hope obviously would have risen of taking up the top job again. But not only did he not get it, he could also not stay out of govt, though he publicly stated he would, as he was given the role of Shinde's deputy. And just when things stabilised for the Mahayuti with Ajit Pawar too coming in and the govt getting much-needed legal breathers, there emerged the Maratha quota campaign, with Fadnavis as one of its top targets, which cast a shadow over the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. The June 4 LS polls results came as a shock, and Fadnavis, accepting responsibility, offered to resign in order to concentrate on rebuilding efforts ahead of the crucial assembly polls. Instead, he was asked by the BJP's central leadership to take charge of poll preparations while staying in govt.

The morale of the party cadre was down, and the opposition MVA was riding a high, hoping to replicate its success in the assembly polls. At this point, Fadnavis made an early intervention that turned out to be critical. He spent a lot of time telling BJP workers— publicly at meetings, in private and via media interactions—that the gap in vote share between MVA and Mahayuti was marginal, at less than 1%. MVA had got barely two lakh votes more than Mahayuti, he emphasised, so if Mahayuti could get 2 lakh more of its voters out during assembly polls, the results could well be reversed. He repeatedly highlighted what he termed the "fake narrative" of the 'Constitution in danger' that had worked so well for MVA in the LS polls. He reached out to the RSS to seek its help in countering MVA's narrative on caste and community and in bringing about Hindu consolidation by highlighting the 'Malegaon model' which had robbed Mahayuti of so many Lok Sabha seats by mobilising Muslim voters. After carefully selecting candidates for the assembly polls, he burned the phone lines asking BJP's rebels across the state to withdraw, assuring them he'd take care of their interests and asking them to reach out to him whenever they wanted to. And while not saying a word in response to Jarange's fulminations against him, he came out with his own fulminations against 'vote jihad' and in favour of what he termed as 'dharmayuddha,' the term he used to describe the assembly polls in a bid to counter the minority mobilisation ploy used by the opposition just months earlier.

For the most part, though, he was a silent performer. He took things on the chin and demonstrated resilience. That resilience has brought him the desired reward. And for the RSS, that 'one from the family (Parivar)' feeling again.

Devendra Fadnavis filing papers for his debut in assembly polls in 1999 (top); In the early 2000s, a photographer friend of Fadnavis asked him to model & around 100 photos were shot with 6-7 costume changes. His friends say then PM Vajpayee once referred to him as the 'model MLA'

Sena keen on home, NCP wants finance, co-op & agri

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Mumbai: CM-designate Devendra Fadnavis visited Varsha — the chief minister's official residence, on Wednesday evening to once again persuade caretaker CM Eknath Shinde to join govt as deputy chief minister and finalise the power-sharing formula.

Sources said that Shinde agreed to take oath as deputy CM with Fadnavis's assurance that the portfolio allocation would be fair and could be finalised after the formation of the government.

Sources said Shiv Sena is still keen on getting the important home portfolio.

NCP, which is keen on the finance portfolio for deputy CM Ajit Pawar, is likely to get around 8-10 ministerial berths. Among the likely portfolios are cooperation, agriculture, food and civil supplies, ports, relief and rehabilitation, irrigation, social justice, and women and child development. These are portfolios that have a public interface and are linked to rural voters, the party's main base.

Wednesday was the second consecutive day that Fadnavis called on Shinde at Varsha, first to convince him to join the Mahayuti govt as deputy CM and then to finalise a possible power-sharing formula. The meeting lasted for over 30 minutes.

A Shiv Sena functionary said that only the chief minister and two deputy CMs are likely to take oath on Thursday evening, and the wider cabinet will be finalised after the govt formation. The two are also said to have discussed other portfolios and the wider power-sharing formula in the Mahayuti govt.

Shiv Sena wants to retain all its nine existing ministries. These include the all-important industries and the urban development portfolios

Shiv Sena spokesperson Kiran Pawaskar did not respond to calls and texts by **TOI** on Wednesday evening.

Shiv Sena is seeking the deputy CM's post, the home portfolio, and wants to retain all its nine existing ministries. These include the all-important industries and urban development portfolio.

Shiv Sena is also keen on energy, revenue, irrigation and PWD. Shiv Sena functionaries said that when Shinde was CM, BJP bagged all these ministries, so when BJP bags the CM's post, Sena should get the plum departments in the same ratio.

"We are willing to concede some of the ministries as certain other things have been brought to the table. So we are still asking for the home portfolio and other key portfolios. Shinde is joining govt, but portfolio allocation will happen after that. It is not the case that we have given up the home portfolio," a Sena functionary said.

"There are a lot of issues to be discussed, such as number of ministers and portfolio allocation. They may also speak to the BJP brass. We want Eknath Shinde to join govt," said Sena MLA Sanjay Shirsat.

BANNER BLITZ: Mumbai's Marine Drive decked with flags and banners ahead of the oath-taking ceremony of Maharashtra CM

'Ek hain toh safe hain': Fadnavis vows inclusive governance

Mumbai: "An analysis of the results has made it clear — 'Ek hain toh safe hain'," said Devendra Fadnavis. In his address to BJP legislators at Vidhan Bhavan central hall Wednesday after being elected legislative party leader, Fadnavis said after the LS polls setback, the series of electoral victories resumed with Haryana results and the historic win in Maharashtra, reports **Clara Lewis**.

"I assure all communities that this govt will work 24x7 to fulfil the aspirations of the people," Fadnavis said, adding that the responsibilities had gone up with the stupendous mandate towards "our Ladki Bahin, Shetkari, youth, Dalits, underprivileged and Adivasis. Our prime duty is to ensure fulfilment of promises and to take the state forward and to make it number one, for which we will have to be constantly working".

Fadnavis said PM Modi made him CM thrice, including when he was CM for 72 hours, but "technically I was the CM".

"In 2019, we got the people's mandate, but it was snatched away, and a kind of treachery was done. The first 2.5 years of MVA govt we were harassed, yet not a single MLA left us, and in 2022 we formed the govt and this time we've got a tremendous majority," said Fadnavis.

Cautioning the legislators against expectations, he said the govt has to fulfil the expectations of the people and "since it is a Mahayuti govt, we will have to take our friends along".

Shinde's challenge is to keep MLAs happy as portfolio lobbying begins

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Mumbai: With Devendra Fadnavis of the BJP set to take oath as chief minister on Thursday and the Shiv Sena having settled for the Dy CM's post and about a dozen ministerial berths, hectic lobbying has begun among Eknath Shinde's MLAs and MLCs for govt portfolios.

While the Shiv Sena camp was enthusiastic, several MLAs said it would have been better for the party if Shinde had continued as CM for at least some more time as it would have boosted party morale and performance in the local body elections.

Almost all outgoing cabinet ministers are keen on retaining their berths. Shiv Sena functionaries said the party was likely to give a chance to new faces, and cabinet selection would be a balancing act of regional and caste factors, while keeping in mind upcoming local body polls.

The Shiv Sena had 40 MLAs when the Mahayuti govt was formed in 2022. Now, after the assembly election, the Shiv Sena has 57. Four independents have also extended support to the Shiv Sena.

"Those MLAs who are not made ministers will have to be adjusted in state-run corporations. There are many MLAs like Bharat Gogawale and Sanjay Shirsat who have been jostling for a cabinet berth since 2022. So they will have to be either accommodated or pacified. If the Sena gets only 11-13 berths, it will be a very tough balancing act and will not be easy to keep all MLAs happy. Some senior MLCs are also looking for a promotion as ministers," an observer said.

Shiv Sena MLA Sanjay Shirsat said the party had now accepted the decision to hand over the top job to the BJP. "We expressed our opinion. But then Eknath Shinde announced his stance that we will not create any speed breakers for govt formation, we made it clear that whatever decision you (BJP) take, we will accept it. BJP has 132 MLAs. Our only wish was for more time (for Shinde as CM), as we would have been able to fight the municipal corporation and zilla parishad elections with strength," he said.

Shiv Sena is seeking Dy CM's post, the home portfolio, and wants to retain all its nine existing ministries. These include the important departments of industries and urban development.

HIGHER NUMBERS, GREATER RESPONSIBILITY: More MLAs make Eknath Shinde stronger, but it also means more cabinet claimants

Case against YSRCP netas for 'forcibly acquiring' cos' shares

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Vijayawada: Andhra Pradesh CID filed a case against YSRCP Rajya Sabha MP V Vijaysai Reddy, his son-in-law P Sharath Chandra Reddy and Y Vikranth Reddy, son of YSRCP MP YV Subba Reddy on Tuesday on charges of forcibly transferring shares of Kakinada Port in their names.

Cases were also registered against PKF Sridhar & Santhanam LLP, and Aurobindo Realty and Infrastructure Pvt Ltd, its directors and others.

The complaint, filed by Karnati Venkateswara Rao, alleged that he was forced and coerced to part with his shares in Kakinada Seaports Ltd and Kakinada Special Economic Zone for a pittance. He claimed the "forcible takeover" of his shares was part of a plan by former CM **YS Jagan Mohan Reddy**.

Rao stated that soon after the YSRCP tenure began in 2019, the govt appointed PKF & Santhanam for a special audit. It also appointed another Mumbai auditing company for a forensic audit. PKF informed him that they had unearthed irregularities worth Rs 1,000 crore, and the report was submitted to the govt.

He stated in the complaint that Vijaysai asked him to talk to Vikranth, who in turn brought the proposal of taking over his shares in KSPL. When he protested, Vikranth warned that criminal cases would be filed against him and his family members. The share transfer was done in a hurried manner without due diligence, Rao alleged, adding that Vikranth told him he was following instructions of Jagan.

He further alleged that his 41.1% stake in KSPL and 48.74% stake in KSEZ were taken over for just Rs 494 crore and Rs 12 crore, respectively. According to him, even by conservative estimates, value of KSPL would be over Rs 2,500 crore, as it already had a share purchase agreement of Rs 400 crore with GMR Group, which is a majority stakeholder in KSEZ.

Inter-district bus services back in Manipur after 19 months

Guwahati: Manipur govt resumed Wednesday inter-district public bus services on four key routes from Imphal valley to the hill districts — 19 months after suspending operations due to the ethnic clashes that erupted on May 3 last year. The buses will run under "adequate security" to ensure safe travel, officials said.

However, the initial response was muted. Buses traveling from Imphal to Churachandpur and Kangpokpi in the hills saw no passengers, while a handful of people waited for buses heading from Imphal to Bishnupur.

Chief secretary Vineet Joshi said: "Govt has reviewed the law and order situation in the state with the availability of security forces, response system, and feasibility inputs from different agencies and has decided to resume traffic of public vehicles with adequate security deployment."

State-run Manipur State Transport buses will now operate on the Imphal-Kangpokpi-Senapati, Senapati-Kangpokpi-Imphal, Imphal-Bishnupur-Churachandpur, and Churachandpur-Bishnupur-Imphal routes. TNN

VP rejects calls for debate on farm issue, Cong walks out of RS

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New Delhi: Even as Congress and other parties latched on to Vice-President and Rajya Sabha chairman **Jagdeep Dhankhar**'s statement on Tuesday that farmers were in distress, Dhankhar turned down the opposition's adjournment notices on the farmers' issue in Rajya Sabha on Wednesday and accused them of doing "drama" by pointing out that not a single adjournment notice submitted to him in the past five days was on farmers.

Stating that he had carefully gone through each and every notice sent to him under Rule 267, Dhankhar said not a single one was on farmers. "You are raising it (the farmers' issue) only now," he told opposition MPs even as they stood in the aisle demanding that they be allowed to speak on farmers' issues, including their demand for minimum support price.

As the RS chairman declined, there was sloganeering by Congress functionaries including Randeep Surjewala, who was flanked by Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge, Jairam Ramesh and others.

Aam Aadmi Party and Shiv Sena (UBT) MPs too joined the protests, even as Trinamool and SP stayed in their seats.

Allowed by Dhankhar to speak, Congress MP Pramod Tiwari said "the 'annadata' farmer was braving batons". "Grant their MSP demand. Now even constitutional authorities are endorsing this demand," he said in an apparent reference to Dhankhar's comments on Tuesday.

As Dhankhar cut short Tiwari, Ramesh turned to the chair and said, "We are only supporting you."

When the chairman did not allow further discussion on the farmers' issue, Congress and some other opposition MPs staged a walkout. They were, however, not joined by Trinamool, SP and AAP members.

IIT-M campus school in row for test on kids sans parents' nod

Chennai: A product test conducted on students of Vana Vani Matriculation Higher Secondary School run by IIT Madras on its campus sparked controversy with parents alleging that their consent was not obtained before the test. After an inquiry, IIT-M removed school principal M Sathishkumar from his post.

Some parents complained that their wards were made to wear a 'smart insole' inside their shoes and a smartwatch, and asked to cover a distance by jumping on Aug 19. The test was conducted by IIT-M faculty and students. "We suspect they took endurance test to develop a sports-related product. They should have obtained consent as per ICMR's ethical guidelines to perform any test on humans," said a parent. "The initial preliminary study was conducted to understand the feasibility of a cost-effective smart insole assembled using commercially viable items. Neither clinical trials nor any medical-related device trials were conducted," IIT-M said Wednesday.

District education officer has summoned parents & school management representatives for an inquiry on Dec 6. TNN

INDIA DIGEST

Modi could visit Saudi this month

India and Saudi Arabia are in talks to schedule a visit by PM Narendra Modi to Riyadh later this month. If it happens, the visit will be Modi's last major diplomatic engagement for the year. Both sides are looking to finalise a date for what will be Modi's first visit to Saudi Arabia in more than five years. The scheduled visit will come in the middle of global concerns over the situation in West Asia, a region where India sees the Kingdom as a factor of stability.

Soren exempted from court appearance

In a relief to CM Hemant Soren, Jharkhand HC Wednesday exempted him from appearing in person before the MP-MLA court in Ranchi in connection with a matter related to ignoring the summons issued by ED. Justice Anil Kumar Chaudhary stayed the judicial magistrate court's order on his personal appearance until the next date of hearing, and posted the matter for hearing on Dec 16.

New panel to look into faulty hip implants

Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation has formed a new committee to examine issues related to faulty 'ASR' hip implants manufactured by DePuy International Ltd, UK (now Johnson & Johnson Pvt Ltd) that were used in over 4,700 patients in India between 2004 and 2010, before it was recalled globally over higher than expected failure rate. The implant was apparently causing damage to the local bone and many patients were requiring revision surgery. The govt in 2018 formed a panel to examine such cases, but many members of the panel retired, hence the new committee had been constituted, say sources.

HC tells media to exercise restraint in Idgah case

Allahabad HC has directed the media to observe due restraint while reporting on the Krishna Janmabhoomi-Shahi Idgah case and said misrepresentation of proceedings could undermine the sanctity of judicial processes. It warned that inaccurate or irresponsible reporting may invite contempt proceedings. During the hearing of the dispute, counsels had raised concerns about misreporting in the media and urged HC to set guidelines for responsible reporting. The matter has been listed for further hearing on Dec 4.

Correction

Israel's minister of economy and senior leader of governing Likud Party is Nir Barkat. His name was misspelt in Thursday's edition of **TOI**. The error is regretted.

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Oppn should go to Sambhal after peace restored: Dy CM

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As the convoy reached the border around 10.30am and was told it cannot proceed, Congress functionaries raised anti-govt slogans while the Gandhi siblings were seen arguing with cops to let them go through.

A senior officer of Ghaziabad police said they "handed over a notice to **Rahul Gandhi**" that said prohibitory orders under BNSS Section 163 were in place in Sambhal and the Congress team would not be allowed to proceed. Emerging from their car, the Gandhis said UP Police's action was "unconstitutional".

Rahul said it was his right as LoP to go to the west UP district where five people were killed in violence during a court-ordered survey of a Mughal-era mosque in Nov.

"As LoP, it is my constitutional right to be able to visit Sambhal. I am ready to go alone. I am ready to go with the police but they did not accept that either. They (police) are saying they will let us go if we come back in a few days," Rahul, the MP from Rae Bareli, said.

Holding a copy of the Constitution in one hand, Rahul said, "This is new India. This is the India where attempts are being made to abolish Ambedkarji's Constitution. But we will keep fighting."

Priyanka also hit out at UP govt. "Maybe the situation in UP is such that they (police and authorities) cannot handle even this much. Then why do they say so arrogantly that they have taken care of law and order?" she asked.

Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinate, who was accompanying the Gandhis, later asked if govt had something to hide. "Why did they not let us pass," she said, alleging that Wednesday's incident proved how "this govt is muzzling the voice of the opposition".

Later in the day, Rahul posted on X: "Why is BJP scared — why is it using the police to hide its failures? Why is it suppressing the message of truth and brotherhood?"

UP's deputy CM Keshav Prasad Maurya said opposition leaders were doing "drama" to get minorities' votes. Brajesh Pathak, also deputy CM, said the clashes are being investigated and opposition should support govt in maintaining peace there. "They (opposition) should go there (Sambhal) after peace is restored," he said.

Before the Congress MPs' planned visit, Sambhal district magistrate Rajendra Pensia wrote a letter to Gautam Budh Nagar and Ghaziabad police commissioners, and Amroha and Bulandshahr SPs, urging them to stop the Gandhis at the borders of their districts due to "communal sensitivity".

2 Moradabad district jail officers suspended for facilitating 15 SP netas' meeting with accused

The jailor and deputy jailor of Moradabad district jail have been suspended for facilitating a meeting between 15 Samajwadi Party functionaries, including Thakurdwara MLA Nawab Jan Khan and former MP ST Hasan, with some of the accused booked over their alleged involvement in the recent Sambhal violence, **Kanwardeep Singh**. The meeting, which took place on Monday, was allegedly conducted without adherence to the jail manual. Officilas said that senior superintendent of Moradabad jail may also face disciplinary action. A report on the matter has been sent to director general of jails. DIG (jail) Kuntal Kishore said, "This action was taken by headquarters. DG Jail has suspended jailer Vikram Singh Yadav and deputy Jailer Praveen Singh. Additionally, a departmental inquiry has been recommended against jail superintendent PP Singh."

Youth kills girl for refusing to elope, ends life

An 18-year-old youth shot dead a Class 10 girl for refusing to elope with him before using the pistol to take his own life in Hathras' Sadabad Kotwali area, reports **Mohammad Dilshad**. The boy reached the girl's home on Wednesday and shot her in the head before turning the gun on himself. Both died on the spot.

ED's PFI case is like putting cart before horse: HC

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The funds so collected are not proceeds of crime and can be proceeds of crime only when they were generated because of a scheduled offence. The case set up by ED is putting the cart before the horse," Justice Jasmeet Singh observed. Ordering their release on bail, the court added "Prima facie, I am of the view the offence of money laundering is not made out against the petitioners" as it noted that "in the present case, collection of funds precedes the crime, i.e., Delhi riots."

ED registered the case in Sept 2022 following an FIR by NIA under provisions of IPC and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act against PFI and its members. While accused Ahmed was President of Delhi state unit of PFI from 2018 to 2020, Ilyas was general secretary since Nov 2018, and Muqeet was office secretary since 2017. All the petitioners were arrested on Sept 22, 2022 in the case.

ED alleged the petitioners were actively involved and instrumental in raising funds for PFI as part of a "larger criminal conspiracy" and to use it for nefarious activities in India. It was claimed PFI conducted anti-CAA protests across India and there was a flow of cash from suspicious sources in the form of proceeds of crime to disturb communal harmony and incite violence through riots.

Can't fix voter list now but heads will roll: Bihar official

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It is strange so many voters have the same father. How can this happen?" said JDU candidate Abhishek Jha. "I am worried my voters could be stopped from casting their votes. Spelling mistakes and voters shuffled out of their blocks like misplaced luggage have added to the drama," he said.

Independent candidate Vanshidhar Brijwasi is equally flustered. "I flagged this to divisional commissioner, but nothing happened. Imagine, 138 voters are panicking because the list says they are all children of Munna Kumar. They're scared they won't be allowed to vote," he said.

Tirhut divisional commissioner Saravanan M is doing his best to calm the storm. "We can't fix the list now," he admitted, "but polling officials have instructions to allow genuine voters with proper documents to vote." As for those responsible for the mix-up? "Heads will roll, but first, we vote," he said. The bypolls were called after JDU MLC Devesh Chandra Thakur vacated the Tirhut seat for a Lok Sabha win in Sitamarhi. The votes will be counted on Dec 9.

As for Munna Kumar, the man of the hour? His identity remains a mystery. But rest assured, his "children" will ensure their voices are heard. After all, nothing unites like a shared surname... even one bestowed by a technical glitch.

Leopard attacks 3 in UP, dies

A leopard that attacked and injured three people died shortly after it was captured by locals in UP's Maharaj ganj on Tuesday, reports **Pathikrit Chakraborty**.

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02. Estimated Cost : Rs. 523.17 Lakhs to 899.64 Lakhs
03. Period of Completion : 12 Months to 18 Months
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06. Date & Time of opening of bids : At 11.00 AM of dt. 27.12.2024
07. Name and Address of the Officer Inviting Bid : Superintending Engineer, P.H. Division, Balangir, At-Tulsinagar, Dist- Balangir-767001

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4 निविदा कागजात डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड करने की अवधि : दिनांक 19.12.2024 के 10.00 बजे पूर्वाह्न से दिनांक 28.12.2024 के 03.00 बजे अपराह्न तक (केवल वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)
5 प्री–बीड मीटिंग का समय स्थान एवं तिथि : दिनांक 23.12.2024 को 03.00 बजे अपराह्न में मुख्य अभियंता बाढ़ नियंत्रण एवं जल निस्सरण, जल संसाधन विभाग, गोपालगंज।
6 तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 30.12.2024 के अपराह्न 03.30 बजे(केवल वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)।
7 वित्तीय बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : सक्षम पदाधिकारी द्वारा बाद में वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर घोषित की जायेगी।
8 निविदा खोलने का स्थान : केवल वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर।
9 निविदा की वैद्यता अवधि : निविदा प्राप्ति के 120 दिन बाद तक।
10 विशेष जानकारी प्राप्त करने हेतु : वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in /wrd.fmiscwrdbihar.gov.in / www.state.bihar.nic.in पर देखा जा सकता है।

विस्तृत जानकारी **state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar** पर देखी जा सकती है।
कार्यपालक अभियंता,
बाढ़ नियंत्रण एवं जल निस्सरण प्रमण्डल, छपरा
मो०–7463889622
PR- 13876 (W R D) 2024-25
नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION PLANNING BOARD
(A Statutory Body under Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Govt. of India)
1st Floor, Core-4B, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003
Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for Preparation of Functional Plans

National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB), New Delhi invites sealed bids from National and International Consulting Entities / Organizations/ Joint Ventures/ Consortiums etc. for undertaking works relating to preparation of Functional Plan on 'Transport, Economic Nodes and Industrial Corridor' as per Regional Plan 2041 proposals for National Capital Region Area.
The RFQ-cum-RFP document containing the Terms of Reference (ToR), Details of Qualification and Evaluation Criteria etc. can be downloaded along with the draft Contract Agreement from the website of NCRPB i.e. **http://ncrpb.nic.in/tenders.**
Hardcopy of the RFQ-cum-RFP document may also be obtained from the office of NCRPB, Core 4-B, First Floor, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi- 110003. Last date of submission of completed bid is **16.01.2025**.
Sd/-
CBC 44103/12/0005/2425
Member Secretary

Chandigarh Renewable Energy and Science & Technology Promotion Society (CREST), Paryavaran Bhawan, 4th Floor, Madhya Marg, Sector-19B, Chandigarh - 160019
PUBLIC NOTICE
Advertisement was published on dated 21.06.2022 in the Main Edition of newspapers i.e. The Tribune & Dainik Bhaskar and in the Delhi & Chandigarh Edition of newspaper i.e. The Times of India and the said advertisement was also uploaded along-with format of application on the website of DPR, UT, Chandigarh i.e. www.chdpr.gov.in regarding filling up of various posts in Chandigarh Renewable Energy and Science & Technology Promotion Society (CREST), Chandigarh on direct contract basis. From the same advertisement the filling up of one no. post of Record Restorer on contract basis in the Solar City Cell of Chandigarh Renewable Energy and Science & Technology Promotion Society (CREST), Chandigarh Administration, is hereby cancelled due to administrative reasons.
Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer
CREST, Chandigarh.

यू.पी. प्रोजेक्ट्स कारपोरेशन लि.
(उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार का उपक्रम) CIN : U15209UP1976SGC004285
कार्यालय महाप्रबन्धक, जोन-2, 14-चन्द्रशेखरनगर कालोनी, तुला शेरपुर, संजयनगर बाईपास, बरेली-243122. ई-मेल : gm2.uppclbly@gmail.com
ISO 9001 : 2015
पत्रांक : 366/पीसीएल/जी.एम./जोन-2/प्रकाशन दिनांक : 30.11.2024
अति अल्पकालीन ई–निविदा सूचना
इस कार्यालय द्वारा निम्नलिखित निर्माण कार्यो हेतु अति अल्पकालीन ई–निविदा सूचना सं0 **13/PCL/GM/ZONE-2/BLY/2024-25** दिनांक **30.11.2024** आमंत्रित की जाती है। उक्त निविदा **http://etender.up.nic.in** की वेबसाइट पर दिनांक **04.12.2024** से दिनांक **13.12.2024** के अपराह्न **01:00** बजे तक डाउनलोड/अपलोड की जा सकती है :–

Lot No.	NAME OF WORK
1.	REPAIR & RENOVATION WORK OF E.C., E.E. AND E.I. DEPARTMENT BUILDING AT MAHATMA JYOTIBA PHULE ROHILKHAND UNIVERSITY BAREILLY U.P.
2.	REPAIR & RENOVATION WORK OF HISTORY & ANIMAL SCIENCE AND LAW DEPARTMENT BUILDING AT MAHATMA JYOTIBA PHULE ROHILKHAND UNIVERSITY BAREILLY U.P.
3.	REPAIR & RENOVATION OF PHARMACY BUILDING AT MAHATMA JYOTIBA PHULE ROHILKHAND UNIVERSITY BAREILLY U.P.
4.	REPAIR & RENOVATION WORK OF BASIC SCIENCE BLOCK AND HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT BUILDING AT MAHATMA JYOTIBA PHULE ROHILKHAND UNIVERSITY BAREILLY U.P.
5.	CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CLASSROOM & MULTIPURPOSE HALL IN CSIT DEPARTMENT AT MAHATMA JYOTIBA PHULE ROHILKHAND UNIVERSITY BAREILLY U.P.

ई–निविदा से सम्बन्धित अन्य विवरण, नियम एवं शर्ते कारपोरेशन की वेबसाइट **www.upprojects.org** पर दिनांक **04.12.2024** से देखी जा सकती है।
महाप्रबन्धक, जोन-2, बरेली

यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण
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प्रथम तल, कॉमर्शियल कॉम्पलेक्स, पी-2 सैक्टर–ओमेगा–1, ग्रेटर नौएडा, जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर–201308 (उ0प्र0)
टॉल फ्री नंबर : 18001808296, वेबसाइट : www.yamunaexpresswayauthority.com
पत्रांक : वाई.ई.ए/भूलेख/1037/2024 दिनांक : 04.12.2024
सार्वजनिक सूचना
सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण की आबादी भूमि आबंटन विनियमावली के अनुसार ग्राम रौनीजा के क्रमशः 236.6860 हे0, 23.9123 हे0, 40.6346 हे0 भू–अर्जन प्रस्ताव व क्रय भूमि के सापेक्ष ड्रा 07 प्रतिशत (आबादी भूखण्ड) दिनांक 12.12.2024 को प्राधिकरण के सभाकक्ष में पूर्वाहन 11.00 बजे किया जाना है। अतः ग्राम रौनीजा के क्रमशः 236.6860 हे0, 23.9123 हे0, 40.6346 हे0 भू–अर्जन प्रस्ताव व क्रय भूमि से संबंधित काश्तकार नियत तिथि/स्थान व समय पर उपस्थित रहने का कष्ट करें ताकि आपके समक्ष उक्त भूखण्डों की ड्रा की कार्यवाही निष्पक्ष एवं पारदर्शिता पूर्वक पूर्ण की जा सके।
डिप्टी कलेक्टर
यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण के अधिसूचित क्षेत्र में प्राधिकरण द्वारा स्वीकृत मास्टर प्लान के अतिरिक्त प्लॉटिंग/हाउसिंग/कॉलोनी या किसी भी प्रकार का अन्य निर्माण पूरी तरह से अवैध है। सामान्यजन इस प्रकार की खरीद – फ़रोख्त से पूर्णतः सचेत रहें तथा कॉलोनाइजर के भ्रामक विज्ञापनों से बचें। अधिक जानकारी के लिए प्राधिकरण की वेबसाइट www.yamunaexpresswayauthority.com देखें।

BSES BSES Rajdhani Power Limited, New Delhi
TENDER NOTICE Date: 05.12.2024.
Sealed tenders under two Bid System (Unpriced & Priced) is invited for following job from all bidders.

NIT No.	Brief Item Description	Cost of EMD (₹)	Due Date & Time of Submission	Date & Time of Opening
NIT NO: CMC/BR/24-25/FK/CR/KB/1230	PROVIDING CALL CENTER SERVICES IN BRPL	5.80 Lacs	26.12.2024 15:00 HRS	26.12.2024 15:30 HRS

Cost of each Tender Document: ₹ 1180/- (Including GST).
For details in respect of Equipment/BOM/Services, Qualifying requirements, Terms & conditions, purchase/submission of tender documents etc. please visit our website www.bsesdelhi.com
Head (Contracts & Materials)
Regd. Off. : BSES Rajdhani Power Limited, BSES Bhawan, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019 | Corporate Identification No.: U40109DL2001PLC111527
Telephone No. : +91 11 4910 7235 | Website : www.bsesdelhi.com

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
Maharashtra Medical Goods Procurement Authority, Mumbai
e-mail - maha.mmgpa2023@gmail.com
MMGPA, 1st Floor, Arogya Bhavan, St.Georges Hospital Compound, MUMBAI 400 001.
TENDER NOTICE
Advt. No. Date :- 03.12.2024
Chief Executive Officer, Maharashtra Medical Goods Procurement Authority, Mumbai invites tender in two Envelope system from the eligible bidders for the following items for purchase of medicines.

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Name of Item(s)	Prebid Meeting	Period of sale, download & submission of bid	Bid Opening
1	E-179	OAE Screener and BERA with ASSR	Dt. 10.12.2024 At 12.00 noon	Dt. 03.12.2024 at 02.00 PM to Dt. 23.12.2024 Upto 02.00 PM.	Dt. 24.12.2024 at 02:30 hrs.

1. For detailed information, the interested bidders may visit the **website https://mahatenders.gov.in.**,
2. The Chief Executive Officer reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity to be purchased and also reserves the right to cancel all the tenders without giving any reason to.

For e-tendering help/ information, please contact.
Website: https://mahatenders.gov.in
Email: maha.mmgpa2023@gmail.com
Signature/-
Chief Executive Officer,
Maharashtra Medical Goods
Procurement Authority, Mumbai
DGIPR/2024-2025/4889

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Indian Financial Technology & Allied Services
Corporate Office: 3rd Floor, Tower B, Prima Bay, Gate No. 5, Saki Vihar Road, Off. JVLR Road, Chandivali, Powai, Mumbai - 400 072
NOTIFICATION
Indian Financial Technology & Allied Services (IFTAS), a wholly owned subsidiary of RBI, provides essential IT/non-IT-related services to RBI, RBI Subsidiaries & Banks.
IFTAS publishes Request for Proposal with details of products & services on IFTAS website **www.iftas.in** under Procurement section. Interested bidders may visit the website regularly.

Centre For Railway Information Systems
Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-110021
Tender No. CRIS_CIVIL_2024_10
Subject: Addition & Alteration works in all toilets including tiles & fittings, tile flooring, laminate board vanity, pathway tiling, veranda fiber sheet shed, Distempering, Painting and other Misc. Civil works in Flat No. 5&7, CRIS Officers Colony, Sarojini Nagar, New Delhi. Date of Opening: 27.12.2024 at 15:30 HRS. Tender Documents can be downloaded from Website **www.ireps.gov.in.** For future corrigendum/modification/extensions **www.ireps.gov.in** may be seen.

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY
PARADIP PORT -754142, ODISHA (INDIA)
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT (ESTATE-WING)
No.AD/EST/LAND-I-60/2024/3654 Dt.02.12.2024
e-Tender-cum-e-Auction Notice
An e-Tender-cum-e-Auction Notice invites bids for **"Allotment of 2 Nos. patches of Port land about 25 Acres each for setting up of Tanker Facility for Handling LPG and Chemicals on long term lease basis for a period of 30 years"** is available in the website from **02.12.2024** to **29.12.2024**. For details, interested bidders may log on the website **https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.**
Sd/-
PPA/PR/54/2024-2025 **Sr. Dy. Secretary**
04/12/2024 **Paradip Port Authority**

INDIAN RAILWAYS
भारत सरकार **GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**
रेल मंत्रालय **MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**
(रेलवे बोर्ड **RAILWAY BOARD**)
Sub: E-open Global Tender No: 2024-TM-1A closing on 24.01.2025 for Design, Manufacture, Supply, Testing & Commissioning of 23 nos. of 'Multi Purpose Tamper (MPT)' along with Training of Indian Railway personnel and 3 years post warranty AMC.
Electronic bids are invited for and on behalf of the President of India for **Design, Manufacture, Supply, Testing & Commissioning of 23 nos. of 'Multi Purpose Tamper (MPT)' along with Training of Indian Railway personnel and 3 years post warranty AMC.**
The interested bidders are advised to visit the website **http://ireps.gov.in** for further details, downloading of the tender document and submission of their e-bids.
Director, Railway Stores (F), Railway Board
No.: 2024/RS(E)/TM/1 Dated: 18.11.2024 3725/2024
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

S. E. RAILWAY — TENDER
For and on behalf of The President of India, Divisional Railway Manager (Mechanical), Chakradharpur, S.E. Railway invites e-Tenders for the under mentioned works. **Sl. No. 1. Tender Notice No. : MECHCKP-24-25-14. Name of Work :** Panel & Floor welding work, other electric arc cum gas welding activities : riveting & huck bolting work at TATA, Adityapur & Dangoaposi through open tender for a period of 2 years. **Tender Value :** ₹7,36,50,006.60/-, **Bid Security:** ₹5,18,300.00/-. **Sl. No. 2. Tender Notice No. : MECHCKP-24-25-15. Name of Work :** Loading/ Unloading of linen packets and blankets in nominated trains of TATA for a period of 02 years. **Tender Value :** ₹1,62,45,420.00/-, **Bid Security:** ₹2,31,200.00/-. **Cost of Tender Form :** Nil for both. **Place of Opening of Tender: Office of the Sr. DME/CKP, S.E. Railway. Date and Time of Closing of Tender : 26.12.2024 at 15.00 Hrs. for both.** Tender can be viewed at website **http://www.ireps.gov.in** The tenderer/bidder must have Class-III digital signature certificate & must be registered under IREPS Portal. Only registered tenderer/bidder can participate on e-tendering. All relevant paper must be uploaded at the time of participating in e-tendering. Manual offers are not allowed against the tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **(PR-866)**

Reserve Bank of India
Department of Supervision
Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
www.rbi.org.in
Public Notice – Non-Banking Financial Companies
The following company was issued Certificate of Registration (CoR) by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) under Section 45-IA of the RBI Act, 1934 to carry on the operation of deposit-accepting Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC). This company has voluntarily opted to convert itself into non-deposit accepting NBFC.
The request of the NBFC has been accepted by RBI and fresh CoR as non-deposit accepting NBFC has been issued to the company as per the following details:

Name of the company	CIN	Previous CoR No. and Date	New CoR No. and Date	Registered Office of the Company
Dhara Motor Finance Limited	U50101UP1990PLC012234	A.12.00399 dated March 30, 2010	B.12.00522 dated November 21, 2024	Dhara Complex, Civil Lines – 1, Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh-246701

The aforementioned company is henceforth neither authorized to accept new deposits nor renew existing deposits from public. However, the company shall continue to repay the existing public deposits as per extant guidelines of RBI.
The notice is issued in public interest.
Place: Kanpur Sd/-
Date: December 05, 2024 Deputy General Manager
Be Smart! Take loan from formal institutions.

कार्यालय प्रधानाचार्य, लाला लाजपत राय स्मारक मेडिकल कालेज, मेरठ
ई–निविदा सूचना संख्याः पी.सी./2024/8927 दिनांकः 04.12.2024
पुनः अल्पकालीन ई–निविदा सूचना
उ.प्र. सरकार के ई–निविदा पोर्टल **https://etender.up.nic.in** द्वारा ला०ला०रा०स्मा० मेडिकल कालेज में वित्तीय वर्ष 2024–25 में स्वीकृत उपकरणों हेतु ई–निविदा दो बिड (तकनीकी एवं वित्तीय) प्रक्रिया के माध्यम से आमंत्रित की जाती है। विस्तृत विवरण एवं प्रपत्र उपरोक्त पोर्टल पर उपलब्ध है। भविष्य में किसी भी प्रकार के संशोधन की सूचना पोर्टल पर उपलब्ध होगी उसे समाचार पत्र के माध्यम से प्रकाशित नहीं किया जायेगा।

S. N.	Name of Tender	Tender Fee	EMD	Publish Date	Last Date
1.	**Mobile Ophthalmology Unit 20 ft** (Diabetic Awarness and Screening Van with all accessories)	1180/-	30,500/-	05.12.2024	14.12.2024

प्रधानाचार्य, ला०ला०रा०स्मा० मेडिकल कालेज, मेरठ।

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MAINTENANCE DIVISION (GANGA)
UTTRAKHAND JAL SANSTHAN JAGJEETPUR HARIDWAR - 249408
Email - eeganga-ujs-uk@nic.in

Letter no.-1556/E-Nivida/2024-25 Date – 04.12.2024

E-TENDER NOTICE

Executive Engineer, Maintenance Division (Ganga), Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan, Jagjeetpur Haridwar on behalf of "Chief General Manager Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan" online tender are invited on the website **http://www.uktender.gov.in** from experienced and eligible bidders having adequate technical and financial capability and experience for Sewerage Treatment plant as spefified in tender documents for following work at Haridwar in **Two bid system** as per description & schedule given below for following works:-

S. No.	Name of Work	Amount of Bid Security	Cost of E-Tender	Period
1.	Operation & Maintenance of 18 MLD Sarai, Sewage Treatment Plant (S.B.R. Technology) Jwalapur, Haridwar.	Rs. 13,44,900.00	Rs. 5000 + 18% G.S.T.	05 Year
2.	Operation & Maintenance of 18 MLD STP based on ASP technology under Haridwar sewerage scheme in Jagjeetpur, Haridwar.	Rs. 5,39,700.00	Rs. 5000 + 18% G.S.T.	03 Year

Date of Calling Tender	05.12.2024
Date of Online Publication	05.12.2024 at 12:00pm
Documents Download Start Date	05.12.2024 at 12:00 pm
Documents Download End Date	26.12.2024 at 03:00 pm
Pre-Bid Meeting **(Place- Office of Executive Engineer, Maintenance Division (Ganga) Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan, Jagjeetpur Haridwar)**	16.12.2024 at 11:00pm
Online Bid Submission Start Date	05.12.2024 at 12:00 pm
Online Bid Submission End Date	26.12.2024 at 03:00 pm
Hard Copy Submission of Required Documents as per Tender document **(Place- Office of Executive Engineer, Maintenance Division (Ganga) Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan, Jagjeetpur Haridwar)**	26.12.2024 at 03:00 pm
Date of Technical Bid Opening	26.12.2024 at 04:00 pm

Note: Rest Terms & Conditions will be applicable as per Tender Documents upload on E-tender Portal http://www.uktender.gov.in

जल संचय–जीवन संचय

Executive Engineer

कार्यालय आयुक्त, नगर पालिक निगम, ग्वालियर

क्रमांक 01/24×2/10/एस.बी.एम./IEC ग्वालियर दिनांक : 03/12/2024

जनसंपर्क RO क्रमांक 565 **निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना** दिनांक : 04-12-2024

नगर पालिक निगम ग्वालियर की ओर से स्वीकृत एस.बी.एम./IEC के 02 प्रकरण में टेण्डर क्र. 117/24x2/10, 2024_UAD_385226_1, एवं टेण्डर क्र. 119/24x2/10, 2024_UAD_385192_1, जिसकी अनुमानित लागत राशि रु. 1,76,16,815/- हेतु प्रतिशत दर पर दिनांक 13.12.2024 से 27.12.2024 की सायंकाल 17:30 बजे तक कार्यालय आयुक्त नगर पालिक निगम, ग्वालियर में म.प्र. लोक निर्माण विभाग (केन्द्रीयकृत पद्धति) में उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजीकृत एवं निर्धारित योग्यता वाले ठेकेदार/ अधिकृत विक्रेता/ फर्म से ई–टेण्डर के माध्यम से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा के संबंध में विस्तृत जानकारी वेबसाईट http://mptenders.gov.in पर प्रदर्शित की गई है।

नोडल अधिकारी, SBM/IEC, नगर निगम, ग्वालियर

Government of Rajasthan

Commercial Taxes Department

Kar Bhawan, Ambedkar Circle, Bhawani Singh Road, C-Scheme, Jaipur-302005

Commercial Taxes Department (CTD), Rajasthan invites online bids from the eligible bidders for the following work:-

NIB No./ Date/ Unique Bid No.	Particulars	Estimated Cost/ EMD	Start of Sale / Last Date
12049975 / 27.11.2024 / (CTO2425GLOB00072)	Supply & Installation of Oracle Products & Services under ITMS Project	Rs. 40 Crore/ Rs. 80 Lakh	27.11.2024 18.12.2024

Details can be seen on the websites https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, http://rajtax.gov.in and Bids are to be submitted through https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in.

DIPR/C/12107/2024 Commissioner

UJVN LIMITED

H.O.: "UJJWAL', Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephones: 0135-2763808, Fax- 0135- 2763508
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866. Website: www.ujvnl.com

पत्रांक सं. 1072 **E-TENDER NOTICE** दिनांक 03.12.2024

Office of the Executive Engineer (E&M-II), Lakhwar MPP(3x100MW) Dakpathar, Dehradun invited online e-bid from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:

e-Tender No.07/EE(E&M-II)/LP/2024-25

Name: Supply & Construction of 11 KV feeder from Lakhwar Substation to Dam Top of Lakhwar MPP

Estimated cost: ₹ 86,14,316.00. (excluding taxes)

Date of availability of bid document on website: 03.12.2024 at 15:00 hrs.

Last date of submission of bid on website: 24.12.2024 at 16:00 hrs.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit the e-procurement portal http://uktenders.gov.in.

Executive Engineer(E&M-II)

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

कार्यालय प्रधान महाप्रबन्धक (अभियंत्रण)–आर

उ0प्र0 राज्य औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण

ए-1/4, लखनपुर, कानपुर

ई–निविदा सूचना

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि प्राधिकरण के विभिन्न जनपदों में स्थित औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों में विद्युत विकास, कार्यों हेतु सरकारी विभागों/सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों/निगमों/प्राधिकरणों/परिषदों/नगर निकायों में पंजीकृत एवं अनुभवी फर्मों/ठेकेदारों से ई–निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है जो दिनांक 05.12.2024 को अपरान्ह 04.00 बजे से दिनांक 25.12.2024 को अपरान्ह 5.00 बजे तक अपलोड की जा सकती है। निविदा को दिनांक 26.12.2024 को अपरान्ह 04:00 बजे खोला जायेगा। निविदादाताओं द्वारा शपथ पत्रों की मूल प्रतियाँ दिनांक 29.12.2024 को सायं 5.00 बजे तक कार्यालय में जमा की जा सकती है। ई–निविदा के माध्यम से आमंत्रित की जाने वाली निविदा सम्बन्धी विवरण निम्नवत है:–

क्रमांक	कार्य का नाम	कार्य की लागत रू0 (लाख में)
1	Construction of 1x10 MVA, 33/11 KV Sub-Station under Atal Industrial Infrastructure Mission 3.0 (2024-25) at I.A. Kosi Kotwan Extenstion-II, Distt. Mathura	300.87

नोटः– 1. निविदादाता अपनी निविदाओं में समस्त कर सहित दरें अंकित करें। जी0एस0टी0 अलग से देय होगी। 2. विद्युत कार्यों हेतु निविदादाताओं को निविदा अपलोड करते समय "विद्युत सुरक्षा विभाग" उ0प्र0 शासन, लखनऊ में श्रेणी 'क' अनुमोदित लाइसेन्स अपलोड करना अनिवार्य होगा, अन्यथा निविदा को Consider नहीं किया जायेगा।

निविदा सम्बन्धी विस्तृत जानकारी प्राधिकरण की website: www.onlineupsida.com पर स्थित ई–लिंक एवं यूपीएलसी की website: http://etender.up.nic.in पर देखी जा सकती है। निविदा से सम्बन्धित अन्य जानकारी हेतु श्री सलिल यादव, उपमहाप्रबन्धक (वि0) मुख्यालय से दूरभाष सं0 9205691068 पर सम्पर्क किया जा सकता है।

वरिष्ठ प्रबन्धक (वि0) मु0, उ0प्र0रा0औ0वि0प्रा0, कानपुर

HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Corrigendum

The tender for the following work as invited vide this office letter No. PW-KSG-e-Tender/NIT2023-5257-72 dated 25.11.2024 which was scheduled to be online publication on 04.12.2024 at 18:00 Hrs and supposed to be opened on 16.12.2024 at 11:00 Hrs is hereby rescheduled as under :-

Sr. No. :- 1 **Name of Work :-** Up-gradation of Bakhrot Karsog Sanarli Sainj (MDR-21) road in KM. 0/00 to 9/065 (SH:- ROFD, C/o Protection wall, Cross Drainages, Pavement Components, V-shape Drain, Crash Barrier, Road Furniture and Dumping Structure) **Estimated Cost :-** Rs. 24,28,42,357/- **EMD :-** Rs. 48,57,000/- **Time :-** Two Years **Cost of Tender :-** 10,000/- **Eligible class of Contractor :-** A

1. Key Dates :

1.	Invitation of RFP (NIT)	10.12.2024 at 1800 Hrs
2.	Last date of receiving quarries	14.12.2024 at 1400 Hrs
3.	Pre bid meeting	14.12.2024 at 1430 Hrs
4.	Department response to quarries Latest by	17.12.2024 at 1100 Hrs
5.	Last date of purchase of bid document	20.12.2024 upto 1100 HRS
6	Bid due date	20.12.2024 upto 1100 HRS
7	Opening of Technical Bid	21.12.2024 upto 11.00 HRS

The other conditions shall remain unchanged.

Executive Engineer,
Karsog Division,
HPPWD Karsog, Distt Mandi H.P
Phone - 1907-222229
on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

Advt. No. 3666/04.12.2024 **HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK**

POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF UTTARAKHAND LTD.

(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Enterprise)
"Vidyut Bhawan" Near ISBT, Crossing, Saharanpur Road, Majra, Dehradun-248002
Corporate ID U40101UR2004SGC028675 Tel. No. 0135-2642711

E-TENDER CORRIGENDUM-1

The last date of submission of the E-Tender for "Procurement of 500 MVA 400/220 KV transformer along with NIFPS at 400 KV Substation Kashipur" against Tender Specification no. PTCUL/E-Tender/C&P-II/SS-13/2024-25 is hereby extended upto **23.12.2024 15:30 Hrs.** For more details please visit e-tender website **www.uktenders.gov.in** (tender id no. 2024_PTCU4_77412_1) and for e-tender corrigendum notice our website **www.ptcul.org.** All other terms and conditions shall remain same.

For any assistance on E-Tendering, please contact +91-8899890000

Ro.No.: 2210/HQPU/PTCUL Date: 03.12.2024 Superintending Engineer (C&P-II)

"Save Electricity in the Interest of Nation"

HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Re-INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
NABARD

The Superintending Engineer, 15th Circle, HPPWD, Una H.P. on behalf of Governor of H.P. invite/ re-invites the online bids on percentage rate basis in electronic tendering system, in 2 Cover System for the under mentioned works from the eligible and approved class of Contractors / Firms registered with HPPWD and HP Jal Shakti Vibhag (Contractors of HP Jal Shakti Vibhag are eligible to participate for the work having amount put to tender above Rs.100 Lacs). Non registered contractors may submit the bids: however successful bidder has to register in appropriate class with appropriate authority in HPPWD.

Sr. No. :- 1 **District / Division :-** Una / Bamgana **Name of the work :-** Construction of road from Kharuni to Khairiyan via Chaplah, Garli, Deehar, Makdi & Chamboa (SH:- C/O 42.464 on Span RCC T-Beam Bridge (3 Span 13.750m Each) over Ghaneti Khad-I) **UNDER NABARD RIDF-XXX. Estimated Cost (Rs. Lakh) :-** 215.41 **Total Cost (Rs. Lakh) :-** 215.41 **Period of Completion :-** 12 months **Bid Security (Rs. Lakh) The bid security is two percent of the total cost, rounded to the nearest thousand :-** 4.31 **Eligible class of contractor :-** Class-A & B

Sr. No. :- 2 **District / Division :-** Una / Daulatpur **Name of the work :-** Construction & M/T of link road Raipur to Bakhawa via Mallan da Pind Km. 0/00 to 3/800, (Sub Head: Balance work of C/o Retaining wall, Cross Drainage work, Road side PCC drain and Parapets etc. in km. 0/0 to 3/800) **Under NABARD RIDF-XXVIII Estimated Cost (Rs. Lakh) :-** 107.76 **Total Cost (Rs. Lakh) :-** 107.76 **Period of Completion :-** 12 months **Bid Security (Rs. Lakh) The bid security is two percent of the total cost, rounded to the nearest thousand :-** 2.16 **Eligible class of contractor :-** Class-B & C

1. **Cost of Bid Form :- Rs. 5,000/- (Non-refundable)**
2. **Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission :** The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted online on website http://hptenders.gov.in. The bidders are advised to note the other details of the tenders from the website http://hptenders.gov.in
3. **Key Dates :**

1	Date of Online Publication	06.12.2024 (09.00 HRS)
2	Document Download Start and End Date	06.12.2024 (09.30 HRS upto 16.12.2024 (09.30 HRS)
3	Bid Submission Start and End Date	06.12.2024 (09.30 HRS upto 16.12.2024 (09.30 HRS)
4	Physical Submission of Documents	As per uploaded SBD
5	Date of Technical Bid opening.	16.12.2024 (11.00 HRS)

Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delay due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, 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.

(Er. Harsh Puri)
Superintending Engineer
15th Circle, HP PWD, Una.

Advt. No. 3688/04.12.2024 **HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK**

GOVERNMENT OF GUJARAT,
N.W. R.W.S. & KALPSAR DEPT.
"E" procurement Notice No. SBD -5 of 2024-25

Name of the work:- Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contract for providing irrigation water for filling various ponds (44-Villages) of Muli, Sayla and Wadhvan Taluka, District-Surendranagar through pipeline by lifting water from Botad Branch Canal escape near Limdi Bhogavo- II reservoir including supplying and laying M.S, D.I. and H.D.P.E. Pipeline of different dia. with all allied works etc. Complete including operation and maintenance of the commissioned project for 10 years.

Estimated Cost of the work:- Rs.264,97,58,796.72 (Excluding G.S.T)

- Last date for down loading bid documents:- Up to **Dt. 01/01/2025 Upto 17.00 Hrs**
- Last date of online submission: - Up to **Dt. 01/01/2025 up to 18.00 Hrs.**
- Last date for physical submission of Documents from **Dt. 02/01/2024 to Dt.09/01/2024** during office hrs.
- Date & place for Site Visit: **Dt. 10/12/2024 @9.30 Hrs**. Surendranagar.
- Date & Place for Pre-Bid Meeting: **Dt. 16/12/2024 @ 12.00 Hrs** At. Committee Hall Block No.9, 4th floor, NWRWS & K. Deptt. New Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
- Date of online opening (Pre-qualification Bid only):- **Dt.02/01/2025 at 12.00 Hrs.** at the S.E., R.I.P.C., 2/5 Jilla Seva Sadan-2 Rajkot Office (Any further corrigendum if required will be done on line only)

Name & Address of **Superintending Engineer,** Rajkot Irrigation Project Circle, 2/5-Jilla Seva Sadan No.2, Race Course Road, Rajkot-360001. Phone No. (0281)-2443680, Fax No. (0281)-2453161. & **Executive Engineer,** Sauni Yojna Division, 4/5-Jilla Seva Sadan No.2, Race Course Road, Rajkot-360001 Phone No. (0281)-2443231

Further details can be seen on **www.gujaratinformation.gujarat.gov.in** and **http://tender.nprocure.com**

Note:- Any corrigendum hereafter will be published directly on website

Mahiti/RAJ/1084/24-25

POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF UTTARAKHAND LTD.

(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Enterprise)

Office of Chief Engineer (O&M), Kumaon Zone, 220KV S/s, Campus, Kamaluaganja, Haldwani-263139
Corporate ID U40101UR2004SGC028675 Phone No. 7088117917

E-Tender Time Extension Notice-2

Due to unavoidable circumstances the date of submission of E-Tender Specification No. CE(OandM)/PTCUL/HLD/45/2024-25, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_77468_1) has been extended upto 13.12.2024, 17:00 Hrs. For more details please visit E-Tender Website ***www.uktenders.gov.in*** and E-Tender time extension notice is available at PTCUL Website ***www.ptcul.org***. All other terms and conditions of the above tenders will remain same. For any assistance on E-Tendering, please contact +91-8899890000

Letter No. 2691/CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/E-Tender

Chief Engineer (O&M)
Kumaon Zone
PTCUL, Haldwani

Date: 03.12.2024 **"Save Electricity in the Interest of Nation"**

कार्यालय नगर निगम, जयपुर हैरिटेज

क्रमांक :- एफ-6 ( )राजस्व प्रथम शाखा/जननी/हैरिटेज/2024/ दिनांक :-

अभिरूचि की अभिव्यक्ति (Expression of Interest- EOI) का आमंत्रण की सूचना

नगर निगम जयपुर हैरिटेज द्वारा रामनिवास बाग स्थित अण्डरग्राउण्ड पार्किंग स्थल का संचालन करवाने के लिए (EOI) के माध्यम से प्रस्ताव आमंत्रित किये जा रहे हैं। इच्छुक आवेदक दिनांक 09.12.2024 (समय: 04:00 बजे तक) नगर निगम जयपुर हैरिटेज की राजस्व (प्रथम) शाखा के कमरा नं0 272 में अपना आवेदन प्रस्तुत करें। अभिरूचि की अभिव्यक्ति की विस्तृत जानकारी तथा नियम व शर्तें आदि निगम की अधिकारिक वेबसाईट **www.jaipurmcheritage.org** पर देखी जा सकती हैं।

उपायुक्त राजस्व (प्रथम)
नगर निगम जयपुर हैरिटेज

राज.संवाद/सी/24/8648

MAHATRANSCO — SRM E-Tender Notice

Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

MSETCL invites online bids (E Tender) from registered contractors / agencies on Mahatransco E-Tendering website http://srmetender.mahatransco.in; for following works.

Tender No :- CE/EHV PC O&M Zone/Pune/**T-62/2024-25**
RFX No. 7000034356
Subject :- E-Tender for Second Circuit Stringing on a) 132kV Mandrup-Karajgi, b) 132kV Akkalkot- Karajgi, c) 132kV Jeur-Parewadi, d) 220kV Lamboti- Vairag SCDC lines along with construction of associated end bays under EHV O&M Circle, Solapur under Pune Zone.
Tender Amount :- Rs 16,18,66,458.77 /- **(With Tax)** ;
Rs 13,71,74,965.06 /- **(W/O Tax)**
EMD :- Rs.16,18,664 /- (1% of Estimated Cost);
Tender Fees :- Rs. 25,000 /- + Taxes extra.
Download of tender Documents :- From Dt. 04.12.**2024 to Dt. 24.12.2024** up to 11:00 Hrs.
Bid Opening :- Dtd. 24.12.2024 after 12:00Hrs (Tech.); Dtd. 30.12.2024 after 12:00Hrs (Price)

For further details visit our website http://mahatransco.in and open above RFX for downloading tender document, schedules, and annexures.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer,
EHV PC O&M Zone Pune.

ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION & CLIMATE CHANGE SECTION, SECRETARIAT, DEHRADUN

GOVERNMENT OF UTTARAKHAND

Subhash Chandra Bhavan, Uttarakhand, Secretariat, 4-Subhash Road, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, Pin - 248001

Advertisement 396(A)/2024 Dehradun: Date: 03/12/2024

Notice

Department of Environment Conservation & Climate Change, Government of Uttarakhand invites applications for the following Post :-

Sl. No	NAME OF THE POST	NAME OF BOARD	NO. OF VACANCY
1	Member Secretary	Uttarakhand Pollution Control Board	01

Last date for filling of application is 31-12-2024.

More Details and Application Form is available on Website - www.ueppcb.uk.gov.in

Principal Secretary
Environment Conservation &
Climate Change Department
Government of Uttarakhand

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION PLANNING BOARD

(A Statutory Body under Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Govt. of India)
1st Floor, Core-4B, India Habitat Centre,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003

Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for Preparation of Functional Plans

National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB), New Delhi invites sealed bids from National and International Consulting Entities / Organizations/ Joint Ventures/ Consortiums etc. for undertaking works relating to preparation of Functional Plan on 'Water Management and Waste Management' as per Regional Plan 2041 proposals for National Capital Region Area.

The RFQ-cum-RFP document containing the Terms of Reference (ToR), Details of Qualification and Evaluation Criteria etc. can be downloaded along with the draft Contract Agreement from the website of NCRPB i.e. **http://ncrpb.nic.in/tenders**.

Hardcopy of the RFQ-cum-RFP document may also be obtained from the office of NCRPB, Core 4-B, First Floor, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi- 110003. Last date of submission of completed bid is **16.01.2025.**

Sd/-
CBC 44103/12/0004/2425 **Member Secretary**

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001
CIN : U40109PB2010SGC033813 Website : www.pspcl.in
GVK Power (Goindwal Sahib) Limited
Regd. Office: Plot No. 10, Paigah Colony, Sardar Patel Road, Secunderabad-500003, Telangana, India CIN : U40109TG1997PLC028483
(A wholly owned subsidiary of Guru Amar Das Thermal Power Limited, GATPL)
(A step down wholly owned subsidiary of Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, PSPCL)

Dept-HOD, Mechanical GATP, Goindwal Sahib, invites E-Tender for the work of :

1	**Tender Enquiry No. 007**/GATP/MECH/50007121 dated 04/12/2024 "TENDER FOR CONDITIONAL MONITORING SERVICES." at 2X270 MW Guru Amardas Thermal Plant (GATP), Goindwal Sahib, Distt.: Tarn Taran, Punjab as per details given in the tender specifications for a period of One year'

For detailed NIT & tender specifications, please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from 05/12/2024 from 17:00 Hrs onwards.

Note : Corrigendum and addendum, if any, will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

GATP-06/24, DPR/Pb. : 76155/12/3717/2023/39837

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: T_24-25_Furnishing/Notice **Date: 02.12.2024**

E-Tender Notice

Chief Workshop Manager, Coach MLR Workshop, Jhansi for and on behalf of the President of India invites open e-tender from reputed contractors for following work:-

Tender No.: T_24-25_FURNISHING	**Qty. :** One work	
Description of Work: Complete Furnishing activities of GSCN, GS, SLR and GSCZ coaches during POH/SS- II/SS-III of ICF & LHB type of BG Coaches as per Scope of work at CMLR Workshop Jhansi."		
Tender cost: ₹ 100106238.93/- (₹ Ten Crore One Lakh Six Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Eight And Paise Ninty Three Only)		
Completion period :24 months	**Earnest money:** ₹650500/-	**Tender doc. cost:** ₹ 0/-

1. Tender will be closed at 15:00 Hrs on 03.01.2025 and is available on Indian Railway E-Tendering website **www.ireps.gov.in** **2.**For detailed information please visit Indian Railway E-Tendering website **www.ireps.gov.in**. **3.**Tenderers should watch the website for the corrigendum/addendum to the NIT/e-tender document, if any as there will not be any separate communication for the same. **2075/24(DG)**

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

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice No: 12320242025 **Dated:** 02.12.2024

E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering)/North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-TENDERS on prescribed form for the following work up to **13.30 hrs.** on **24.12.2024.** The details of the tenders are as under:-

Tender No.: 253	**Approx Cost (Rs.):** ₹ 8,63,83,741.17
Name of Work: Through Sleeper Renewal (P) by PQRS in DDU-PRYJ section under Sr. DEN/I/PRYJ.	
Earnest Money (Rs.): ₹ 5,81,900.00	**Completion Period:** 12 Months
Date of Opening of Tender: 24.12.2024	
Eligibility Criteria for Similar work: Any P. Way Work.	

Note:- (1) Tender on line can be submitted up to **13:30 hrs.** of tender opening date. **(2)** The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website **www.ireps.gov.in** up to **13:30 hrs.** on the due date of opening. **2076/24(A)**

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

आगरा छावनी/चिकित्सा/एल.पी./2024-25 **दिनांकः 02.12.2024**

CMS/AGRA/NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. **AGC-MED-LP-2024-25** Closing Date/Time **23.12.2024** 10.30 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

Tender No.: AGC-MED-LP-2024-25
Name of work: Rate contract with Firms for day to day Retail Local Purchase of Medicines, Surgical & Pathology Items for a period of two years.
Late Date & Time of Tender: 23.12.2024 10.30 Hrs.

Detailed tender notification is available on Indian Railway's E-Tender website **www.ireps.gov.in.** Kindly note that manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **2072/24 FA**

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

भारतीय अन्तर्देशीय जलमार्ग प्राधिकरण
INLAND WATERWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

(Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Govt. of India)
A-13, Sector -1, NOIDA-201 301
Phone 0120-2527667, Fax 0120-2522969, hc.iwai@nic.in

SAGARMALA

Notice Inviting Tender

Procurement of Survey Equipment

e-Bids are invited from interested bidders for Procurement of Survey Equipment. The Tender Documents and other relevant details are available at IWAI website **www.iwai.nic.in** and e-procurement site **https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.**

HYDROGRAPHIC CHIEF
Date: 02.12.2024 **IWAI, NOIDA**

कार्यालय मुख्य अभियन्ता, इंदिरा गांधी नहर परियोजना, बीकानेर

क्रमांक- **निविदा सूचना संख्या 01 वर्ष 2024-25** दिनांक-

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Nepal, China ink deal on BRI plan, paving way for projects' progress

AP

PM KP Oli with President Xi Jinping in Beijing on Tuesday

Kathmandu: Nepal has signed a framework agreement with China on the Belt and Road initiative, after an initial pact was signed 7 years ago but no progress made since, paving the way for cooperation on projects, its foreign ministry said on Wednesday.

PM KP Sharma Oli has been in Beijing since Monday on a four-day visit, his first to a foreign country since his July swearing-in, breaking tradition by not making New Delhi, with which Kathmandu has centuries-old ties, his first foreign port of call.

Nepal and China signed an initial deal in 2017 for President Xi Jinping's Belt and Road Initiative, which aims to build China's infrastructure and trade links with the world. However, no projects have been planned or begun in the past seven years, as a framework for cooperation had not been set and as Nepal struggled to get consensus from its political parties. The signing of the deal implies that both countries will now move ahead with details of projects, which may include road upgrades and transportation corridors, and how to finance them.

Debt concerns have, meanwhile, spurred debate within Oli's coalition govt, with the Nepali Congress party, a key supporter of Oli, opposing any project funded by loans. China has loaned Nepal $216 million to build an international airport in Pokhara, the second-largest city about 125km west of Kathmandu, which began operating last year. But the Chinese-built airport, claimed by Beijing as a symbol of Belt and Road success, has grappled with problems such as a lack of international flights, due to India's refusal to let planes use its airspace. REUTERS

S Korean oppn parties move to impeach prez

After Yoon's Sudden Declaration Of Martial Law On Tue, MPs Scaled Walls To Re-Enter Nation Assembly To Vote To Lift It

Seoul: South Korea's opposition parties moved Wednesday to impeach the president over the shocking and short-lived declaration of martial law that drew heavily armed troops to encircle parliament before lawmakers climbed walls to re-enter the building and unanimously voted to lift his order.

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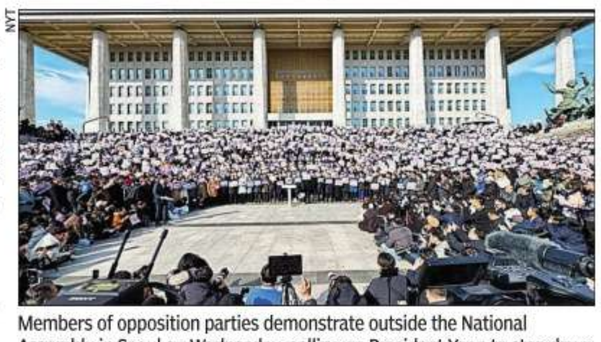

Members of opposition parties demonstrate outside the National Assembly in Seoul on Wednesday, calling on President Yoon to step down

Vote on impeachment today

Impeaching Yoon Suk Yeol would require the support of two-thirds of parliament, and at least six justices of the nine-member Constitutional Court would have to endorse it to remove him. The motion to impeach, submitted jointly by the main liberal opposition Democratic Party and five smaller opposition parties, could be put to a vote as early as Friday.

Defence min offers to quit

Yoon's senior policy advisers and defence minster Kim Yong Hyun offered to resign as the nation struggled to make sense of what appeared to be a poorly conceived stunt. The Democratic Party submitted a separate motion to impeach Kim, who allegedly recommended the martial law declaration to Yoon.

Martial law lasted 6 hours

In his speech announcing the abrupt order Tuesday night, Yoon vowed to eliminate "anti-state" forces and continued to criticise the Democratic Party's attempts to impeach key govt officials. But martial law lasted only about six hours, ending after the National Assembly voted to overrule Yoon and his cabinet formally lifted it before daybreak Wednesday.

200 lawmakers needed to approve impeachment vote

Democratic Party lawmakers, who hold a majority in the 300-seat parliament, called on Yoon to quit immediately or they would take steps to impeach him. Yoon's martial law declaration "was a clear violation of the constitution...," a party statement said. The order "...was a grave act of rebellion and provides perfect grounds for his impeachment."

Impeaching him would require support from 200 National Assembly members. The Democratic Party and other opposition parties together have 192 seats. But they could seek additional votes from Yoon's ruling conservative People Power Party. The 190-0 vote that rejected martial law included the votes of 18 lawmakers from the PPP, according to National Assembly officials.

PM takes over if prez ousted

If Yoon is impeached, he will be stripped of his constitutional powers until the Constitutional Court rules. PM Han Duck-soo, who holds the No. 2 position in the govt, would take over presidential responsibilities. The Constitutional Court has only six incumbent justices following three retirements. That means all six must approve the impeachment motion for it to succeed.

Oppn leader and speaker were seen climbing walls

After Yoon's declaration, troops carrying full battle gear, including assault rifles, tried to keep protesters away from the National Assembly as military helicopters landed nearby. One soldier pointed his assault rifle at a woman who was among protesters outside the building demanding that the martial law be lifted. It wasn't clear how 190 lawmakers were able to enter a parliamentary hall to vote down Yoon's martial law decree. Opposition leader Lee Jae-myung and National Assembly Speaker Woo Won Shik were seen climbing over walls. AP

Hamas threatens to 'neutralise' hostages if Israel launches rescue op

Dubai: Hamas said it had information that Israel intended to carry out a hostage rescue operation similar to one conducted in Gaza's Nuseirat camp in June and threatened to "neutralise" the captives if any such action took place, according to an internal statement seen by Reuters on Wednesday.

In the statement dated Nov 22, Hamas told its operatives not to consider what the repercussions of following the instructions might be and said it held Israel responsible for the fate of the hostages. The statement, which was circulated to its factions by the intelligence unit of the group's military wing Izz el-Deen al-Qassam Brigades, did not say when any Israeli operation was expected to take place.

Israel's Nuseirat rescue operation on June 9 saw Israeli forces free four hostages in a raid Palestinian officials said killed more than 200 people, making it one of the bloodiest Israeli assaults of the war.

Hamas told its operatives to "tighten" the living conditions of the captives. In a section titled "recommendations", it told operatives to "activate neutralisation orders...as an immediate and swift response to any adventure by the enemy." REUTERS

Hostage deal may be likely: Israel

Defence minister Israel Katz said on Wednesday Israel had pressured Hamas to the extent that a hostage deal with the Iranian-backed group might be possible. Speaking to soldiers in central Israel, Katz said that due to increasing military pressure, "there is a chance that this time we will really be able to advance a hostage deal". REUTERS

Yunus perpetrating 'genocide', failing to protect minorities, accuses Hasina

Says Was Forced To Leave, Didn't Even Get Time To Resign

In her first public address after fleeing Bangladesh four months back, ousted PM Sheikh Hasina has mounted a stinging attack on the country's interim leader Muhammad Yunus, accusing him of perpetrating "genocide" and failing to protect minorities including Hindus.

In remarks delivered virtually to her supporters at an event in New York, Hasina, presently in India, claimed there were plans to kill her and her sister just like their father Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was assassinated in 1975.

Describing Yunus as "power-hungry", Hasina alleged places of worship in Bangladesh are under attack and the current dispensation has failed to deal with the situation.

Hasina was speaking to supporters of her Awami League party at the event Sunday to mark 'Victory Day' that falls on Dec 16. Though Hasina has made many statements in the last few months, it was her first public address after taking shelter, said an expert tracking the developments.

"Armed protesters were directed towards Ganabhaban (PM's residence). If the security guards opened fire, many lives would have been lost. It was a matter of 25-30 minutes, and I was forced to leave. I told them not to fire no matter what happened," she said. "Today, I am being accused of genocide. In reality, Yunus has been involved in genocide in a meticulously designed manner. The masterminds — student coordinators and Yunus — are behind this genocide."

Hasina said the current dispensation failed to protect minorities. "Hindus, Buddhists, Christians — no one has been spared. When Hindus protested, the Iskcon leader was arrested," she said in an oblique reference to arrest of Hindu monk Chinmoy Krishna Das. "Why are minorities being ruthlessly persecuted and attacked," she asked. "People no longer have the right to justice... I never even got time to resign," she added.

Hasina said she left Dhaka with an aim to stop the violence. However, the situation has deteriorated, she said. PTI

NYT

A defaced mural of ousted PM Sheikh Hasina in Dhaka on Thursday

Yunus seeks 'national unity' amid outrage over Hindu monk's arrest

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Vedant Patel said any kind of protest "needs to be peaceful" and that, during any crackdown, govts must respect the rule of law and uphold basic human rights. "And that's something we will continue to emphasise."

In Dhaka, the interim govt's chief adviser **Muhammad Yunus** issued an invitation to Indian journalists to investigate allegations about persecution of Hindus and report the reality. "We are working to explain this to the Indian govt and counter the misinformation," he said. This was after his meeting Wednesday with members of all parties, barring ousted Awami League, to seek "national unity" amid growing outrage over Chinmoy Krishna's arrest and reports of atrocities on Hindus and other minorities.

Yunus advised politicians to steer clear of attempts at "provocation", dismissing reports of continuing attacks on Hindus as "propaganda". He said it was imperative to inform the world that "Bangladesh remains united and is resilient against any fabricated narratives from abroad". Yunus has convened another meeting Thursday with religious leaders.

UnitedHealthcare CEO killed in 'targeted shooting' in NYC

New York: UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson was killed Wednesday in what investigators suspect was a targeted shooting outside a Manhattan hotel where the company was holding an investor conference.

The 50-year-old was shot around 6.45am as he walked alone to the New York Hilton Midtown from a nearby hotel, police said. The gunman appeared to be "lying in wait for several minutes" before approaching Thompson from behind and opening fire, New York City police commissioner Jessica Tisch said. Police did not established a motive.

The suspect, dressed in a hooded sweatshirt and carrying a distinct gray backpack, then fled on foot down an alleyway before pedaling an e-bike into Central Park a few blocks away. The shooter was at large, sparking a search that included police drones, helicopters and dogs.

Brian Thompson

Thompson was struck at least once in the back and once in the calf, Tisch said. He was taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

New York City mayor Eric Adams said it did not appear to be a random attack. Adams said police were reviewing evidence from the scene, including video. "It seems to be clearly targeted by an individual and we will apprehend the individual," he said.

Thompson's wife Paulette told NBC News the executive told her "there were some people that had been threatening him." She said she didn't have details, but suggested they may have involved issues with insurance coverage.

UnitedHealthcare is the insurance arm of the health care giant UnitedHealth Group Inc. "We are deeply saddened and shocked at the passing of our dear friend and colleague Brian Thompson, the CEO of UnitedHealthcare," UnitedHealth Group said in a statement. "Brian was a highly respected colleague and friend to all who worked with him," it added. Thompson had served as CEO for over three years and had been with the firm since 2004. AP

India's 'governing elite' fomenting hatred towards Bangladesh, says interim govt

Ahsan Tasnim

Dhaka: Bangladesh's interim govt accused India's "governing elite" on Wednesday of attempting to create an "internal political issue" out of everything that was happening beyond the border between the two countries.

"If this happens, it will be detrimental to India's domestic politics. Anti-Bangladesh and anti-Muslim politics won't serve India's national interest or contribute to its unity," said information adviser Nahid Islam, one of the student activists who helmed the uprising against ousted PM Hasina before joining the interim govt.

Nahid urged India to "cease false propaganda" against Bangladesh and uphold "harmony". "Bangladesh shares historical and cultural ties with West Bengal, Tripura and Assam; they are our stakeholders. During the uprising in Bangladesh, students from Kolkata and Delhi stood in solidarity with us and protested Hasina's atrocities," he said. "India's democracy-loving people are our friends."

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The information adviser said "Hindutva forces" didn't want democratic relations and harmony. "They perceive the Bangladesh uprising and the political awakening of its students as a threat. As a result, they are fostering hatred towards Bangladesh."

The "minority persecution narrative", Nahid said, was an extension of Delhi's alleged attempt to "rehabilitate the fascist Awami League and disrupt Bangladesh's democratic nation-rebuilding process".

Iran Nobel peace winner released from prison for med treatment

Dubai: Iranian Nobel peace prize winner **Narges Mohammadi** was released from Evin prison after the suspension of her jail term to undergo medical treatment, her husband Taqi Rahmani said on Wednesday. Mohammadi is serving multiple sentences in Tehran's notorious Evin prison on charges including spreading propaganda against the Islamic Republic.

"Based on the opinion of the forensic doctor, the office of Tehran's prosecutor suspended the jail sentence of Narges Mohammadi for three weeks and she was released from prison," her lawyer Mostafa Nili said on X on Wednesday. "The reason for this is her physical condition after the removal of a tumour and a bone grafting operation that was performed 21 days ago. Her tumour was fortunately benign but she must be examined every three months." Mohammadi was awarded the Nobel peace prize in 2023, following her three-decade campaign for women's rights and the abolition of the death penalty in Iran. REUTERS

Trump's support for Pete Hegseth teeters

Prez-Elect Openly Discussing Others For Def Secy Job, Including DeSantis

Maggie Haberman and Jonathan Swan

President-elect Donald Trump's support for Pete Hegseth, who he announced as his nominee for defence secretary, is wobbling after a crush of controversy over a rape allegation and a 2018 email from Hegseth's mother accusing him of a pattern of abuse toward women, which she has since retracted. How Hegseth fares through a series of tests Wednesday will be critical for his chances.

He is set to meet with key senators, including Joni Ernst of Iowa, a combat veteran who has spoken about being sexually assaulted herself. Hegseth will also start defending himself on TV. And, Hegseth mother's was interviewed by Fox News, where she defend him.

Trump has made clear to people close to him that he believes Hegseth should have been more forthcoming about the problems he would face getting confirmed, said people with knowledge of his thinking.

Trump is openly discussing other people for the job, including Gov. Ron DeSantis of Florida, whom he defeated in the Republican presidential primaries and with whom he has had a contentious relationship. Trump likes the story of bringing on someone he dominated publicly, and he talked about it with DeSantis yesterday at a service honouring three Florida sheriff's deputies.

But the number of people in Trump's world who dislike and distrust DeSantis is vast. Those people are discussing other options, including whether Mike Waltz, the Florida congressman who Trump picked as his national security adviser, could slide into the job, expecting he would be confirmed fairly easily by the Senate.

Trump has spent little if any personal capital with senators trying to push Hegseth through. And the incoming president's advisers are mindful in private discussions that Republican senators are trying to be respectful of Trump while not approving of a nominee who concerns them.

Hegseth, 44, could become the third person whom Trump has announced as a nominee to withdraw from the role after Matt Gaetz withdrew his name for attorney general and Sheriff Chad Chronister withdrew as DEA administrator.

Trump's team is particularly worried about female Republican senators breaking with Hegseth, especially Ernst. NYT

Pete Hegseth (L), Ron DeSantis

Won't back down, says Hegseth

Pete Hegseth on Wednesday said he is not backing down even as his nomination to lead the Pentagon faces trouble. "I'm doing this for the war fighters, not the warmongers. The Left is afraid of disrupters and change agents. They are afraid of @realDonaldTrump — and me. So they smear w/ fake, anonymous sources & BS stories. They don't want truth. Our warriors never back down, & neither will I," he said in a post on X. REUTERS

Trump lawyers cite Hunter Biden pardon in seeking dismissal in hush money case

New York: President-elect Donald Trump's lawyers formally asked a judge Monday to throw out his hush money criminal conviction, arguing that continuing the case would present unconstitutional "disruptions to the institution of the Presidency." In a filing made public Tuesday, the lawyers told Manhattan Judge Juan M Merchan that anything short of immediate dismissal would undermine the transition of power, as well as the "overwhelming national mandate" granted to Trump by voters last month.

The lawyers also cited President Biden's pardon of his son Hunter who had been convicted of tax and gun charges. "President Biden asserted that his son was 'selectively, and unfairly, prosecuted,' and 'treated differently,'" they wrote. Manhattan district attorney Alvin Bragg, they said, engaged in the type of political theater "that President Biden condemned."

Prosecutors will have until Dec 9 to respond. AP

UK MP tables bill in House classing Sikhs and Jews as ethnic groups

Naomi Canton

London: Labour Sikh MP Preet Kaur Gill on Wednesday in the House of Commons successfully introduced a new bill for Sikh and Jewish people in Britain to be classed as ethnic categories when public bodies collect data for the purpose of delivering public services.

In her speech introducing the Public Body Ethnicity Data (Inclusion of Jewish and Sikh Categories) Bill, Gill said Jews and Sikhs are considered to be both ethnic and religious groups under the Equality Act, 2010. Referring to the 1983 Mandla vs Dowell Lee case, which found Sikhs to be an ethnic group, she said the bill would address a fundamental absurdity that the UK does not collect ethnic data on Jews and Sikhs. Gill said the only data collected on Jews and Sikhs is religious data. But this is "poor, patchy and incomplete", and is never used by bodies to make decisions for the purposes of delivering public services.

Using rare data, she said the pandemic revealed that both Sikh and Jewish people were dying at a significantly greater rate than others. "In 2018, 5.3% of homeless deaths in London were Sikh vs 1.3% of the general population; 27% of Sikhs in the UK report that someone in their family has an alcohol addiction... Local councils don't count us in the data they use to deliver services," she said.

The bill passed and the second reading is on March 7, 2025. It could get voted down or amended as it winds its way through parliament.

DAILY PLANET

AFP

TROUBLE AT SEA: Philippine officials said on Thursday that a Chinese coast guard ship (R) backed by navy ships fired water cannons and blocked and sideswiped a Philippine patrol vessel (L) near Scarborough shoal in disputed waters of the South China Sea on Wednesday. There was no immediate comment from Chinese officials

Peru is rocked by president's nose job scandal

A nose job by the Peruvian President, **Dina Boluarte**, sparked controversy Tuesday, with some lawmakers calling for her to be removed from office for not delegating her responsibilities during the procedure.

The procedure that Boluarte, 62, underwent in the summer of 2023 has been discussed at length on social media and in the press, but was only officially confirmed on Tuesday, when Boluarte's former PM Alberto Otarola revealed it to a congressional commission." Otarola said that during her recovery period, Boluarte carried out her duties virtually. "There was no absence of power at that time, because the surgical procedure had no major complications," added Otarola, who was dismissed by Boluarte in March. Lawmakers and legal experts now charge that Boluarte's behaviour constitutes a constitutional violation and are calling for her removal. V-P of Congress Patricia Juarez sought to quell the row, calling it "a storm in a glass of water." Boluarte, who has been embroiled in controversy for months, has a disapproval rating of 95%.

Cathay pulls in-flight Family Guy episode mentioning Tiananmen

Hong Kong carrier Cathay Pacific said Wednesday it removed an in-flight entertainment programme following a complaint about an episode from American TV show Family Guy that mentioned China's Tiananmen Square crackdown. The airline said in a statement that it was aware of the incident and apologised to affected customers. Cathay said its in-flight entertainment content was managed by a third-party provider, without naming the company.

AROUND THE WORLD

In 1977, 'Dire Straits' had their first gig at a punk festival. They first played under the names 'Mark's old band' & 'The café racers'. Since they were all broke, a friend suggested the name 'Dire Straights' and according to Mark Knopfler's tweet, 'rest was history'

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Trump picks billionaire who conducted first pvt spacewalk to lead Nasa

Cape Canaveral: A tech billionaire who bought a series of spaceflights from Elon Musk's SpaceX and conducted the first private spacewalk was nominated by President-elect Trump on Wednesday to lead Nasa.

Jared Isaacman, 41, CEO and founder of a card-processing company, has been a close collaborator with Musk ever since buying his first chartered flight with SpaceX. He took along contest winners on that 2021 trip and followed it in Sept with a mission where he briefly popped out the hatch to test SpaceX's new spacewalking suits.

If confirmed, Isaacman will replace Bill Nelson, 82, a former Democratic senator from Florida who was nominated by President Joe Biden. Nelson flew aboard space shuttle Columbia in 1986 while a congressman.

Jared Isaacman

Isaacman said he was honoured to be nominated and would be "grateful to serve." "Having been fortunate to see our amazing planet from space, I am passionate about America leading the most incredible adventure in human history," he said via X.

During Nelson's tenure, Nasa picked up steam in its effort to return astronauts to the moon. This next-generation Apollo programme — Artemis — plans to send four astronauts around the moon as soon as next year. Nasa is counting on SpaceX to get astronauts to the moon via Starship, the mega rocket launching out of Texas on test flights. The space agency already relies on SpaceX to fly astronauts to and from the International Space Station along with supply runs.

The fighter jet-piloting Isaacman, whose call name is Rookie, has described himself as a "space geek" since kindergarten. He dropped out of high school when he was 16, got a GED certificate and started a business in his parents' basement that became the genesis for Shift4. He set a speed record flying around the world in 2009 while raising money for the Make-A-Wish programme, and later established Draken International, the world's largest private fleet of fighter jets. Isaacman has reserved two more flights with SpaceX, including a trip leading Starship's first crew into orbit around Earth. AP

A thought for today

Politics is war without bloodshed while war is politics with bloodshed

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Most significant takeaway from Seoul's drama is the importance of intraparty dissent in democracies

Quick reversal by South Korea's National Assembly of President Yoon Suk Yeol's shock announcement of martial law highlights the essentiality of intraparty dissent in maintaining democratic practice. That South Korea's constitution states the president must follow legislature's decision on imposition of martial law is a robust check inbuilt by design. Yoon's decision to radically switch to military rule was defeated by parliament in a unanimous vote – all 190 present voted, including 18 of Yoon's party. It wasn't opposition legislators alone who raced to block the measure. Yoon's own People's Power Party dissented – its leader called the act "the wrong move". It speaks to the intrinsic value of dissent within parties.

Seoul's may be an extreme case, but in intraparty dissent lies potential to expand upon a party's ideascape. Political parties settle into policy approaches party brass are loath to budge on. But clinging to what brought success in a set of circumstances has little to do with stability or ideology. It has more to do with lack of imagination and failure to recognise a fundamental. That parties need to stay up to speed with economic, tech, societal shifts on the home-front and globally. For survival, responsiveness to people's needs – real, created, perceived – is key. It is dissenters who fire up their party with different, even radical, takes. It's dissent that prevents development of echo chambers and rigid groupthink.

Different perspectives lead to robust policy development. Take UK Labour Party's internal debates between traditional socialists and 'New Labour' factions in the 1990s. After three consecutive electoral defeats, internal disagreements are what reshaped Labour's political platform, moving the party away from orthodoxy to market economics and a resounding poll victory. There's Trump – outsider, disruptor, unpopular – yet a dissenter whose tariff-tax tease has won Republicans two terms, defying every punditry. There's Germany's Greens, who through fights and factions have evolved into a centrist party, a fair distance from their radical climate agenda at foundation.

Certainly, dissenters can impede party unity, but control of factional fallout is what intraparty democracy is expected to deliver. Allowing free flow of ideas, being a platform to air new approaches, reduce party members' probability of defection. Party leaders who welcome rebellious behaviour, for instance on policy votes, fare better in cementing party loyalty. Seoul may look chaotic in the midterm, but his party's dissent helped thwart Yoon's folly. Days ahead will show how his beleaguered party responds to the call for impeachment.

Eat, Pay, Respect

Midday meals really help India. Govts should stop exploiting the women who make them

When wages for a given work stay unchanged for 15 years, it signals that the work and worker have a beggarly low standing in the value chain. The 'honorarium' for cooks-cum-helpers (CCHs) in India's midday meal programme was fixed at ₹1,000 per month in 2009. And it hasn't moved an inch since. Honorarium expenditure is shared 60:40 between Centre and states. When states choose not to enhance the pay-out, Centre pays just ₹600 towards each CCH. The crazy thing is that these 15 years have also provided prodigious evidence of how much the midday meal scheme delivers on both the health and education fronts. How do we square the sterling work with the squalid treatment of the worker?

Hiding behind the semantics of CCHs being 'honorary' workers is untenable. Just like Anganwadi and ASHA workers, the women themselves have always been clear that they would rather be properly paid. And yes, an overwhelming majority of all these workers are women. If they weren't, no govt would write the bad fiction that 'they have come forward for rendering social services', before paying them a pittance. As it is, women's workforce participation in India is dominated by all the unpaid care work they do. For govts to be exploiting this perverse social scale instead of trying to reform it, is a comment on not only women's equality, but also India's future.

Intergenerational data has established that mothers with full midday meal exposure have much healthier children. One study associates this programme with 13-32% of the improvement in height-for-age z-scores from 2006 to 2016. This is also why courts regularly tick off pandemic-to-pollution controls for interrupting midday meals. Instead of treating the scheme anchors as if they are mystically immune to inflation, govts should start giving them their fair dues.

And Protima Bedi too

Another friend, another never-imagined end, another eerie reminder

Bachi Karkaria

Last week I wrote about finding a note from my dear Delhi friend Sabina exactly 16 years after she was killed in the 2008 Taj attack; worse, it bore the same date as that of my son's wedding reception which had brought her to Mumbai – and brutal death. In 1998, the haunting voice of another unputdownable woman had returned from a death as terrifying as Sabina's.

Protima Bedi was the original Brat. In 1974, she'd 'streaked' across Juhu beach to the shock and awe of notoriously *bindaas* Bombay. Equally gob-smacking was her career-switch, celeb model to celeb disciple of Odissi revivalist Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra.

We became good friends in mid-1990s Bangalore where I was **TOI** consulting editor and she, reborn as Protima Gauri/'Gaurima' had set up Nrityagram, her dance village nearby. Now shaven-headed like ex-*saas* Freda Bedi – first female Western Tibetan Buddhist monk – the sassy neo-*sannyasin* would come striding out of her 'hut' in earth-hued kaftan. Alongside loped a *khichdi* canine on whom she'd bestowed local pedigree: 'my Hessaraghatta hound'.

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Then in 1998 she renounced it all, leaving her impassioned creation in the able hands of its devoted dancer-administrator, Lynne Fernandez. Crushed by the suicide of her brilliant, schizophrenic son, Siddharth, and like his venerable namesake, 'Gaurima' went in search of a higher plane. My jokey column that week warned the Yeti to watch out because Potent Protima's arrival would shake up mighty Himalaya. It did. Literally. Along with 59 other Kailash Mansarovar pilgrims, she was hurled away by a roaring landslide. Her pulverised remains were found after days.

Many weeks later, a bemused postman brought a bespattered envelope, the smudged writing on it eerily unmistakable. My blood ran cold as I confronted the ghost letter. Protima had written, 'I feel I've already reached heaven, I am finally at peace.' Suddenly, I was suffused by warmth. Not by those turbulent means, but surely that ethereal mountain was a *sannyasin's* chosen end.

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Alec Smart said: "Will one less mosque, one more temple feed our children?"

To-Do List For CM Fadnavis

• Play nice with allies • Don't promise more freebies • Create start-up hubs, good jobs • Keep social peace • Don't run other Maharashtra cities from Mumbai

R Jagannathan

Maharashtra is India's top state by GDP contribution – 13.3%. With a Fadnavis-led Mahayuti govt set to take office, one hopes continued political wrangling will not distract from giving the state the governance, economic growth, jobs and improved social outcomes that it really needs. How Maharashtra fares will determine how quickly India becomes the world's third largest economy.

Here are five must-dos for Fadnavis govt.

● First, political stability does not depend only on having a legislative majority. Insecure partners and a wounded opposition will test govt's political nerves at every opportunity. It is thus advisable for Fadnavis to run the state through a consultative triumvirate. This means both junior partners, Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena and NCP led by Ajit Pawar, should be part of key decision-making on the policy front. If this triumvirate mostly works through a consensus, it will augur well for political and policy stability.

● Second, given the huge amount of giveaways announced and implemented even before the assembly elections, the first govt priority should be to deliver on promises in a targeted manner, with minimum leakages, so as to stabilise the fiscal ship.

Mahayuti rashly promised to raise payments under the Ladki Bahin scheme for eligible women from ₹1,500 to ₹2,100 per month, which could constrict the availability of funds for infra development. State debt has ballooned to ₹7.82L cr. Without large revenue increases, some experts say paying salaries to staff may also become difficult in the coming months. As the country's prime growth engine, it would be a tragedy if Maharashtra were to become the poster boy of fiscal irresponsibility rather than prudence.

● Third, the state houses the two biggest stock exchanges in the country, and is also the financial capital of India. This should have made it an automatic choice for start-ups. Instead, Bengaluru (despite bad infra) and Delhi (despite poor air quality) are doing better. Hyderabad and Chennai are pushing hard to challenge Maharashtra's third rank from below. The state should aim to be India's No. 1 start-up state, and for this it has to deregulate and simplify rules for small companies, which are the main job creation engines. It should lead the race for making India the best place to do business in.

● Fourth, if the key to prosperity is good quality jobs, as the country's manufacturing and financial services capital, Maharashtra has to take the lead in legislating labour reforms and encouraging labour-intensive businesses. One wonders why Apple or other electronics manufacturers find Delhi or Tamil Nadu more attractive for setting up their global supply chains. This needs to be fixed. For Maharashtra's perch at the top of the GDP table will be challenged over the next decade by, first, Tamil Nadu, then by Karnataka, Gujarat and even Uttar Pradesh.

Uday Deb

● Fifth, with many large metros and urban growth centres, Maharashtra should focus on urban infra as a priority area. For this, urban land prices and housing must be made affordable. This, in turn, implies the real estate sector must be taken out of the clutches of vested interests and land mafias. Without improved urban infra, jobs will grow at a snail's pace.

But what should Fadnavis govt be wary of?

● One, since all development depends on social stability, Mahayuti govt should not let caste and religious conflicts get out of hand. This is not a secularism vs communalism battle, but about reducing mistrust between communities by encouraging dialogue. Govt should start with the assumption that community relations are not good enough to ensure social peace. It must work district by district to encourage local-level dialogue between antagonistic castes or religious communities.

Very often the law and order machinery is not good enough to keep the peace. It's the religious communities themselves that must be encouraged to work out viable compromises to live in harmony. Same logic is applicable for caste-based rivalries and conflicts. Govt could attempt to create multi-caste conflict resolution panels that can serve as exemplars for other caste-conflict ridden states. Law and order can work only if there is underlying community trust.

● Two, having already promised the voter the moon in terms of freebies, Mahayuti must ensure that the next five years do not involve more of the same. Elections can be won with freebies, but good governance cannot happen if one inherits the winner's curse of a bankrupt state. Two years of fiscal rectitude could help the state invest in development for the benefit of everybody in the remainder of the term.

● Three, every CM wants to keep the urban development portfolio just because of its large amount of funds and the illicit money to be made from real estate deals. Fadnavis govt should seek to make this portfolio less attractive by devolving more power to urban local bodies, including municipalities and metropolitan cities.

Maharashtra can set the pace in urban development by giving cities real freedom to manage themselves with adequate resources for infra. In India, we tend to debate the power asymmetry between the Centre and states, but not the even more important power asymmetry between states and local bodies. States have too much power and local bodies too little.

An unintended consequence of GST is that many sources of municipal revenue have been subsumed into state GST and urban bodies depend on devolutions from state revenues. This situation must change and Maharashtra can take the lead by making urban bodies more self-reliant in finances and governance. At some point, politicians should aspire to become mayors of Mumbai, Pune or Nagpur rather than CM of Maharashtra.

'South Korea is fractured...Koreans are vocal people...angry citizens can soon hit the streets'

South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol's shock martial law declaration was reversed by the country's National Assembly within hours. But the development has escalated sociopolitical tensions in the country of chaebols and K-pop, with the opposition seeking his impeachment. ***Samuel Kim****, founding president of Centre for Asia Leadership in Seoul, spoke to* ***Rudroneel Ghosh*** *on the turmoil.*

Q&A

● Why did President Yoon declare martial law?

He may have declared martial law due to the political gridlock he has faced since taking office in 2022. Despite public calls for him to work with the opposition party, he has not been particularly successful. With the opposition holding a majority in National Assembly and increasingly restricting his actions as president, Yoon may have felt that declaring martial law would turn the situation in his favour.

This may have its roots in the difference between his previous role as a prosecutor, which was directive and structured, and his current role as president, which requires collaboration and compromise. His views of the opposition party and its leader as evil or anti-state have made it difficult for him to work with them, resulting in a political impasse.

● What happens now that National Assembly has voted against the martial law decree?

According to Article 77, Clause 5 of the Korean Constitution, when the National Assembly votes against martial law by a majority, the president is bound to accept the decision and annul the decree. He doesn't have veto power on the matter.

● Is this purely the result of domestic political rivalry?

I believe so. Both the president and the head of the opposition party, Lee Jae-myung, contested the 2022 presidential election. Lee faces numerous charges, with recent rulings not being in his favour. While the president has distanced himself from Lee, he has been criticised for failing to engage constructively with the opposition that holds a majority of seats. A significant trust deficit exists between the two leaders and their parties. Tensions escalated when the opposition moved to impeach a senior member of the president's administration for the 10th time and submitted the govt budget for next year without consulting the administration. After Yoon's martial law decree, things can only get worse. On Wednesday, the opposition filed a motion in Parliament for the president's impeachment, which could be taken up as early as Friday.

● How have Korean businesses reacted?

There has been no official reaction from the business community. However, it is likely to have caused significant unrest among business leaders, as the event negatively impacts the nation's credibility and image, especially during a time of global uncertainty. The effect of the martial law decree was evident on the stock market, which witnessed a drop of 1.94% initially.

● How will this impact Korea's regional standing as a democracy?

This will undoubtedly affect our stature as a modern democratic middle power. The last declaration of martial law occurred in 1979. This incident underscores the fragility of democracy in Korea, even after 45 years of development. There is little doubt that other democracies, as well as countries aspiring to achieve the "Korean miracle", will now have reservations about considering Korea as a model for nation-building, despite its notable socioeconomic achievements. Tuesday's events sent shockwaves around the world, particularly since this very president hosted the third Summit for Democracy in March.

● Won't China and North Korea relish this chaos?

DPRK or North Korea will likely do, as it has historically sought to create domestic strife and chaos in the South.

As for China, the political instability in Korea may actually hinder or delay its strategies to use Korea as a base for mitigating the effects of the impending trade war between China and US. China has invested in Korea as a base for manufacturing and supplying goods and services, benefiting from its free trade agreements with 59 countries, covering 85% of the global market or GDP.

● How does this play into tensions with DPRK, especially since its troops are now fighting in the Ukraine war?

The current administration has been highly vocal about DPRK's participation on the Russian side in the Ukraine war. It has stated that developments in Ukraine – particularly the degree of DPRK's involvement in the conflict – will influence the nature of South Korea's support for Ukraine, including the supply of lethal weapons. DPRK, along with Russia, likely hopes that political turmoil in the South will distract from or dilute its capacity or efforts on that front.

● How has ROK's civil society reacted?

What is concerning is that the already fractured Korean society, divided along sociopolitical lines, may get even more restive, possibly taking their grievances to the streets. Koreans are vocal and expressive about their thoughts and feelings on core values. Issues such as ROK's relations with North Korea, China, and Russia; welfare policies for the elderly; population policy; labour rights; and education reform, are highly contentious and emotive.

The martial law declaration by the president introduces another significant layer of political challenge to an already difficult scenario. In my opinion, the president has already lost much, if not all, of his political capital as the head of state unless he can convince the public to support his agenda.

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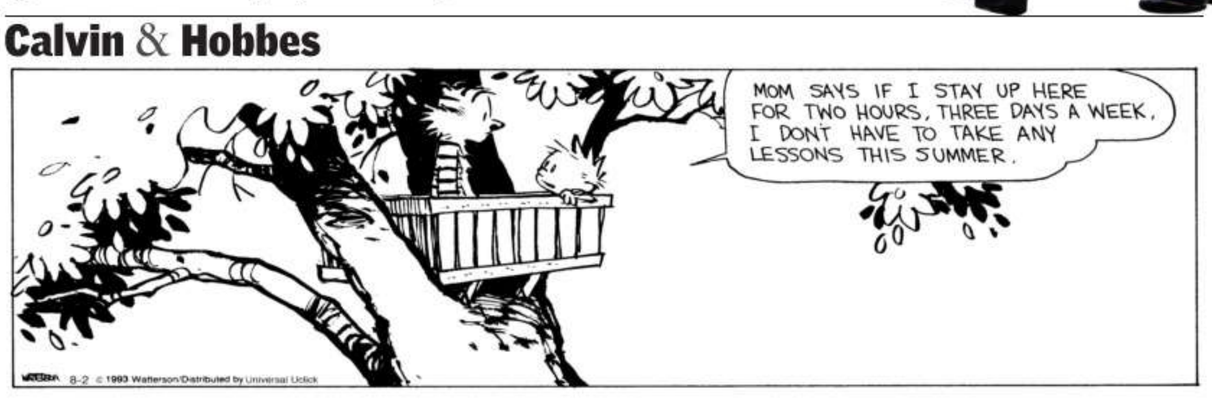

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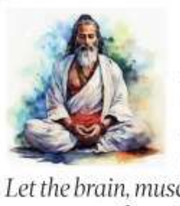

Take up one idea. Make that one idea your life – think of it, dream of it, live on that idea. Let the brain, muscles, nerves and every part of your body be full of that idea, and just leave every other idea alone.

Swami Vivekananda

Why Only 'One In A Million' Attains Supreme Godhead

Sonal Srivastava

Krishn says in the Bhagwad Gita, 7:3 – "Manushyanam sahasreshu kashchid yatati siddhaye/Yatatam api siddhanam kaahchin mam vetti tattvatah." AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada of Iskcon interpreted this verse as: Out of many thousands among men, one may endeavour for perfection, and of those who have achieved perfection, hardly one knows Me in truth.

It is an interesting proposition to examine why, among hundreds and thousands of spiritual practitioners, only one can truly attain Self-realisation. It could be because current spiritual masters take on some aspects of social work and hybridise their Vedantic teachings to appeal to a wider audience. Alternatively, they may wish to cast a broader net so that their messages reach millions of people, which, in turn, may increase their followers. Several spiritual masters run food programmes or homes for the poor and destitute for Lok Kalyan, benefit of people.

However, self-realised masters throughout millennia did not engage in such endeavours involving 'doership' or requiring administrative involvement, as these activities could detract from their original focus. Moreover, engaging in worldly activities can be toxic and addictive, lowering consciousness and pulling individuals into a cycle of negativity with no apparent escape. This is a serious matter.

THE SPEAKING TREE

Adi Shankaracharya stated: Brahmn Satya Jagat Mithya – meaning only Brahmn is True, and the world is mithya, unreal, because it is ephemeral. Spiritually speaking, problems plaguing the world are also transient. They are part of the Tamoguni srishti – creation primarily influenced by tamas guna, representing inertia, ignorance, darkness, and apathy. Trying to alleviate them is akin to entering a high-gravity black hole, from which there is no return.

The philosophical backbone of Sanatan, Vedanta does not address how to resolve societal problems such as poverty, education, food security for the poorest, giving of alms, famine prevention, or cures for pestilence. It is a highly specialised area that sublimates all these issues by abjuring them.

Swami Sivananda says that if a true monk or a sannyasin is focused on his sadhana, he can achieve many things through his thought vibrations alone. He needn't get his hands dirty by conducting himself in worldly ways for he has a higher goal, and all other goals are sublimated to achieve That. "A sannyasin or yogi need not become president of an association or leader of a social or political movement…Indians have now imbibed missionary spirit of the West and cry out that sannyasins should come out and take part in social and political activities. It is a sad mistake," he elaborates in his book *The Power of Thought*.

Quite clearly, once you are pulled down and start trying to resolve unsolvable problems, you can give up your candidature for attaining Krishn, which is why he says that only 'one in a million' can reach him.

The Theravada Buddhist tradition – one of the oldest religious traditions in the world – also encourages monks to prioritise seeking nirvana for the cessation of suffering. It can be attained only by focusing on meditation and chanting. Helping others can wait.

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AI Transforms Finance:
Research To Fraud Detection

Over the past six months, US cos made the most progress using AI in the finance function for research and data analysis (60%), predictive analysis and planning (55%), and fraud detection and prevention (54%)

Overall, cos made the most progress in leveraging AI for financial planning (78% piloting or using), followed closely by accounting (76%) and treasury management (64%)

Approximately half (45%) reported progress leveraging AI for tax and operations

Among public cos, **75% are piloting or using AI in accounting,** though they lag behind private cos for financial planning (77%)

Source: KPMG Survey

US-China trade war offers opportunities for India: Niti

'Boost Domestic Mfg, Especially In High-Tech, To Face Challenges'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The US-China trade war presents both challenges and opportunities for India, a report by govt think tank Niti Aayog said on Wednesday, calling for enhancing domestic manufacturing capabilities particularly in high tech industries. It, however, said India has seen limited success so far in capturing the China plus one strategy as countries, such as Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia and Malaysia, have emerged as bigger beneficiaries of the shift.

The US has imposed tighter export controls and tariffs on Chinese goods to limit China's growth and spending for technological progress and this has led to fragmentation of global supply chains. This has also prompted multinational companies to look alternatives to Chinese manufacturing, the report said, while detailing the US China tensions and technology trade wars.

"Whatever Trump has announced so far which is likely to come up, basically targeted three countries, two are our neighbours and one is a faraway country. I think there are opportunities and if we are man at first slip, the ball is coming in our direction. We are going to hold it or drop the catch, I think it is for us to see. The numbers that are there are immense. There's going to be huge disruption because of that but there's going to be huge opportunities," B V R Subrahmanyam, CEO at Niti Aayog told reporters during the launch of the inaugural edition of the think tank's Trade Watch quarterly report, which is expected to be a key input for evidence based policymaking.

The report said the domestic iron and steel industry, representing 23.5% of its EU exports, faces highest exposure under the proposed carbon tax or CBAM (carbon border adjustment agreement).

The report said that Indian steel companies may incur tariffs of 20-35%, leading to higher costs, reduced competitiveness, and lower demand in the EU market. Compliance costs will rise due to the need for detailed emissions reporting, according to the report which offers a snapshot of the country's trade position, combining global demand-supply perspectives, sectoral performance, and insights into emerging trade opportunities.

"With geopolitical shifts and a growing emphasis on sustainability, India must implement policy measures to ensure coherence between trade and environmental goals, aligning its long-term trade objectives with global trends," said the report.

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Voda to sell 3% stake in Indus Towers for ₹2,841cr

New Delhi: British telecom company Vodafone will sell 3% stake in Indus Towers to clear its debt of $101 million or about Rs 856 crore and use the residual amount to pay outstanding dues of its Indian venture Vodafone Idea.

The transaction is valued at around Rs 2,841 crore as per the Wednesday's closing price of Indus Towers stock at nearly Rs 358.8 apiece on the BSE. "Vodafone Group announces that it has launched a placing of its remaining 79.2 million shares in Indus Towers representing 3% of Indus' outstanding share capital through an accelerated book build offering," Vodafone said in a regulatory filing.

Post this, Vodafone's stake in Indus Towers will fall below 1%. Before this transaction Vodafone had 82.5 million shares or 3.1% stake in Indus Towers. In June, Vodafone had sold an 18% stake in Indus Towers for about Rs 15,300 crore. "The proceeds from the Placing will be used firstly to repay Vodafone's outstanding borrowings of $101 million to Vodafone's existing lenders, secured against Vodafone's Indian assets," the British telecom firm said.

Under the terms of the security arrangements between Vodafone and Indus, Indus has a security over the residual proceeds from a placing to guarantee obligations from Vodafone Idea to Indus under the Master Services Agreements.

"...Vodafone intends to contribute the residual proceeds from the placing (after repayment of Vodafone's outstanding borrowings) towards an issue of new equity shares by Vi once the terms of such a capital raise have been evaluated and decided on by the Board of Directors of Vi," the filing said. AGENCIES

Climate risks have hit financial system: RBI

Deputy Guv Says Tapping Into Global Pool Of Pvt Funds Is A Challenge For India Due To Data Gaps

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Climate risks have started to impact the financial system and could pose systemic problems in future, according to RBI.

Besides damage to assets, risks include business disruption, increase in loan losses, and transition risks arising from the shift to a low-carbon economy, which create uncertainty for firms and investors.

Speaking at a conference organised by the National University of Singapore in New Delhi, RBI deputy governor Rajeshwar Rao said there are two main types of climate-related risks — physical risks from climate events and transition risks associated with shifting to a low-carbon economy. He highlighted data challenges in assessing climate risks, including a lack of uniform methodologies, fragmented accessibility, and absence of historical loan loss data. "We are yet to comprehensively assess climate risks due to data issues. These include fragmented accessibility, differing metrics, and a lack of historical loan loss data and hazard forecasts."

Rao said that tapping into the global pool of private funds for climate finance was a challenge for India because of data gaps, technical limitations and institutional constraints in setting projects that help cope with the impact of climate change. "While transitioning is crucial, we cannot overlook the immediate impact of climate events. We also need to look at adaptation measures, which currently appear to be a missing link in climate strategies," Rao said.

Unlike mitigation projects — which focus on reducing greenhouse gas emissions to slow climate change — adaptation projects aim to minimise the risks and damages caused by climate-related events such as extreme weather, rising sea levels, and changing rainfall patterns. Rao added that there was an urgent need for the financial system to address climate risks and play a catalytic role in overcoming related challenges. He stressed on taking collective action to mitigate increasing climate risks, highlighting their significant impact on the economy, society, and financial stability.

Key Hurdles

- **Physical risks** from climate events, and **transition risks** from shifting to a low-carbon eco
- **Data challenges** in assessing climate risks
- As a result of gaps in data, difficulty in **tapping into global private funds** for climate finance

Fairfax India to buy 10% more in BIAL

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Canadian billionaire Prem Watsa's Fairfax India is acquiring an additional 10% stake in Bangalore International Airport from Siemens Project Ventures.

The transaction, valued at $255 million, will increase Fairfax's ownership to 74% in the airport venture. Following the transaction, Fairfax India's wholly-owned subsidiary will own 30.4%, and the remaining 43.6% will be held by its subsidiary Anchorage Infrastructure Investments Holdings.

"This additional investment in BIAL is a testament to our belief in the continued growth opportunities presented by BIAL and a phenomenal track record demonstrated by Hari Marar and his management team in capitalising on those opportunities," Watsa said.

The transaction is expected to close in the first quarter of next year. The agreed purchase price will be disbursed in three separate payments, with the first payment scheduled upon deal completion in the first quarter of next year. The subsequent payments are scheduled for Aug 2025 and July 2026, respectively.

The transaction is subject to approval by Fairfax India's shareholders at a special meeting of shareholders expected to be held in Jan next year. The stakes held by Airports Authority of India and Karnataka State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation in BIAL continue to be maintained at 13% each. Last year, Fairfax acquired a 7% stake for $175 million, increasing its stake to 64%.

BIAL, a private company based in Bengaluru, under a concession agreement with govt until 2068, has the exclusive rights to carry out the development, design, financing, construction, commissioning, maintenance, operation, and management of the Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru through a public-private partnership. BIAL clocked $305 million in revenue last year.

In June 2019, Fairfax India floated Anchorage Infrastructure Investments Holdings — its flagship investment vehicle for airports and other infrastructure investments in the country.

Some ATMs to retract cash: RBI

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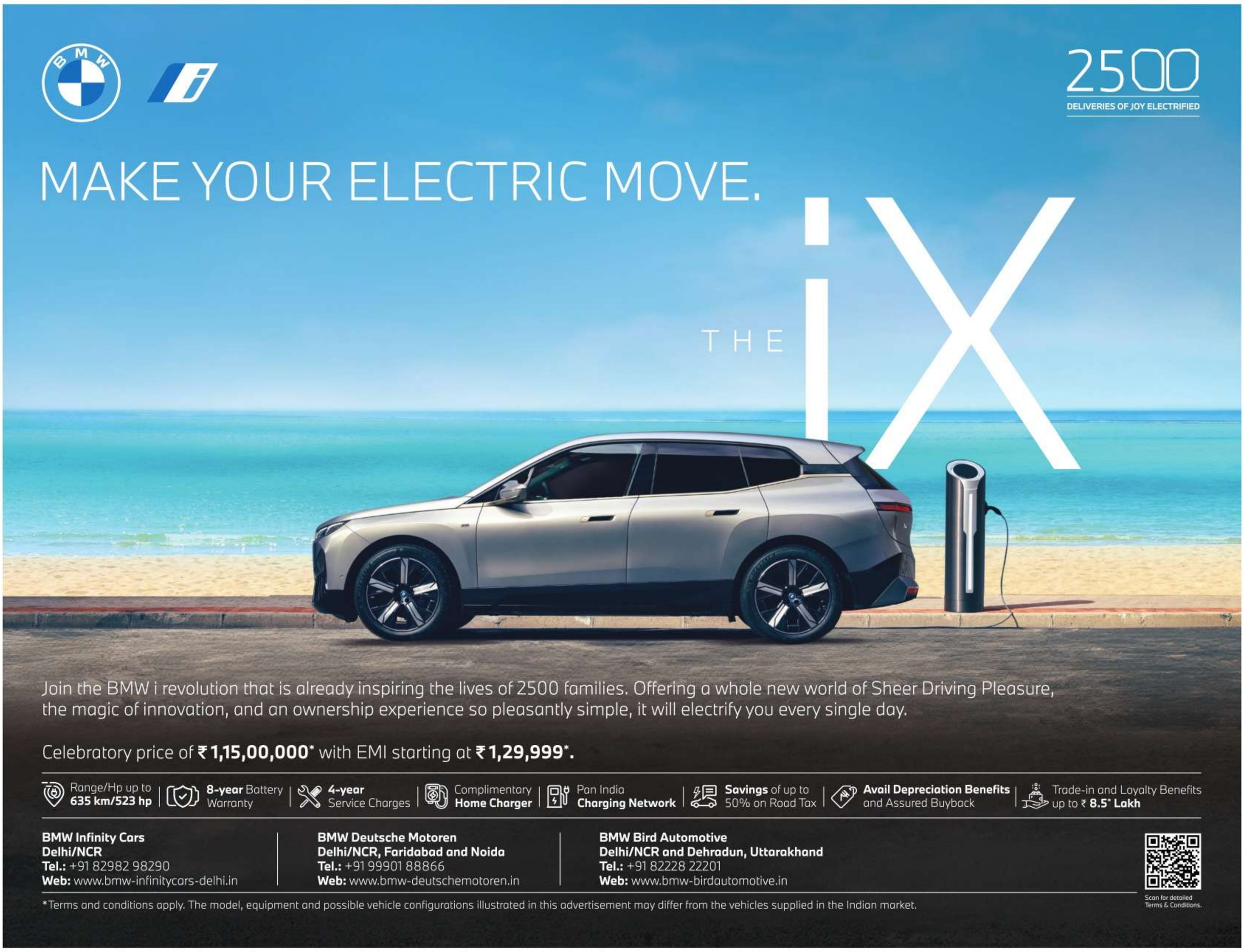
Mumbai: RBI has partially reversed an earlier directive to disable cash retraction facility in ATMs. The facility was originally disabled in Jan 2012 due to concerns over fraud.

The cash retraction facility refers to the built-in feature in ATMs where the machine pulls back currency notes if the customer does not collect them from the dispenser in time. Previously, when the machine retracted cash, server logs recorded that the dispensed cash was retracted. However, fraudsters exploited this feature by picking up some of the cash, causing the machine logs to record a cash retraction. Disabling this feature put an end to such frauds.

However, in the past year, a different fraud has emerged. The fake shutter overlay fraud involves criminals attaching a fake cover over the ATM's cash dispensing slot, which traps the dispensed cash. Fraudsters then retrieve the cash after the customer leaves thinking the transaction has failed. By re-enabling cash retraction, customers have a better chance of retrieving their cash if the machine is targeted by fraudsters.

NPCI, in a letter to all members of the National Financial Switch, which manages India's ATM network, stated that after discussing solutions to the fake shutter overlay fraud, industry members, banks and ATM companies, submitted their recommendations, which were passed on to RBI.

Bankers said that the retraction facility will be introduced only in those ATMs that are susceptible to fraud.



Google to set up its 1st India safety engg centre in Hyd

Hyderabad: Even as its largest campus outside the US headquarters comes up in Hyderabad, tech giant Google has now zeroed in on the city for its Google Safety Engineering Centre (GSEC) as well. This will be Google's first GSEC in India and the second of its kind in Asia Pacific after Japan. It will also be only the fifth such centre globally after Dublin, Munich and Malaga, and will house a globally crucial centre of competency on cyber security and safety engineering. The GSEC is expected to commence operations in Feb 2025. It will also work towards fostering skill development and boosting employment. TNN

Honda drives in next-gen Amaze at ₹8L

New Delhi: Honda Cars India drove in the next-gen Amaze sedan, pricing the car between Rs 8 lakh and Rs 10.9 lakh (ex-showroom, Delhi). "The third-gen Amaze has been developed by Honda's R&D Asia Pacific Center in Thailand," company president & CEO Takuya Tsumura said. AGENCIES

Axis Sec settles case of front-running with Sebi

New Delhi: Axis Securities settled a case involving front-running trades by former employee Vikrant Bhimrao Kadam and his friend, with Sebi after paying Rs 14.6 lakh towards settlement amount. It was alleged that Axis Securities failed to exercise appropriate due diligence in the matter. AGENCIES

ICAI intensifies disciplinary action against errant CAs

At 366 In 2023-24, Hearings Nearly Treble Over 2022-23

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New Delhi: Facing criticism over poor disciplining track record, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) has stepped up action against errant members.

While 2,652 chartered accountants have been found "prima facie guilty" of misconduct since the current mechanism was put in place in 2007, in recent years, more action has been taken, thanks to more proceedings.

Between April and Aug, over 200 hearings have been completed in 71 sittings of the panel with some of the CAs seeing their membership cancelled for one month to five years, sources in ICAI said. Last financial year saw a record number of sittings at 366, which was almost three times the number in 2022-23.

This year's number of punishments awarded is the highest in three years but that's because several of the cases have been closed due to a Supreme Court order.

"Out of the 2,652 cases referred for enquiry, hearing has been concluded in 2,284 cases after giving due opportunity of being heard to the parties to the case by the Board of Discipline and disciplinary committee, as the case may be," a source said.

Of the cases where hearings are over, in 1,080 of them CAs were held guilty of professional or other misconduct. Within this, 486 cases were referred to ICAI by govt, where hearing has been completed in 387 cases and 165 members were held guilty.

Over the years, ICAI, which regulates the profession, has faced criticism for its poor disciplinary record, prompting govt to take away some of its powers and set up the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA). The new agency has been tasked with looking into cases involving auditors and audit firms for listed and large companies, drawing considerable protest from the CA community.

A senior ICAI functionary, however, defended the disciplinary track record arguing that earlier the institute did not publicise action against its members, resulting in a perception being created.

TRACK RECORD

Disposal Of Disciplinary Cases

Council Year	No. of meetings	Hearing concluded	Punishment awarded	Nature of Punishment awarded
2022-2023	112	132	91	Removal from 1 mth to permanent; Fine of ₹20k to ₹5L
2023-2024	150	366	119	Removal from 15 days to 2 yrs; Fine of ₹5k to ₹2.25L
2024-2025 (till Aug 2024)	71	200*	172*	Removal from 1 mth to 5 yrs; Fine of ₹5k to ₹5L

*These also include certain tax audit cases which have been closed on account of Supreme Court judgement

Disciplinary Committee statistics as on Aug 31, 2024
(Since inception of the current mechanism in 2007)

	Govt	Non-Govt	Total
Cases referred for enquiry	486	2,166	2,652
Cases where hearing has been concluded	387	1,897	2,284
Cases where members alleged have been held guilty	165	915	1,080

Hospitals garner 50% share in healthcare FDI

Account For $1.5Bn Investment In 2023-24

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New Delhi: Deal-making in India's healthcare sector has surged in recent years, with hospitals now commanding the largest share of foreign direct investment (FDI) within the sector. In FY24, hospitals accounted for 50% of the FDI in total healthcare, translating to $1.5 billion. This marks a significant increase, as the share of hospitals in healthcare FDI has more than doubled from 24% in FY21, and has been rising from 43% in FY20, underscoring their growing prominence.

The trend also reflects a strengthening investor preference for hospitals, alongside the traditionally favoured pharmaceuticals sector.

Historically, the pharmaceuticals sector, including APIs (active pharmaceutical ingredients), has been the investor favourite, attracting multi-billion-dollar deals. However, post-Covid, the hospital and diagnostics sector has come into the spotlight, drawing a wave of investors and culminating in top-dollar buyouts of major chains such as Manipal and Max. Last week, Aster DM Healthcare announced its decision to merge with Quality Care India.

"Hospitals have been at the centre of PE interest over the last few months. The size of the Indian market, relatively underserved markets outside the urban areas, high incidence of disease burden and growth in insurance (both public and private), will continue to fuel growth. Given the demand, there is still a long road for growth. Hence the optimism," Sujay Shetty, global health industries advisory leader, PwC India said.

One of the major deals last year was Temasek's acquisition of an additional 41% stake in Manipal Hospitals for $2 billion, valuing the company at $4.8 billion.

"The country needs investment in quality healthcare and healthcare facilities to reach its goal of a $5 trillion economy. The hospital sector is capital intensive and not really a dividend-paying sector. The sector is reinvesting its profits to create infrastructure, which is demonstrated by the largest capital investment cycle undertaken in the history of our sector, the promise of which is showing up in valuations. At Max alone, we are in the midst of doubling our capacity over the next three years at a cost of over Rs 5,000 crore," Abhay Soi, CMD, Max Healthcare stated.

Further, hospitals have garnered significant investor attention due to a surge in primary market transactions. With six hospitals completing their IPOs, interest from new investors — primarily private equity seeking ownership — has increased, analysts told **TOI**.

Over FY24-27, plans of the 10 listed Indian hospital firms indicate that their combined bed capacity is set to rise by 47%, with most of the expansion planned in north and south India, Tausif Shaikh, a BNP Paribas analyst said in a recent note.

During the four-year period, the listing of seven new large hospital chains on the bourses bolstered the growth, collectively raising around Rs 3,600 crore as primary funding during IPO/QIPS (qualified institutional placements), analysts told **TOI**.

Attracting Investor Interest

- Share of hospitals in healthcare FDI has more than doubled from 24% in FY21
- Temasek's acquisition of additional 41% stake in Manipal Hospitals for $2 billion, valuing the company at $4.8 billion, was one of the major deals last year
- Plans of 10 listed hospital firms indicate their combined bed capacity is set to rise by **47% over FY24-27,** says an analyst
- Hospitals have been attracting quite a bit of investor attention due to a surge in primary market transactions

'Don't hurt eco to meet revenue goal'

New Delhi: Revenue secretary Sanjay Malhotra on Wednesday asked officers to nab the masterminds behind smuggling rackets, but keep the interest of the economy in mind before issuing high-pitched notices in commercial fraud cases.

Addressing the 67th foundation day of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Malhotra also said it is vital for the department to upgrade skills and manpower to adapt to technological changes. He urged the officers to focus energy on big fish and masterminds and bust syndicates in smuggling operations.

However, Malhotra added that the officers have to be "very careful" while taking action against traders or businesses involved in potential commercial fraud cases. During 2023-24, duty evasion through misclassification and misdeclaration of goods worth Rs 10,000 crore was detected. AGENCIES

Offline UPI cap hiked to ₹1,000

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday announced an increase in the transaction limit for offline digital payments made through UPI Lite.

The changes, with an immediate effect, raise the per-transaction limit from Rs 500 to Rs 1,000 and the overall limit from Rs 2,000 to Rs 5,000.

UPI Lite is a streamlined version of the Unified Payments Interface designed for small-value transactions. It functions as an on-device wallet within the users' existing UPI app — like Google Pay, PhonePe, or BHIM.

Users can add funds to the UPI Lite account from their linked bank accounts and use the balance to make quick and easy small payments without having to enter the UPI Pin for every transaction.

UPI Lite is an on-device wallet where users can add funds to their account and use the balance to make quick payments

By processing these transactions offline, UPI Lite reduces the dependence on real-time bank systems.

This leads to quicker payments and fewer failures, especially in areas with spotty internet connectivity. It also reduces clutter on the users' bank statement.

Survey: Services activity holds steady, jobs rise

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Activity in the country's services sector remained steady, with job creation reaching its highest level but price pressures remaining stubborn, a survey showed on Wednesday.

At 58.4 in Nov — down marginally from 58.5 in Oct — the HSBC India Services Business Activity Index indicated a sharp rate of expansion that remained well above its trend. Survey participants attributed the upturn to demand strength and new business gains. The 50-point mark separates expansion from contraction in the survey. Firms noted gains from clients in Asia, Europe, Latin America and the US.

"During Nov, services sector employment notably grew at the fastest pace ever recorded since this survey began in 2005," said Pranjul Bhandari, chief India economist at HSBC.

'Duty on steel to hit exports'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Engineering exporters have cautioned against imposition of safeguard duty on steel, arguing that it will increase prices in the domestic market and make exports uncompetitive.

Steel makers are lobbying hard for protection from imports, arguing that cheap imports from Asean nations, which have a free trade agreement, are hurting the domestic players. Arguing against the proposal, EEPC India chairman Pankaj Chadha said the duty, which can be imposed in emergency situations, was unjustified as it will push up prices by 20-25% as domestic prices are always linked to the landed price.

He said that due to freight and port handling charges, imports from Asean countries are suffering a 12.5% price disadvantage, which goes up to 20% in case of Chinese steel as they also face import duty. He said that bulk of the imports are from Japan, which is seen as a high cost producers.

"Our players (steel companies) say that they are the cheapest. Their balance sheets are also strong. The proposal has been made without consulting the user industry, which will be hard," Chadha said, adding that if action has to be taken it must be on specific products. He said that govt programmes will be among the worst hit as it is the largest buyer of steel for its ambitious infrastructure programme.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Azim Khan, R/o RZ-147, Street No. 4, Partap Vihar Part-1, Kirari, Nangloi, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **CC No. 2418/20, U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Prashant Vihar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Azim Khan** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Azim Khan** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Azim Khan** accused of **CC No. 2418/20, U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Prashant Vihar, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **07.01.2025.**

By Order
Sh. Rohit Kumar
Judicial Magistrate First Class
Room No. 110
Rohini Court, Delhi

DP/15890/RD/2024

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON

SUNIL KUMAR

General public is hereby informed that this person namely Sunil Kumar S/o Tilak Raj R/o N-16/B-151, Sanjay Basti, Timarpur, Delhi **Age:** 40 years, **Height :** 5', **Complexion:** Wheatish, wearing T-shirt & pant has been missing from his house. In this regard a DD No. 52A dated 25.11.2024 has been lodged at P.S. Timarpur, Delhi.

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

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
Fax: 24368639,
Tel.: 24368638/24368641

SHO : P.S. Timarpur, Delhi,
Ph. : 011-23812734, 23814421
8447101894, 8750870130

DP/15927/N/2024

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E-TENDER NOTICE

Online bids are invited from eligible bidders for providing online payment gateway & Bharat Bill Payment Services (BBPS) to JVVNL consumers against TN-01 .Participating Bidders can download complete set of bidding documents from e-procurement portal (https://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jvvnl from 04.12.2024 at 6.00 p.m onwards. End date / time for receipt of online bids through E-procurement portal is 03.01.2025 upto 4.00 p.m. For further details regarding services , tender notification and specification please visit website **http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, https://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jvvnl. UBN No. : VVN2425SLOB00820**

Raj.Samwad/C/24/8655 JPR-2918(2024) Chief Accounts Officer (R&B)

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क्रमांक:एफ1(31)स्था. / नि.वि.यो. / 2022 / 1400 जयपुर: दिनांक 04-12-2024

विज्ञप्ति

दिव्यांगजन अधिकार अधिनियम, 2016 की धारा 79 एवं राजस्थान दिव्यांगजन अधिकार नियम 2018 की धारा 23 से 27 के अन्तर्गत पात्र आवेदकों से राजस्थान में राज्य आयुक्त (विशेष योग्यजन) नियुक्त किये जाने हेतु आवेदन पत्र आमंत्रित किये जाते है।

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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
Telangana Govt. Text Book Press, Mint Compound, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500 063. Tel: 040-23234839
e-PROCUREMENT FOR TENDER NOTICE

Rc. No.2782/P2/2024 Date: 03-12-2024

Online tenders in two bid system are invited for supply of "60 GSM Writing and Printing Paper (Map-Litho) in reels 65 cm as per IS 1848 : 2018 from integrated pulp and paper mills "on All India Basis" for printing and supply of Single Answer Booklets of SSC Examination for the academic year 2024-25.

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from www.tender.telangana.gov.in from 07-12-2024 from 11.00 A.M onwards and last date & time for download is 16-12-2024 at 1.00 PM.

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T.T.DEVASTHANAMS : TIRUPATI
S.V.Gosamrakshana Shala, Tirupati
e-Tender Notice
NIT No. TTD-30021(43)/6/2024, Dt: 02-12-2024

e-Tenders were invited for procurement of Fodder items. Tender documents can be downloaded by login to **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in** and select on current tenders and click on more and then select "Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams at department field and "S.V.Gosamrakshana Shala Dairy Farm in the circle / Division field and click on search button. Download Start date **09-12-2024** and Last date for submission of tender is **07-01-2025.** For further details contact phone No. **0877-2264570**.

TTD-40021(31)/1/2024-PRO SEC (Adv. No. 250). Date: 04-12-2024 Sd/- Executive Officer

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

NIT No.	105, 106, 107 - 2024-25-W-IV
Name of work with its location	**105.** Dewatering of LHS During Rainy Season in the section of ADEN/JHI **Similar nature of work:-** any Civil work other than track work.
	106. Provision of RCC over head tank with plumbing pipes & pump house with Bore and Pump of 225 KL in lieu of damaged steel tank at Budhlada Railway colony under ADEN/JHL **Similar nature of work:-** Construction/repairs of Reinforced Cement Concrete Over Head Tanks/RCC framed structure.
	107 Reconditioning of Tongue Rails, SEJ's for the period of 2 years in the section of ADEN/JHL, JHI and ROK **Similar nature of work:-** Reconditioning of tongue rail/CMS crossings/ SEJs/wheel burns of rails.
Approx Cost of work	**(105)** Rs.5999989.22 **(106)** Rs.9480173.05 **(107)** Rs.7080746.52
Earnest Money Deposit	(It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. Note:- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 201025/CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016) **(105)** Rs.120000.00 **(106)** Rs.189600.00 **(107)** Rs.141600.00
Completion period of Work	**(105)** 10 Months **(106)** 06 Months **(107)** 12 Months
Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 15.00 hrs. on 27.12.2024 Opening of tender at 15:00 hrs. On 27.12.2024
Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

No. 128-W/280/OET/2024-25/W-IV/NIT-105,106,107
Date : 04.12.2024 3730/2024
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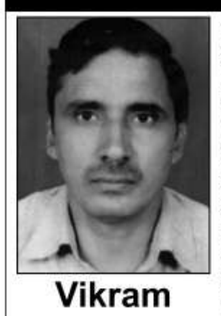
SEARCH FOR MISSING


Vikram

General Public is hereby informed that one male person **Namely: Vikram, S/o:** Mahvir Singh, **R/o:** V.P.O-Rampur Kundal Tesh-Kharkhoda Distt. Sonipat, **Sex:** Male, **Age:** 54 Years, **Height:** 5'7", **Complexion:** Whitesh, **Wearing:** Brown Colour jacket and Jens Pant Blue and Sports Shoes in feet. has been missing since 23.11.2024 from Swarn Park, Nangloi, from the Jurisdiction of Police Station Nangloi Delhi. In this regard **FIR No./DD No. 109A Date: 28.11.2024** has been registered at **P.S.: Nangloi Delhi.**

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

Website : http://cbi.nic.in
E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
DP/15898/OD/2024

SHO
P.S.: Nangloi Delhi
Mobile: 7988142115, 9811055130

SEARCH FOR MISSING

Lokeshna Suwasiya

General public is hereby informed that a Female namely **Lokeshna Suwasiya** W/o Lakshya, R/o H. No. 29/4, 3rd Floor, Left Side, West Patel Nagar, Delhi has been missing since 18.11.2024 from the area of her house. In this regard **DD No. 098A Dated 18.11.2024 has been registered at P.S. Patel Nagar, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing Female, but no clue has come to light, so far. The description of the missing Female is as under: **Name:** Lokeshna Suwasiya, **Gender:** Female, **Age:** 27 years, **Height:** 5 "0", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** long, **Built:** Normal, **Wearing:** Peach Color Kurta & White Blue Dupatta. If anyone has any information regarding this missing Female, kindly inform SHO/ Patel Nagar, Delhi.

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax : 011-24368639
DP/15865/CD/2024

SHO
PS, Patel Nagar, Delhi
Tel.No. 8750870434

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

Priti

General public is hereby informed that one girl Namely **Priti d/o Sh. Sambhu Patel** R/o H.No. I-176, Vijay vihar, Ph-1, Rohini, Delhi, has been missing /kidnapped from her house since dt. 21.11.2024. In this regard, a case **FIR/DD.No. 487/2024, dated 23.11.2024 has been registered at P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi.** The description of the missing girl is as under.

Age: 17 years, **Height:** 5'5", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** long, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Black jeans and yellow colour suit with black colour Dupatta and also rajasthani juti 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 girl then please inform **P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi** at following Tel No./ e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in and Website: http://cbi.nic.in, providing clue about the person.

Ph: 011-24368638,24368641
Fax No. 011- 24368639
DP/15751/RD/2024

Sd/-S.H.O.
Vijay Vihar, Delhi
Ph No. 011-27521294, 8750870329

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

N.I.T. No.:	19- A,B,C,D/24-25/WE
Name of work with its location	**(A)** Repairs and maintenance of Bathrooms, Kitchens, deteriorated flooring, wooden almirahs, water supply, drainage and other miscellaneous works and Repair to vacant bungalows at Moti Bagh & San Martin & Other allied work in the S/o SSE/W/SMM under ADEN/E-III.
	(B) Construction of a boundary wall to prevent encroachment in a highly dense area in the S/o SSE/W/HNZM under ADEN/E-III.
	(C) Providing wet riser and sprinkler system including provision of fire pumps and underground water tank at Rail Bhawan in the section of SSE/W/RB under ADEN/E-III.
	(D) Annual maintenance of Rail Eco Park in the S/o SSE/Hort./SPM under ADEN/Hort./NDLS.
Approx. Cost of work	A) Rs.23538970.83 B) Rs.9394612.73 C) Rs.17109648.70 D) Rs.7999921.56
EMD amount	A) Rs.267700.00 B) Rs.187900.00 C) Rs.235600.00 D) Rs.160000.00
Completion period of work	A) 08 Months B) 06 Months C) 12 Months D) 24 Months
Date and Time for submission of tender and opening of tender	Closing date of tender on 26.12.2024 at 15:00 hrs.
Website particular notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.	Above tender available on website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

128-W/269/OET/24-25/WE/NIT/19 A,B,C,D Dated : 02.12.2024 3729/2024
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SEARCH FOR MISSING

KARISMA

General Public is hereby informed that one girl **Namely: Karisma D/o** Bablu, **R/o:** A-156, Chander Vihar, Gali No. 10, Delhi, **Sex:** Female, **Age:** 20 Years, **Height:** 5'3", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Long, **Wearing:** Green colour Top, Blue colour Jeans and Blue colour Jacket has been missing from her house since 18.11.2024. In this regard **DD No. 85A, Dated: 19.11.2024,** has been registered at **P.S.: Madhu Vihar, Delhi.**

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

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641
DP/15845/ED/2024

SHO
P.S: Madhu Vihar, Delhi,
Ph. : 011-22732429/26, 8750870624

Appeal for Identification

General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body **Name:** Unknown, **S/o** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown **Age**: Approx. 30-35 years, **Height:** 5'2", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing:** Red & White Checked Shirt & Black Pajama Pant was found dead at ODRS Parcel Gate Kodiya Pul SPM Marg, Delhi. In this regard, a **DD No. 58-A dated 30.11.2024** has been lodged at PS: Kotwali, Delhi.

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

Any, person having any information or clue about this dead body may kindly inform to the following.

SHO
P.S., Kotwali, Delhi
DP/15878/N/2024 Ph. : 9582030930, 8750870121

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

PARNEET

General Public is hereby informed that one girl **Namely: Parneet Kaur D/o** Virender Singh, **R/o:** WZ-14/2, Gali No. 22, Santgarh, Tilak Nagar, Delhi, **Sex:** Female, **Age:** 17 Years, **Height:** 5'2", **Complexion:** Fair, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Black colour full Sleeve Sweater, Pink colour Jeans and slipper in her feet has been missing/ kidnapped from her house since 27.11.2024. In this regard **FIR No. 604/2024, U/s 137(2) BNS, Dated: 27.11.2024,** has been registered at **P.S.: Tilak Nagar, Delhi.**

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

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Fax: 011-24368639
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641
DP/15795/WD/2024

SHO
P.S: Tilak Nagar, Delhi,
Ph. : 8700052844, 8750871130

TIMES SPORT

THE TIMES OF INDIA, NEW DELHI | THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024

JAPAN'S FIRST PREMIER LEAGUE PLAYER JUNICHI INAMOTO RETIRES AT 45

PAKISTAN RECALL BABAR AZAM FOR SOUTH AFRICA TOUR, SAJID KHAN OUT

THE NEW KL RAHUL, OPEN TO MODIFICATION

1 KL Rahul is the only Indian opener to score Test hundreds in England, Australia and South Africa
—**Stats:** Rajesh Kumar

India's Eternal Floater Doesn't Worry About His Batting Position Anymore. Make Him Open Or Slot Him In The Middle, Rahul's Ready To Roll. Australia Is Where It All Began For Him, All He Needs Now Is A Chance To Contribute...

Pix: Getty Images

BACK AMONG RUNS: KL Rahul during nets in Adelaide on Wednesday

TIMES IN AUSTRALIA

Partha.Bhaduri@timesofindia.com

Adelaide: As Rohit Sharma and Yashasvi Jaiswal sweated it out under the blazing South Australian sun, batting as a pair in the pace nets, a composed KL Rahul took fresh guard against the sidearm throwers alongside. Minutes earlier, Rahul had been reminiscing about Australia being the place where it all began for him as a Test opener. Back on the 2014-15 tour — made famous by Virat Kohli's twin Adelaide tons and MS Dhoni's shock retirement from the format — the then-22-year-old Rahul's Test debut in Melbourne had been a forgettable one.

He was slotted in at No. 6 first up and managed three off eight balls, falling to a streaky attempt at slog sweeping Nathan Lyon and managing only a top edge. In his second dig he was pushed up to No. 3 and fell in equally horrifying fashion, another top edge to a short one from Mitchell Johnson costing him his wicket. Luckily, by the next Test in Sydney, his nerves had started to settle.

Pushed up to open, Rahul came up with a composed 262-ball 110, keeping the demons at bay with discipline and verve to announce his arrival. And this has been his rollercoaster story ever since, with crests following troughs and long absences in-between some stellar performances, especially away from home in challenging conditions.

Even a decade on, he remains the eternal floater in India's batting order, with even the disciplined and match-winning contribution in Perth in the first Test of this series offering no guarantee of a settled spot.

"Luckily for me, I've batted in different positions. Early on, it was a bit of a challenge mentally, how to play those first 20-25 balls. Not so much technique, but what shots to play, how early I can attack, how cautious I need to be. Those were a bit tricky early on. But now that I've played in ODIs, Tests and all over the place, it's given me a little bit of an idea how I need to manage my innings. It's the start that's important, whether I'm batting at the top or middle. The first 30-40 balls. If I can manage that, everything else starts to seem like regular batting.

"Ten years ago, it was my first Test series. It was a bit surreal. There was a lot going on in my head. I've learnt a lot. I'm looking forward to the next 10 years and Australia is where it all started for me," Rahul said.

In India's remarkable Perth win a few days ago, Rahul — opening for the first time since Feb 2023 — chewed up 74 balls as India collapsed for 150 in 298 balls in their first innings. He then stayed put for 176 balls in a 201-run opening stand as Jaiswal scored 161.

> **I've been told, but I've also been told not to share it. You'll have to wait for Day One or maybe when the captain comes here tomorrow."**
> —**KL Rahul,** on his batting position for the Adelaide Test

"I was told quite early (to open). I missed out in the New Zealand series, so I was told to be ready. I had enough time to prepare. I've batted enough at the top of the order and know what processes I need to follow," Rahul said.

However, with captain Rohit back and No. 3 Shubman Gill having recovered from his finger injury, could Rahul be shoved down the order again? If yes, it's only to be expected, since Rohit has ruled the opening slot since 2019. If not, it may well be the start of a fresh chapter again in Australia.

"This is my first pink-ball Test, so I'll try and face up to whatever comes my way," he said. "I just want to go out there, bat and play for the team. I just want to be in the playing XI. Fit me in wherever."

The person holding the key is captain Rohit, who batted at No. 4 in the practice game in Canberra, keeping Jaiswal and Rahul's opening slots intact. So maybe Rahul has been told where he'll bat? The answer was equivocal. "I've been told, but I've also been told not to share it. You'll have to wait for Day One or maybe when the captain comes here tomorrow."

AN OPENER, USUALLY

KL Rahul at different batting positions...

	I	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	SR
Opener	77	2	2654	199	35.38	7	13	50.85
No. 3	5	0	88	54	17.60	0	1	63.30
No. 4	2	0	108	86	54.00	0	1	63.15
No. 6	9	1	234	101	29.25	1	1	69.23

CAREER STATS

KL Rahul's Test journey decoded

	T	I	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	SR
Overall	54	93	3	3084	199	34.26	8	16	52.56
In wins	32	54	3	1876	199	36.78	4	10	52.43
Home	20	32	3	1149	199	39.62	1	10	60.37
Away	34	61	0	1935	158	31.72	7	6	48.81
2014-2017	21	33	1	1428	199	44.62	4	10	57.51
2018-2019	15	27	1	578	149	22.23	1	1	54.01
2021-24	18	33	1	1078	129	33.68	3	5	46.58

* Did not play in 2020

INDIA'S HAPPY OVAL

The Adelaide Oval, one of cricket's most picturesque Test venues, has since 2000 been a happy hunting ground for India, the memorable Test win over Australia in the 2003-04 series standing out. While the ground is a true oval — straight boundaries are long and those on the square are short — the wicket has traditionally been Australia's best batting pitch in Tests. **TOI** looks at some of India's top Test performances at the historic venue this century...

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KOHLI

Dravid & Agarkar pull off a heist (2003)

In Test cricket, it has happened only a handful of times that a team has lost a Test after scoring more than 550 runs in the first innings. Powered by Ricky Ponting's magnificent 242, Australia amassed 556. Virender Sehwag (47 off 41 balls) and Aakash Chopra gave India a 66-run start. However, after Sachin Tendulkar (1) and skipper Sourav Ganguly (2) were dismissed early, India slipped to 83 for four. Two batting greats, Rahul Dravid and VVS Laxman came together then, and in a rerun of their famous, epic partnership which shaped India's famous triumph at the Eden Gardens in 2001, they put on a 303-run stand. Dravid's 233 and Laxman's 148 helped India score 523. Then, wiry paceman Ajit Agarkar, India's current chief selector, took six for 41 in a deadly 16.2 over spell to bowl Australia out for 196. With Dravid (72 not out) standing tall, India successfully chased down 230 in the fourth innings to record a four-wicket win.

RAHUL DRAVID

Sehwag & Sachin stand tall (Jan 2008)

It was the fourth and final Test of an acrimonious series, marred by Monkeygate. India went into the match 1-2 down in the series. Making a comeback, Virender Sehwag scored 63, but it was a masterly 153 by Sachin Tendulkar, the legend enjoying a second wind of his epic career, which helped India put up 526. Australia replied with 563. In danger of losing the Test after losing wickets regularly and Dravid (11) having retired hurt, India needed someone to stand in the middle. Shedding his natural attacking style, Sehwag hit 151 off 236 balls, perhaps one of his finest hundreds, which helped India earn a hard-fought draw.

VIRENDER SEHWAG

The Virat specials (2011, 2014)

Coming off scores of 44 & 75 in the third Test at Perth, Virat Kohli had done enough to justify his place in the XI. Come January 2012 in Adelaide, he announced his arrival as India's main batsman for the next decade, slamming his maiden Test hundred, a gallant 116 in the first innings. India lost that Test by 298 runs and were whitewashed 4-0 but were happy they had unearthed a batsman for the ages.

Kohli the captain was born at the same venue in Dec 2014. With MS Dhoni unavailable for the first Test, Kohli was pitchforked to India's Test captaincy. Responding superbly, Kohli hit centuries in both the innings – 115 & 141 –joining the likes of Vijay Hazare and Sunil Gavaskar in achieving the rare feat in Australia. Forging an exciting partnership with head coach Ravi Shastri, Kohli made India an exciting unit, one that didn't hesitate while chasing 364 in the final innings. India folded up at 315 and lost that Test by 48 runs, but Kohli had managed to make a statement about how India would play Test cricket under him.

PUJARA

Pujara shapes India's win (Dec 2018)

Cheteshwar Pujara had endured a lean time on India's previous tour (in the 2014-15 season). However, in Adelaide in Dec 2018, Pujara proved he was a complete batsman, stroking a fine century (123) in India's first innings. Batting first, India collapsed to 127 for six, but Pujara stood firm, taking the score to 250 with his monumental 246-ball, 376-minute effort. In the second innings, the Saurashtra man became more of an 'immovable object', wearing the Aussie bowlers down with his 204-ball 71. After laying the foundation of India's exciting 16-run victory, Pujara was justifiably named the 'Player of the Match.'

PANT AND TESTS, LIKE DUCK TO WATER: DRAVID

Mumbai: Rishabh Pant has embraced Test cricket like a "duck to water", feels former head coach Rahul Dravid. "After Dhoni left, you felt there might be some time for someone to come in and replace him," Dravid told Star Sports, "I'm not saying he's replaced him, but he's just taken to Test cricket like a duck to water.

"Watching Rishabh there and chasing to get 89 to win that Test match at Gabba, was truly sensational... What a special cricketer he's been." PTI

FANS BANNED FROM INDIA NETS IN OZ AFTER CHAOS

Adelaide: Fans will not be allowed at India's practice sessions in Australia after they passed 'rude' comments during Tuesday's nets session which was open to all.

Thousands came to watch India train in Adelaide. "It was complete chaos. During India's session 3000 showed up," a BCCI official said.

"There was another fans' day in Sydney which stands cancelled as players were very disturbed by the rude and insensitive comments that were passed," he added.

Pink venom: Can D/N Test break trend of early finishes?

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Adelaide: Damian Hough offers a sheepish smile when asked about the drop-in pitch debacle in New York during the T20 World Cup earlier this year.

The Adelaide Oval curator, whose team was in charge of preparing those fresh surfaces, now has an even more important task at hand -- he must ensure the second Test between India and Australia doesn't end in a heap of quick wickets and lead to similar accusations of farce.

"Both the drop-in pitches are challenging, we'll leave it at that," he offered. "New York was a great opportunity to get over there and learn. Anything you do in such a short time keeps you awake at night. But there's nothing bigger than India and Australia in a Test match."

The brief sample size of pink-ball Tests, played only since Nov 2015, makes it difficult for the experienced curator to offer an educated guess on the expected duration of the game. One thing, though, is clear: these games, cooked up to draw in the evening crowd to the longer format, tend to finish quicker.

The general perception that pink-ball affairs are a nightmare for batters is spot on, since of the 22 pink-ball Tests played, only six have lasted the full distance of five days. Seven have ended within four days, seven within three days and two games within two days, in Ahmedabad (2021) and Port Elizabeth (2017).

Maybe it's because the seam, or the ball itself, can be difficult for batters to spot, or perhaps because it jags around in the in-between twilight hours with the lights on, or even because of the early swing. Also, the jury is still out on the lacquer on the ball.

It's also clear truncated pink-ball Tests are not limited to the hard and bouncy surfaces of Australia, or Adelaide in particular. In fact, Adelaide isn't particularly notorious — out of seven games, two have lasted the duration. There have also been two three-day finishes and three four-day affairs.

Of the last seven pink-ball Tests played across the world, only the 2021 Adelaide game between Australia and England has been played across five days. But it was also here that Australia rolled India over for 36 in Dec 2020, with fast bowler Josh Hazlewood, who is sitting this game out, taking 5/8 in India's second innings.

Sold-out seats, and 6 mm grass

"Back in the day, Adelaide was known for bat-a-thons and draws," Hough said. "Do you want a five-day draw out of it? Obviously not. But do you want a two-and-a-half-day game? No, you don't. Wickets falling can be exciting, but 10 wickets and 300 runs would be ideal. You've got to get that balance right. The fans come (tickets are sold out at the 53,500-seat stadium). We play our role, but the players play the game at the end of the day."

Nearly 6 mm of grass has been left on the pitch, the same as in the '36 all out' Test. A recent Shield game between South Australia and Western Australia saw the quicks call the shots. "The preparation is the same," Hough said. Pacers have picked up 106 of the 134 wickets to fall in the day-night Tests here, with spinners picking up 28.

Spin factor and other tricks, and thunderstorms too!

In fact, spin could even come into play later on, according to Hough, because of the 30% clay content, which tends to break up. "Also, if you don't get a new ball under lights and you have set batters out there, you could see through the night-time period," he said.

"It's a pretty standard wicket," lamented Australia's star spinner Nathan Lyon. "I didn't expect this from Damian. We're going to challenge the defence for a long period of time. I really enjoy bowling here, with the spin and the bounce. Red ball, pink ball, white ball, definitely my favourite ground. It's a great venue to bowl spin. If you're good with the bat, you'll score runs."

KL Rahul, for one, wasn't so sure about that. "The ball seems a bit harder than the red ball. While fielding, you can feel the ball hit your hands a lot quicker and harder. Same while batting. It seems to get to you much quicker and seams around a bit more than the red ball. There'll be a lot of seam movement. Picking the ball from the hand can be tricky."

There are also thunderstorms predicted on the opening day, adding to the great unknowns of the pink-ball contest.

NOT FOCUSSING JUST ON BUMRAH OR KOHLI: LYON

LYON

Adelaide: India is a team of superstars, and Australia is not focused on countering just 'extraordinary' players like Jasprit Bumrah and Virat Kohli, but the entire group as everyone is incredibly talented, Australia spinner Nathan Lyon said.

"I look at the Indian squad and see a group of superstars. Cricket, however, is a team game, winning requires the entire side to perform well. India boasts extraordinary players like Bumrah and others, but it's not just about the superstars," Lyon said, "The rest of the Indian squad is also incredibly talented. They're an incredible cricket team. We're not focusing solely on any one player, that's for sure.

"We have nothing but respect for every Indian cricketer. That doesn't mean we're not going to compete. We respect them, but we're determined to play our brand of cricket," added Australia's premier off-spinner. PTI

BCCI's hunt for Shah's successor hits roadblock

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New Delhi: As Jay Shah gets ready to chair the first meeting as ICC's independent chairman on Thursday, the Indian cricket board (BCCI) is grappling with uncertainty over his successor as the secretary of the board.

According to the BCCI constitution, the board must call for a special general meeting (SGM) once Shah has officially stepped down from the post. BCCI sources told **TOI** that there is no consensus over Shah's replacement yet and that administrators are reluctant to use up one year from their total six years of holding office in BCCI before going into the mandatory three-year cooling off period.

TOI understands that the board will also be waiting for the Maharashtra government to form its cabinet since incumbent BCCI treasurer Ashish Shelar could be in running for a ministerial post.

"The big issue is that the board isn't finding a strong candidate for the secretary's post who is willing to use up a year from his entitled tenure. The BCCI will anyway have an election next year. So, if someone takes up a post in BCCI, he will be on a unsure footing going into the subsequent term after next year's election. There may be a chance that someone could be elevated to an interim post," a BCCI source told **TOI**.

"These decisions have been taken unanimously after the Supreme Court-appointed committee of administrators left in 2019. An idea of an election for the post has also been floated," the source said.

It's learnt multiple queries have been raised by state associations to know how the board is operating. The associations have not even been communicated about Shah's resignation. There are a few names doing the rounds. Gujarat Cricket Association secretary Anil Patel and Delhi and District Cricket Association president Rohan Jaitley were thought to be in contention.

After another ailing Kambli video emerges, 1983 team offers to bear medical expenses

But There's A Condition... Ex-India Star Has To Check Into Rehab First

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Mumbai: For the second time in months, a disturbing video emerged of former India batter Vinod Kambli. In August, cricket fans were stunned to see Kambli struggling to walk properly, when someone captured it on camera. On Tuesday, another video immediately went viral, where the 52-year-old was seen clutching his childhood friend, legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar's hand, trying to continue making conversation with him when they met on stage in a rare public meeting between the two. They had congregated at Shivaji Park during a memorial ceremony for their childhood coach Ramakant Achrekar. Also gone viral is his muddled and incoherent speech in the tribute Kambli attempted for his beloved coach.

Marcus Couto, childhood cricketing friend, clarified Kambli's reaction on Tuesday. "He wasn't drunk or something. He hasn't touched a drop of alcohol for the past one year," Couto told **TOI** on Wednesday, "It's just that he became very emotional during his brief meeting with Sachin, who greeted him nicely on the stage. He was very enthusiastic about meeting Sachin and attending the function."

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Vinod Kambli with former Mumbai teammate Samir Dighe at a recent event

It was a poignant moment. "I met him after many years. He got up and hugged me and called out: 'Samya!'" said former India and Mumbai wicketkeeper Sameer Dighe, "I couldn't see him in his present condition. I felt so bad. I had tears in my eyes."

"We've played together for 14 years (for Mumbai), I pray to God to give him good health," added Dighe.

"He has severe, multiple health issues," Couto, a former first-class umpire, revealed, "There's no point in him going for rehab -- Kambli has already gone to rehab 14 times! Thrice we took him to a rehab in Vasai."

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After the first video emerged in August, revealing that Kambli has serious ailments, Couto and his brother Ricky visited Kambli at his Jewel Cooperative Society residence in Bandra.

While many of his cricketing colleagues have long given up on Kambli due to his issues with alcohol addiction, Tuesday's viral video has moved members of India's 1983 World Cup winning team to help the left-hander. But there is a condition. Kambli's World Cup winning seniors want the man to be willing to help himself first.

"Kapil (Dev, captain of the 1983 team) has told me clearly that if he wants to go to rehab, then we are willing to help him financially. However, he has to check into rehab himself first," former India seamer Balwinder Singh Sandhu told **TOI** on Wednesday. "Only if he does that, we are ready to foot the bill, irrespective of how long the treatment lasts," added Sandhu.

The 1983 team had also come together to help former India opener and coach Anshuman Gaekwad for his cancer treatment.

LIV International coming to India, DeChambeau to play

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New Delhi: Reigning US Open champion Bryson DeChambeau will be seen teeing off at the inaugural 'International Series India' – a part of the LIV Golf League and Asian Tour programme — to be played at the DLF Golf & Country Club in Gurugram from Jan 30 to Feb 2 next year, sources have confirmed to **TOI**.

The event will mark the first time a reigning Major champion will compete in a golf meet in India. The tournament will be played a week before LIV's season opener in Riyadh.

The American, who formerly played on the PGA Tour, has won two major championships - the 2020 and 2024 US Open. Nicknamed 'The Scientist' for his analytical approach to golf, DeChambeau has 13 professional wins and has spent more than 140 weeks in the world's top 10.

Several LIV Golf League and Asian Tour stars are expected to come to India, including home hero Anirban Lahiri. The Indian plays for the Crushers Golf Club which is one of the most successful teams in the league's history and is captained by DeChambeau.

The tournament will carry a prize purse of $2 million and around 108 international and home-grown golfers are likely to participate. It is the first of 10 events on a carefully curated schedule in 2025 that offers a pathway to the league for the end-of-season rankings champion.

The series' first event was held in Thailand in 2022. In a special launch event on the sidelines of the season-ending PIF Saudi International, Lahiri confirmed his participation in the India series. "It's very exciting to be associated with this tournament. It's going to be really big and an important step in developing the golf ecosystem in India," Lahiri said.

Bangladesh beat West Indies by 101 runs to tie Test series

Kingston (Jamaica): Bangladesh won a Test in the Caribbean for the first time in 15 years by beating West Indies by 101 runs at Sabina Park. Bangladesh set West Indies 287 to win but the home side was all out for 185. The Bangladeshis had lost their last 7 Tests in the Caribbean, including the first one of this series in Antigua last week. The win helped the tourists tie the 2-match series. AP

GALLERY

Suryavanshi shines as India enter semifinals of under-19 Asia Cup

Sharjah: Thirteen-year-old Vaibhav Suryavanshi lived up to the hype around his rare talent as India outclassed United Arab Emirates (UAE) by 10 wickets to enter the semifinals of the U-19 Asia Cup here on Wednesday. Electing to bat, UAE lost wickets at regular intervals to be bundled out for 137 in 44 overs. Right-arm medium pacer Yudhajit Guha was the pick of the bowlers for India with figures of 3/15, while Chetan Sharma (2/27) and all-rounder Hardik Raj (2/28) scalped two wickets apiece. India cantered home in 16.1 overs riding on unbeaten half-centuries from the opening duo of Suryavanshi (76 off 46) and Ayush Mhatre (67 off 51).

Gritty India suffer narrow 30-32 loss to Iran: Goalkeeper Nina Shil dished out a heroic defence but India narrowly lost 30-32 to Iran in their second Group B match at the 20th Asian Women's Handball Championship in New Delhi on Wednesday. Shalini Thakur tip-toed her way past a rigid Iran defence to open the scoring for India with a rousing finish. AGENCIES

ACTION TODAY

CHESS: World Ch'ship, Game 9, 2.30 pm (Fide YT; chess24 India YT & Fide World Ch'ship page); **CRICKET:** Mushtaq Ali T20, Gujarat vs Karnataka, Bengal vs Rajasthan, Goa vs Nagaland, 11 am; Andhra vs Mumbai, Bihar vs MP, TN vs Uttarakhand, 4.30 pm (Jiocinema); SA vs SL, Test 1, Day 1, 2 pm (Jiocinema); Zim vs Pak, 3rd T20, 5 pm (Fancode); NZ vs Eng, Test 2, Day 1, 3.30 am Friday (Sony); **FOOTBALL:** I-League, Sreenidhi vs Rajasthan, 4.30 pm; Shillong vs Kashi, 7 pm (Sony); ISL, Odisha vs Mumbai, 7.30 pm (Jiocinema); EPL: Fulham vs Brighton, 1 am Friday; Bournemouth vs Spurs, 1.45 am Friday (Star Sports)

DARK KNIGHT, FAIR GAME

Human Errors Rule Game 8 As Ding, Gukesh Seem Oblivious Of Pitfalls, Settle For Draw

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Reigning champion Ding Liren and challenger D Gukesh swapped their roles within the unfolding drama -- facing deep trouble and enjoying a potentially decisive advantage -- in a heart-stopping passage of play. But they were playing, evaluating and deciding within human limitations and hence did not see it as precisely as computers and AI-backed smart Alecs.

As a result, their eighth game of the World Chess Championship ended in a draw after 51 moves and four and half hours of a ding-dong battle in Singapore on Wednesday. It's 4-4 now in the 14-game match with Game Nine (Gukesh white) scheduled on Thursday before Friday's rest day.

On the 26th move, Gukesh, playing black, had a chance to press the advantage towards conversion with the move Nc5. The Indian challenger moved the knight to c5 but sadly, it was the wrong knight. Instead of the d-file knight, he moved the a-file knight to that square.

Four moves later, it was Ding's turn to return the favour. He also needed to move his knight to e1 to cash in on the window offered by Gukesh. The Chinese did move this knight but pushed it forward to d4.

The crazy turn of events continued on the 41st move too. Despite surviving the unpleasant position, Gukesh refused to go for the three-fold repetition and decided to play on. As he confessed later, he was not aware that he was closer to losing moments before this phase, else he would have taken the draw at that point.

On the other hand, after falling to the trap of 22.Rb1, b5, and losing an extra pawn in the bargain, Ding was struggling to attain equality as Gukesh's 'a' and 'b' file pawns turned potent with the possible tactics of exchange sacrifice coming into play. And as he was preparing to calculate Gukesh's seemingly winning option of 26....Ndc5 over the board, the Indian played the other knight move mentioned above. Hence, even Ding was not aware that he would have been in serious trouble.

Subsequently, Ding had the chance to capitalise on Gukesh's badly placed knight -- pinned on c5 square. Moving that knight would have exposed his queen and rook to the opponent's bishop and rook respectively. But capitalising on that warranted a long-term plan. Human Ding failed to spot the computer-cooked retreat of his own knight (31.Ne1).

Despite all that above, the game was not a comedy of errors. Far from it. There were no blunders, just minor inaccuracies that had a big impact. The overall quality of the precise play was of high level.

The script largely went as per the earlier trend of the match -- Gukesh surprised Ding in the opening (7...f6), this time with black pieces -- the Chinese consumed a lot of time and barely equalised. Then the Indian enjoyed the advantage but could not find flawless lines. He lost his clock advantage too. For a change, he offered Ding a good chance too before sticking to his script of wanting to play in a tricky endgame. It involved queen, knight vs queen, rook with opposite-coloured bishops and an extra pawn (5 vs 4) with high stakes.

The fifth successive draw of the match thus travelled through a myriad of emotions.

Ding jumped to English Opening (1.c4) but he fell half hour behind the clock within the first 10 moves. The pawn design and overall structure of the position soon took a crazy look.

Gukesh had apparently won a blitz game against Arjun Erigaisi in this opening (without 7...f6) with black pieces in 'Warsaw' in May this year. There was no question of a draw 'pact' in Singapore though.

Fide

NO BREAKTHROUGH: D Gukesh and Ding Liren played out a stalemate on Wednesday

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In a crazy turn of events, Ding didn't move any of his central pawns (in 'd' and 'e' file) for the first 18 moves as he activated his bishops through the knight-file. Thus, the principle of pawns taking control of the centre of the board was not followed. When the draw was agreed, his pawn remained on the starting 'e2' square. Such instances are rare in high-level chess. When Max Euwe beat Alexander Alekhine in the 1935 World Championship match, they had played a 16-move draw in the 18th game. There, Euwe had moved his 'd' pawn after 12 moves with 'e' pawn being stationary. TNN

MOVES (GAME 8): 1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.Nd5 Be7 4.Nf3 d6 5.g3 c6 6.Nxe7 Nxe7 7. Bg2 f6 8.O-O Be6 9.b3 d5 10.Ba3 O-O 11.Rc1 a5 12.Ne1 Re8 13.f4 exf4 14.Rxf4 dxc4 15.bxc4 Ng6 16.Re4 Na6 17.Nc2 Qc7 18.Nd4 Bf7 19.d3 Ne5 20.Nf3 Nd7 21.Rxe8+ Rxe8 22.Rb1 b5 23.cxb5 Qb6+ 24. Kf1 cxb5 25.Bb2 Bxa2 26.Bd4 Nac5 27.Rc1 Bb3 28.Qe1 Be6 29.Qf2 Rc8 30.Be3 Rc7 31.Nd4 Bf7 32.Nc6 Rxc6 33.Bxc6 Qxc6 34.Bxc5 h6 35.Ke1 b4 36.Qd4 Ne5 37.Kd2 Qg2 38.Qf2 Qd5 39.Qd4 Qg2 40.Qf2 Qd5 41.Qd4 Qa2+ 42.Rc2 Qe6 43.Qd8+ Kh7 44. Qxa5 b3 45.Rc1 Qd5 46.Qb4 Qg2 47.Qe4+ Qxe4 48.dxe4 b2 49.Rb1 Ba2 50.Rxb2 Nc4+ 51.Kc3 Nxb2. Game Drawn

"I didn't think I was in much danger. I always thought that in my position, maybe I would have some chances but it was just a misjudgment of the position."
—D Gukesh

"Today, I didn't realise that I was winning at some point. I think he missed some important details which let me get back into the game but before that he was totally outplaying me again. Actually I didn't feel too nervous during the game but I certainly felt uncomfortable."
—Ding Liren

Dunlap stands tall among the giants

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Albany (Bahamas): "I've never seen water this blue," marvelled the youngest of the 20-man field at the Hero World Challenge. It's **Nick Dunlap**'s first trip to the Bahamas. In many ways, it has been a year of firsts for the 20-year-old majoring in finance at the University of Alabama. He claimed his first PGA Tour win in 2024, becoming the first amateur to win a PGA Tour event in 33 years. He couldn't pocket the $1.5m prize. The unassuming youngster turned pro, and claimed his second victory in July, this time cashing in on his $720,000 cheque.

The 33rd-ranked Dunlap will at least earn $150,000 for a 20th-place finish this Sunday but his eyes are on the $1million that comes with the winner's trophy, and the respect he can earn from this top field.

Masters and Olympic champ, World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler stands like a colossus with 7 wins, 2 runner-up and 16 top ten finishes this season. But there is no bigger figure than Tiger Woods, only hosting and not competing but watching the 'boy' who is following in his footsteps. Claiming both the US Junior Amateur and US Amateur, Dunlap emulated the world icon, becoming only the second male player to achieve this feat.

"I grew up watching Tiger's YouTube highlights. To share a little bit of history with him is very humbling. Just to be sitting at his tournament and to be here when I should be a junior in college is unbelievable," said the 6'3" golfer, standing tall among the giants at the Ernie Els-designed Albany GC.

Like him, former World No. 1 Justin Thomas, now ranked 30, has also attended classes at the Univ of Alabama. Enjoying top-5 finishes at Albany in his last four outings, Woods' good friend who had experienced fatherhood with daughter Molly's birth a fortnight before, is on a comeback trail. The Indian interest will revolve around Sahith Theegala, Aaron Rai — winner of the Hero Shot of the Day on Tuesday — and Akshay Bhatia, all playing this event for the first time. Ranked 12th, Theegala who won his first PGA Tour event last year, is happy to "break some (Indian) stereotypes about athleticism."

(The writer is in Albany on the invitation of Hero MotoCorp)

Araijeet helps India beat Pak for 5th title in men's jr Asia Cup

Muscat: Araijeet Singh Hundal slammed four goals as defending champions India defeated Pakistan 5-3 in the summit clash to win a hat-trick of titles in the men's junior Asia Cup here on Wednesday.

This was India's fifth title in the continental tournament, having previously won in 2004, 2008, 2015 and 2023. Hundal converted three penalty corners besides finding the net from a field effort in the 47th minute. Dilraj Singh (19th) was the other goal getter for India. For Pakistan, Sufyan Khan (30th, 39th) converted two penalty corners after Hannan Shahid scored a field goal in the third minute. PTI

BARCA HIT FIVE AS THEY RETURN TO WINNING WAYS

Madrid: Raphinha and Lamine Yamal inspired Barcelona to a first win in four La Liga outings as they beat Mallorca 5-1 on Tuesday. The comprehensive victory brings the Catalans to 37 points at the top of the league table.

Ferran Torres gave Barcelona the lead, before Vedat Muriqi equalised to ensure the sides were level at the end of an even first half. Raphinha and Yamal then lit up the second half as the away side ran riot with the Brazilian scoring a double, followed by strikes from Frenkie de Jong and Pau Victor. "In the last three games something has been missing. It wasn't our best game but winning was the most important thing," Barcelona captain Raphinha told Movistar.

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Van Nistelrooy off to winning start

Ruud van Nistelrooy savoured his first match in charge of Leicester with a 3-1 Premier League win over West Ham, while Crystal Palace edged Ipswich 1-0 on Tuesday. Jamie Vardy, Bilal El Khannouss and Patson Daka got the goals as Van Nistelrooy enjoyed a dream start to his new role shortly after his departure from Manchester United. "On a long-term basis we know the performances need to get better. But the spirit and how we want to do things we saw today because, if not, the Premier League is too brutal," said Van Nistelrooy.

Leverkusen stun hosts Bayern

Holders Bayer Leverkusen scored against the run of play through Nathan Tella in the second half to beat 10-man hosts Bayern Munich 1-0 on Tuesday and advance to the German Cup quarterfinals. It was the first defeat this season in the league or domestic Cup for Bundesliga leaders Bayern, who had keeper Manuel Neuer sent off with a straight red card in the 17th minute, the first dismissal in the 38-year-old's long career. The defeat means the Bavarians have now failed to get past the quarterfinal stage in the German Cup since they last won the competition in 2020. AGENCIES

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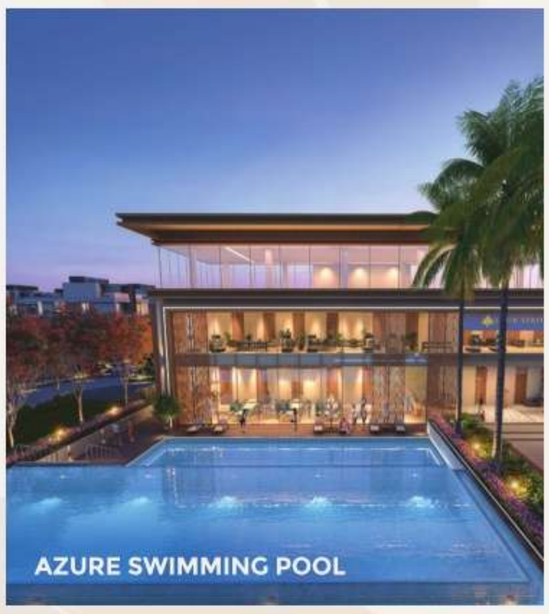
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In 2019, Fadnavis said he'd be back as CM. 5 yrs later, he is

Shinde Agrees To Be Dy CM On Eve Of Swearing-In

Prafulla Marpakwar

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Devendra Fadnavis, Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar spoke to the media in Mumbai after meeting the governor & staking claim to form govt

Mumbai: Right through the 2019 assembly election campaign, Devendra Fadnavis had kept saying 'Mee Punha Yein' (I'll be back). With the MVA forming its govt, however, the remark was thrown at him repeatedly as a taunt by his rivals. They also rubbed it in when he became Eknath Shinde's deputy 2.5 years ago. But he has finally proved his words right: he's back at the helm with a resounding mandate of 132 seats for BJP and of 230 for Mahayuti and is poised to take oath as chief minister of Maharashtra once again at 5 pm this evening at Azad Maidan.

It was caretaker CM Shinde who proposed his name on Wednesday, hours after Fadnavis was unanimously chosen legislative party leader of BJP.

Shinde said, "Fadnavis had recommended my name as CM, & this time, we are recommending his."

After the BJP legislators' meet, the CM-designate met Governor CP Radhakrishnan with Shinde and Ajit Pawar – who is slated to be deputy CM for the sixth time, a record in India – and staked claim to form govt. Shinde has agreed to be deputy CM following a closed-door meeting that Fadnavis had with him on Wednesday evening.

The CM and deputy CM will be sworn in on Thursday while the rest of the cabinet is likely to take oath once the power-sharing formula, which is still in the works, is finalised. Fadnavis extended special thanks to Shinde after the latter proposed his name. He said that he had, on Tuesday, requested Shinde to join the cabinet, and he believed he would be able to persuade him.

▶ 'Smooth affair', P 14

PM, 9 Union mins, 3 CMs to attend event

Nine Union cabinet members, led by PM Modi, and 3 CMs —Chandrababu Naidu, Yogi Adityanath & Nitish Kumar — will attend Thursday's swearing-in at Azad Maidan, which is likely to draw 50,000 people. The invitation card mentions CM-designate's name as 'Devendra Sarita Gangadharrao Fadnavis'. TNN

Sena keen on home, NCP wants finance

Eknath Shinde, sources said, agreed to take oath as deputy CM after Fadnavis's assurance that portfolio allocation would be fair, adding Sena is still keen on getting home portfolio. It also wants to retain all 9 ministries. NCP, which is keen on finance, is likely to get 8-10 ministerial berths. P14

ED busts ₹640cr cyber fraud racket in Delhi-NCR

ED has unearthed a syndicate in Delhi-NCR where a few CAs, company secretaries and crypto traders got together, scripted a cyber fraud racket and collected over Rs 640 crore. Further probe unearthed a large-scale money laundering racket operated with the aid of handlers sitting abroad. P 2

Assam bans beef in public spaces

BJP-led govt in Assam Wednesday banned consumption of beef in public spaces with immediate effect, days after Cong accused the party of distributing beef among voters as part of its "strategy" for a bypoll in a Muslim-majority seat. P 10

1 dies in Pushpa 2 premiere stampede

A woman died during a stampede outside Sandhya Theatre in Hyderabad during the premiere show of the Allu Arjun-starrer 'Pushpa 2: The Rule'. Another boy who fell unconscious was revived by cops who performed CPR on him. P 10

Man warns crew outside Salman set

A man entered actor Salman Khan's shooting location in Mumbai Wednesday, argued with the crew in an attempt to enter the set and issued threats in the name of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi. Police are quizzing the man. TNN

Can't acquire land and withhold compensation for yrs: SC to K'taka govt

'Pay Owners Current Mkt Rate For Plot Taken In 1986'

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New Delhi: Supreme Court Wednesday said no govt can withhold payment of compensation for years after acquiring land, and asked Karnataka govt to pay current market value for a plot it had acquired in 1986 without compensating the owners.

Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan accepted the arguments of advocate Anand Sanjay M Nuli who appeared for land owners Jayalakshmamma and others whose nearly two acres formed part of large tracts acquired in Mysuru's Hinkal village for setting up Vijaynagar town.

"Denial of paying compensation is violative of Article 300A (right to property). The authorities have failed miserably in showing any reason, either in fact or in law, to justify withholding payment of compensation for more than 33 years," SC said.

▶ 'Hand over plots', P 13

Can coal scam accused appeal in HC? SC to consider

Ten years after SC barred coal scam case accused from approaching Delhi HC on the apprehension that attempts would be made to stall trials in 44 cases, a CJI-led bench Wednesday agreed to consider pleas for relaxation of the injunction. Appearing for CBI and ED, two public prosecutors told SC that trial in 25 of the cases have been completed and its 2014 order could be reconsidered. P 13

Fund collection for future offence not proceeds of crime: HC on PFI

New Delhi: Collection of funds, even if done illegally for a future offence, can't be termed proceeds of crime, Delhi high court held Wednesday while granting bail to three members of the banned organisation Popular Front of India's Delhi unit. The Enforcement Directorate accused them of raising funds for the 2020 anti-CAA protests and the subsequent northeast riots, **reports Abhinav Garg**.

"Proceeds of crime have to be generated as a result of criminal activity (scheduled offence). The collection of funds in an illegal way to commit a scheduled offence in the future is not an offence of money laundering under PMLA...," Justice Jasmeet Singh observed while granting relief to Parvez Ahmed, Mohd Ilyas & Abdul Muqeet.

▶ 'Cart before horse', P 16

Ensure all detainees get legal help: US to B'desh on jailed Hindu monk

Ahsan Tasnim

Dhaka: Bangladesh must ensure "appropriate" legal representation for all detainees in keeping with basic human rights principles, a US state department spokesperson said in Washington, hours after arrested Hindu monk Chinmoy Krishna Das Brahmachari's bail hearing in a Chittagong court on Tuesday was adjourned by a month as he didn't have a counsel.

Principal deputy spokesperson Vedant Patel said this after a reporter wanted to know US's response on the monk, who has been charged with sedition, not finding "a willing lawyer" in Bangladesh to represent him since being arrested and jailed.

Patel said his view was "consistent with" what US expected of every govt. "There needs to be respect for fundamental freedoms, respect for religious freedom and basic human rights," he said.

▶Yunus for nat'l unity, P 19

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Munna Kumar is 'dad' of 138, courtesy poll official

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Patna: Meet Munna Kumar, 'father' of 138 voters at booth number 54 in Aurai block of Bihar's Muzaffarpur district. Before you ask, no, Munna Kumar isn't a prolific patriarch straight out of a Guinness World Records entry.

Instead, this bizarre situation stems from a clerical slip-up that has voters scratching their heads, candidates pulling their hair, and election officials issuing reassurances through gritted teeth. Here's the kicker: Of the 724 voters from serial number 1054 to 1778, 138 share the same proud parent. With Thursday's Bihar legislative council bypolls for Tirhut Graduate constituency looming, the stakes are high, and the stress levels higher.

The goofed-up voters list of booth No. 54 in Aurai block of Muzaffarpur

▶ 'Heads will roll', P 16

First in 2 yrs, city gets a moderate air day in Dec

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New Delhi: Strong winds swept the air clean on Wednesday as Delhiites basked in crisp sunshine and azure skies, and an AQI that had dramatically improved to 'moderate' — the lowest in 50 days. This was also the city's best air day in Dec since 2022.

Moderate air days are increasingly rare in Dec. This was just the fifth such day during the month since 2020. Three of those had come in a single streak in mid-Dec 2022 and another in the aftermath of rain on Dec 14, 2020.

Delhi's average AQI on Wednesday was 178, a sharp improvement from the previous day's count of 268. The city had last recorded a cleaner day on Oct 12, when the AQI was 155. The improvement is credited to strong unidirectional winds gusting up to 20kmph.

Warm Dec is bad news for eco cycle

It's the first week of Dec and the city is aflutter with butterflies. House geckos still crawl on the walls, semal and palash leaves are still green, and mosquitoes buzzing. All this isn't good news. It shows the weather cycle is stuck in Sept-Oct due to warm conditions extending to Dec. P 2

▶Rain next week, P 2

By Jove! Capturing all of Jupiter in one night

A Group Of Passionate NCR Astrophotographers Hopes To Achieve This Rare First As The Earth, Sun And Jupiter Are Perfectly Aligned This Saturday

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Would you like to serenade a planet all night long? This Saturday (Dec 7), a bunch of professionals from diverse fields will come together to do just that. And more. They hope to become the first group in India, perhaps the world, to image the entire surface of a planet in high resolution during the course of a single night and produce results of the observations within 48 hours.

The planet in question is the 'god of the skies', Jupiter. And Saturday evening is the perfect time to pull off this feat because that's when Jupiter reaches 'opposition', as Earth comes between the Sun and the gas giant so that the three bodies form a straight line.

"This alignment occurs once every 13 months. It's also when the planet comes closest to Earth, making it ideal for viewing. Since Jupiter will be directly opposite the Sun with respect to Earth, it will rise just as the Sun sets, traverse the entire sky during the night and set at sunrise. Jupiter completes one rotation around its axis in less than 10 hours, so we will be able to capture the entire surface of the planet in a single night," says Ajay Talwar, a veteran astrophotographer who runs a company that manufactures astronomical instruments.

FINDING ESCAPE IN NIGHT SKIES

Talwar is *paterfamilias* of sorts to a collective that calls itself 'NCR Astrophotographers'. It's a group of seven-eight professionals — including a cosmologist, a doctor, techies, entrepreneurs, and an educationist — most of whom have stressful day occupations and find escape in the night skies. Quite remarkably, they have developed tools and techniques to capture stunning images of planets and deep-sky objects through the polluted skies of NCR.

The group will be bringing all their expertise, along with tonnes of equipment, to Saturday's project, which they have named 'Jove All'. They will travel to Nainital for the all-nighter, having decided against capturing the event from NCR owing to the recent smog episodes. "We are collaborating with Nainital's Aryabhatta Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES) Observatory and the entire project would be completed on their campus located atop Manora Peak," says Talwar.

(Top) Artist's impression of Jupiter in 'opposition' with Earth, an alignment that occurs every 13 months and is due on Saturday. (Above) An image of Jupiter clicked by a member of NCR Astrophotographers shows the planet with two of its moons — icy Ganymede to the right and Io in front (its shadow is seen as a black spot on the planet). (Below) The group at a trial run in Manesar for Saturday's 'Jove All' project

NCR Astrophotographers hopes to complete a movie of the entire rotation of Jupiter in one night, another on the movement of its Galilean moons in that period, produce a rectangular map of the planet's surface and a 10-15-minute movie on the 'Making of Jove All' — all within 48 hours. "To the best of our knowledge, such a project has never been taken up anywhere in the world," says Talwar, who began astrophotography way back in the 1980s. The "astro-nuts", as Talwar likes to call the bunch, will be crunching an enormous amount of data — upwards of 12TB — besides setting up and testing diverse equipment, including their showpiece Rs 15-lakh, 14-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope, for the big night. "All systems have to work perfectly, and of course, the night has to be clear, for 'Jove All' to succeed," he says.

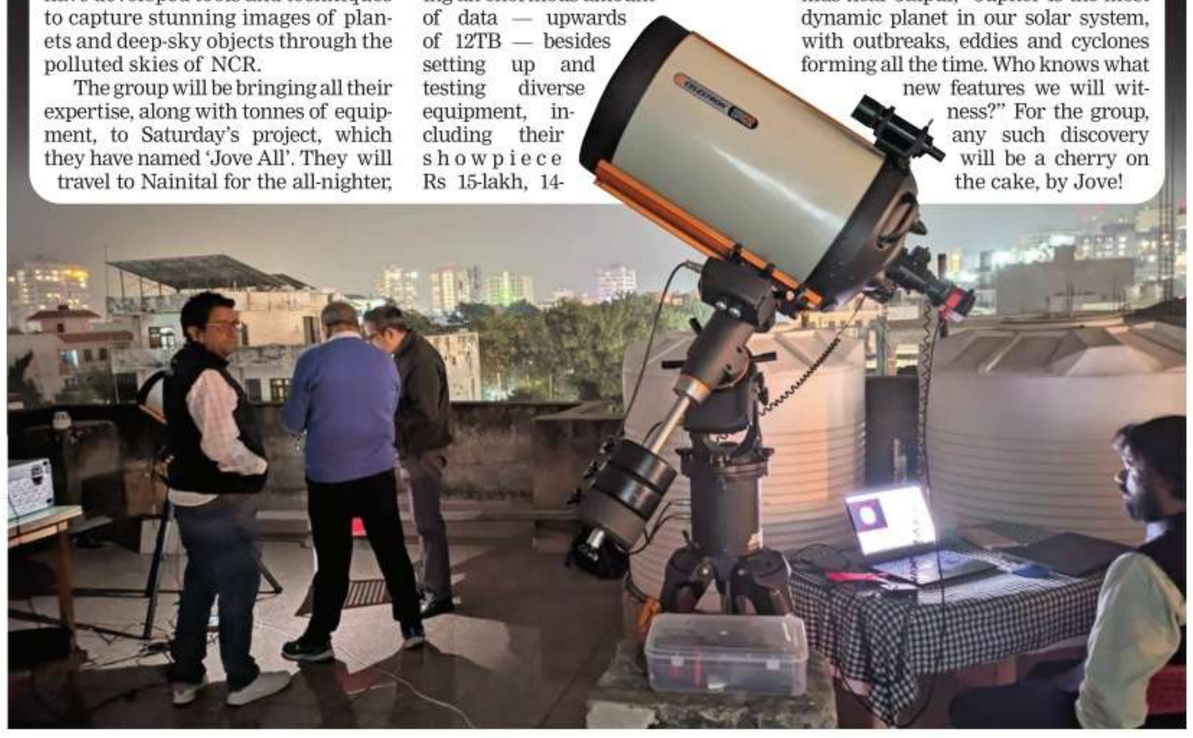
PASSION PROJECT

It's a project of passion for the members who stumbled into astrophotography in their own ways. For Sona Shahani Shukla, an entrepreneur based in south Delhi's Kalkaji, the trigger was a business coaching workshop she attended a few years ago. "My coach asked me, 'What makes your soul happy? Don't answer right now, take seven days to think about it.' I was lying in bed that night and happened to look out the window. I could see the star Vega twinkling at me and it brought a lot of pleasant memories. I called up my coach and said, 'You know, looking up makes me happy'."

Today, Shukla specialises in imaging planets and one of her works recently won the Aperture Indian Astrophotographer of the Year award.

Dr Udbhav, an eye surgeon who lives in Noida, has had a passion for photography in general. "I graduated to astrophotography around two years ago and have been hooked ever since," he says. Likewise, Sameer Dhar, an IT professional "with a stressful sales job" found refuge in the skies around three years ago. "I got myself one of the smaller telescopes and started imaging deep-sky objects. It's extremely addictive. Once you capture a nebula or a galaxy, you are gone for good," says Dhar.

While achieving 'Jove All's' objectives will be challenging enough, the group hopes to capture an unexpected event or two. Says Kartikey Gupta, who runs a school for underprivileged kids near Jaipur, "Jupiter is the most dynamic planet in our solar system, with outbreaks, eddies and cyclones forming all the time. Who knows what new features we will witness?" For the group, any such discovery will be a cherry on the cake, by Jove!



Re-born free: Wind & Fire one with earth

Cheetahs Agni & Vaayu Freed Into The Wild

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Bhopal: Two male cheetahs — Agni and Vaayu — were released into the wild at Kuno National Park in MP's Sheopur district on Wednesday, International Cheetah Day.

The release took place in Parond forest area, across the Kuno river. This is part of the Ahera tourism zone, where visitors may now get an opportunity to spot the cheetahs during safari tours.

Both Agni and Vaayu are in good health and ready to explore their new home. They will be monitored 24x7 to ensure their well-being and prevent escapades like Pawan's, who loved going far and beyond Kuno's boundaries. Officials say it's a major milestone in India's cheetah reintroduction project.

"This initiative, following PM Modi's directives, aims to restore cheetah population, which has been extinct in the country for nearly 70 years, and enhance the region's biodiversity. MP, once known for tigers, is now known for cheetahs," said CM Mohan Yadav. There are 22 more cheetahs, including 12 cubs, in Kuno's enclosures.

The release took place in the Parond forest area in Palpur East, across the Kuno river. They will be monitored 24x7 to ensure their well-being

After spending time in large enclosures at the park, Agni & Vaayu were deemed ready for release into the open forest, where they can roam, hunt, and use their speed and agility, said an official. In coming months, more cheetahs will be released in phases, and officials will monitor them to ensure successful adaptation to the wild.

Kuno National Park is prepared to support the cheetahs in their new habitat, with enhanced security measures to protect them from potential threats, said an official. To celebrate International Cheetah Day, rallies by 'cheetah-mitras' were organised across Sheopur district. To mark the occasion, Kuno released its 2025 calendar, featuring stunning images of cheetahs in India.

Teacher 'kills' student to go on leave, lands in trouble

Bhopal: A teacher in MP's Mauganj declared a Class III student 'dead' in the office register and went off on leave, ostensibly to attend the kid's 'funeral', reports **Amarjeet Singh**. The child is alive and his father, far from amused.

The teacher, Heeralal Patel, was suspended Tuesday. When **TOI** contacted him, he said, "I made a mistake, I was not well, I am a patient of diabetes." The incident took place at Chikir Ka Tota govt primary school in Chakrahan Tola village, 600 km from Bhopal.

On Nov 7, Heeralal told students that their schoolmate Jitendra Kori, son of Ram Saroj Kori, had died and he was going to attend his funeral. He wrote in the official register that Jitendra was a "regular student of his class". Someone clicked a picture of this diary entry and circulated it on village social media groups, sarpanch of Chakrahan Tola, Rajesh Pratap Singh, told **TOI**. Jitendra's father got to know of it on Nov 28 and headed straight for the police station.

"It was Harivansh Kori, grandfather of student Jitendra, who died on Nov 7. But the teacher wrote Jitendra's name in school records as 'deceased' and left the school, saying he was going to attend his funeral," added the sarpanch.