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The World

TOP OF THE WORLD



Refugees Minister Khalil Haqqani. *File*

AFGHANISTAN IS behind Kabul suicide blast that killed Haqqani

Kabul: Thousands of people attended the funeral Thursday of a Taliban minister killed in a Kabul suicide bombing claimed by the Islamic State group. The funeral for Khalil Haqqani, the minister for refugees and repatriation, was held in eastern Afghanistan's Paktia province. The Cabinet member was the most high-profile casualty of an assault in the country since the Taliban seized power three years ago. The minister died in a blast Wednesday at his ministry in the Afghan capital, along with five others. He was the uncle of Sirajuddin Haqqani, the acting interior minister and the leader of a powerful faction within the Taliban. **AP**

AUSTRALIA Digital platforms that don't pay for news to be taxed

Melbourne: The Australian government said Thursday it will tax large digital platforms and search engines unless they agree to share revenue with Australian news media organisations. The tax would apply from January 1 to tech companies that earn more than 250 million Australian dollars (\$160 million) a year in revenue from Australia, Assistant Treasurer Stephen Jones and Communications Minister Michelle Rowland said. They include Meta, Google, Alphabet and ByteDance. The size of the tax is not clear. **AP**

PAKISTAN Court indicts Imran, wife in new graft case

Islamabad: A Pakistan court on Thursday indicted former prime minister Imran Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi in the second Toshakhana case. Special Court Judge Shahrukh Arjumand, who presided over the hearing at the Adiala jail in Rawalpindi, framed the charges against them. Also known as Toshakhana 2.0, the case was initially filed by the National Accountability Bureau. However, in light of NAB Amendments, the federal agency took over the case and filed its challan in September. **PTI**

INTERIM ADMINISTRATION TO REMAIN UNTIL MARCH

New Syrian regime to dissolve Assad's security forces, suspend constitution

REUTERS

DAMASCUS, BEIRUT, DEC 12

REBEL LEADER Ahmad al-Sharaa's Islamist group is stamping its authority on Syria's state with the same lightning speed that it seized the country, deploying police, installing an interim government and meeting foreign envoys - raising concerns over how inclusive Damascus' new rulers intend to be.

However, the way HTS has gone about shaping the new interim government - by bringing senior administrators from Idlib - has caused concern for some. Four opposition sources and three diplomats told Reuters they were concerned about the inclusiveness of the process so far.

Mohammed al-Bashir, Syria's new interim prime minister, has said he will only remain in power until March. But HTS - which remains classified as a terrorist group by the United States, regional powerbroker Turkey and other governments - has yet to spell out key details of the transition process, including its thinking on a new constitution. Sharaa, in a statement to Reuters Wednesday, said he would dissolve the ousted regime's security forces, close its prisons, and hunt down any-



The funeral procession of Syrian activist Mazen al-Hamada in Damascus on Thursday. *AP*

one involved in torture or killing detainees.

An opposition source familiar with HTS consultations said all of Syria's sects would have representation in a caretaker government. Issues to be determined in the next three months included whether Syria should have a presidential or parliamentary system of government, the source said.

Asked whether Syria's new constitution would be Islamic,

Bashir said "these details" would be clarified in the constitution-making process.

Since Sharaa's Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) group swept Bashar al-Assad from power on Sunday at the head of a rebel alliance, its bureaucrats - who until last week were running an Islamist administration in a remote corner of Syria's northwest - have moved into government headquarters in Damascus.

The appointment of Bashir as

the interim prime minister Monday underlined the group's status as the most powerful of the armed groups that battled for more than 13 years to end Assad's iron-fisted rule.

Although it was part of al Qaeda before breaking ties in 2016, HTS had reassured tribal leaders, local officials, and ordinary Syrians during its march to Damascus that it would protect minority faiths, winning broad approval.

Mujibur's Joy Bangla no longer national slogan in Bangladesh

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

DHAKA, DECEMBER 12

BANGLADESH SUPREME COURT has stayed a High Court verdict that declared *Joy Bangla* - popularised by Bangbandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman - as the country's national slogan. Rahman's daughter Sheikh Hasina was ousted as prime minister on August 5. Recently, the country's central bank decided to remove his image from currency notes.

Following the change of government, the state moved to suspend the High Court's ruling and on December 2 filed the leave to appeal petition with the SC seeking stay on the High Court verdict of March 10, 2020. A 4-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed



Bangladesh central bank has also decided to remove his image from bank notes. *File*

Tuesday passed the order on the ground that the national slogan is a matter of the government's policy decision and the judiciary cannot interfere in this issue. "Joy

Bangla will not be considered as the national slogan following this Appellate Division order," Additional Attorney General Aneek R Haque said.

After ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina fled the country following a students' protest on August 5, an interim government led by Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus took over on August 8.

Media reports said last week that Bangladesh Bank is printing new notes, including in them features of the July uprising, referring to the student-led protests that forced Hasina to flee to India on August 5, and not include the image of *Bangabandhu* Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Earlier on August 13, the interim government took the decision that there would be no national holiday on August 15, on which day in 1975 he was killed.

DESPITE BIDEN'S VETO THREAT

US HOUSE PASSES BILL TO EXPAND JUDICIARY

US House of Representatives Thursday passed a Bill to add 66 new judges to federal courts, a bill that Democratic President Joe Biden has threatened to veto after lawmakers only took up the measure after Republican President-elect Donald Trump won the election. **REUTERS**



TIME MAGAZINE PERSON OF THE YEAR: President-elect Donald Trump after ringing the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange, Thursday. *AP*

Trump invites Xi, other leaders to inauguration

Xi's confirmation yet to be determined, Orban among those invited for event

REUTERS

WASHINGTON, DEC 12

US PRESIDENT-ELECT Donald Trump has invited Chinese President Xi Jinping and other foreign leaders to his inauguration next month in Washington, a Trump transition spokesperson said on Thursday, but experts said that Xi was not likely to attend.

Asked if Xi had responded, Karoline Leavitt told Fox News in an interview that was "to be determined". She did not name the other world leaders who were also invited. "This is an example of President Trump creating an open dialogue with leaders of countries that are not just our allies but our adversaries and our competitors, too," Leavitt added. Trump, in remarks to CNBC on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Thursday, said his administration would be having "a lot of talks with China."

"We have a good relationship with China... Now, when the COVID came in, I sort of cut it off. That was a step too far," he said. "But we've been talking and discussing with President Xi, some things, and others, other world leaders, and I think we're going to do very well all around."

The Kremlin separately on Thursday said that it had not received an invitation to attend the Jan. 20 inauguration.

The offer for Xi to attend Trump's swearing-in was ex-

EXPLAINED Unprecedented, and also unlikely

IT WOULD BE unprecedented for a leader of China to attend a US presidential inauguration and China experts said it was highly unlikely that Xi would attend the event. Scott Kennedy, a specialist at Washington's Center for Strategic and International Studies said: "This is diplomatic theater, nothing more. Other heads of state, let alone Xi, haven't attended Presidential inaugurations."

tended in early November, shortly after the November 5 presidential election, according to CBS News, which first reported the invitation on Wednesday. CBS said Hungary's far-right Prime Minister Viktor Orban was "still considering" whether to attend.

In late November, China's state media warned Trump that his tariff threat could drag the world's top two economies into a mutually destructive tariff war.

On Wednesday, China's U.S. Ambassador Xie Feng read a letter from Xi to a US-China Business Council gala in Washington, in which the Chinese leader said Beijing was prepared to stay in communication with the US.

Biden pardons 39 people, commutes sentences of 1,500

REUTERS

DECEMBER 12

OUTGOING US President Joe Biden said on Thursday he was pardoning 39 people convicted of non-violent crimes and commuting the sentences of nearly 1,500 others who were serving long prison terms. The pardons and clemency come over a week after the president signed an unconditional pardon for his son Hunter.

Officials said last week that the White House was listening to demands for Biden to extend the same grace to thousands of people wronged by the US judicial system. The commutations were announced for those who were placed on home confinement

during the COVID-19 pandemic. Biden said these people would have received shorter sentences if charged under today's laws, policies, and practices.

Sources had told Reuters last week that the pardons that were being discussed.

"As President, I have the great privilege of extending mercy to people who have demonstrated remorse and rehabilitation, restoring opportunity for Americans to participate in daily life and contribute to their communities, and taking steps to remove sentencing disparities for non-violent offenders, especially those convicted of drug offenses," Biden said. He added that he will take more steps in the weeks ahead.

HATRED OF 'CORPORATE GREED', UNFAIR INSURANCE PRACTICES, DISCOURSES OVER VIGILANTISM TAKE OVER NETIZENS' DEBATES

Hero, killer, or both? Insurance CEO 'shooter' becomes US's latest polarising figure

MIKE CATALINI

DECEMBER 12

IS HE a hero? A killer? Both? About the same time the #FreeLuigi memes featuring the mustachioed plumber from "Super Mario Brothers" mushroomed online this week, commentators shared memes showing Tony Soprano pronouncing Luigi Mangione, the man charged with murdering the UnitedHealthcare CEO in Manhattan, a hero. There were the posts lionizing Mangione's physique and appearance, the ones speculating about who could play him on

"Saturday Night Live," and the ones denouncing and even threatening people at a Pennsylvania McDonald's for spotting him and calling police.

It was all too much for Pennsylvania's governor, Josh Shapiro - who was dealing with a case somewhere else that happened to land in his lap - decried what he saw as growing support for "vigilante justice."

As with so many American events at this moment in the 21st century, the case of Brian Thompson and Luigi Mangione has both captivated and polarised a media-saturated nation. The saga offers a glimpse into

how, in a connected world, so many different aspects of modern American life can be surreally linked - from public violence to politics, from health care to humor. And it summons a question, too: How can so many people consider someone a hero when the rules that govern American society are treating him as the complete opposite?

Little new information is available about Mangione's possible motive, though writings found in his possession hinted at a vague hatred of corporate greed and an expression of anger toward "parasitic" health insurance firms. A number of the posts com-



'He took action against private health insurance corporations... Luigi Mangione is a hero,' read a post on X. *Reuters file*

bine an apparent disdain for health insurers - with no mention of the loss of life - with a vague attempt at what some called humor. "He took action against private health insurance corporations is what he did... in this house, Luigi Mangione is a hero, end of story!" an anonymous post on X said, that has nearly 2 million views.

On Monday, Shapiro took issue with comments like those. Shapiro's comments yanked the conversation unfolding on so many people's phone screens into real life. "We do not kill people in cold blood to resolve policy differences or express a viewpoint," the governor said. "In a civil society,

we are all less safe when ideologues engage in vigilante justice."

But to hear some of his fellow citizens tell it, that's not the case at all. Like Bonnie and Clyde, John Dillinger, D.B. Cooper and other notorious names from the American past, Mangione is being cast as someone to admire.

Regina Bateson, an assistant political science professor at the University of Colorado at Boulder, doesn't see this case as a good fit for the word vigilantism, she says, because the victim wasn't linked to any specific crime or offense. As she sees it, it's more akin to domestic terrorism. "Americans are voicing more support for - or at

least understanding of - political violence," she said.

The discourse around the killing and Mangione is more than just memes. Conversations about the interconnectedness of various parts of American life are unfolding online as well, propelled by the saga. They include people saying the UnitedHealthcare slaying isn't a "right or left issue" and wondering what it would take to get knocked off the platform.

Taken together, the comments make one thing clear: The case - and now Mangione himself - have captured the American imagination, at least for the moment. **AP**

CJI-LED BENCH TAKES UP PETITIONS AGAINST 1991 ACT

SC steps in: Stop all surveys until we decide Places of Worship Act

Directs Central govt to file its stand on challenge to law within four weeks

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 12

THE SUPREME Court Thursday barred civil courts across the country from registering fresh suits challenging the ownership and title of any place of worship or ordering surveys of disputed religious places until further orders, and made it clear that no “effective” orders can be passed. Hearing a batch of six petitions challenging the constitu-

tional validity of the Places of Worship Act, 1991, a three-judge bench, headed by Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna, said, “As the matter is sub judice before this Court, we deem it appropriate to direct that, though fresh suits may be filed, no suits would be registered and no proceedings shall be undertaken therein till

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How SC undid what then CJI Chandrachud allowed two years ago

APURVA VISHWANATH
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 12

IN AGREEING to hear civil suits questioning the title or ownership of a place of worship, can district courts across the country effectively defeat the purpose of the 1991 Places of Worship Act

that was enacted to put quietus to such disputes? This was essentially the question before the Supreme Court Thursday and a bench, led by Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna, barred courts from passing “effective orders” in such cases till further orders.

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GUKESH BECOMES YOUNGEST WORLD CHESS CHAMPION

History at 18



D Gukesh celebrates after defeating China's Ding Liren on Thursday. FIDE/Eng Chin An

BUSINESS AS USUAL

By UNNY



AMIT KAMATH
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 12

FOR THE first time in almost three weeks, D Gukesh acted every bit like the 18-year-old that he is. Overcome by the weight of the moment, the teenager from Chennai started to sob at the chessboard.

It's not everyday that you become the world champion. It's definitely not everyday that you

become the youngest world champion in history, as Gukesh has after prevailing over Ding Liren in a 14-game World Chess Championship match in Singapore.

In fact, the succession line of world chess champions — which started in 1886 and has seen 17 men ascend to the throne — has never seen a teenager.

Before Gukesh, Garry Kasparov — at 22 years, six months and 27 days — was the

youngest-ever world champion. Magnus Carlsen, who chose not to defend his title in 2023, was 22 years, 11 months and 24 days when he won his first championship in 2013.

“This was probably the best moment in my life,” Gukesh said about his opponent making a

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'ONE NATION, ONE ELECTION'

Cabinet clears Bills for joint LS & Assembly polls, to be tabled soon

DAMINI NATH & LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 12

ON THE eve of a special discussion on the Constitution in Parliament, the Union Cabinet on Thursday set in motion the process to implement simultaneous elections by approving two Bills — a Constitutional amendment Bill to enable joint elections to the Lok Sabha and all State Assemblies, and an ordinary Bill to align Assembly elections in the Union Territories of Delhi, Puducherry and Jammu & Kashmir.

With the Winter Session on,



Ex-President Kovind headed panel on joint polls

the two Bills, it is learnt, could be introduced in Parliament as early as Friday or Monday, and then be referred to a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) for wider consultations.

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Earliest joint polls likely 2034 if no change

DAMINI NATH & RITIKA CHOPRA
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 12

IF THE Bills cleared by Cabinet on Thursday are passed by Parliament without changes, the earliest that Lok Sabha and State Assembly elections can be held simultaneously would be in 2034, government sources said.

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Shri Nitin Gadkari
Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India

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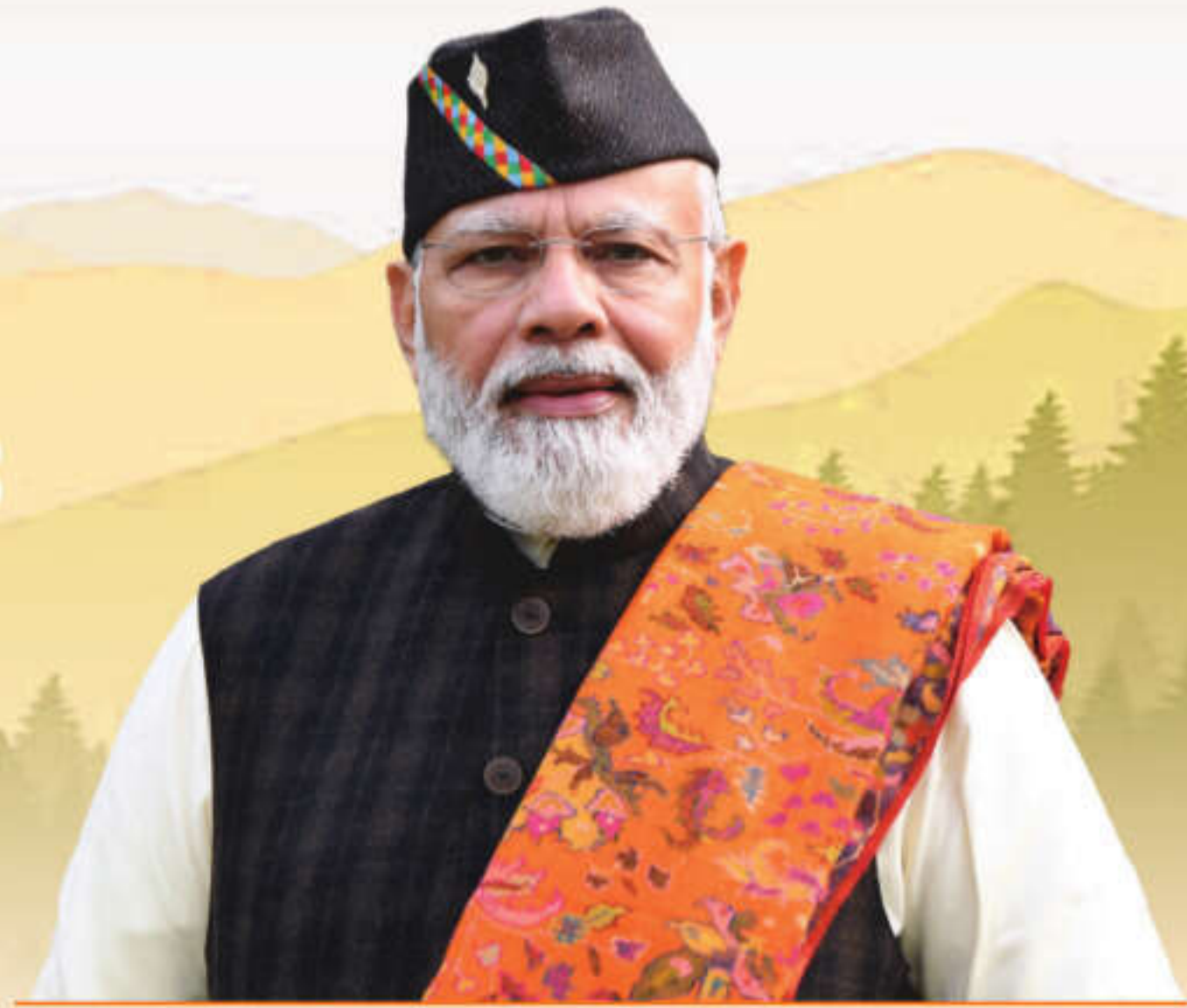
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“Under the guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Uttarakhand is progressing steadily on the path of development. The state government is taking necessary steps to encourage tourists to visit not only for tourism but also to experience the holy shrines. This will allow tourists to enjoy the spiritual and touristic experiences, especially during the winter season.”

Pushkar Singh Dhami
Chief Minister, Uttarakhand



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Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

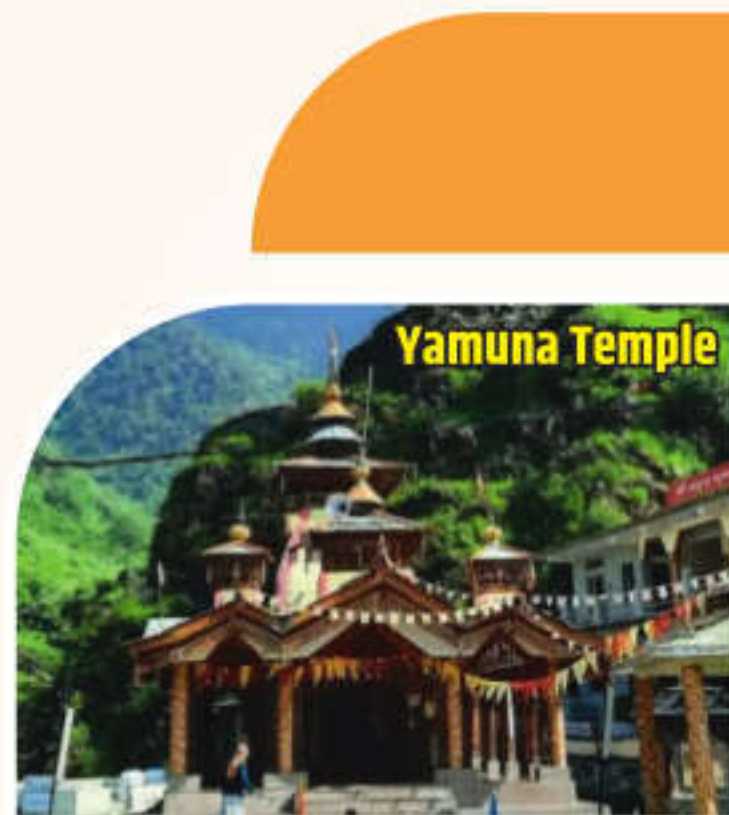
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WINTER YATRA



1 Shri Yamunotri Dham's winter stay **Yamuna Temple** Kharsali (Uttarkashi)

Yamunotri, the first stop of the Char Dham Yatra, is home to the Yamuna Temple. When the temple closes for the winter, the idol of Goddess Yamuna is brought to Kharsali, where she resides for the winter months, and during the winter sojourn, Maa Yamuna is worshipped in Kharsali. Here, the temple of Lord Shani Dev Ji, the brother of Yamuna Ji, is also located.

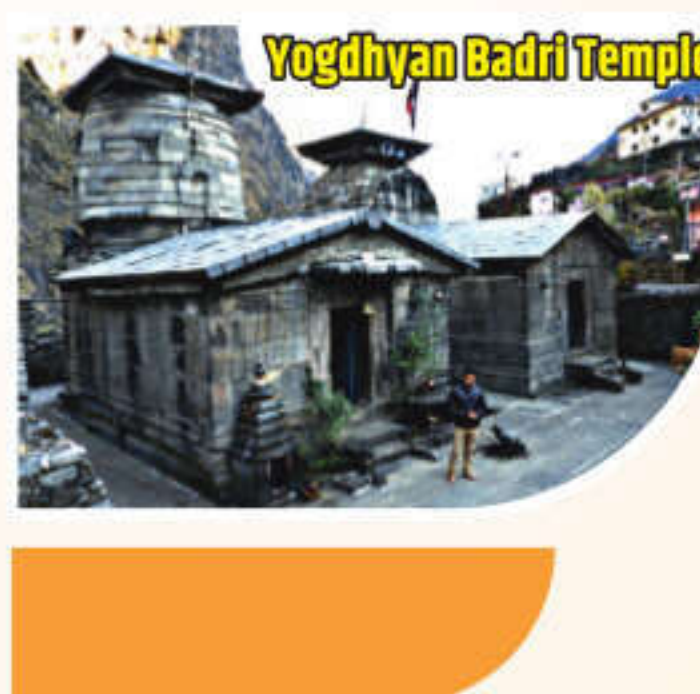


2 Shri Gangotri Dham's winter stay **Ganga Temple** Mukhimath, Mukhba (Uttarkashi)

The Ganga Temple in Mukhimath, Mukhba serves as the winter abode of Goddess Ganga. When the Gangotri Temple closes for winter, the idol of Goddess Ganga is brought from Gangotri to Mukba for winter worship.

3 Shri Kedarnath Dham's winter stay **Omkareshwar Temple** Ukhimath (Rudraprayag)

The Omkareshwar Temple in Ukhimath serves as the winter home of Lord Kedarnath. During the winter months, the idol of Lord Kedarnath is brought from Kedarnath and worshiped at this temple.



4 Shri Badrinath Dham's winter stay **Yogdhyan Badri Temple** Pandukeshwar (Chamoli)

When the Badrinath Temple closes for winter, the idol of Lord Badri Vishal is worshiped at the Yogdhyan Badri Temple in Pandukeshwar. The idols of Uddhav Ji & Kuber Ji are also brought to this temple for winter worship. Additionally, Adi Guru Shankaracharya's idol is placed at the Narsingh Temple in Joshimath for the winter.

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On social media, Godara takes responsibility for Gurgaon club blasts

Veracity of post to be ascertained: Cops

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, DECEMBER 12

AFTER A man was arrested for allegedly hurling bombs in front of a club in Gurgaon's Sector 29 on Tuesday, a purported social-media post of Lawrence Bishnoi's aide Rohit Godara allegedly emerged on Thursday, taking responsibility for the blasts. The police, however, said they were checking the authenticity of the post.

Two desi bombs were thrown outside the Human Night Club at 5.15 am on Tuesday. Police had said the accused, Sachin, a member of the Golden Brar gang, was sent to threaten the club owners. He has been booked under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

In the purported post, Godara said that gamblers, bookies, hawala traders and dance clubs "earning crores daily have to pay tax".

"...we have gotten bomb blasts done outside two clubs in Chandigarh a few days ago and two days ago in Gurgaon Sector 29. The gamblers, bookies,

hawala traders and dance clubs who are earning crores of rupees daily, all of them will have to pay tax. This is just a small demo to open your ears. We can do an even bigger blast due to which such dance clubs will be destroyed. Don't take this as our warning, those who say do what they say," he said.

"Those who suck the blood of the poor and those who earn crores of rupees through illegal means by evading the country's taxes, all of them will have to pay," he added.

The police said they are trying to ascertain the veracity of the post. "We will check the ID from which the post was sent... We are interrogating the accused and will take action accordingly," an officer said.

"The club owners had received extortion calls. To intimidate them further, the accused hurled two bombs. This was the same modus operandi used by the same terror module that hurled bombs at clubs in Chandigarh last month," the officer added. Associates of Brar were arrested in the Chandigarh case.

PERSISTING COLD WAVE CONDITIONS

Delhi witnesses season's coldest morning, yellow alert until tomorrow

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 12

A DAY after Delhi saw the season's first cold wave, it recorded the coldest morning Thursday as the minimum temperature further dipped to 4.5 degrees Celsius at the Safdarjung station. With cold wave conditions to persist in the coming days, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a yellow warning for Friday and Saturday.

Cold, northwesterly winds up to 16 kmph are likely to blow during the next two days, the Met department stated. The minimum temperature will hover between 4 and 6 degrees Celsius and the maximum between 23 and 24 degrees Celsius.

On Thursday, the minimum temperatures at Pusa and Ayanagar stations were at 3.2 degrees Celsius and 3.8 degrees Celsius, respectively. The maximum temperature was around a notch below normal at 22.2 degrees Celsius.

Meanwhile, a day after the Air



Delhi's air quality plummeted to 288 in the 'poor' category Thursday. *Praveen Khanna*

Quality Index (AQI) improved to the 'moderate' category at 199, it plummeted to 288 on Thursday, as per the daily bulletin of the Central Pollution Control Board. According to the Indian Institute of Tropical

Meteorology, Pune, the air quality will be in the 'poor' category till December 15. It will fluctuate between 'poor' and 'very poor' in the subsequent six days, it said.

A dip in temperatures prevents

the dispersal of pollutants, while an increase in wind speed is favourable. On Thursday morning, the wind speed was below 8 kmph from the northwest, as per the IMD.

On Wednesday, the minimum temperature was recorded at 4.9 degrees Celsius, making it the earliest cold wave day reported (with temperature below 5 degrees Celsius) since 1996. IMD defines cold wave conditions as when actual temperatures dip below 4.1 degrees Celsius or when departures are more than 4.4 degrees Celsius in plains, provided the normal minimum is less than or equal to 10 degrees Celsius.

According to the IMD forecast, along with mainly clear skies for the next seven days, foggy conditions will prevail from December 15 to December 17.

According to IMD officials, the last time the minimum temperature dipped below 5 degrees Celsius this early was on December 6, 1987 when it was 4.1 degrees Celsius. On December 11, 1996, the minimum temperature was 2.3 degrees Celsius.

Police collect documents of 32 people under its drive against illegal Bangladeshis

New Delhi: The police collected documents of 32 people in Delhi on Thursday, the second day of its verification drive against illegal Bangladeshi immigrants in the national capital. Deputy Commissioner of Police (Shahdara) Prashant Gautam said. These people reside at Seemapuri in East Delhi, police said.

Gautam said, "In a decisive step to curb the rising number of illegal Bangladeshi intruders in the capital, Delhi Police conducted a comprehensive operation in the E-44 Jhuggis of New Seemapuri on Thursday." During the operation, the documents of 32 individuals were collected for further verification, he said, adding the locals were warned against using fake identity cards and were assured that this drive was strictly focused on identifying unauthorised intruders.

"This operation marks a major stride in ensuring the security and order of the city, with more such initiatives planned in the coming weeks," the DCP said in a statement. **PTI**

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Gym trainer shot at by bike-borne men at Trilokpuri park, 2 arrested

New Delhi: A 32-year-old body-builder received multiple bullet injuries after men on a bike opened fire while he was warming himself up at a park in Trilokpuri early Thursday, police said. Later in the day, two persons were arrested in the case.

The condition of the man, Ravi Yadav, also a gym trainer, is reported to be critical. The police said he was shot four to five times and was hit on the arm and torso.

Police said Ravi's relatives alleged that Sunil Gupta alias Golu, with whom the victim's family allegedly had long-standing rivalry, is behind the attack that took place around 12.30 am.

and Rohit — have been arrested, Sunil is on the run. "Ravi's uncle Virender Yadav is a practising advocate in Karkardooma court. Ravi was earlier involved in an attempted murder case... he had assaulted Sunil Gupta with a knife and danda, for which an FIR was registered on March 22," said DCP (East) Apoorva Gupta.

Sources in the police said Ravi and Sunil were allegedly business associates who fell out. Tension between the families escalated recently after Sunil's brother Vipin, who worked as a nursing assistant in a government hospital, reportedly lost his job following complaints filed by Virender Yadav, Gupta said.

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Relaxed GRAP curbs to continue till further orders: SC

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Thursday said that measures to tackle air pollution under Stage II of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), along with some restrictions from Stage III, will continue to operate in Delhi.


A bench of Justices A S Oka and A G Masih said, "Regarding applicability of stages of GRAP, directions contained in paragraphs 8 and 9 of our last order dated December 5 will continue till further orders." The court had on December 5 allowed CAQM to relax the emergency measures imposed in the city under GRAP Stage IV to Stage II, with some additional measures from GRAP III being in place. The court had also asked CAQM to "consider incorporating certain additional measures which are part of Stage III (of GRAP)". Accordingly, CAQM submitted a note of its recommendations to the court. Appearing for CAQM, Additional S-G Aishwarya Bhati said the proposed measures include intensifying the frequency of mechanised sweeping of roads; ensuring daily water sprinkling along with using dust suppressants before peak traffic hours on roads and properly disposing collected dust in designated sites/landfills, among others. **ENS**



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NDMC's Rs 463.4-cr budget has no plans to raise property tax

SAMAN HUSAIN
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 12

SHIFT TO 100 per cent renewable energy, tablets for students, smart parking, mist spray system on poles, and the establishment of a cultural centre for artists — these were the major proposals made by New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) chairman Keshav Chandra as he presented a Rs 463.40-crore surplus budget for 2025-26 Thursday.

"This budget reflects our continued commitment to transform New Delhi into a city that not only preserves its rich heritage but also embraces innovation, sustainability and inclusive growth," Chandra said. Although most of the budget comprised incomplete projects announced previously, Chandra said the council does not plan to increase property taxes, but rather to generate revenue from other sources. NDMC expects to collect property tax worth Rs 1,290 crore in 2025-26 and Rs 1,150 crore in the current financial year as per Revised Estimates.

The budget has been made keeping in mind the upcoming imposition of the Model Code of Conduct. The goal is to complete most projects before, Chandra stated, adding that the NDMC



NDMC chairman Keshav Chandra and vice-chairman Kuljeet Singh Chahal on Thursday. *ANI*

plans to ensure that beautification and horticulture are not their only focus areas, but rather to provide electricity and water at more reasonable rates for the underprivileged jhuggi jhopdi residents of Lutyens Delhi.

The council has launched a programme for night-cleaning of areas that, according to the newly appointed NDMC vice-chairperson Kuljeet Chahal, is an initiative inspired by the Gujarat Model. The cleaning drive, which started as a pilot project in Khan Market, is now being planned for implementation across Lutyens. "Municipal sanitation workers will get enough time to clean the

areas, which otherwise get clogged during regular working hours. This will minimise disruption to business activities and hindrances to citizens," the council said, in its statement to the press.

Chahal added that NDMC aims to become the first Indian municipal body with 100 percent renewable energy and is prepared to make the switch by May 2025 for which the adoption of solar panels in both municipal and public buildings is going to be a major focus. As of now the council has 235 solar connections. It also stated that their focus will be on increasing the affordability of power supply through prepaid

smart metering and the upgradation and distribution of infrastructure. To reduce the spread of dust, the civic body plans to explore the feasibility of installing mist spray systems on electric poles in its area which will be similar to a project launched by the DDA in Dwarka last month.

There is also a proposal to set up creative centres for artists and organise monthly cultural festivals with ambassadors of G-20 countries. NDMC will work on a Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs project worth Rs 556 crore for rehabilitation of the sewerage system over the next five years.

In addition, in collaboration with Delhi Police, a 'Safe City Project' has been initiated for mutual sharing of CCTV camera feeds that the council said will be completed in the coming financial year. To upgrade its school infrastructure, the council is going to convert its Navyug School on Pandara Road into a model school for education and plans upon installing 346 smart classrooms across its 43 schools. Further, 6,181 tablets will be purchased for distribution among students of classes 10 and 12. An additional 251 CCTV cameras will be installed in schools. Innovations labs will be set up to help students learn new skills.

NO CONNECTION WITH CO-CONSPIRATORS: BAIL PLEA IN HC Sharjeel says 'implicated on basis of witness statements while in custody'

SOHINI GHOSH
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 12

ARGUING FOR bail in the larger conspiracy case of the Northeast Delhi riots Thursday, student leader and activist Sharjeel Imam said he has been implicated in the case based on witness statements recorded while he was already in custody. He also submitted that he had no "connection" with any of the alleged co-conspirators and his public speeches repeatedly called for non-violence.

Imam and other accused, who have been in custody now for over four years, are facing allegations of pre-planned conspiracy to allegedly cause riots in northeast Delhi between February 23-25, 2020 with various offences lodged under the IPC, Arms Act, and the UAPA. An FIR was registered by the Delhi Crime Branch in March 2020 with the investigation being undertaken by the special cell.

Advocate Talib Mustafa, on behalf of Imam, submitted before

the bench of Justices Navin Chawla and Shalinder Kaur that the first overt act the student leader is accused of is a speech he delivered on December 13 at Jamia Millia Islamia University where he proposed the idea of a chakkajam (road blockade) but "that it has to be non-violent".

Highlighting that Imam had delivered four speeches — at Delhi, Aligarh, West Bengal, and Gaya in Bihar — Mustafa submitted that "five FIRs for the same speech were registered in various states...I'm on bail in all these 5 FIRs".

Highlighting that at no point Imam exhorted for violence, and instead only emphasised on peaceful methods of protesting against the CAA/NRC law, Mustafa added, "According to the prosecution, Umar Khalid is my mentor...on January 2, 2020, I distanced myself from the Shaheen Bagh protest site and requested all to withdraw from the protests through a Facebook post...Witness statements were recorded while I was in custody, on the basis of

which I'm implicated (in the larger conspiracy case)... There is absolutely no chat and calls between me and any of the other co-conspirators or co-accused in the case... He is a student with absolutely no run-ins with law before this."

"There is absolutely nothing in any of the chats that would indicate that at any point of time, I tried to incite violence... none of my speeches can show that I intended to incite violence... no specific reference that I called for violence, there is clear utterance against violence... I am the only one with no connection with anybody at all," Mustafa submitted.

Imam also argued on grounds of delay and adopted the arguments canvassed by the other accused in the case. The High Court has heard bail arguments of accused student activist Umar Khalid, Meeran Haider, Gulfisha Fatima, Abdul Khalid Saifi of United Against Hate, Athar Khan, Shifa Ur Rehman and Mohd Saleem Khan.

Forwarded CAG reports to L-G office: Govt to HC

New Delhi: The AAP government on Thursday told the Delhi High Court that it has forwarded Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India reports to the office of L-G V K Saxena to be placed before the Legislative Assembly. The L-G, in turn, informed the court that it had received the reports on December 11.

The court of Justice Sanjeev Narula was hearing a petition filed by BJP MLAs, seeking tabling of 12 CAG reports in the Assembly. Senior advocate Sudhir Nandrajog, representing the Delhi government, informed the court orally, "I have oral instructions that the finance minister (CM Atishi) has forwarded the files to the L-G. But I will not make any statement unless I get it in writing from them." The court gave the government and the L-G office time to file affidavits and posted the matter for hearing on December 16.

The Delhi Assembly had held Winter Session from November 29 to December 4. No other session of the House is scheduled prior to the elections slated to be held next February. **ENS**





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A Tool for National Development: Driving impactful change

Transcending the status of just being buzzword, CSR has become a vital component of corporate governance and PSUs in India, are at the forefront of this revolution

A GAINST THE backdrop of increased Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) expenditure in India from Rs 26,579.78 crores in FY22 to Rs 29,986.92 crores in FY23, it can be aptly said that CSR has evolved from a voluntary initiative into a strategic, impactful driver of sustainable development, addressing critical social, environmental, and economic challenges across the country.

In India, as a core component of modern business strategy, CSR is no longer just about business profits but also about making a positive impact on society and the environment. Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) have emerged as leaders in this movement, leveraging their significant resources and social mandates to foster change. As a result, CSR in India is becoming a powerful tool for national development, with PSUs playing a central role in this transformation.

What is Corporate Social Responsibility?

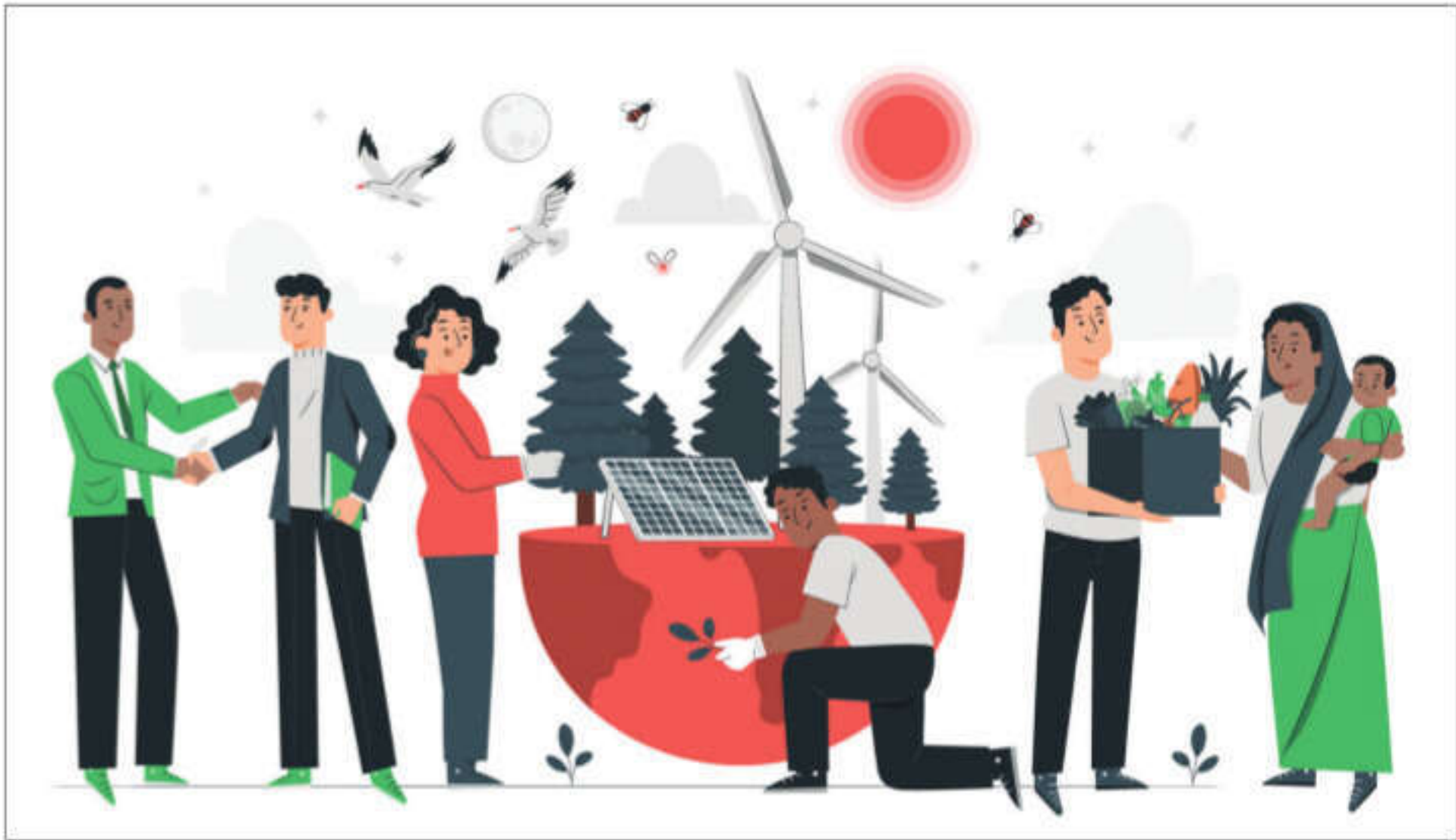
At its core, CSR refers to the practices and policies undertaken by corporations to operate in a socially responsible manner. It goes beyond just generating profits and includes environmental sustainability, ethical governance, employee welfare, community development, and more. Companies engage in CSR to address social and environmental issues, and improve the quality of life of the communities they operate in. In India, the government formalized CSR obligations through the Companies Act of 2013, which mandates companies meeting certain thresholds to allocate a portion of their profits towards CSR activities. Furthermore, India is the first country to mandate CSR spending under clause 135 of the Companies Act, 2013, with a framework for identifying potential CSR activities.

CSR activities span various areas, such as health care, education, rural development, environmental conservation, and poverty alleviation. In India, reportedly, education accounted for one-third of the CSR spends in FY23, besides health, rural development, environmental sustainability, and livelihood enhancement that received significant CSR funds.

By incorporating CSR into their business models, companies not only contribute to society but also build stronger, more sustainable relationships with their stakeholders, including customers, employees, and investors.

CSR empowers organizations to thrive

Enhanced brand reputation
One of the key benefits for companies engaging in CSR activities is an enhanced reputation. Consumers today are more conscious of the social and environmental impact of their purchases. Brands that are committed to positive change are better positioned to earn the trust and loyalty of their customer base, which translates into increased sales, better customer retention, and overall brand equity.



Increased employee satisfaction and retention

CSR initiatives often involve activities, such as employee volunteering or creating a positive work environment. Witnessing their employer's commitment to making a difference, employees feel a sense of purpose and fulfillment, which improves their morale alongside retention. Many organizations find that their CSR activities help attract top talent, especially millennials and Gen Z, who value corporate responsibility.

According to a study report, 74% of employees agree that businesses should be just as concerned about their social impact as they are with their financial results. Another study report of 2021 found that despite 55% of Gen Z claiming to be worried about future job prospects, 54% of those would quit their jobs if employer values did not align with their own, underscoring the growing importance of purpose-driven workplaces.

Long-term financial benefits

While CSR initiatives require investment, the long-term benefits often outweigh the costs. Companies that align themselves with sustainable practices, ethical standards, and community welfare are likely to see long-term growth and profitability. Sustainable practices, such as reducing waste and improving energy efficiency, can also lead to cost savings in the future. Moreover, companies with strong CSR practices often find it easier

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CSR refers to the practices of corporations that go beyond generating profits and includes ethical governance, employee welfare and community development

to access capital, as socially conscious investors seek to fund ethical and responsible businesses.

Additionally, engaging in CSR allows businesses to anticipate and manage risks related to environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors. Companies that neglect CSR may face regulatory scrutiny or reputational damage. By proactively addressing these risks, businesses can ensure that their operations remain sustainable and minimize the potential for crises that could harm their brand or bottom line.

CSR drives positive change and benefits society
Social and economic development

CSR activities contribute significantly to the socio-economic development of a nation, especially India, wherein according to the data shared by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) nearly 75% of CSR funds are concentrated in three sectors—education, health (including sanitation and water), and rural poverty.

Initiatives aimed at education, healthcare, sanitation, and infrastructure development help uplift marginalized communities and reduce social inequality. These efforts not only improve quality of life but also empower individuals, creating a more equitable society. Furthermore, CSR-driven projects in rural areas and underserved regions contribute to local economic growth and infrastructure development while enhancing access to essential services.

Environmental sustainability

Environmental conservation is another critical area where CSR efforts can have a lasting impact. Corporations that invest in renewable energy and reduced emissions while promoting sustainable agricultural practices play an essential role in protecting the planet for future generations. India's growing environmental challenges demand that companies take proactive steps to mitigate their ecological footprint, and CSR provides a platform for businesses to lead these efforts.

Empowerment of marginalized communities

Many CSR programs focus on the empowerment of disadvantaged groups such as women, children, farmers, and the differently abled. By offering training, education, employment opportunities, and financial support, CSR initiatives help these communities gain independence, improve their living standards, and contribute to society. The positive ripple effects of such programs are far-reaching, improving social cohesion and contributing

to national development.

Promising future for PSU-driven CSR

Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) have always played a significant role in India's development. These state-owned enterprises, with their substantial resources and the mandate to serve the public



good, have emerged as major contributors to CSR activities. Given their size, reach, and responsibility to the nation, PSUs are in a unique position to influence societal change. India's CSR landscape, in particular, has seen a marked increase in the engagement of PSUs in meaningful CSR programs, addressing national priorities such as poverty alleviation, education, healthcare, and environmental sustainability.

As India—the fifth-largest economy globally, poised to become the world's third-largest economy in the next five years—continues to grow and develop, the

role of organizations, especially PSUs, which play a major role in uplifting society socio-economically, in driving impactful CSR initiatives will only increase. With an expanding mandate from the government and growing awareness among the public, PSUs have become a beacon of responsible corporate citizenship. By aligning their CSR efforts with national priorities, PSUs are significantly contributing to India's vision of becoming a more inclusive, equitable, and sustainable society while shaping the promising future of a nation advancing on its journey of attaining the developed country status by 2047.



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PSUs spur impact across sectors through CSR activities

Public Sector Undertakings accounted for 26.23 per cent of the total CSR spending in FY 21-22, a recent CSR spending report revealed

PUBLIC sector undertakings (PSUs) are putting their might behind changing the world, creating the building blocks of development through rigorous corporate social responsibility (CSR) practices. While CSR is usually associated with corporate India, the sheer size of public sector companies position them to make a much larger impact. PSUs are creating impact majorly across education and healthcare, while propelling inclusive growth, sustainable development and catering to the socio-economic needs of marginalized sections of society.

In fact, PSUs accounted for a whopping 26.23 per cent of the total CSR spent in FY 21-22, according to a recent CSR spending report. Public sector oil companies alone have been spending around 10 per cent of the total expenditure in India for the past three to four years. As per the Public Enterprises Survey, CSR expenditure of PSUs during the last three financial years stood at Rs 4,488 crore in 2020-21, Rs 5,088 crore in 2019-20 and Rs 3,873 crore in 2018-19. Reports by KPMG and CAG from 2021 revealed that PSU firms have consistently focussed on furthering the cause of health and education through a major chunk of their CSR funds.

CSR activities are usually undertaken in regions where the PSUs or companies largely operate. Often, the allocated budgets also prioritise the focus areas of the Central government, such as a commitment to a open-defecation-free society under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, the Clean Ganga initiative, rural electrification, creating access to affordable healthcare, etc.

OIL PSUS SET AN ADMIRABLE TREND



Meanwhile, public sector oil companies have shown a robust commitment to their CSR spends over the years. In the past three years (2018-19 to 2020-21), they invested a total of Rs 5,582.34 crore under CSR in various regions of the nation, according to Rameshwar Teli, Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. During the same period, the country spent a total of Rs 53,667 crore on CSR. As a result, for this time-frame, the oil PSUs' average CSR spending stayed at roughly 10 per cent.

According to Teli, oil and gas PSUs spent a total of Rs 1,377 crore on CSR in 2021-22, with ONGC being the biggest spender. The largest CSR expenditure among oil and gas PSUs for 2021-22 was made by ONGC, which spent Rs. 436.02 crore. Following BPCL and OIL, who each spent Rs 166.73 crore and Rs 163.73 crore, Indian Oil came in second with Rs 204.77 crore.

These oil PSUs include HPCL, IOCL, ONGC, GAIL, BPCL, OIL, EIL, BL, NRL, MRPL and CPCL. The top 25 PSUs contribute around 17 per cent of total CSR expenditure in India. Teli added that Public Sector Oil Companies have been earmarking 2 per cent of their average net profits made during the three immediate preceding financial years as per Section 135 of the Companies Act. The CSR activities are undertaken under the heads identified under Schedule VII of the Companies Act 2013.

GOING BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY

While many PSUs have been committed to nation-building through CSR activities, some have even gone beyond the call of duty to exceed their CSR budgets. GAIL spent Rs 136.46 crore on CSR, compared to HPCL's Rs 161.86 crore. NRL spent Rs 59.05 crore on CSR, whereas EIL spent Rs 10.47 crore. Coal India Ltd, a major player in the public sector, spent more money on CSR than was re-

quired for the fiscal year 2022-2023 (FY 2022-2023). The firm spent Rs 513 crore on CSR projects for the current fiscal year, 15.3 per cent more than the mandated minimum of Rs 445 crore, it informed through a statement. CIL has spent a total of Rs 2,238 crore on CSR during the last four years (until the end of 2022-23). This indicates that the corporation has spent 29 per cent more than the Rs. 1,735 crore mandated amount.

PSUs, such as NTPC, ONGC, Indian Oil and BHEL, among others have also supported states through public awareness programmes, such as educating communities on the use of restrooms and demolishing the long-held belief that cooking as well as excretion cannot take place within the common boundaries of their homes. They also run mobile health checkup facilities, providing free consultations and medication. On a larger scale, they have contributed towards affordable healthcare by building multi-specialty hospitals in areas where medical access was a challenge.

PSUs cast a wide net when it comes to directing their CSR efforts, including issues such as women entrepreneurship, sustainable energy, etc, which cater to the disadvantaged sections. ONGC, for instance, was responsible for distributing wheelchairs, crutches, Braille kits, hearing aids and artificial limbs to over 20,000 PwDs (persons with disabilities) across 21 states in collaboration with ALIMCO (Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation). NTPC, meanwhile, joined hands with the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India to empower underprivileged women through entrepreneurship, providing necessary training and support.



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Recently, the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (Power Grid), a Maharatna PSU under the Ministry of Power, received the Green Organization's Global Gold Award for improving agriculture productivity and rural livelihood in 10 villages of Odisha.

PSU companies have often come under fire for underspending on corporate social responsibility. However, the work that these PSUs are doing to invest in CSR for health is admirable.

SECTOR-WISE CSR CONTRIBUTION BY PSUS

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The January-September rush would make one baffled to see the swarming students in the corridors of the Centre which is being termed by the instructor as the most challenging as well as exciting months at the Centre. The courses end with awarding the students with government certification, which allows them to pursue courses of higher education as well as for applying in jobs.

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- Distributed innovative school bags with desks in Maharashtra to over 27,700 children in an aspirational district under programme on children's spine & optical health improvement.
- Mobile Medical van for providing doorstep primary health care services for poor people residing in remote villages of Rajasthan and has catered to over 25,000 beneficiaries.
- Ambulances for emergency services and life support treatment for deprived people residing in Assam and Maharashtra.

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●How SC undid what then CJI Chandrachud allowed two years ago

This same question was also before the Supreme Court on May 21, 2022 when, in an oral observation, it held that a survey didn't violate the Act and, effectively, set the stage for civil suits in over 10 cases – from Varanasi and Mathura to Sambhal and Ajmer.

“Suppose there is an agiary (fire temple). Suppose there is a cross in another segment of the agiary in the same complex... Act applies to it. Does the presence of the agiary make the cross an agiary? Does the presence of a cross make the agiary a place of Christian worship?,” observed a three-judge bench led by then CJI DY Chandrachud hearing an appeal against the Varanasi district court ordering a survey of the Gyanvapi mosque.

The bench had observed: “Therefore, this hybrid character, forget this arena of contestation, is not unknown in India. What does the Act therefore recognise? That the presence of a cross will not make an article of Christian faith into an article of Zoroastrian faith, nor does the presence of an article of Zoroastrian faith make it an article of Christian faith.”

“But the ascertainment of a religious character of a place, as a processual instrument, may not necessarily fall foul of the provisions of Sections 3 and 4 (of the Act)... These are matters which we will not hazard an opinion in our order at all,” the bench had observed.

Although a larger challenge to the Places of Worship Act had been pending, just four months after these observations were made by the SC, the district court in Varanasi effectively relied on it to allow the civil suit by Hindu plaintiffs seeking access to the Gyanvapi mosque.

“The determination of religious character is a matter of evidence which can be laid by either of the parties,” the district court had said in its order.

Section 4(2) of the 1991 Act states that “no suit, appeal or

other proceeding with respect to any such matter shall lie on or after such commencement in any court, tribunal or other authority.”

Senior advocate Huzefa Ahmed, appearing for the Committee of Management of Anjuman Intezamia Masjid, Varanasi, had argued with the court that ordering a survey “is precisely an extension of what was sought to be prohibited by Parliament.”

The SC's 2022 observations were also in conflict with the ruling of the 5-judge bench in the Ayodhya Ram Janmabhoomi verdict where the SC termed the 1991 Act “a basic structure of the Constitution.”

“In providing a guarantee for the preservation of the religious character of places of public worship as they existed on 15 August 1947 and against the conversion of places of public worship, Parliament determined that independence from colonial rule furnishes a constitutional basis for healing the injustices of the past by providing the confidence to every religious community that their places of worship will be preserved and that their character will not be altered. The law addresses itself to the State as much as to every citizen of the nation. Its norms bind those who govern the affairs of the nation at every level. Those norms implement the Fundamental Duties under Article 51A and are hence positive mandates to every citizen as well. The State, has by enacting the law, enforced a constitutional commitment and operationalized its constitutional obligations to uphold the equality of all religions and secularism which is a part of the basic structure of the Constitution,” the court had said.

On Thursday, one of the three judges on the bench, Justice KV Viswanathan, referring to the Ayodhya judgement observed that “civil courts cannot run a race with the Supreme Court,” when a Constitution bench had set out “certain principles.”

●If no change, earliest simultaneous polls likely to be held in 2034

The report of the high-level committee chaired by former President Ram Nath Kovind proposed insertion of a new provision, Article 82A(1), which states that the President will notify the “appointed date” on the first sitting of the Lok Sabha after a general election. It also proposed insertion of Article 82A(2), which states that the terms of the State Assemblies elected after the “appointed date” would be curtailed, to align with the end of the full term of the Lok Sabha.

This, sources said, would mean that if the Bills are passed without amendment, the “appointed date” would only be notified during the first sitting of the Lok Sabha that is elected in 2029, as the first sitting of the Lok Sabha elected this year has already passed. The full term of the next Lok Sabha would be till 2034.

This timeline, sources said, would also work better for the Election Commission (EC), which will be primarily responsible for implementing the plan across the country. “Building political consensus and getting the Bill passed in Parliament is just the beginning. The actual work starts after that. The Commission will need to place orders for new Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) to facilitate simultaneous voting for Assemblies and the Lok Sabha, which requires significant lead time,” said a senior official at the poll panel.

According to the official, the EC would ideally require two-and-a-half to three years to dou-

ble the number of EVMs needed for simultaneous elections. “Procurement of chips and other materials alone would take seven to eight months. Meanwhile, manufacturers like ECIL and BEL cannot produce such large quantities overnight; they will need to scale up their production capacity. So realistically, we are looking at a lead time of up to three years,” the official explained.

Further, EC sources noted that even if the government builds consensus and gets the Bills passed by the end of 2025 or early 2026, the Commission would be left with a tight timeline to arrange logistics, with little room for error or unforeseen circumstances. “(To hold simultaneous polls in 2029), that timeline would be cutting it too fine, even if the Bills are passed within a year,” the EC source said.

The Kovind Committee had also recommended a third Bill to facilitate simultaneous elections to local bodies, 100 days after the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections, by providing for a single electoral roll. Government sources said these proposals were not considered for now.

These amendments would require ratification by 50 per cent of the states, as the local body elections are conducted by the State Election Commissions. For a single electoral roll, apart from the amendments, the ward boundaries would have to be brought under the relevant Assembly constituencies, sources said.

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further orders of this Court. Further, in the pending suits, no Court will pass any effective interim orders or final orders, including orders directing surveys, etc. till the next date of hearing/further orders of this Court.”

The court will hear the matter next on February 17, 2025.

Noting that the Centre was yet to make its stand clear on the issue, the bench, also comprising Justices P V Sanjay Kumar and KV Viswanathan, asked the government to file its reply in four weeks.

“We want the Union of India's position to be brought on record,” it said.

The bench's directions have effectively stalled proceedings in civil suits filed across India – over the Gyanvapi mosque in Varanasi to the Shahi Idgah in Mathura to the Jama Masjid in Sambhal – and accepted by civil courts, bypassing the Places of Worship Act.

The 1991 law, brought in by the then P V Narasimha Rao-led Congress government during the height of the Ram temple movement, prohibits conversion of any place of worship and provides for the maintenance of the religious character of any place of worship as it existed on August 15, 1947. The dispute relating to Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid in Ayodhya was kept out of its purview.

There are several cross-petitions which seek strict implementation of the 1991 law to maintain communal harmony and to preserve the present status of mosques, sought to be reclaimed by Hindu groups on the ground that these were temples

before being razed by invaders.

At the outset of the hearing Thursday, CJI Khanna made it clear that the court intended to stay registration of further suits. “On the fresh suits, we have no difficulty, we are passing that order,” he said.

Senior Advocate Raju Ramchandran, appearing for a petitioner who sought implementation of the Act, then sought a stay on further proceedings in pending suits too.

“Where suits are already filed, those proceedings may be already stayed for the present. That's the one which creates the problem because surveys, surveys to find out... These are what have to be stopped,” he submitted.

The counsel for the petitioners opposed the prayer, saying the court should not stay proceedings in pending suits without hearing them in detail.

“Your Lordships may not pass such orders without hearing us,” Senior Advocate Maninder Singh, representing a petitioner, told the bench. “Your Lordships have just taken up this matter and we are not prepared... My Lords won't pass such an order in a matter pending for years,” he said.

But the CJI said, “At this stage, there are two things. When we say the matter requires consideration – obviously the matter requires consideration – we are not saying matter doesn't require consideration. Once we are saying those issues with regard to sections 3 and 4 (of the Act) require consideration, will it not be proper that there is a stay off hand by the other courts?”

“Either we say we will not examine those matters, then we can

put you up to the High Courts. If you want us to do that, we can do that. But when a matter is pending before us and we are examining the matter, will it be just and fair for anybody, any other court to then examine?” he said.

Senior Advocate Vijay Hansaria, appearing for another petitioner, said the court is only examining the constitutional validity of the Act and not the merits of individual suits. “This is not on the merits of the suits. Your Lordships are examining the vires of the Act.”

CJI Khanna said, “We are examining... vires, contours and ambit of the Act. Therefore, at this stage, when we are examining the issue, it is better that we examine it.”

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, asked whether parties “who are strangers to a suit (petitioners challenging the 1991 Act) can seek stay of proceedings in a suit”.

“As a proposition, so far as intra party suits are concerned, jurisdictionally – I am not taking sides – would it be possible for a stranger, a private party, to come and say that stay all the suits? That is a question Your Lordships may have to decide,” he said.

The bench, in oral observations, also referred to the November 2019 verdict in the Ayodhya matter and said “civil courts cannot race with the Supreme Court”.

“When you have a judgment of 5 judges setting out certain principles, civil courts cannot run a race with the Supreme Court. As simple as this. That has to be decided,” Justice Viswanathan said.

He said while there are peti-

tions raising questions on the constitutional validity of the Act arguing that it takes away the power of judicial review, there are also larger questions on whether such suits can be allowed even if the Places of Worship Act did not exist.

“(On) Section 3 (of the Act that bars conversion of religious character), one view is that it is only an effective manifestation or a reiteration of the already embedded constitutional principles. So much so that even without the Act, if a suit were to be objected to on the ground of plain constitutional principles, an argument may arise,” he said.

The CJI too referred to the Ayodhya judgment in which the Supreme Court had said “the law (Places of Worship Act) speaks to our history and to the future of the nation. Cognizant as we are of our history and of the need for the nation to confront it, Independence was a watershed moment to heal the wounds of the past. Historical wrongs cannot be remedied by the people taking the law in their own hands. In preserving the character of places of public worship, Parliament has mandated in no uncertain terms that history and its wrongs shall not be used as instruments to oppress the present and the future.”

The CJI made the reference when Senior Advocate Vikas Singh, appearing for a petitioner, said the court will need to decide whether the matter has to be referred to a five-judge bench.

The CJI said, “We will examine it once we hear it out because we have the Ram Janmabhoomi judgment also.”

●Gukesh becomes youngest World Chess Champion

blunder in the 55th move of Game-14 on Thursday, which opened the door to his ascension. “From the time I started playing chess, I have been dreaming about this moment, have been living this moment for more than 10 years,” he said.

Till that stage, it looked like the game would end in a draw. But one miscalculated push of the rook (55.Rf2) saw Ding's last line of defence leave the board, and an unavoidable checkmate. In short, one mis-timed move cost Ding the game, the match and the crown.

Both players had battled on for over four hours at that point. With three pawns on the board compared to Ding's two, Gukesh had a slight material advantage. He had also saved up an hour more than his opponent. But besides hope, there was not much that Gukesh was playing for at that point. The 55th move changed that.

It was when he saw the move that Gukesh's inscrutable face broke into a grin.

Since the championship be-

gan on November 25, Ding would sneak glances at Gukesh's face, as if trying to get a read on his emotions. But Gukesh, largely, gave Ding nothing, definitely not any expression that betrayed his thoughts.

After he became the world champion, it all came out. Even empathy.

“Before I talk about anything else, I want to talk about my opponent. We all know who Ding Liren is. He has been one of the best players in history for several years, and to see how much pressure he faced, and the kind of fight he still gave at the world championship, it shows what a true champion he is. I'm really sorry for Ding and his team, and I would like to thank him for putting on a show,” Gukesh said.

Ding has spoken earlier about his troubles with depression away from the board, and not having too much self-confidence on the board.

“No matter who says what about Ding, he's a real world champion,” Gukesh said, referring to predictions from former world

champions like Magnus Carlsen and elite grandmasters like Hikaru Nakamura that there would be a “massacre” on the board by the Indian or that the Chinese GM would crumble.

Ding did not crumble, but he did make three significant errors on the board which led to three defeats.

The outgoing world champion was also equally gracious in defeat. “Considering my lucky escape in yesterday's game, it's fair that I lost in the end. I have no regrets,” Ding said, before leaving the press conference.

As Ding walked off, Gukesh stood up and applauded his opponent out of the door, only taking his seat after the Chinese had left the room. In victory, he was definitely not going to forget his manners.

Just about half-an-hour back, right after his opponent had thrown in the towel, despite the emotions taking over, Gukesh had waited back at the chessboard, tearing up but still rearranging the chessboard, like it was his duty to return all the pieces back to their

squares.

Gukesh's win came on the back of his ability to keep fighting. Other grandmasters would have accepted a draw today and taken the battle into tie-breaker tomorrow (where the players would play in faster time controls).

But, for the third time at the World Chess Championship 2024 in Singapore, Gukesh was not willing to settle for a draw, even if a win was nowhere on the horizon. In two previous games, that strategy had not borne fruit. On Thursday, it made him the champion of the world.

For some time now, it has felt like the world of chess is bracing for an era of Indian prodigies – from the Candidates tournament earlier this year, which had an unprecedented number of Indian players qualifying, to the double gold medals for the Indian teams at the Budapest Chess Olympiad. Earlier, Kasparov called it an “Indian earthquake in chess”.

With Gukesh's coronation, the prophecies have come true. The Indian earthquake has just started.

●Cabinet clears Bills for joint Lok Sabha and Assembly elections

“It will just be the introduction and, within minutes, will go to a JPC which will be formed by the House,” said a BJP source.

The Bills have been drafted as per the recommendations of the high-level committee chaired by former President Ram Nath Kovind, whose report was accepted by the Cabinet on September 18.

Significantly, the Cabinet did not consider any draft legislation to align local body polls (panchayat and municipal) with Lok Sabha and Assembly elections, or creation of a single electoral roll, which had also been recommended by the committee. These would have required ratification by at least half the states, while the two Bills approved on Thursday don't require such ratification, government sources said.

According to sources aware of the developments, the Constitution amendment Bill proposes changes to Article 83, which pertains to the duration of the Lok Sabha; Article 82, which pertains to delimitation; and Article 172, which covers the duration of State Assemblies – all as per the Kovind Committee's report.

If enacted as is, the Bills will cut short the terms of the State Assemblies that are elected after the appointed date, to align them with the term of the Lok Sabha.

While the Bills are unlikely to have a timeline for implementation, among the amendments is the addition of a provision that says the President will issue a notification to appoint a date on the first sitting of the Lok Sabha after

a general election. With that, the earliest that simultaneous elections can take place is in 2034. However, the exact timeline will only be known when the Bills are passed and the appointed date notified.

Sources said the implementation of the ‘one nation, one election’ agenda is likely to be synchronised with delimitation, and rollout of the Women's Reservation Bill – expected to take place after the Census is completed.

BJP leaders said ‘one nation, one election’ was ‘always in the top agenda of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his government’ and its return to power had emboldened the government to push it in the first year of its third term. Sources said both the party and the government have been “encouraged” by the victories in the recent Assembly elections in Maharashtra and Haryana.

While the Cabinet had accepted the recommendations of the Kovind Committee three months ago, the Union Law Ministry only moved the proposal for the two Bills on Thursday morning, ahead of the 1pm Cabinet meeting, it is learnt.

A top source in the government said there would be “extensive deliberations” on the Bill, both inside and outside Parliament. The BJP also plans to conduct an awareness campaign on the idea of ‘one nation, one election’.

Sanjay Jaiswal, BJP's chief whip in Lok Sabha, said the idea is to ensure governance peacefully. “The Bill is important for the

nation. We are holding an election every third month, and the efficiency of the government decreases by 50 per cent. Even if a particular state is not having an election, senior officials from the states are called for duties in poll-bound states. Everyone gets busy with the elections. By implementing ‘one nation, one election’, governance can take place peacefully for more than four-and-a-half years,” Jaiswal told The Indian Express.

“This was the system till 1971. The idea was coined by our forefathers, the founders of the Constitution, but it got interrupted in the 1970s. We are now going back to the practice that we had when the Constitution came in place,” he said.

At Thursday's meeting, the focus was solely on aligning Lok Sabha and State Assembly elections, leaving local elections (panchayat and municipal) for a later phase. This approach aligns with the first phase of recommendations made by the Kovind Committee in March. The committee had proposed a two-stage process: aligning national and state elections first, followed by local body elections within 100 days of the joint polls.

The Kovind Committee had recommended a “one-time transitory measure” to facilitate the shift to simultaneous polls. This would involve identifying an ‘appointed date’, defined as “the date of the first sitting of the House of the People after a general election.” All State Assemblies going to polls after this ‘appointed date’ would have their terms synchro-

nised with the Lok Sabha, thereby aligning electoral cycles at the central and state levels.

Given that the first sitting of Parliament after this year's Lok Sabha elections has already taken place and that Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana, Jharkhand and Maharashtra are also complete, sources said the Bills would not impact the terms of the Houses or upcoming elections, including for the Delhi Assembly.

Formed in September last year, the Kovind Committee conducted consultations with stakeholders, including political parties, before submitting its report to President Droupadi Murmu on March 14. Of the 47 political parties that submitted their views, 32 supported the proposal, while Opposition parties, including the Congress, raised strong objections.

Apart from NDA constituents, other supporters of the plan included the BJD, Akali Dal and Ghulam Nabi Azad's Democratic Progressive Azad Party. Opposition parties such as the Congress, AAP, DMK, CPI, CPM, BSP, TMC, and SP were among those who opposed it.

Modi has advocated for ‘one nation, one election’ since first taking office in 2014. In his Independence Day address this year, he again made a strong pitch for the idea, arguing that frequent elections disrupt the country's progress.

The Opposition, however, has raised concerns over the term of Assemblies being curtailed, and said the move goes against federalism.

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AT LEAST six persons, including a minor boy, were killed in a fire accident at a private hospital in this district on Thursday, police and Fire department officials said.

All the six were found unconscious in a lift, they said. They were rushed to a hospital where they were declared dead by doctors.

The victims suffocated to death and the Fire and Rescue

Services personnel found them inside the lift after evacuating about 30 in-patients of the hospital. The evacuated persons have been admitted in the district GH, the officials added.

The fire was suspected to have been caused by an electrical short circuit, police said citing initial probe.

TV visuals showed fire and smoke billowing from the hospital building, with fire tenders pressed into service to put down the flames.

Coal block allocation ‘scam’: HC acquits former coal secretary

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 12

A DELHI court on Wednesday acquitted former Coal Secretary H C Gupta and other coal ministry officials in a case related to the alleged coal scam involving the allocation of two blocks in Odisha.

Apart from Gupta, five other accused in this case were former Joint Secretary in the Union Ministry of Coal, K S Kropha; former director in the coal allocation section of the ministry, K C Samra; Navabharat Power Private Limited (NPPL); its then Chairman P Trivikrama Prasad; and the then MD Y Harish Chandra Prasad.

It was the CBI's case that between 2006 and 2008, NPPL, along with the other accused persons conspired to deceive the Ministry of Coal by making false claims.

The CBI's case against the senior officials was that they did

not scrutinize the company's “fraudulent” claims.

The senior Coal Ministry officials were accused by the central probing agency of being part of a criminal conspiracy to help NPPL get an “undue advantage” in securing the allocation of the two coal blocks in Odisha. NPPL, meanwhile, had been accused of making false claims – regarding its financial strength and net worth – and misrepresentations to gain the allocations.

“When the application has been found to be complete, when the applicant company NPPL has been found to be an eligible company and when no misrepresentations were made by the company, no question arises for the existence of any conspiracy. It is held that prosecution has failed to prove any conspiracy. In view of the above discussion, all the accused are hereby acquitted of all the charges”, said Special Judge Sanjay Bansal of Rouse Avenue Court on Wednesday.

DIGITAL ARREST FRAUD

Gujarat doctor duped of ₹3.9 cr, accused buys iPhone, pays MBA fees

BRENDAN DABHI
AHMEDABAD, DECEMBER 12

A 26-YEAR-OLD MBA student from Mumbai accused of being part of a Cambodia-based gang of cybercriminals, was arrested Thursday after he allegedly duped a 55-year-old doctor from Ahmedabad. The woman was placed under “digital arrest” for 10 days and Rs 3.99 crore was ex-

ported from her by making her liquidate her assets, police added. The accused, identified as Chetan Ganpat Kokare, a resident of Colaba in Mumbai, allegedly used the proceeds – ₹10 lakh – given to him by his handlers in Cambodia to fund his MBA and to purchase the latest version of iPhone, said SP Dharmendra Sharma, State Cyber Crime Cell of CID, Gujarat. He was arrested following his return from Cambodia.

Officials said that the complainant received a call from a person claiming to be a FedEx employee who told her that a parcel sent in her name had been seized, which had five passports, two credit cards, one laptop, 5 kg of clothes, and 750 grams of banned MDMA drug. The caller was Kokare, officials said.

He then connected the call with another accused who impersonated a police officer and threatened her of implicating in the case. The complainant was then allegedly asked to go on a Skype video call where she was placed under “digital arrest” for 10 days. During this period, the accused extorted ₹3,99,22,578 from her, police said.

SP Dharmendra Sharma said that Kokare was not a cyberspace slave but had gone to Cambodia to learn the ropes of carrying out the digital arrest scam. In response to similar frauds reported in its name, FedEx has earlier clarified that the company “does not request personal information through unsolicited phone calls, mail, or email.”

Bengaluru man suicide: Search on for estranged wife, in-laws

KIRAN PARASHAR
BENGALURU, DECEMBER 12

DAYS AFTER a 34-year-old man died by suicide allegedly after being harassed by his wife, the Bengaluru Police decided to seek help from Uttar Pradesh Police to trace the accused in the case.

Atul Subhash, a resident of Munnekollal, was found dead in his apartment Monday. Following his death, his brother Bikas Kumar filed a complaint against Subhash's estranged wife Nikita Singhania, her mother Nisha, brother Anurag, and uncle Sushil, who were booked for abetment to suicide. They were accused of demanding ₹3 crore to withdraw cases against Atul and ₹30 lakh for visiting rights to see his son.

Officers confirmed that a team, led by an inspector with the Marathahalli police, was dispatched to UP on Wednesday.

Reports indicate that Nisha and Anurag fled their Jaunpur home late Wednesday. Video clips that surfaced on social media also showed them purportedly leaving home around midnight. “We are yet to receive any official communication from Bengaluru Police,” Jaunpur SP Ajaypal Sharma said on Thursday.

20-year-old found dead in hostel room at BITS Pilani, Goa

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA
PANAJI, DECEMBER 12

A 20-YEAR-OLD student at the Goa campus of BITS Pilani was found dead in his hostel room on Tuesday in what police suspect to be a case of suicide.

Police said the reason for the suspected suicide was yet to be ascertained and an autopsy was conducted Thursday. The student was pursuing BE Computer Science and MSc Physics.

His parents, from Ghaziabad and based in Delhi, have arrived in Goa, police said. According to police, the student had an exam scheduled for Tuesday, but he did not appear for it.

“In the evening, when some students went looking for him, his hostel room was found locked from inside. The college authorities then informed the police. A police team forced open the door,” a police officer said.

A statement by the institution said, “BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus, is engulfed in a shadow of grief and lament... The institute awaits police investigation as to the cause of his death.”

Last month, a second-year BTech student of IIT Goa had died by suicide in her hostel room.

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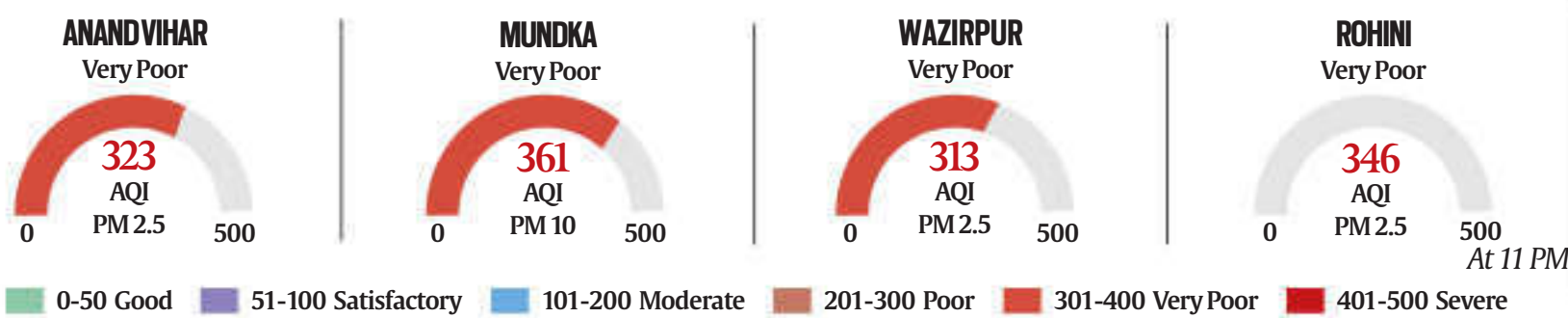
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Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and MP Rahul Gandhi arrive to attend the CEC meeting on Thursday. *ANI*

Congress releases first list of picks for 21 ‘strong seats’

Sandeep Dikshit to contest against Arvind Kejriwal from New Delhi

JATIN ANAND & SAMAN HUSAIN
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 12

THE CONGRESS on Thursday fielded former Delhi chief minister Sheila Dikshit’s son Sandeep, who is also a former MP from East Delhi, against AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal from his home turf of New Delhi in the upcoming Assembly polls.

In addition to its current state president Devender Yadav, the list also has the names of two former Delhi ministers – Jai Kishan and Haroon Yusuf – along with former state unit president Chaudhary Anil Kumar, who filed the first criminal complaint against AAP leaders in regards to the excise policy case.

Following the meeting of the party’s Central Election Committee (CEC) on Thursday, the Congress released a list of 21 candidates chosen on as many Assembly seats. According to a senior party leader, the party views these seats as “strong segments” where it believes it can “put up a strong fight if not win them” outright.

“These are seats where the party not only believes that it has a chance (of winning) but also those where there were no other alternatives than the candidates who were finally chosen,” a senior leader said.

“On the remaining seats, either there is more than one choice of candidate or the seats are being viewed as slightly weak in terms of the party’s prospects. We are in the process of finalising names on these as well and the second list



(Clockwise from top left) Devender Yadav, Sandeep Dikshit, Haroon Yusuf, Ragini Nayak

will follow in the coming days,” the leader added.

According to the list, while Devender Yadav has been picked from Badli, former Chandni Chowk MP Jai Prakash Agarwal’s son Mudit has been fielded from Chandni Chowk. AAP rebel and sitting Seelampur MLA Abdul Rehman, who switched to the Congress on Tuesday, has been fielded from the same seat.

Besides Agarwal, the list also features the successor of senior Delhi Congress leader and former minister – Mangat Ram Singhal’s son Shivank from Adarsh Nagar.

The other picks include the party’s national spokesperson Ragini Nayak from Wazirpur, Rohit Chaudhary from Nangloi, Ali Mehdi from Mustafabad, Haroon Yusuf from Ballimaran, and Abhishek Dutt from Kasturba Nagar, among others.

The CEC meeting was chaired by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and attended by Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, and other senior leaders.

Stone-pelting at JNU during screening of *The Sabarmati Report*

EXPRESSNEWSSERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 12

A SCREENING of *The Sabarmati Report*, a movie based on the burning of the Sabarmati Express in Godhra leading to the Gujarat riots of 2002, by the ABVP at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) was disrupted Thursday evening due to alleged stone-pelting by unidentified individuals, officials said. However, Vice-Chancellor Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit said no violence took place on the campus and that she visited the site of the alleged incident and everything was peaceful.

“A few stones were allegedly pelted from the Sabarmati Hostel towards the badminton court where the event is happening. Guards were informed of the situation, and it is now under control,” an official source told *The Indian Express*. The disruption occurred around 6:45 pm, the source added. “There were some unidentified people who pelted small stones from the Sabarmati Hostel thrice at the people viewing the screening. We have informed the authorities, the screening is going on peacefully, and the situation is under control,” said ABVP JNU secretary Shikha Swaraj.

The Sabarmati Report is based on the burning of the Sabarmati Express in which 59 people, including 27 women and 10 children returning from Ayodhya, were killed on February 27, 2002.

Condemning the incident and calling it “cowardly and repreh-

MAHILA SAMMAN RASHI SCHEME

Will raise monthly allowance from Rs 1,000 to Rs 2,100 if AAP returns to power: Kejriwal

GAYATHRI MANI
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 12

WITH AN eye on the upcoming Delhi elections, AAP national convener and former chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday announced that the monthly allowance given to women under the Mahila Samman Rashi scheme would be increased to Rs 2,100 from Rs 1,000 if the AAP returned to power.

The scheme, under which the AAP-led Delhi government had announced Rs 1,000 per month for eligible women in the March Budget, was approved by the Cabinet headed by Chief Minister Atishi on Thursday. Kejriwal said the registration process for the same will begin from Friday.

“Today, I am going to make two big announcements. Both are for my sisters and mothers. I promised that I would send Rs 1,000 to every woman in Delhi. I am happy to announce that the Atishi-led Cabinet has approved the Mahila Samman Rashi scheme today,” he told a gathering.

“Today, I am implementing the Rs 1,000 scheme but after the polls, I will give Rs 2,100 to all my sisters and mothers. If you want to receive this money every month, vote for Kejriwal, vote for the AAP, and help us win more than 60 seats,” he added.

Kejriwal said he made this announcement in March and had hoped to implement it by April-May. “But they (BJP) put me in jail in a false case. I was in jail for six or seven months but after my release from jail, I have been working on this with Atishi to implement this scheme... I am very happy that... the scheme is now a reality.”

“Election dates will be an-



Arvind Kejriwal with Delhi CM Atishi at an event in New Delhi on Thursday. *Amit Mehra*

ELIGIBLE

- Women between 18 and 60 years of age
- Resident of Delhi for at least 5 years on the day of application

EXCLUDED

- Past or present permanent government employees (central/state govt or local bodies)
- Present or former MP, MLA or councillor
- Income tax payers as per the last assessment cycle
- Beneficiaries of any of the three social security assistance schemes of the Delhi government – disability pension scheme, old age pension scheme, financial assistance scheme for women in distress

Mahila Samman Rashi
₹1,000/month

Money to be provided as a direct benefit transfer to Aadhaar-linked bank account



Projected beneficiaries
38 lakh

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bank passbook, caste certificate issued in Delhi, service identity card of public/private sector company/established concern, property document/rent agreement

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR PROOF OF AGE (ANY ONE)



Birth certificate, school leaving certificate, voter ID, driving licence, PAN card, matriculation certificate, passport

nounced in a week or two, so, women may not receive the

amount for now, as transferring money before polls is not possi-

ble. But I assure that this scheme has been implemented and once

Why it may take over 3 months to credit Rs 1,000 in accounts

JATIN ANAND & MALLICA JOSHI
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 12

IT MAY take more than three months for the first instalment of Rs 1,000 to be credited into the accounts of women who have applied for the Mukhyamantri Mahila Samman Yojana, senior Delhi government officials said, citing reasons ranging from the creation of an online portal at the core of its implementation to the schedule of the upcoming Assembly elections.

It is learnt that the department has said the scheme can be implemented only once the portal is fully developed, tested, and operational and the Project Management Unit (PMU) is established. It has added that the process is expected to take a minimum of three months after the scheme is notified.

Chief Minister Atishi, however, is learnt to have said that there was no need to create posts for a PMU and instead hire an agency.

The council of ministers, it is learnt, also made some “significant changes” to the proposed scheme, including the removal of the clause stating that the benefit would be extended to only those women whose family income

was less than Rs 3 lakh per annum. Officials said it also made it clear that the Women and Child Development (WCD) department is free to obtain modifications in the registration and implementation process, including that in the amount to be disbursed.

Earlier, the Finance department had flagged “a huge financial implication” of the scheme, with the State Resource Division stating that the scheme will push Delhi into budgetary deficit as well as deficit on revenue and capital account. It also said that the scheme should not be brought before the Cabinet without proper study, it is learnt.

The CM, however, called the Finance department’s approach “obstructionist”, officials said.

“It was discussed in the Cabinet that the scheme should be rolled out as soon as possible and one instalment should reach the first batch of applicants before the elections, which are expected to take place in February,” a senior government official aware of developments related to the passage of the scheme in Thursday’s Cabinet meeting said.

“The battle now is to receive and vet applications, alongside Aadhaar-linked bank accounts, in time. Government officials have spoken to their counterparts in

Maharashtra and were told that they had partnered with banks for this purpose... But in Delhi, this can prove to be a challenge given both the migrant and floating populations from NCR and other states,” the official added.

Officials further said the Cabinet was told that the scheme would require an annual allocation of Rs 4,560 crore and salaries for the proposed 49 staff, infrastructure cost and office expenses would cost around Rs 2.5 crore.

It is learnt that one of the issues flagged by the WCD department in the implementation of the scheme in the ongoing financial year was the fact that there were less than four months left before it ended.

While the proposed portal, which would see the implementation of the scheme, was yet to be created – something that would require at least three months as per the department, it is learnt – elections to the Delhi Legislative Assembly were on the anvil in January-February.

The department is also learnt to have flagged that recruitment and tender-related activities cannot be taken up while the Model Code of Conduct is in place, impacting the proposed timelines.

What drove AAP to announce cash scheme despite concerns

GAYATHRI MANI
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 12

DESPITE THE Delhi government’s Finance Department expressing concern that the expenditure on subsidies would increase if the administration’s flagship Mukhyamantri Mahila Samman Yojana were implemented, the Cabinet on Thursday approved the scheme and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) promised that the monthly allowance for beneficiaries would be raised if it returned to power.

On Thursday, *The Indian Express* reported that the Finance Department had pointed out that the expenditure on subsidies

would increase from 15% to 20% if the scheme was implemented and added that “implementing a scheme through a loan will be financially not viable”. While the General Administrative Department (GAD) said as per the procedure, “notice should be given at least two days prior to convening a Cabinet meeting”, ministers led by Chief Minister Atishi met at 10 am to approve the scheme. By 1.10 pm, AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal announced that for now, beneficiaries would re-

ceive a monthly allowance of Rs 1,000 and the amount would be increased to Rs 2,100 after the polls.

However, there is no clarity yet on the timeline of the scheme’s implementation and by when women will start receiving the money. Then there are the questions about its financial viability. It is learnt that the Finance Department highlighted the fiscal situation of Delhi and advised the government not to bring the scheme till a concrete plan with a roadmap was prepared.

In response, Atishi is learnt to have alleged that the Finance Department’s concerns were an example of their “obstructionist approach” that has halted existing schemes and routine departmental work over the past year.

“The elections are approaching and the Mahila Samman scheme was one of the top promises of the party. Also, it was proposed in the Budget and the government promised that it would be implemented by the end of this year only. If the scheme had not been announced on time, the Opposition would have got an opportunity and the party may have lost voters,” said an AAP leader.

The leader added, “Now, it may take time to implement the scheme but now a message has

reached the people, especially our target voters, that the Cabinet has passed the scheme and it will be implemented after the polls... So, the Cabinet approving the scheme and the AAP chief’s announcement that monthly allowance would be increased was the cherry on top.”

AAP sources said the scheme was going to be the key part of its election campaign and hence it was important to make the announcement as quickly as possible. In recent elections in Maharashtra and Jharkhand, and Madhya Pradesh last year, the return of the incumbent governments was powered by women voters. All three governments had announced or tweaked cash handout schemes for women. That these schemes had an impact was reflected in the increased voting percentage of women in these states.

As per the electoral rolls, there are 64 lakh women voters in the Capital, of whom 10 lakh women are taxpayers and 4.5 lakh are women already availing of pension schemes. The AAP government has estimated that 38 lakh women may avail of the Mahila Samman scheme, several of them from the economically weaker sections living in slums and unauthorised colonies.



Baselios Marthoma Mathews III, the Catholicos of the East and Malankara Metropolitan of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, was decorated with the ‘Order of Friendship’ by the Russian government at an official function held in New Delhi on Thursday. *Express*



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SALARIES & SLOWDOWN

Sluggish wage increase in formal sector points to a deeper problem. Economy is not generating productive opportunities

ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS in recent months, the government has flagged the challenges facing the economy. In its August and September monthly reviews, the finance ministry described the slowdown in urban demand and pointed to the signs of stress building up in certain sectors in the economy. After the release of the second quarter GDP growth data — this showed that the slowdown was deeper than many had expected — a report in this paper had revealed that the government had not only questioned the RBI's optimistic growth projections, but also its assessment of the underlying price pressure in the economy, and as a result the Bank's monetary policy. Another report in this paper has now revealed that the sluggish wage growth in the formal sector, one of the reasons for subdued household demand, has also come up in discussions within the government.

As reported in this paper, a study by FICCI and Quesst Corp Ltd shows that the wage growth rate across six key sectors in the economy — IT, retail, logistics, FMCG, banking and financial services, and engineering, manufacturing, process and infrastructure — has been the low single digits over the past several years. When adjusted for inflation, real wage growth was either negligible or negative. Weak income growth, along with inadequate employment generation, and inflation have led to subdued household consumption. This report has sparked concern within the government. Chief Economic Advisor, V Anantha Nageswaran, has referred to this report on a few occasions at corporate meets. There is also concern over the share of national income accruing to labour, and within labour to the less skilled. However, concerns over subdued wages aren't limited to these sectors. As per a report in this paper, during the five years ending in 2023-24, real wages were -0.4 per cent in rural areas, and 0.2 per cent in agriculture. And in the first five months of this year, overall real wage growth in rural areas was 0.5 per cent, and 0.7 per cent in agriculture. In 2023-24, 46 per cent of workers were engaged in the farm sector, while 79 per cent of those engaged in the non-farm sector were employed in informal sector enterprises.

The concern shouldn't be just about wages in select sectors. Despite relatively steady growth over the decades, the Indian economy has been unable to generate more productive, more remunerative employment opportunities for the millions entering the labour force each year — the labour force participation rate (ages 15 years and above) has risen from 49.8 per cent in 2017-18 to 60.1 per cent in 2023-24 as per the periodic labour force survey. The growing capital intensity of production has compounded the problem. A cut in interest rates is alone not going to address this. There are no quick fixes. This requires tackling the long-standing ails of the economy.

THE BEAUTIFUL MIND

Mapping of foetus's brain at IIT-Madras can yield breakthroughs in realms as diverse as development disorders and AI

A BABY'S BRAIN starts developing in the womb and by the time the child is born, they have most of the brain cells, or neurons, they need. For a long time, birth was seen as the starting point for studying the effects of the environment on the brain. However, in the last half a decade, advances in imaging have revealed that the brain of a foetus too absorbs influences. Last year, 200 scientists from around the world, led by Oxford University neuro experts, released images of early brain anatomy and the intricate neural network that carries some of the earliest signals around the organ. Now, researchers at IIT-Madras have come out with a 3D map of five developing baby brains from the second trimester. This map, now the most detailed high-resolution representation of the foetal brain, shows how it undergoes rapid growth during this critical stage. Called Dharini, the atlas maps over 5,000 brain sections and more than 500 brain regions. The data could provide significant insights into neurological ailments and poorly understood developmental disorders such as autism.

The origins of developmental disorders have been debated for more than a century. The brain chemistry that leads to autism, for example, has been linked to both genes and environment. But taking scans of sleeping babies is hard enough — they move around and blur the images — doing so for the foetus kicking in the womb is even more so. The IIT-Madras used the brains of five stillborns in the second trimester — at 14, 17, 21, 22 and 24 weeks of pregnancy. The brains were frozen and thinly sliced, enabling scientists to see the structures. They were thinly sliced using complex robotic instrumentation — the slices are of 10 to 20 microns thickness, equivalent to 1/10th or 1/5th the thickness of human hair. The technology technology used for freezing, slicing, creating plates, digitising, and putting the map together was indigenously developed by the IIT researchers.

A number of studies have suggested that brain development may be particularly vulnerable to factors such as maternal nutrition, infection and stress during pregnancy. The Oxford University-led research underlined the vital public health message: A mother's health, educational, nutritional and environmental needs must be met to ensure that her child's body and brain develop healthily. The IIT-Madras atlas could help convey this message with even more nuanced data. This is especially important in a country where the nutritional and health needs of a large section of pregnant women remain unmet, despite several interventions by the government. A better understanding of how the human brain works could also be an aid in AI development.

TROLLING AS DIPLOMACY

Donald Trump's suggestion that Canada become a US state could be a strategy. But there's a hint of hurt sentiments there too

THERE IS A thin line between teasing and trolling, being a hard negotiator and just a plain old bully. Donald Trump, who is set to be US President for a second time, flirts with that line with ease and, his detractors would argue, brazenness. His supporters, on the other hand, contend that Trump's unconventional approach to diplomacy is part and parcel of the "art of the deal". So, when Trump threatens long-time ally Canada (along with Mexico) with a 25 per cent tariff hike on imports, it may well just be a tactic. But is suggesting that Canada become the "51st state" and calling Prime Minister Justin Trudeau the "Governor of Canada" a part of that strategy? And is it a bridge too far?

The logic behind Trump's jibe is simple: "We are subsidising Canada to the tune of over \$100 billion a year... If we are going to subsidise them, let them become a [US] state," Trump said earlier this year. Is it, then, just a question of dollars and cents? Attacking the Canadian PM and more importantly, the country as a whole may not be the best negotiating tactic — no one likes to be told they are dependent, especially when they are. But perhaps, the way to understand Trump's trolling is not only through the analytical lens of foreign policy or the cold rationality of economics.

When Trump was first elected in 2016, many of his detractors in the US threatened to "move to Canada". With its socialised medicine and liberal PM, it was presented as an American paradise of sorts. Perhaps, the belittling of the "neighbour to the north" — while it may serve a diplomatic end — is also a means to get even and get over some hurt sentiments.

Healthcare, more responsive



K SUJATHA RAO

Universal Health Coverage should be about systems that guarantee care, not just building medical centres

IS UNIVERSAL HEALTH Coverage (UHC) a realistic aspiration for India? Underpinning UHC is the precept that every human being is worthy of living in good health and dignity. Unlike European countries and despite our intellectual traditions, such ideas of equality have failed to get political traction. Our society and polity remain fractured and unequal. But then, if we do not believe in these basic ideas to define us as a society, we need to ask ourselves what values should drive our politics. This is critical since health is politics and an arena of contesting and competing interests. Actualising the aspiration of UHC would require a political system that values equality and justice as a core tenet.

Pursuing the goal of UHC would require undertaking a set of policy actions in tandem. One, doubling health funding to bridge the resource gap for comprehensive community-based primary healthcare. Two, ensuring universal access to social health determinants — nutrition, safe water and environmental hygiene, income and education. Three, making sure that human resources deployed at different levels of care are appropriately trained, skilled and governed to carry out their tasks. Four, putting in place incentive structures that hold health providers accountable to the people they serve. Five, improving governance and oversight of the private sector.

In other words, strengthening the health system's foundations is not only about building health centres. It is about establishing systems that guarantee care as per need and an actively interventionist state with the capacity to enforce laws, rules and regulations to protect patients from the imperfect market that characterises the health sector.

Given the paucity of budgetary resources, India has done relatively well. Several communicable diseases have been either eradicated or controlled. Maternal mortality and infant mortality have also shown impressive reduction. The reduction in communicable diseases (which continue to disproportionately rage in the northern states) means that 60 per cent of mortality now is due to non-communicable diseases — the four leading causes being cardiac ailments, cancers, COPD and diabetes. These diseases are expensive to treat and require longitudinal attention. They

Understanding UHC as merely provisioning of health insurance is flawed: What use are the vouchers if there is inadequate supply or poor quality provisioning of services? What is needed is for the state to do the hard stuff — invest in health, provide good governance and build the capacity to enforce laws, regulations, rules and contracts. UHC is a goal that today's India can aspire for only if the state can govern and align its politics for power with people's welfare.



RADHA GOENKA

AS THE WORLD scrambles to accept Donald Trump as the new President of the United States, let's take a closer look at what Trump 2.0 means. In his internal role as President, he makes decisions that concern the people of the United States. Any major decisions about domestic policy and governance must be cleared by the House of Representatives and the Senate. That's not easy. The US democratic system is very robust, and some guardrails protect the country from one leader's bad decisions. But in his external role as a global leader, there are fewer checks.

His title as the president of the richest and most powerful economy holds significant weight; he represents the US in global settings. A casual meeting with Vladimir Putin could signal support for Russia over Ukraine. An impulsive tweet on tariffs could affect the share prices of global companies. His role as president is more inward, in the laws he can pass for the country, and his title is outward, in what he represents as President, where there is a higher potential for uncertainty for the world.

Similarly, in the business world, titles serve to profile the external image of the organisation. Large consulting firms like McKinsey use titles like "partner" and "consultant" abundantly in their organisation. McKinsey has approximately 2,000 partners and 30,000 consultants globally. The primary clients for consulting firms are large corporations that typically use traditional titles. Usually, titles

WHAT'S IN A DESIGNATION?

Traditional titles — in politics, jobs and families — are increasingly being questioned

The title of marriage helps when you have kids, it helps the child feel like he or she is part of a unit. It simplifies logistics like school admissions, insurance and inheritance. It also helps if you are a financially dependent spouse, it provides a safety net. But those who are adopting the DINK lifestyle (double income no kids) are asking: If I am playing the role of being your partner, why do I need the title of being a husband or wife?

like "CEO" and "COO" are used and are given to fewer members in the CSuite of the organisation. When a client is approached by a "partner" or "consultant", what the employee's actual role is mystified and often gives the perception of seniority, which serves McKinsey well. Titles are used cleverly to McKinsey's benefit; you wouldn't have expected anything less from strategists.

Paradoxically, the messaging that titles provide to the external world also helps attract better talent. In the world of social media, young people increasingly want titles that help profile them; it serves their ego. Google, part of Alphabet Inc., is known for its relatively flat organisational structure, which minimises traditional management layers. Employees are often structured into small cross-functional teams and referred to as "squad" or "Googlers". These titles connect well with young professionals. Ola uses the title "digital marketing ninja" instead of "digital marketing manager". These titles are more sought after than traditional ones and become part of the organisation's appeal to employees.

Yet, how does one recruit in a world like this where titles are not standardised? What recruiters look at is not the titles but an individual's role and years of experience. One of the primary purposes of an interview is to demystify your resume and understand what you really do — details about the work you do

are the results of sedentary lifestyles, rapid urbanisation, shifts in dietary habits — increased intake of junk foods, alcohol, tobacco and other addictive substances — and the ageing of the population.

The implication for the health system is substantive: Revamp itself to shift from episodic to long-term care. Such revamping would require resilience, different skill sets and functioning within an accountability framework to ensure the continuum of care. Since the causal factors are modifiable, appropriate laws, regulations, public health policies and a community-based primary healthcare system, run by family doctors and public health specialists, would be required. Countries have shown that such investment in primary healthcare has helped avert hospitalisations by one-third. As hospitals are expensive, this is savings in real terms.

India's Ayushman Bharat programme consists of two components — one, the strengthening of primary care facilities by better availability of drugs and human resources for providing 12 services free of cost; and two, insuring 50 crore poor persons for Rs 5 lakhs sum assured. This is indeed a welcome initiative. Yet, the general perception is that the health system is too costly, too privatised and lacks a strong foundation. Considering our achievements have been impressive, why this perception? I offer some reasons.

One, India's public spending has, for the last seven decades, been an average of about 1 to 1.2 per cent of GDP, going up to 1.3 per cent at best — the WHO norm is 3 per cent. Such low public funding means that the functioning of public facilities is suboptimal and despite the impressive government social health insurance programs for hospitalisation, out-of-pocket expenditures continue to range between 45-54 per cent of the total health spending, against the SDG goal of 20 per cent. Two, a messed up human resource planning with lopsided incentive structures and the non-availability of appropriately trained and skilled personnel. Vacancies at all levels continue to plague the system. For example, in the Community Health Centers with 30 beds located to serve 1 lakh population, the vacancy level of specialists is 80 per cent, forcing people to seek private care, in-

curred huge expenditures, or going to district hospitals, overcrowding them in the process. Why does the decades-old norm of posting specialists at CHCs not get reviewed since the model does not seem workable?

Three, India's health delivery system comprises both the public and private sectors. The private sector *per se* is not the problem. Of concern is the emerging trend towards corporatisation, commercialisation and profiteering, resulting in excessive diagnostics and unnecessary surgeries. The huge capital investment required to establish tertiary hospitals is increasingly being mobilised from equity and venture capital that demand a minimum 25 per cent return on investment. Many corporate hospitals, that provide nearly half of tertiary care in India, are being steadily bought up by foreign investment companies — Black Rock, for example, has majority control in the Manipal group. As a result, the cost of care is getting steep.

The government is further narrowing space for middle-class people to avail free or highly subsidised care by leasing/selling off district hospitals (about 30 currently) to investors or corporates on conditions such as free treatment to the poor — something that the government does not have the capacity to enforce.

The situation is indicative of a state abdication of its responsibility to govern and reflects an ideological vacuum. Understanding UHC as merely provisioning of health insurance is flawed: What use are the vouchers if there is inadequate supply or poor quality provisioning of services? What is needed is for the state to do the hard stuff — invest in health, provide good governance and build the capacity to enforce laws, regulations, rules and contracts. UHC is a goal that today's India can aspire for only if the state can govern and align its politics for power with people's welfare. The question and challenge for democratic societies are how to bring change in an environment where people's aspirations are low and the political system is able to get away with doles and not be held accountable. That is the key and the concern.

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DECEMBER 13, 1984, FORTY YEARS AGO

BHOPAL EVACUATION

EVEN AS EXPERTS have decided to convert the remaining 15 tonnes of MIC gas, which killed more than 2,000 persons, at the Union Carbide factory, into pesticide, the Madhya Pradesh government has also announced that it will help people to evacuate localities of Old Bhopal, "should they desire to move out."

SC ON PROPERTY TAX

THE SUPREME COURT suggested to the house tax assessing authorities to revive the rebate of 20 per cent in the property tax assessed on self-occupied residential premises, which was being given until 1980. The court observed

that self-occupied residential premises must be treated on a more favourable basis than tenanted premises while assessing property tax. It said that the right to shelter under a roof is the basic necessity of every human being.

INDIA, US ON SRI LANKA

THE DETERIORATING SITUATION in Sri Lanka was the subject of a detailed discussion at the meetings US President Ronald Reagan's special emissary, General Vernon Walters, had with top Indian officials on December 12. The upshot of the December 12 discussions was that India made its view known that there cannot be a military solution to Sri Lanka's ethnic question and that ultimately the President

Jayewardene government had to take steps to look for a durable political solution.

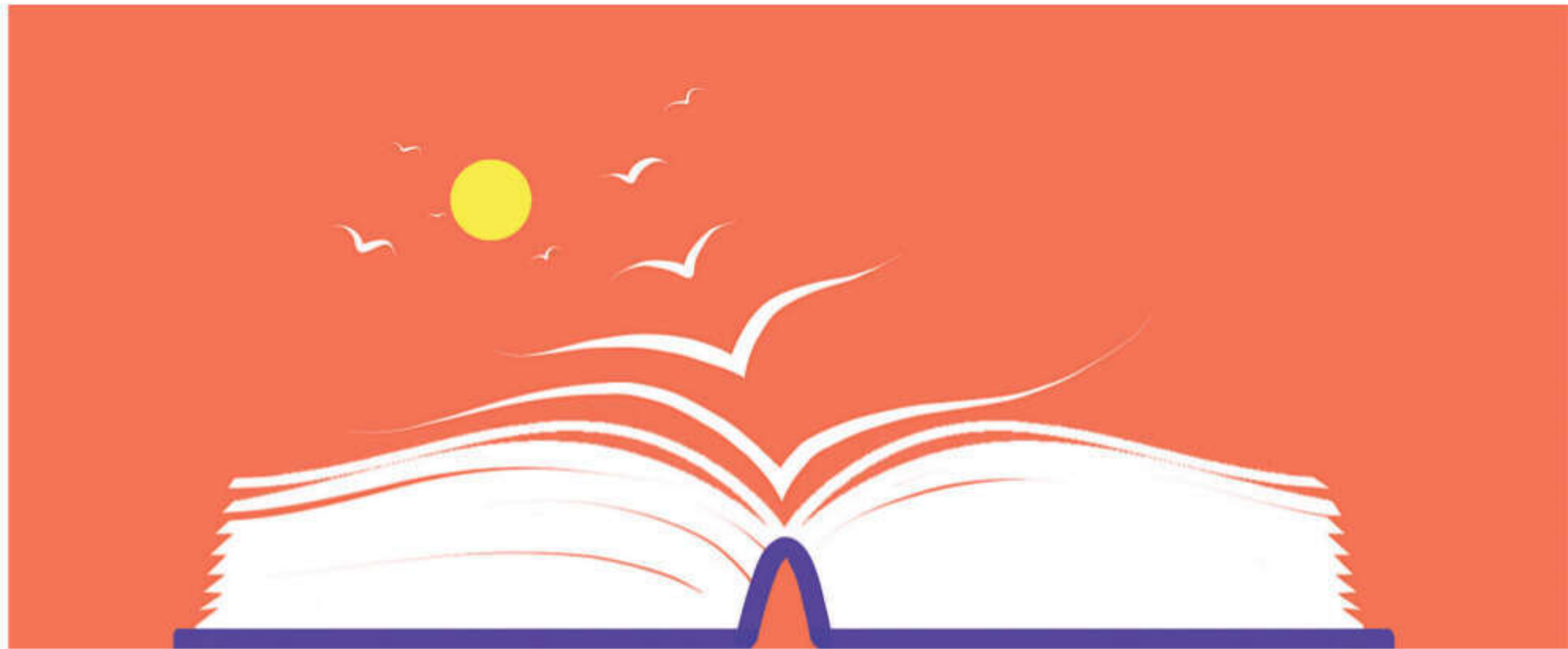
NEHRU AWARD

ON DECEMBER 12, President Zail Singh conferred the 1982 Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding on former President of Senegal Leopold Sedar Senghor. The President noted that Senghor was a poet, teacher, philosopher, statesman, and an ardent promoter of the concept of universal brotherhood. The award, instituted in 1964 to perpetuate the memory of Jawaharlal Nehru, carries a cash award of Rs 2.5 lakh and a special citation and is given by the Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR).

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THE BEST OF BOTH SIDES

A fortnightly column, which offers not this-versus-that, but the best of both sides, to inform the debate



C R Sasikumar

Impending Trump presidency, fall in number of student visas for Indians, invite a question:
What is the allure of a foreign degree?

Rebuild our universities

Obsession with foreign degrees detracts from a symmetrical dialogue between Indian and Western institutions



AVIJIT PATHAK

AS A LIFE-LONG student, I have always believed that our quest for knowledge ought to transcend all borders and boundaries. Yet, this cross-cultural exchange of ideas and academic traditions should be dialogic and symmetrical. It is sad that many of us from this part of the world have become pathetically dependent on Euro-American universities and research centres. And this sort of one-way traffic has damaged our self-worth, and caused severe harm to the self-confidence of our academic institutions. It is sad to see young students leaving the country, and moving towards Canada, the US, the UK, Australia and Germany. It is certainly not a matter of pride if, as the statistics provided by the Ministry of External Affairs indicates, more than 1.33 million Indian students are pursuing higher education abroad in 2024. In contrast, as the AISHE 2021-22 report reveals, merely 46,878 students — mainly, from Asian and African countries — are enrolled in India.

While I have no hesitation in articulating my discomfort with the colonisation of our imagination by foreign universities, I also believe that we need to work on our own academic centres and universities in order to resist this trend. Think of, for instance, our expertise in damaging our own institutions. Rabindranath Tagore's Santiniketan — a university that once strove for the oceanic merger of cultures, and the interplay of science, arts and aesthetics — is now just another average university tormented by local politics, controversial recruitment of vice-chancellors and poverty of pedagogic imagination. Or, for that matter, we are witnessing how the present regime is determined to write the obituary of JNU. Unless we respect our institutions, generate adequate funds, we cannot prevent young minds from leaving India.

Further, this obsessive craze for foreign universities cannot be combated unless we — I mean teachers and educators — acquire the courage to decolonise our consciousness, interrogate the hierarchy of civilisations that the likes of Thomas Babington Macaulay propagated, and trust our own

worth. Isn't it absurd that some of our "subaltern" theoreticians who write on the plight of Dalits, Adivasis and minorities prefer to leave India, and settle down in "elite" Euro-American academic centres like Columbia University, or the School of Oriental and African Studies? Isn't it ironic that some of them would occasionally visit Indian campuses like rock stars, and teach us the sociology of Mahashweta Devi, or Birsu Munda? As these "stars" seduce the young researchers, they too seek to follow the same path, leave India, and further reproduce the culture of academic asymmetry.

During my teaching career in a leading public university in the national capital, I have never seen any leading professor from Harvard, Cambridge or MIT using his/her sabbatical, and engaging in teaching and research in our university. But then, ask an average Indian professor or a student and you will find that the sole ambition she/he cherishes is to visit abroad at any cost for decorating her/his CV. No, it is not a real and symmetrical exchange of ideas. Instead, it is like reproducing the prevalent inequality: Metropolitan "western" universities vs the universities of the "third world"! Possibly, we like to degrade ourselves. Hence, instead of creating high quality Indian journals, we feel proud of publishing in "foreign" journals. Not solely that. A leading "liberal" public university, as it is believed by many, prefers only people with PhDs from "foreign" universities for the recruitment of the faculty. A slavish orientation of this kind, needless to add, demoralises those who seek to work in Indian universities, and try to create a vibrant academic culture.

My discomfort with the obsession with foreign degrees does not mean that I am pleading for the closure of the mind. Instead, I am pleading for symmetrical dialogue and conversation — a respectable exchange of ideas between Indian and Euro-American universities. In fact, to be genuinely educated is to be truly cosmopolitan. Hence, I love to imagine an Indian student pursuing humanities/social sciences from, say, Varanasi or Kochi studying Ashis Nandy as well as Zygmunt Bauman, Bipan Chandra as well as Eric Hobsbawm, or for that matter, Kalidas as well as Shakespeare. I want the leading professors from our universities to start high-quality Indian journals, and acquire the confidence to invite the "stars" of Oxford and Princeton to publish their papers. I want Indian students to question the existing inequality in the academic transaction, and enrich themselves in a way that with absolute pride and confidence they can say: "Well, I am doing my PhD from Delhi School of Economics; or I am applying for a teaching position in Jadavpur University."

Will it be possible? Or, are we condemned to exist like academic beggars?

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Ideas need to travel

Thanks to NEP, most students in the university set up in India are hamstrung, yoked to a system that is fast spiralling into chaos



DEBRAJ MOOKERJEE

WHENEVER A MAVERICK enters an office of significance, it gives rise to general anxiety all around. Continuity is the cornerstone of reliability in public policy framing; an opinionated boss can unsettle these still waters. The impending US Presidency under Trump has already stirred the waters, especially in the larger domain of policies related to immigration, naturalisation, student visa issuance, and so on. He is seen as protectionist. He does not particularly like foreigners. And he wants to throw out all those who are staying in the country illegally.

In the immediate term, we might fret over the fact that the US is restricting visa access for Indian students. But there is so much more at stake. The bigger picture is even more troubling, for entirely different reasons. That Indians do well overseas is an accepted truism. A corollary to this is the presence of Indians worldwide in the field of higher education, as both students and teachers. A further extension of the co-relationship is the middle-class Indian (and not just Indian) fetish for foreign degrees and thereafter, a prosperous and settled NRI tag.

The Indian middle class's anxiety over any possible change in the US's student in-

trade" when confronted with more efficient economies of scale mobilised by developing nations, it began to backtrack. The West has always been self-assured vis-a-vis a rapid expansion of lifestyle and comfort in the face of unchallenged domination in world trade. This self-assurance dissipated somewhat as they began to feel the pinch after countries like China and even India, to a lesser extent, along with other BRICS countries, began to challenge their access to the high street of world commerce.

Trump's protectionist policies, including the restriction of student visas, immigration opportunities, permission to work in the US and disallowing citizenship through natural rights are all part of a piece — the only way to win the fight is to not allow the opponent into the ring.

Here in India we too have some tough questions to answer. Why are our higher education institutions not the first choice of millions of students? Why are we losing students to foreign universities? The projected outgo on account of students travelling overseas to secure higher education is \$70 billion by 2025. Why this exponential increase?

As reported in this newspaper, students travelling to the US have dropped in numbers. But that's because they have chosen to study elsewhere, the UK, Australia and Canada. Just wishing for these students to stay and study in India is not enough. We need to have the courage to ask what is the comparable level of higher education they can hope to get in India. Thanks to NEP, most students in the university system in India are hamstrung, yoked to a system that is fast spiralling into chaos. American universities are great, but without our students, they won't be for long. First, there will be a drop in quality; worryingly, the brightest of students who go on to become faculty will not be teaching in those universities. This is what will happen in the long term. India might, on the other hand, retain the brightest of students, but it won't have the appropriate higher education ecosystem to nurture their excellence. Whatever it did have — and it did at one time, since so many exceptional talents have emerged from that system — these individuals, who have excelled in various fields across the globe, will progressively be devalued by NEP's formula students, not to mention the super bright STEM out-performers from India, American universities, over time, are likely to lose the edge under a protectionist regime.

The 21st century began with the hope of a new world order in which societies began to move towards a more equitable international ecosystem. The last 10 years, however, have witnessed backtracking on the progress achieved earlier. This is dismaying. For long now, we have heard the West tell us, through bodies like GATT, WTO, World Bank, and so on, that free trade was the way forward for all countries to profit and prosper. Once the West began to experience the adverse effects of "free

The Indian middle class's anxiety over any possible change in the US's student intake policy on account of Trump taking office is somewhat understandable. The important question to ask, however, is: What would be the long-term impact of restricted access to American universities for foreign students, including those from India?

for diluted disciples and mindless meanderings into unproductive and nonspecific knowledge domains.

Nations act in their own interest and that is understandable. But the world of knowledge and its expansion is not a zero-sum game. Throughout history, ideas have travelled to enrich history. Historians and chroniclers travelled the world and told stories while learning new ones. They spread knowledge and culinary and cultural practices. Ironically, the world was more one than than it is now.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"As Congress President Sher Bahadur Deuba is not running for the party's executive role again, he would perhaps want to bow out as the president who did his bit to strengthen internal democracy and hand over the party's reins to a competent successor."

— THE KATHMANDU POST

Lead by law, not ideology

Justice Shekhar Kumar Yadav's recent comments do not behove the office of a judge. They go against SC's views on impartiality



FAIZAN MUSTAFA

ON DECEMBER 8, Allahabad High Court judge Justice Shekhar Kumar Yadav spoke at a Vishwa Hindu Parishad event, where he issued a few controversial comments that betrayed his ideological tilt. The Supreme Court has taken notice of these comments and sought a report from the High Court. This is, however, not a case of impeachment on grounds of proven misbehaviour.

In the past, Justice Yadav has said that "scientists believe that cow exhales oxygen" and the protection of the animal should be a fundamental right of Hindus. He also demanded that Parliament bring in a law to honour Lord Ram, Lord Krishna, Ved Vyas, Valmiki, Ramayan and the Gita. Of course, as a citizen, Justice Yadav is entitled to an ideological position and can express his opinion on any subject. He has rightly pointed out that the Hindu Personal Law has problems. Justice Yadav's assessment that the Muslim Personal Law needs urgent reforms is also correct. But he has made a few sweeping remarks which are neither factually correct nor legally tenable.

Justice Yadav reportedly used a slur to refer to Muslims. He used the "us" versus "them" vocabulary to assert that children of one community were "tolerant" while young people in "another community had grown up witnessing animal slaughter". His diatribe seems ignorant of the initiatives to bring about reforms amongst Muslims. Syed Ahmad Khan, Shibli Nomani and Muhammad Iqbal were well-known votaries of reforms in Muslim law. The Muslim clergy led the reform process which led to the passing of the Dissolution of Muslim Marriages Act, 1939.

In contrast, Hindu women had to wait till 1955 to get the right to dissolve marriage. Muslim women always had a right to inherit property not only as daughters (albeit in a 1:2 ratio with their brothers) but also as wives, mothers and sisters from the very inception of Islam. Hindu women got this right much later and the daughter became a co-parcener only in 2005.

Justice Yadav's speech betrays his inclination towards religious majoritarianism. In a democracy, the electoral majority, and not the religious majority, has a right to choose a government. In a recent by-election to the UP assembly, the BJP candidate won by over one lakh votes in the Kundarki constituency where Muslims are in a numerical majority. Moreover, the Constitution does not allow even this electoral majority to turn majoritarian. Thus, a law unanimously passed in Parliament can

be struck down by the courts if it violates the Fundamental Rights or is contrary to the Constitution.

While one may agree with some of Justice Yadav's arguments about the uniform civil code, his position overlooks the nuances in the UCC debate. As a matter of fact, personal law is Entry No 5 in the Concurrent List. It's clear that the framers of the Constitution did envisage legal pluralism.

Unlike the US, India does not have a tradition of describing judges as conservative and liberal. The links between the ideological position of judges and their decisions has not been minutely studied in the country but there are few pointers in that direction. The *Sarla Mudgal* case involved four Hindus who had embraced Islam to marry the second time. Instead of reprimanding these men, Justice Kuldip Singh observed that "till the time we achieve the goal of uniform civil code... there is an open inducement to Hindu husband... to become a Muslim."

In *Bal Patil* (2005), Chief Justice R C Lahoti and D M Dharmadhikari, while refusing to recognise Jains as a minority, explained the role of the National Minority Commission. They said that "the Commission instead of encouraging claims from different communities for being added to a list of notified minorities under the Act should suggest ways and means to help create social conditions where the list of notified minorities is gradually reduced and done away with altogether." In *Anjuman Madarsa Uloom* (2007), Justice S N Srivastava of the Allahabad High Court held that Muslims are no longer a minority in UP.

In a 2018 verdict, which was later set aside by a divisional bench, Justice S R Sen of the Meghalaya High Court said that India ought to have been declared a Hindu nation. He asked for the conferment of Indian citizenship to all the Hindus of the world. In *Mohammed Salim* (2014), the Uttarakhand High Court held that the Ganga and Yamuna were living entities entitled to all fundamental rights. A Supreme Court bench led by the then Chief Justice J S Khehar bench stayed this verdict.

The Supreme Court's Restatement of Judicial Values, which was adopted by the full court on May 7, 1997, talks of reaffirming the impartiality of a judge. It underlines that judges should not, even in a personal capacity, undertake any activity that erodes their credibility and makes them appear partisan. "A judge must at all times be conscious that he is under the public gaze and there should be no act or omission by him which is unbecoming of the high office he occupies and the public esteem in which that office is held," it notes. A judge is not supposed to express views on political matters. Let the law and not the ideological leanings of judges determine the outcome of cases.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

INSULT TO OFFICE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'No, your honour' (IE, December 12). Justice Shekhar Kumar Yadav's speech at a Vishwa Hindu Parishad event shows how he has flagrantly breached his own oath of office to abide by the Constitution in letter and spirit. His provocative language against the Muslim community is unsuitable for judgeship. Studies have shown that members of racial, ethnic, minorities or vulnerable groups often face harassment, arbitrary and abusive treatment, by law enforcing agencies, and unfair treatment by prosecutors and the courts. Suitable action by the Supreme Court is warranted to preserve people's faith in the majesty of law.

I R Murnu, New Delhi

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'No, your honour' (IE, December 12). The recent remark made by sitting Allahabad High Court Justice Shekhar Kumar Yadav raises major issues regarding judicial impartiality. His comments at a Vishwa Hindu Parishad gathering, where he framed issues through an "us" versus "them" lens, undercut our Constitution's secular values. Shouldn't the Supreme Court take swift action to preserve the validity of its judicial system and to safeguard minority rights? The courts must not turn into an arena for divisive speech; they should instead focus on discussing the citizens' rights with fairness.

Anshu Bharti, Begusarai

THE LONG GAME

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Don't lean on the RBI' (IE, December 12). Inflation, now above the RBI's tolerance band, has

eroded consumer purchasing power, dampening urban consumption and slowing overall economic activity. While some policymakers argue for rate cuts to spur growth, the RBI has rightly chosen patience. Knee-jerk reactions to short-term data fluctuations could jeopardise long-term economic stability. By keeping its policy stance neutral, the RBI retains flexibility to act decisively when credible evidence emerges of sustained inflation moderation or deeper growth challenges. The RBI's focus on durability over expediency serves as a reminder: Sound economic policy is not about quick fixes but about laying the groundwork for stable and inclusive growth.

Sankar Paul, Nadia

AN ACCESS QUESTION

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The young may not adapt' (IE, December 12). There is an essential aspect of the writer's proposal that demands further scrutiny—digital inequity. The article adeptly proposes sophisticated technological solutions and enhanced parental and educational oversight. Nonetheless, it overlooks the fundamental issue of unequal digital access, which could undermine the efficacy of these strategies. Across India's diverse socio economic landscape, many children remain bereft of basic internet access, making any digital regulation potentially ineffectual in these areas. To rectify this, it is crucial that any discussion on content regulation includes robust measures to bridge the digital divide. Policy initiatives must not only focus on content curation but also ensure that digital tools are accessible and affordable across all segments of society.

Ayush Dwivedi, New Delhi



Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju

TMC submits privilege notice against Rijiju over Opp remark

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THE TMC Thursday gave a notice to move a privilege motion against Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju, alleging that he made an objectionable remark about “Opposition members not being fit to be in Parliament”.

TMC RS MP Sagarika Ghose said that she submitted the motion, signed by members of Opposition parties, demanding an apology from Rijiju and that his remark about Opposition members be expunged.

“I have moved a privilege motion against Parliamentary Affairs minister Kiren Rijiju. My colleague Nadimul Haque had gone together to submit it. We feel that Kiren Rijiju is the Parliamentary Affairs minister and it is his responsibility that the House is run smoothly. But he is not fulfilling this duty and is repeatedly disrespecting the Opposition,” Ghose, who was accompanied by party MP Nadimul Haque, said.

“Yesterday, he looked at the Opposition and said we are not fit to sit in the House. This kind of statement when given by the Parliamentary Affairs minister, then he is misusing and disrespecting his post. All Opposition party members have signed the motion, and we seek an apology from him and that his remark that I mentioned about us not being fit should be expunged,” she said.



Wayanad MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra

Cong plans to make Priyanka first speaker for Constitution debate today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 12

THE CONGRESS is planning to nominate newly-elected MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra to be the first speaker for the special debate on Constitution in Lok Sabha on Friday. Sources said that the decision was taken at a Congress Parliamentary Strategy Group meeting on Thursday evening in Delhi.

This will be Priyanka’s first speech in Parliament after she won the Wayanad bypolls.

A discussion is scheduled for both Houses of Parliament – Friday and Saturday (Lok Sabha), Monday and Tuesday (Rajya Sabha).

On Thursday evening, Congress MP and general secretary in charge (organization), KC Venugopal, said that the Congress is happy there will be a discussion on the Constitution in both Houses.

“Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge had written to the Speaker and Chairman respectively asking for a debate in Parliament on the Constitution in both Houses,” said Venugopal.

On December 2, a week-long standoff in Parliament came to an end as the government and the Opposition reached an agreement, which was reflected by the announcement of dates for a special discussion on the Constitution in both the Houses.

At a meeting of floor leaders of all parties, convened by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, both the government and the Opposition parties had agreed for a special discussion on the Constitution during the winter session.

The Congress had made the Constitution and the alleged threat to it a poll plank in the Lok Sabha polls this year, and had seen its seats jump to 99 in Lok Sabha.

LS passes Bill to amend disaster mgmt law, Opp says infringes on states’ rights

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 12

THE LOK Sabha passed the Disaster Management (Amendment) Bill, 2024 Thursday through a voice vote, which seeks to amend the existing Disaster Management Act, 2005.

The Bill, introduced in Lok Sabha on August 1 this year, proposes creation of disaster databases at national and state level; constitution of Urban Disaster Management Authority for state capital and large cities having municipal corporation, and constitution of State Disaster Response Force by the state governments.

MoS for Home, Nityanand Rai, said the Bill is aimed at bringing clarity and uniformity in the role of various institutions at national, state and district level.

When Rai was replying to the discussion, DMK members came into the well of the House and raised slogans. Rai said that the Centre has provided ₹856 crore under SDRF and ₹276 under NDRF to TN during 2023-24. In FY 2024-25, the Centre has provided ₹944 crore to the state, he said.

Urging the Opposition members to pass the Bill unanimously, he said, “Disaster is not for any



MoS Nityanand Rai in Lok Sabha, Thursday. PTI

party, it is not for any person, it is not for any area. When a disaster hits, it hits the country as a whole.”

Opposing the Bill, DMK member Kanimozhi said, “This Bill needs more deliberations, debate, and discussion before it is brought to this House.” Observing that disaster management is a state subject, she said, “Like most of the Bills passed by the NDA, this Bill is also detrimental to the rights of the states. Cooperative federalism — which you keep talking about — has become confrontational federalism in reality.”

“The Bill fails to ensure disaster relief as a ‘justiciable right’. Tamil Nadu has had to go to the Supreme Court for aid after it was affected very badly by the cyclone Michaung,” she said.

Shiv Sena (UBT) member

Anil Yeshwant Desai said the Bill grants substantial rule-making and regulatory powers to the Centre in the form of NDMA. “This will infringe upon the rights of the state which will lead to bureaucratic overlap,” he said.

Congress member Saptagiri Sankar Ulaka said, “... the Bill undermines the principle of cooperative federalism enshrined in the Constitution.”

TMC member Sougata Roy said, “This Bill is the product of the Bill brought by the UPA-I in 2005. A taskforce was formed in 2011. Then, the Covid-19 pandemic came, and one expert committee was formed in 2020. After that, the Bill has now come. So, the Bill has been long delayed, which is the failure of the government.”

Supporting the Bill, TDP member Kesineni Sivanath (Chinni) said it is a timely legislation to address the increasing frequency of natural disasters.

BJP member Anil Baluni said all aspects have been included in the Bill and it also provides for making the coordination among all stakeholders more effective. JD(U) member Dinesh Chandra Yadav said that Centre should provide adequate funding to Bihar as per the recommendations of the 15th Finance Commission.

Uproar over no-trust move, RS adjourned

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND & NIKHILA HENRY
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 12

RAJYA SABHA witnessed multiple disruptions and adjourned for the day Thursday afternoon after heated exchanges between the Treasury and Opposition benches over a gamut of issues.

Referring to the press conference held a day before by Opposition MPs on no-trust notice, Leader of House J P Nadda said, “The Chair cannot be questioned with regard to the admissibility, and for other purposes, the Chairman’s ruling cannot be criticised or questioned. To do so is contempt of the House and the Chairman. This has been specified clearly”.

Nadda then said, “What is the relationship between Sonia Gandhi and Soros? The country wants to know.”

Countering Nadda, Kharge said, “... he said nothing should be said against the Chairman’s orders, and that this is contempt. Yeh log vishay ko bhatkana chahte hain

(They want to divert the issue).”

Thankhar said, “Have you come to the Business Advisory Committee? Have you accepted my invitation?”, sparking an uproar from the Opposition following which the House was adjourned till 2 pm.

After the House reconvened amid sloganeering, Thankhar allowed TMC MP Derek O’Brien to raise a point of order under Rule 251. However, his point was not placed on record even amid uproar.

Senior JD(S) leader H D Deve Gowda stood up to speak and raised the issue of no-trust motion and said “it should not have happened”. He alleged that Kharge’s “colleagues are not allowing the House to function”.

Kharge then raised a point of order under Rule 238(a), which said that allegations of “incriminatory nature” against any member cannot be allowed in the House. Thankhar repeatedly asked him what the point of order was and adjourned the House till 11 am on December 13.

Kalyan gives written apology for remarks against Scindia

New Delhi: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Thursday said that TMC MP Kalyan Banerjee has submitted a written apology for his remarks against Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia besides apologising in the House.

As soon as the House met, some members belonging to the ruling alliance stood up to raise the issue of Banerjee’s remarks.

However, Birla intervened and said whatever happened on Wednesday was unfortunate and no member should make any personal remark against any fellow member. Without naming Banerjee, he said any remark against women is in bad taste and hurts their dignity and honour.

“The member concerned had apologised (in the House). He has also given me in writing too,” he said and started with the day’s proceedings.

On Wednesday, there were heated exchanges when Banerjee was speaking in the House during a discussion on the amendments to the Disaster Management Act.

He had alleged non-cooperation by the Centre during the Covid-19 pandemic, but MoS for Home Nityanand Rai countered it, saying it was PM Narendra Modi who helped all states and successfully handled the crisis by taking everyone along.

Scindia stood up to support Rai, saying that India had emerged as a “Vishwa Bandhu” during the pandemic and helped all needy countries across the world.

Following this, Banerjee attacked Scindia and made certain remarks against the minister which were expunged by the Speaker after an uproar.

The verbal spat between the treasury and Opposition benches led to adjournment.

When the House reconvened, Banerjee apologised for his remarks but Scindia refused to accept it.

House panel suggests increase in per unit amount for PMAY-G over rising inflation

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NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 12

HIGHLIGHTING THE “detrimental effect” of rising inflation on new house constructions, a Parliamentary panel has recommended that the government revise the per unit assistance to PMAY-Gramin beneficiaries. The report also said there is an “urgent need” to increase the monthly pension under the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP).

The Standing Committee on Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, headed by Congress member Saptagiri Sankar Ulaka, presented its report to Lok Sabha on Thursday.

“The per unit assistance under PMAY-G for plain areas is ₹1.2 lakh and for hilly areas is ₹1.3 lakh which has remained static for a considerable period of time. With rising inflation having a detrimental effect on the cost factor associated with the raw material, transportation cost, labours cost etc, constructing a new house of the requisite area under PMAY-G for the poor and needy beneficiary with such assistance amount seems to be an arduous task,” the report said.

“...there are instances wherein houses remain incomplete for want of finance and thereby keeping the target lagging... the committee finds it utmost necessary that a review of per-unit assistance be done on priority basis, particularly when the scheme has been extended to March, 2029,” it said. “Theref-

ore, the committee recommended the DoRD to revise the per unit assistance under PMAY-G through a suitable hike in the assistance component,” it said.

Monthly pension

The committee also recommended an increase in monthly pension under NSAP. The pension is provided to over 3 crore beneficiaries covered under the Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS), Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS), and Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS).

“The amount of assistance aimed for old aged, widows, disabled persons and bereaved families on death of primary breadwinner belonging to BPL households, under the sub-schemes of NSAP, i.e. IGNDAPS, IGNWPS and IGNDPS ranges from Rs 200 to Rs 500 per month, has been a cause of concern to the Committee for a long period of time. The Committee notes this amount abysmally low when the cost of living has increased during the last couple of years,” it said.

“The Committee feels there is an urgent requirement for the upward revision of social assistance under NSAP,” it said.

The panel also recommended increasing employment guarantee from the existing 100 days to 150 days by “moving an amendment in the Act in order to make it applicable for the entire country, so that the demand of needy beneficiaries may not hinge upon the will of the state governments”.

Report: Almost 50% of PMAY-U affordable housing unoccupied

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NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 12

NEARLY HALF of all affordable housing constructed under PMAY-Urban remains unoccupied for now, according to Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) submission to Parliamentary Standing Committee on Housing and Urban Affairs.

A total of 122.69 lakh sanctioned houses are to be completed under the scheme, the committee noted in its report on PMAY, tabled in Parliament earlier this week. So far, 88.32 lakh houses have been completed.

The scheme had four verticals — beneficiary-led construction, in-situ slum redevelopment (ISSR), affordable housing in partnership (AHP) and credit linked subsidy scheme.

Under AHP, where private builders are incentivised to construct housing for EWS within their projects, of total 15.65 lakh sanctioned houses, 9.01 lakh are completed, the report noted. Of those, about 54% (4.89 lakh) are occupied and 46% (4.12 lakh) remain unoccupied.

Under ISSR, where housing is constructed on or near the slum sites to rehabilitate residents, of 1.84 lakh sanctioned units, 67,806 units have been completed, of which 70% (47,510) are unoccupied, it showed.

When the committee asked the MoHUA about the reason behind unoccupied houses, “the Ministry, in a written reply, stated that out of total 9.69 lakh completed houses under AHP and ISSR houses, about 5.1 lakh have already been occupied. Remaining houses are under process of occupancy... The broad reasons for unoccupancy as informed by the states include incomplete infrastructure, non-allotment of houses, unwillingness of allottees,” the report said.

As per PMAY-U guidelines, the trunk infrastructure needed for the houses is to be provided by respective state or UT from their own resources, the ministry said.

“The concerned state governments have not been able to provide the same so far, resulting in the unoccupancy of houses. The Telangana government, having a large number of unoccupancy of completed houses, has not been able to finalise the beneficiaries for allotment of houses,” the report said, citing the ministry’s reply.

The ministry told the panel that it was regularly following up with states and UTs to ensure that basic infrastructure is provided under AHP and ISSR projects.

“States/UTs have been advised to complete basic infrastructure facilities in AHP/ISSR projects either through own resources or by converging with other central/state schemes,” the ministry said.

TOP RECOMMENDATIONS BY RAM NATH KOVIND PANEL

1 The govt must develop a legally tenable mechanism to restore the cycle of simultaneous polls.

2 For the purpose of synchronising the LS and Assembly polls, the President shall notify the date of the first sitting of LS after a general election as the “appointed date”.

3 The tenure of all state Assemblies formed via polls after the “appointed date” and before the expiry of the full term of LS will only be for the period ending up to subsequent parliamentary polls. After this one-time transitory measure, all LS and Assembly polls will be held simultaneously.

4 Fresh elections could be held to constitute a new LS in the event of a hung House or a no-confidence motion or any such event.

5 Where fresh elections are held for the House of the People (Lok Sabha), the tenure of the House will be “only for the unexpired

Source: PTI

FIRST STEP
The Union Cabinet on Thursday approved Bills to implement ‘One nation, One election’. In first stage, elections for LS and state assemblies can be held together.



SECOND STEP
The elections to municipalities and panchayats will be synchronised with LS and state assemblies in such a way that the polls

to municipalities and panchayats are held within 100 days of the holding of the parliamentary and Assembly elections.

(remaining) term of the immediately preceding full term of the House”.

6 When fresh elections are held for state legislative assemblies, then such new assemblies — unless sooner dissolved — shall continue up to the end of the full term of LS.

7 A single electoral roll and EPIC shall be prepared by the EC in consultation with the state

election commissions and the same will substitute any other electoral roll prepared by the EC.

8 For making logistical arrangements for simultaneous polls, the EC may draw up a plan and estimate in advance for the procurement of equipment, deployment of polling personnel and security forces and make other necessary arrangements.

Committee dissolved.”

SP chief Akhilesh Yadav said that “one country, one election is not only impractical but also an undemocratic system”.

“Sometimes governments become unstable in the middle

of their term, so people will remain without democratic representation. For this, constitutionally elected governments will have to be dissolved in the middle, which will be an insult to public opinion,” he said.

RJD MP Manoj Kumar Jha said, “This again is a kind of proposed legislation in the same direction as we saw in case of the Women Reservation Bill. No specific date, undated things, a futuristic thing with no specifics available.”

CPI MP P Santhosh Kumar told *The Indian Express* that the party opposes this “sinister design of the RSS which goes against the federal structure”.

CPI(M) RS member John Brittas said the concept “is against

the federal spirit”. “One nation, one election is part of their slogan ‘one leader, one country, one ideology, one language,’” he said.

AAP RS member Sanjay Singh said that the “Modi government has one slogan — ‘one nation, one Adani’”. “He just wants a friend to sell India’s wealth and he’s working for him. If there’s one nation, one election, then what will happen when government midway comes in minority. Won’t there be any mid-term election?” he said.

Birthday ‘surprise’ for Sharad Pawar as Ajit visits his Delhi home

ALOK DESHPANDE & DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
MUMBAI, PUNE, NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 12

EVEN AFTER the stormy battle during Maharashtra Assembly polls that saw the Mahayuti return with a resounding mandate, NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar’s birthday became an occasion for Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar to meet his estranged uncle in Delhi on Thursday, the first meeting in over a year.

Ajit Pawar was accompanied by his wife and Rajya Sabha member Sunetra Pawar, son Parth and other NCP leaders such as Chhagan Bhujbal, Lok

Sabha MP Sunil Tatkare and Rajya Sabha MP Praful Patel.

For Sharad Pawar’s family, Ajit’s visit came as a surprise. The discussion ranged from vandalism in Parbhani and Maharashtra Cabinet expansion, said Ajit Pawar after coming out of the Janpath residence of Sharad Pawar, who turned 84.

NCP (SP) leaders, however, scotched any speculation of a possible reunion.

Earlier in the day, Ajit Pawar extended birthday wishes to his uncle on X. In a post written in Marathi, he said, “Best wishes to Sharad Pawar Saheb on his birthday! May you get good health and a long life.”

Speaking to reporters after the



NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar cuts a cake on his birthday in New Delhi on Thursday. He turned 84. PTI

meeting, Ajit Pawar said, “It’s Saheb’s birthday and tomorrow Kaki will be celebrating her birth-

day. Therefore, I came to take their darshan. After taking their blessings, we had some tea and discus-

sion on other issues like vandalism in Parbhani, Parliament, Cabinet expansion... political discussions keep taking place...”

His nephew Yugendra Pawar said, “We didn’t know Ajit Pawar was coming today... Our families always kept family ties away from politics... Ajit Pawar must have met Sharad Pawar to wish him on his birthday.”

“Politics and ideology should be on one side and family on the other... Though Ajit Pawar has moved away from us, I feel our family should remain one. We should make an effort to unite the family... Today’s meeting must be a step towards that,” said Yugendra, who was also in Delhi to wish his grandfather.

Asked about the fierce campaigning during the elections, Yugendra said, “Both sides did not criticise each other severely. No one stooped low. Our family never behaves in that way.”

With the schisms becoming visible, Ajit had skipped the traditional Diwali festivities at the Govindbaug residence of his uncle Sharad Pawar last year after the party split in July 2023. This year, Ajit Pawar and his family celebrated Diwali at their Katewadi residence in Sahyog Society.

Beyond the family bonhomie, many MPs, including from both camps of Shiv Sena and the Congress, visited Sharad Pawar with bouquets.

Sources said Union Home

Minister Amit Shah had greeted Pawar too over the phone.

During the Lok Sabha polls, Ajit Pawar fielded his wife Sunetra against Sharad Pawar’s daughter Supriya Sule. This is said to have led to some familial acrimony. Sule won and Sunetra had to come to the Parliament through the Rajya Sabha route.

In the Lok Sabha polls, the Congress-NCP (SP)-Shiv Sena (UBT) alliance trounced the NDA, winning a majority of seats in the state. During the Assembly polls, the family was in direct contest once again. Sharad Pawar fielded his grandnephew Yugendra Pawar against Ajit in Baranmati, prompting Ajit to accuse his uncle of creating a rift in family.

UP police officer booked for ‘sexually exploiting’ IIT Kanpur student

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 12

A DSP, who was posted as the ACP in Kanpur, has been booked on charges of entering into a sexual relationship with a female student of IIT-Kanpur, making a false promise of marriage. The accused, Mohammad Mohsin Khan, has been booked under BNS Section 69 (having sexual relation with a woman using deceitful means or making fake promise for marriage).

The accused, a 2013 Provincial Police Service (Uttar Pradesh) batch officer, secured admission at IIT-Kanpur as a PhD scholar in July this year, police said on Thursday. Khan was removed from his posting and attached to the police headquarters, Lucknow, on Thursday.

Additional Commissioner of Police (Law & Order), Kanpur, Harish Chander told *The Indian Express* that the woman initially filed a complaint with the administration of IIT-Kanpur. The administration, while conducting an internal inquiry, informed the Kanpur Commissioner of Police about the matter two days ago. A preliminary inquiry was done and the woman filed a police complaint on Thursday, he added.

In her complaint, the woman said that she met Khan at the institute. She alleged that he hid the fact that he is married and started a relationship with her, promising marriage. When she later came to know about his marriage and raised an objection, he promised to divorce his wife, Chander said, citing the complaint.

On the basis of the woman's complaint, the Commissioner directed that an FIR be registered against the ACP. A report was also sent to DGP Prashant Kumar.

Chander added that a three-member SIT has been formed.

Pollution kills 1.5 mn a yr, no Indian lives in WHO standard air, says study

ANONNA DUTT
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 12

NO ONE in India lives in areas where the yearly average pollution levels are below the levels recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO), with the high levels of PM2.5 associated with 1.5 million deaths a year, according to a study recently published in Lancet Planet Health.

In fact, 81.9% of the Indian population was living in areas where the air quality did not even meet the country's National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) of 40 µg/m³ of PM2.5 — much higher than the WHO's recommendation of 5µg/m³. The study found that even if the air quality met these standards, there would have been 0.3 million deaths associated with long-term exposure to air pollution.

“This shows the striking impact of air pollution on health. We need to take pro-active measures to control pollution levels by identifying the sources — whether it's construction, vehicular pollution, crop burning, construction — and addressing it. Even if we are able to bring the levels of particulate matter to the NAAQS, it will reduce the number of deaths, albeit in smaller

How Azam Khan’s letter from jail has cast a shadow on SP-Congress ties

MAULSHREE SETH
LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 12

AMID A debate in the INDIA bloc on who should lead it, a letter from jailed Samajwadi Party (SP) leader Azam Khan has stirred the pot in Uttar Pradesh by targeting the Opposition alliance for “over-looking the issues of Rampur” and questioning its stance on Muslim leadership.

Khan is currently serving a 10-year prison sentence in Sitapur jail after a Rampur court convicted him in a 2016 dacoity and assault case. He has more than 100 cases and has so far been convicted in six. Rampur used to be the SP leader's stronghold. His letter has put both his party and the Congress in a fix. While the SP has chosen to largely remain mum on the letter, the Congress is seemingly troubled by its ally's refusal

to react to Khan's comments.

In the letter, written on SP district president Ajay Sagar's letterhead, Khan urged the party to raise in Parliament the issue of “atrocities against Muslims in Rampur” like they were raising the Sambhal issue.

“The INDIA bloc has become a mute spectator to the downfall of Rampur and has worked to finish the Muslim leadership there. It should make its stand clear and will have to contemplate on the condition and the future of Muslims,” read the letter, adding that the country's largest religious minority community cannot be just used as a vote bank by those who “conspire against it” and “merely show sympathy”.

Sagar said he had gone to meet Khan in jail and only released the letter because he was asked to.

The letter comes months after Khan's relations soured with

SP chief Akhilesh Yadav over the nomination of Mohibullah Naqvi as the candidate for the Rampur Lok Sabha seat, which Khan represented for several years. Naqvi, a fierce critic of Khan, won by over 90,000 votes even as the Congress-SP combine collectively won 43 of the state's 80 Lok Sabha seats. The SP registered its best-ever performance, winning 37 seats. Earlier too, Khan had expressed unhappiness with the SP for “not doing enough” to get him out of jail.

The SP state leadership seemed to distance itself from the letter. While party leader Rajendra Chaudhary said Khan was a senior leader and the party was doing everything to stand by him, former SP MP M T Hassan termed his statement “personal”.

“His remarks do not reflect the views of the Muslim leadership in the SP. I was denied a

ticket because of him but the fact remains that the SP is the only well-wisher of the Muslim community,” he said.

Congress leaders, however, said more such statements may emerge if the SP does not rein in its leaders. “Action must be initiated against these leaders who are going against the party stand but the SP is keeping mum. No matter what the SP leaders claim, minorities in the state are looking up to the Congress just like the Dalits,” a Congress leader said.

The war of words has also cast a shadow on the cohesion between the alliance partners in the coming Assembly session that begins on December 18, especially after differences emerged between the allies over seat-sharing for the recent Assembly bypolls.

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Migrants stripped, paraded in Odisha for ‘misbehaving’ with woman

Bhubaneswar: Eight daily wage workers from West Bengal's Murshidabad were allegedly stripped, thrashed and paraded with hands tied by a group of “irate locals” in Odisha's Sundargarh town after one of them was accused of misbehaving with a woman.

Police sources said the locals raided the area where the workers were residing and assaulted them. They were also forced to strip in public and were paraded for around 1 km.

Police later reached the spot and dispersed the crowd. DIG Rourkela Brijesh Rai said two cases have been filed — one against the worker who allegedly misbehaved with the woman and another against the locals based on the complaint of the workers.

SUJIT BISOI

Seven Maoists killed in citadel as Chhattisgarh makes deep inroads

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RAIPUR, DECEMBER 12

CHHATTISGARH'S 'MAAD Bachao Abhiyan', a campaign to reclaim the Maoist citadel of Abujhmad aka Maad, notched another success early Thursday when security forces shot dead seven members of the banned CPI (Maoist) in a gunbattle that lasted over seven hours in a dense forest.

Police said the encounter began around 3 am after a large contingent of security forces, comprising personnel of the District Reserve Guard (DRG) from Kondagaon, Bastar, Narayanpur and Dantewada districts along with the state's Special Task Force (STF) and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), reached the area following information about the presence of the Maoists.

According to police, the seven whose bodies were recovered were in the uniform of the People's Liberation Guerrilla Army (PLGA), the armed wing of the banned CPI (Maoist).

The announcement about the security operation was made by CM Vishnu Deo Sai.

“All good governance works have been done in one year of the Bharatiya Janata Party government,” he said.

Wednesday's operation was part of the 'Maad Bachao Abhiyan' or 'Save Maad Campaign' and brings the total number of Maoists killed in this year's encounters in Abujhmad to over 100. Of these, 38 were killed on October 31 in what was one of the biggest anti-Maoist operations in the state.

The encounters this year have marked a significant shift in government policy: it meant that after two decades of leaving Maad alone, security forces had decided

to shift their focus there.

A senior security officer from Bastar conceded that until now, Maad was a “no-conflict zone”. “We didn't venture much inside. Even the Maoists maintained a low profile there to avoid attention of the forces, so it would remain a safe-haven for their leaders,” the officer said.

That changed this year when the new BJP government under Vishnu Deo Sai stepped up operations. On April 16, security forces killed 29 Maoists in an encounter in Kanker just ahead of the Lok Sabha polls in the area.

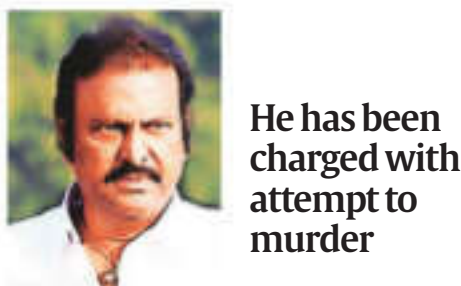
According to Bastar IGP Sundarraaj P, the security forces “bust the myth” that Maad was unbreachable. “We are confident and comfortable operating in every nook and corner,” he said.

Spread over 4,000 sq km, Abujhmad is called the “unknown hills” by the Gond tribe — 90 per cent of the area remains un-surveyed. Located largely in Narayanpur district, parts of Abujhmad extend into Bijapur, Dantewada and Kanker in Chhattisgarh's Bastar region, and Bhamragarh in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli district.

According to the 2011 Census, the area is home to 40,000 residents, of which over 50 per cent are Abujhmadiya tribes, one of the seven Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) — considered particularly vulnerable Scheduled Tribes — who sell forest produce, and are involved in animal husbandry, and farming rice and millets.

Security forces say because Abujhmad remained relatively calm, compared to Sukma and Bijapur districts, it became an “ideal place” to hide for top

Maoist leaders such as Nambala Keshava Rao alias Basavaraj, 69-



He has been charged with attempt to murder

Actor Mohan Babu booked for attack on journalist

SREENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, DECEMBER 12

VETERAN TELUGU film actor M Mohan Babu was booked on charges of attempt to murder after he allegedly attacked a TV journalist earlier this week outside his farmhouse at Jalpally, on the outskirts of Hyderabad.

Journalist M Ranjith Kumar suffered a fracture on his cheekbone when Babu on December 9 allegedly hit him in the face after grabbing his microphone. The incident occurred when several journalists and Babu's son Manchu Manoj, who is involved in a dispute with his father, were entering the farmhouse.

Kumar lodged a complaint at Pahadishareef police station, where an FIR was registered under Section 118 (voluntarily causing hurt or grievous hurt by dangerous weapons or means) of BNS. After assessing the medical report, which indicated fractures on the cheekbone, police added BNS Section 109 (attempt to murder) to the case.

NRI flies from Kuwait ‘to kill relative’ in Andhra, returns same day; posts ‘confession’

SREENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, DECEMBER 12

A MAN from Andhra Pradesh's Annamayya district, who lives in Kuwait, went to his native village early last Saturday and allegedly bludgeoned to death a relative who was sleeping, before flying back to Kuwait the same day.

On Thursday, the 38-year-old took to social media to announce in a video from Kuwait that he had killed his wife's sister's father-in-law for allegedly misbehaving with his 12-year-old daughter who was staying with them.

Inspector P Mahesh told *The Indian Express* that the accused and his wife have been working as a driver and a cook in Kuwait for several years.

“They left their daughter, who is now 12, with her maternal aunt and her husband, whose father is nearly 60 years old and disabled. The girl is admitted to a residential school but often comes to her aunt's house in the village. She stayed in the house recently for some days,” said the inspector.

According to the inspector, the girl's mother has alleged that the victim was “touching her

year-old Mallojula Venugopal Rao alias Sonu and 61-year-old Thippiri Tirupathi alias Devuji.

Under the 'Maad Bachao Abhiyan', security forces belonging to the BSF, ITBP and CRPF as well as the Chhattisgarh's police and armed forces like the DRG have mounted consolidated attacks. According to sources, in the 50 operations conducted this year, at least 51 Maoists were gunned down inside Maad and 61 in the periphery.

Most of the operations were conducted from Kanker and Narayanpur while some were from Dantewada, sources said.

The speed of these “conquests” can be gauged by the number of police camps set up in Maad this year. Five camps have come up this year in comparison to the four in the last two decades.

Officials said Maad's poor road connectivity and difficult terrain combined with scant resources and manpower shortage of the security forces made anti-insurgency operations challenging.

But the last few years have seen an increase in the number of security forces in the district.

Former Chhattisgarh Director General of Police R K Vij, who served as IGP in Bastar and Narayanpur, said, “The number of local police which was about 100 is 1,000 now. The number of Chhattisgarh Armed Force battalions have shot up. The SIB and STF have strengthened. The government sanctioned the DRG and now you have Bastar Fighters too. The Central forces deployment is much more now.”

What has also added impetus is the addition of District Reserve Guards and Baster Fighters to the security mix.

As Vrinda Grover drops out, no lawyer turns up for R G Kar victim’s family

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KOLKATA, DECEMBER 12

THE PARENTS of the junior woman doctor, who was raped and killed at R G Kar hospital in Kolkata, on Thursday refused to comment on Senior Advocate Vrinda Grover's decision to no longer represent them. On Thursday, no lawyer turned up to represent the victim's parents at the Sealadh sessions court, where the day-to-day trial is being held since November 4.

On Wednesday, Grover announced her decision citing “in-

tervening factors and circumstances”. She said she has withdrawn from the case in the Supreme Court, the Calcutta HC, and the Sealadh trial court.

“As lawyers and officers of the court, Advocate Vrinda Grover and her legal associates render legal services only in accordance with law, evidence, and professional ethics. At this stage, on account of certain intervening factors and circumstances, the chamber of Advocate Vrinda Grover is constrained to withdraw from the case proceedings in this matter and will no longer be representing the victim's family,” the

statement said. It added that Grover's team had been providing pro bono service to the victim's family since September 2024, nearly a month after the August 9 rape and murder incident.

“During this period, the evidence of 43 prosecution witnesses has been recorded, and bail for other accused persons consistently and successfully opposed. The remaining prosecution evidence is due to be completed in the next 2 to 3 days,” the statement said. It mentioned that the trial court had been informed, and the lawyers had been discharged from the case.

Rescued after 57-hour operation, Rajasthan boy dies as water enters his windpipe

PARUL KULSHRESTHA
JAIPUR, DECEMBER 12

A FIVE-YEAR-OLD boy, who was trapped inside a borewell in Rajasthan's Dausa district for 57 hours, was brought out on Wednesday night and was declared dead soon after, with doctors saying he had likely been dead for 36 hours.

On Thursday morning, a postmortem was conducted on the body, which revealed that the child died after water entered into his windpipe, said Dausa chief medical officer Dr

Deepak Sharma.

Aryan, the son of farmers Guddi Devi and Jagdish Meena, had fallen into the borewell in Kalikhad village at 3.15 pm on Monday.

During the rescue operation, the NDRF had sent in a water-proof camera into the borewell. However, no movement of the boy had been detected for 36 hours before he was brought out, officials said.

NDRF Deputy Commandant Yogesh Kumar said Aryan's movement was last detected at 3 am on Tuesday. “No movement was seen when the camera was

for all Gaganyaan missions.

On December 6, ISRO and the Indian Navy conducted the demonstration of 'well deck', a vital step in recovering the crew module upon its landing on sea surface. The Gaganyaan mission will carry three Indian astronauts to about 400 km from the Earth's surface for three days. Prior to the crewed flight, the ISRO has planned two uncrewed preparatory missions and a string of technology development and demonstrations — Gaganyaan-1 (G1) and Gaganyaan-2 (G2). G1 involves testing the safe re-entry of the spacecraft and its orientation upon its dive into the sea.

Gaganyaan-1, expected to be launched in early 2025, will receive support from ESA's Kourou station where a 15m antenna is operating both in S-band and X-band wavelengths. Kourou is located near Cayenne, the capital of French Guiana.

Gaganyaan's radio equipment, about the size of a suitcase, has been shipped to the Ground Segment Reference Facility (GSRF) in Germany. Specific compatibility tests will be performed to ensure that the Gaganyaan's radio transmitter and receiver effectively communicate with ESA's antenna in Kourou in South America.

Tests for missions such as

Rosetta, Gaia, ExoMars Trace Gas Orbiter, BepiColombo and Solar Orbiter were performed at GSRF.

“The Network Operations Centre at ESA's ESOC mission control centre in Germany will coordinate a series of radio antennas in the global European Space Tracking network (Estrack) that will enable ISRO track, monitor and command the Gaganyaan crew module throughout each mission,” said Octave Procope-Mamert, Head of Ground Facility Operations at ESA. The German Aerospace Center and the Spanish National Institute for Aerospace Technology will join hands in tracking Gaganyaan missions.

Gaganyaan’s radio equipment to undergo tests in Germany

ESA’s 15-metre antenna in French Guiana to track Gaganyaan-1

ANJALI MARAR
BENGALURU, DECEMBER 12

THE EUROPEAN Space Agency Thursday announced that the key radio equipment that will be deployed for Gaganyaan mission — India's first attempt at sending humans into space — will soon undergo tests at one of its facilities in Germany.



ESA's antenna in Kourou, French Guiana; (right) ISRO Gaganyaan crew module. ESA/ISRO

This place up in activities pertaining to Gaganyaan comes after the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) signed a

Technical Implementing Plan (TIP) with the ESA on December 4. Under the TIP, the ESA will facilitate Ground Tracking Support





GIFT TO REMEMBER

THE WEDDING reception of the son of Sanjay Jaiswal, BJP's chief whip in the Lok Sabha, turned out to be a grand event, courtesy the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Jaiswal, a medical practitioner, had invited his surgeon friends working in hospitals in the US and UK to the function. PM Modi, after blessing the bride and the groom, not only met the guests but also fulfilled their request for a photo with him. Jubilant over the opportunity, Jaiswal's friends told him it was the best "return gift" they ever received at a wedding reception.

SLOGAN WITH A TWIST

THE OPPOSITION, which is devising innovative ways every day to raise the issue of alleged collusion between the government and industrialist Gautam Adani, did something out of the ordinary on Thursday. Picking up the tone of the famous "Azadi" slogan, raised during protests and also part of the popular culture, the Opposition MPs led by Congress member Hibi Eden replaced "Azadi" with "Adani". As Eden screamed "arrey upar dekho, neeche dekho (look up, look down)," the Opposition MPs burst into a chorus of "Adani". Sources in the Congress said the idea behind the sloganeering came from three members of the Congress who have been entrusted by Rahul Gandhi to come up with "fresh and eye-catching ideas" for their protest on the Adani issue. On Wednesday, the Congress members had distributed tote bags with caricatures of PM Modi and Adani. Asked where the bags went, a Congress MP said the Opposition leaders took them home.

CAROL PRACTISE

WITH CHRISTMAS just round the corner, it is learnt that a handful of senior advocates in Delhi are taking time off their busy schedule for a different kind of practice — singing carols. The Supreme Court Bar Association hosts an annual Christmas celebration for which the advocates are training their vocals. In 2023, then Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud sang Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer at the event.

Dhami: Uttarakhand aims to become first state with a dedicated yoga policy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
DEHRADUN, DECEMBER 12

CHIEF MINISTER Pushkar Singh Dhami Thursday said that Uttarakhand is striving to become the first state in the country to implement a dedicated yoga policy. He emphasised that the policy will play a crucial role in integrating Ayurveda and Yoga into the healthcare sector.

Addressing the 10th Ayurveda Congress and Arogya Expo 2024 on Thursday, he said that delegates from 50 countries and over 3,000 experts are participating in the event. The CM urged the AYUSH Ministry to es-



CM Pushkar Singh Dhami with Union MoS Prataprao Jadhav in Dehradun. PTI

ablish All India Institute of Ayurveda in Uttarakhand. Union Minister of State Pratyaprao Jadhav said production of AYUSH products increased eightfold in a decade. India exports AYUSH and herbal products to 150 countries, he said.

कार्यालय कमाण्डेंट : 91 बटालियन, सीमा सुरक्षा बल, महेशपुर, रायगंज जिला-उत्तर दिनाजपुर (पश्चिम बंगाल)

नीलामी सूचना

91 बटालियन, सीमा सुरक्षा बल के नकारा घोषित भण्डारों का सार्वजनिक नीलामी दिनांक 30/12/2024 को प्रातः 1100 बजे बटालियन मुख्यालय, 91 बटालियन, सीमा सुरक्षा बल, महेशपुर, जिला- उत्तर दिनाजपुर (पं बंगाल) में किया जाएगा।

2. सभी इच्छुक पार्टियों धरोहर अग्रिम राशि रु 10,000/- (रुपये दस हजार मात्र) जमा करने के पश्चात नीलामी में भाग ले सकते हैं। नीलामी के नियम व शर्तें नीलामी करवाने वाली समिति के द्वारा नीलामी स्थल पर घोषित की जाएगी।

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Letter No. 1920/Tech.3/43/2024 Nava Raipur Dated: 11/12/2024

To whomsoever it may concern

Inspector General of Registration and Superintendent of Stamp, Chhattisgarh, Nava Raipur, had invited tender proposals (BID no 03/2024) vide tender notice no 1688 dated 11.11.2024 for Establishment and Operations of Model Sub-Registrar Offices on BOOT Model. The last date for submission of bid was 12.12.2024.

Due to technical reasons, the date of submission and opening of Bid date is being extended as follows:-

End date for the submission of Bids	27.12.2024 up to 3:00 PM
Date/Time of Technical Bid Opening	27.12.2024 at to 4:00 PM

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Hathras rape-murder victim's family are being treated like criminals, says Rahul

His visit a mere gimmick, says UP minister Rajbhar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 12

LEADER OF Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Thursday visited Uttar Pradesh's Hathras to meet the family members of 2020 Hathras rape-murder victim. This visit comes two days after he met the victims of Sambhal violence at his residence in Delhi.

"Today I went to Hathras and met the family of the victim of that shameful and unfortunate incident that happened four years ago. The things they told me during the meeting shook me," Gandhi posted in Hindi on X. He said the "whole family still lives in fear" and that they were "being treated like criminals". "They cannot move freely, they are



Congress MP Rahul Gandhi in Hathras on Thursday. PTI

kept under surveillance of guns and cameras at all times," he said. "The promises made to them by the BJP government have not been fulfilled till date. Neither have they been given a government job, nor has the promise of shifting them to some other place been fulfilled," the Congress MP said. "Instead of giving justice to the victim's family, the government is committing various atrocities on them. On the other hand, the accused are roaming freely,"

he said. "The desperation and despair of this family shows the truth of the atrocities being committed on Dalits by the BJP. But we will not let this family be forced to live in this condition. We will fight with all our might to get them justice," Gandhi said. Congress leaders said Gandhi spent around 35 minutes with the family at their home. In September 2020, a 19-year-old Dalit woman was allegedly gangraped by four upper caste

men in Hathras. She died 11 days later in Delhi's Safdarjung Hospital. The case is being investigated by the CBI.

Reacting to Gandhi's allegations against the BJP government in the state, Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak said the Congress leader is "confused" and "not aware of the status of the case". "The CBI has already conducted an inquiry. Under the BJP rule, no culprit is allowed to get away scot-free," Pathak said. UP Minister for Minorities Welfare Om Prakash Rajbhar also slammed Gandhi. "Such visits are mere gimmicks showing the Congress desperation," Rajbhar, who is also the chief of SBSP, said. When asked about Gandhi meeting the Hathras family, SP MP Dimple Yadav alleged that the government in Uttar Pradesh have vitiated the atmosphere of brotherhood in the state. She said they would be raising all such issues in the coming days in Parliament.

Sharing stage with Stalin, Pinarayi urges states to boost cooperation

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DECEMBER 12

CHIEF MINISTER Pinarayi Vijayan said on Thursday that Kerala and Tamil Nadu put forward a model of coexistence and cooperation that should spread through other states as well.

The Kerala CM was delivering an address at the Thanthai Periyar Memorial and Periyar Library at Vaikom, which was inaugurated Thursday by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin in the presence of ministers and senior officials from Tamil Nadu and Kerala. The event also marked the centenary celebration of Vaikom



Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan and his TN counterpart M K Stalin at Vaikom. PTI

enary celebration of Vaikom Satyagraha, a watershed movement for social justice and caste equality that took place at Vaikom,

in Kerala's Kottayam district, in 1924-25. Tamil social reformer Periyar E V Ramasamy had participated in the movement. Vijayan said this spirit of cooperative federalism should spread through states at a time when the rights of states, including their financial autonomy, "are being repeatedly infringed upon". "At the Vaikom Satyagraha, we had seen this cooperation and coexistence. Both Kerala and Tamil Nadu are taking forward that cooperation and coexistence," Vijayan said. Stalin said Kerala and Tamil Nadu are united in efforts to establish "an egalitarian society".

Mamata push for Digha Jagannath temple puts BJP on the backfoot

ATRI MITRA
KOLKATA, DECEMBER 12

WEST BENGAL Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress (TMC) supremo Mamata Banerjee's bid to fast-track the Jagannath temple project being built in Digha, a coastal town in Purba Medinipur district, and her decision to induct ISKCON Kolkata vice president Radharamn Das in the temple's board of trustees have heated up state politics.

Stung by Mamata's moves, senior BJP leader Suwendu Adhikari, Leader of the Opposition in the state Assembly, said that as per the Constitution the government cannot use funds from the state exchequer for constructing any religious institution. Purba Medinipur is Suwendu's home turf, where he even defeated Mamata in the Nandigram constituency in the 2021 Assembly polls by 1,956 votes. Digha's Jagannath temple being built by the West Bengal Housing Infrastructure Development Corporation (WB-HIDCO), a state-run urban planning body, in the likeness of Puri's Jagannath temple is one of Mamata's ambitious projects. Suwendu alleged that as per

the official documents the WB-HIDCO was building a cultural centre called "Jagannath Dham Sanskriti Kendra" and not a Jagannath temple. On Wednesday, Mamata visited the Jagannath temple site in Digha along with top officials to review the project, announcing that it will be inaugurated on the occasion of Akshay Tritiya on April 30 next year. Bengal is due for Assembly polls in March-April 2026. Interestingly, Radharamn Das accompanied Mamata during this visit. Her move to include Das in the Jagannath temple panel has come at a time when Bengal has been witnessing widespread protests, including those held by the BJP, against alleged attacks on Hindus and ISKCON members in Bangladesh. A Hindu monk and former ISKCON leader Chinmoy Krishna Das has been arrested by the police there. In Digha, Mamata turned the heat on the BJP-led Centre over the Bangladesh issue, maintaining that it must protect the persecuted Hindu minority in the neighbouring country and bring back those willing to come. Targeting Mamata, Suwendu

said, "The tender and work order documents of the WBHIDCO clearly show that the project has been referred to as 'Jagannath Dham Sanskriti Kendra' while inviting tenders," he stated. Charging that Mamata did not have any connection with Hindu organisations, Suwendu claimed that it was only after the Ram Temple was constructed in Ayodhya that she came up with a similar idea to garner support of the Hindu community. He also said the Puri Jagannath temple is one of the four dhams in India, which could not be replicated.

Suwendu also took aim at Radharamn Das for his "silence" over Mamata's move which, he alleged "undermined the Hindu faith". Hitting back at Suwendu, a senior TMC leader said, "BJP is playing communal card in Bengal over the Bangladesh unrest but the CM has hijacked the issue from them. Out of frustration, Suwendu is saying such things." TMC leader Kunal Ghosh said, "What is BJP's problem if some people worship Jagannath in Digha." CPM leader Sujan Chakraborty referred to TMC MLA from Murshidabad Humayun Kabir's recent remark that he would build a Babri mosque in the district. "Jagannath temple at Digha? Does the explanation of history match? Just like Babri masjid in Murshidabad, non-historical and ridiculous... RSS and TMC's competitive politics of division and polarisation is now becoming increasingly clear in the state."

A senior BJP leader said, "We are stepping into this issue very cautiously. We don't want Mamata Banerjee to hijack our temple politics in the run-up to the Assembly polls."

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e-Procurement Notice – 2nd Call

JEPC invites Separate Technical & Financial Bids through e-procurement method from eligible and interested contractors registered in appropriate class for Strengthening and Infrastructure Development of District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) located in Chatra & Ramgarh District of North Chotanagpur Division of Jharkhand. Interested and eligible bidders are requested to submit their proposal latest by 2:00 PM on 28.12.2024.

The details of tender documents can be seen and applied through website https://jharkhand.tenders.gov.in only. Tender notification & Tender document can also be seen (read only purpose) from departmental website https://jepc.jharkhand.gov.in.

Ref. No.: JEPC/CIV/03/716/2022/4637 Ranchi, Date : 11.12.2024

Sd/-
(Shashi Ranjan)
State Project Director
Jharkhand Education Project Council

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WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
Sr. Divisional Electric Engineer/ TRS/ Electric Loco Shed, Tughlakabad, New Delhi-44, acting for and on behalf of The President of India, invites, E-Tenders against the following Tenders, with the closing date 27.01.2025 & 06.01.2025 respectively. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

TENDER/BID NO.: TKD-21-2024.
NAME OF WORK AND STATION: "Conversion of WAG-9 & WAG-9H Loco bogie with TBU/PBU type brake gearing".
QTY: 42 Loco Sets (84 Bogies).
ESTIMATED COST (IN RS.): 8,83,94,227.19.
COST OF TENDER FORM (IN RS.): NIL.
EARNEST MONEY (IN RS.): 5,92,000/-.
COMPLETION PERIOD: 36 Months.
LAST DT. & TIME OF SUBMISSION OF TENDER: 27.01.2025 at 15:30 Hrs.
TENDER/BID NO.: TKD-22-2024.
NAME OF WORK AND STATION: "Cleaning of 3 phase Electric Locomotives including cleaning of complete loco body filters, drivers cabs, machine room, corridors, windows and lookout glasses etc at ELS/TKD for a period of 03 years".
QTY: As per Schedule of Rates.
ESTIMATED COST (IN RS.): 68,10,274.66.
COST OF TENDER FORM (IN RS.): NIL.
EARNEST MONEY (IN RS.): 1,36,200/-.
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LAST DT. & TIME OF SUBMISSION OF TENDER: 06.01.2025 at 15:30 Hrs.
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अति अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना (2nd Call)
उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम (नगरीय) की ओर से अधोहस्तक्षारी द्वारा राजकीय होमोपैथी चिकित्सालय फरसहिया, निघासन जनपद लखीमपुर खीरी अनुमानित लागत रु. 21.09 लाख (जी.एस.टी. रहित एवं लेबर सेस सहित) के निर्माण कार्य हेतु सी.एण्ड डी.एस. में यथोचित श्रेणी में भवन कार्य हेतु पंजीकृत टेकनरों से दिनांक 19.12.2024 के अपराह्न 4.30 बजे तक ई-निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। उक्त कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा प्रपत्र दिनांक 13.12.2024 से 19.12.2024 के मध्य उत्तर प्रदेश की e-procurement वेबसाइट <https://etender.up.nic.in> से डाउनलोड किये जा सकते हैं तथा ई-निविदा दिनांक 19.12.2024 को अपराह्न 5:00 बजे निदेशक, सी.एण्ड डी.एस. उ.प्र. जल निगम (नगरीय), टी.सी.-38 वीं विभूति खण्ड, गोमतीनगर, लखनऊ में खोली जायेगी। ई-निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य रु. 2000+GST (18%) अतिरिक्त देय होगा। निविदा से सम्बन्धित विस्तृत विवरण विभाग की वेबसाइट <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर ही उपलब्ध किये जायेंगे, इनका प्रपत्र से कोई प्रकाशन नहीं किया जायेगा। निविदावालाओं को सलाह दी जाती है कि वे उक्त वेबसाइट का समय-समय पर अवलोकन करते रहें।

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- गरीब परिवार की कन्याओं को ₹50,000 की आर्थिक सहायता
- बेटियों के विवाह में मदद और आत्मनिर्भरता का अवसर

महतारी सदन योजना

- ₹44.21 करोड़ से 202 ग्राम पंचायतों में बनाए जा रहे 179 महतारी सदन

नारी शक्ति को सम्मान

- माँ के नाम 4 करोड़ वृक्षारोपण
- मितामियों को हर माह प्रोत्साहन राशि का भुगतान
- 12 आकांक्षी जिलों में 4750 आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्रों का उन्नयन
- 27 जिलों के सभी सेंटर में महिला हेल्पलाइन यूनिट की स्थापना

भ्रष्टाचार मुक्त छत्तीसगढ़ की ओर बढ़ते कदम

खत्म होगी आम जनता को छलने जैसी कुरीति भ्रष्टाचार के विरुद्ध जारी रहेगी जीरो टॉलरेंस की नीति

भ्रष्टाचार के काले साम्राज्य पर प्रहार से आण्णी समृद्धि खनिजों के परिवहन में पारदर्शिता से होगी राजस्व में वृद्धि

शासकीय भर्तियों में पारदर्शिता

- राज्य सेवा परीक्षा-2021 की निष्पक्ष और पारदर्शी जांच
- यूपीएससी की तर्ज पर परीक्षा प्रणाली लागू करने का निर्णय

घोटालों पर सरकार की सख्ती



शराब घोटाला- वर्ष 2019 से लेकर वर्ष 2022 तक ₹2161 करोड़ के शराब घोटाला में ई.डी. की कार्रवाई



महादेव एप घोटाला- महादेव एप में संलिप्त लोगों के विरुद्ध भी कार्रवाई



कोयला घोटाला - कोयला की आवाजाही पर 25 रूपए की अवैध उगाही कर ₹540 करोड़ के कोयला घोटाला में ई.डी. की कार्रवाई

युवाओं का भविष्य अब होगा और भी उज्ज्वल

केजरीव के अवसर

- राज्यभर के युवाओं में आयु योयन में 5 वर्ष की छूट
- 10 कि.मी. में 8,000+ पंपों पर धरती की प्रतिक्रिया शुरू

सब-रेजिस्टर के लिए अवसर

- छत्तीसगढ़ उद्यम क्रांति केजरीव से युवाओं को फिलिंग 50% रूबिडिटी पर ब्याज मुक्त ऋण

सिख में सख्ती

- 344 पीएम श्री स्कूल, 18 स्कूलों पर छात्रों में पढ़ाई, रोजाई, रूबिडिटी और कौशल विकास की नई पहल, "संस्कृत शिक्षा नीति 2020" लागू

औद्योगिकी शिक्षा

- रायपुर, बिलासपुर, कोरबा, रायपुर और कटघोरा में आईआईटी की तर्ज पर औद्योगिकी संस्थानों का निर्माण



केजरीव का भविष्य

- रायपुर में औद्योगिक क्षेत्र एंटीडॉप, 24 खिलाड़ियों को सरकारी नौकरी, और खेल के लिए 31 जिलों में केजरीव

मोबाइल

- अब तक 30,00,000 स्कूनों में 75,000 से अधिक बार मोबाइल भाग का सम्मन आयोजन

सुशिक्षित मजदूरों के लिए अवसर

- रायपुर में 7500 सीट पर सर्वोत्कृष्टतापूर्ण लक्ष्य
- 13 नगरीय विकास में हररोक लक्ष्य
- ₹148 करोड़ बजट प्रावधान

कौशल विकास

- मुख्यमंत्री कौशल विकास योजना के तहत 10 लाख से अधिक युवाओं को 3026 युवा निवेशित
- नई नौकरियों के क्षेत्रों के अंतर्गत 2064 युवा प्रशिक्षित, 1145 युवा नियुक्त

स्वास्थ्य सुविधाओं का विस्तार

- मेकाहारा रायपुर और सिंस बिलासपुर भवन के विस्तार और विकास हेतु ₹1500 करोड़ का प्रावधान
- शहीद वीर नारायण सिंह स्वास्थ्य योजना हेतु ₹1526 करोड़ का प्रावधान

- 18 लाख से अधिक प्रधानमंत्री आवास की स्वीकृति
- ₹12 हजार करोड़ का प्रावधान
- एक वर्ष में शहरी में 50 हजार आवास एवं ग्रामीण में 1 लाख 75 हजार आवास पूर्ण

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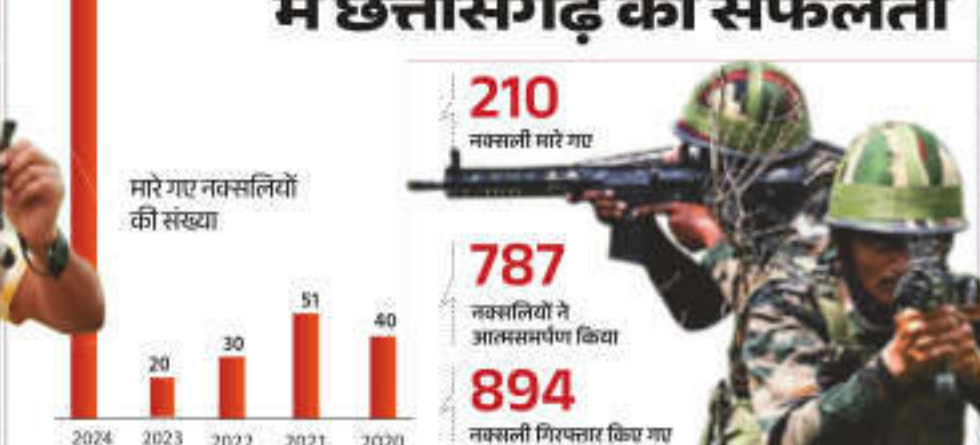


नक्सल उन्मूलन एवं जनजातीय उत्थान

नियद नेल्ला नार जन जीवन हुआ गुलजार

- 40 सुरक्षा कैम्प स्थापित, 24 नए प्रस्तावित
- 96 गाँवों में 17 विभाग की 53 योजनाओं और 3 सुविधाओं से विकास
- 28114 ग्रामीणों का आधार कार्ड बना
- 14818 आयुधन कार्ड बना
- 9509 परिवारों को राशनकार्ड
- 649 वन अधिकार पट्टे वितरित
- 521 मोबाइल टावर चालू किए गए
- 68 हेलीपैड निर्मित 13 निर्माणाधीन
- 20 करोड़ का अतिरिक्त प्रावधान

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ALLEGATIONS AGAINST FORMER ISI CHIEF HAMEED, NOW UNDER ARREST

MANAMAN SINGH CHHINA
CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 12

FORMER CHIEF of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), Lt Gen Faiz Hameed (ret'd) was indicted on Tuesday on a series of charges, including "engaging in political activities," misuse of authority and government resources, and violation of the Official Secrets Act.

According to Pakistani daily *Dawn*, Hameed conducted his alleged misdeeds "at the behest of and in collusion with vested political interests".

This news comes four months after the Army began court martial proceedings against the man who was Pakistan's top spymaster from June 2019 to November 2021, and considered to be a close ally to former Prime Minister Imran Khan, who is now in jail.

Once considered to be in the running to be the Pakistan Army Chief, Hameed resigned from service in 2022, soon after Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif appointed (then) Lt Gen Asim Munir to replace the outgoing Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa as Pakistan Army Chief.

What are the allegations against Lt Gen Hameed?

The Field General Court Martial (FGCM) against the retired general was ordered following adverse observations made by the Supreme Court of Pakistan last year. On November 14, 2023, the court noted the graveness of the allegations raised against Hameed in a petition filed by the owner of a real estate company.

Moez Ahmed Khan, the owner of the Top City Housing scheme, a private housing society in the Chowki Hameedan area of Islamabad, had accused Hameed and his associates of extortion. He claimed that in May 2017, paramilitary Pakistan Rangers and ISI officials including Hameed had raided Top City offices and his home, and allegedly stolen gold and diamond jewellery after falsely accusing Khan of terrorism.

The petitioner said that he was subsequently forced to "pay Rs 4 crore in cash" and "sponsor a private TV network for a few months" in a deal brokered by Hameed's brother, Sardar Najaf.



Lt Gen Faiz Hameed was the ISI chief from 2019 to 2021.

What action has been taken against Hameed?

In April 2024, a Court of Inquiry headed by a Major General of the Pakistan Army was convened against Lt Gen Hameed. The Summary of Evidence has culminated in the court martial.

In a press release, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said: "Complying with the orders of Supreme Court of Pakistan, a detailed court of inquiry was undertaken by Pakistan Army, to ascertain correctness of complaints in Top City case made against Lt Gen Faiz Hameed (Ret'd)... Consequently, appropriate disciplinary action has been initiated against Lt Gen Faiz Hameed (Ret'd), under provisions of Pakistan Army Act."

The retired general has been put under arrest. However, unlike civilians, he has not been put in jail. Hameed has been housed in a guest room of an Army officers' mess in Rawalpindi, with an Army officer and some troops deputed to guard him.

ULTRA-PROCESSED FOOD WERE OVER 50% OF US ADULTS' DIETS: STUDY

A NEW analysis of the dietary habits of Americans has found that between 2003 and 2018, the share of Ultra-Processed Foods (UPFs) eaten at home increased, while that of Minimally Processed Foods (MPFs) decreased.

Though these trends have been noticed earlier, the study aimed to determine whether UPFs are primarily consumed At Home (AH) or Away From Home (AFH), "to inform policies and messages to improve dietary quality." It found that UPFs comprised more than 50% of both the total AH energy intake and the total AFH energy intake.

Published in *The Journal of Nutrition* earlier this month, the study ("Trends in Adults' Intake of Unprocessed/Minimally Processed, and Ultra-processed foods at Home and Away from Home in the United States from 2003–2018") was led by researchers at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

It examined data from the 2003–2018 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, a national annual survey of more than 34,000 adults.

On two separate days, participants

were asked about the foods they ate in the last 24 hours. Using an existing framework for grouping foods by the level of processing, foods were assigned to one of four categories: unprocessed or minimally processed, processed culinary ingredients, processed, and ultra-processed. The last category contains foods with heavy use of artificial sweeteners, food colouring, and emulsifiers. Increased consumption of processed foods, like french fries and cookies, has been linked to heart diseases, weight gain and other health issues.

Researchers found that overall, UPFs comprised more than half of all calories consumed at home, rising from 51% in 2003 to 54% in 2018. They said these findings "highlight the ubiquity and increasing proportion of UPFs in United States adults' diets regardless of whether foods are consumed AH or AFH".

Julia Wolfson, the study's lead author, said, "We need strategies to help people choose less processed foods" for both AH and AFH consumption. "Strong nutrition labels warning of high ultra-processed food content may be warranted," she added.

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NEW RESEARCH

APURVA VISHWANATH
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 12

THE SUPREME Court on Thursday barred civil courts across the country from registering fresh suits challenging the ownership and title of any place of worship, and from ordering surveys of disputed religious places until further orders.

"As the matter is *sub judice*..., we deem it appropriate to direct that no fresh suits may be filed nor registered or proceedings be ordered till further orders of this court... We also direct that in pending suits, the courts would not pass any effective interim orders or final orders including orders of survey till the next date of hearing," the Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna said.

Case before the court

The Bench, also comprising Justices P V Sanjay Kumar and KV Viswanathan, was hearing petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the Places of Worship Act, 1991.

The law, brought in the wake of the Ayodhya movement, prohibits conversion of any place of worship and provides for the maintenance of the religious character of places of worship as it existed on August 15, 1947.

PLACES OF WORSHIP ACT: A TIMELINE

1991: Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act enacted; said "religious character" of a place of worship will remain as it was on August 15, 1947. Only exception: "Ram Janma Bhumi-Babri Masjid". The Ayodhya agitation was raging at the time; Babri Masjid was still standing.

Oct 2020: First petition filed challenging the Act; five more filed subsequently — on grounds of arbitrariness on date, and the fact that it takes away judicial review.

Aug 2021: Five women filed suit in Varanasi seeking permission to pray at

the Gyanvapi mosque.

May 2022: After case reached SC, then CJI DY Chandrachud orally observed that a survey "may not necessarily fall foul" of the Places of Worship Act.

2022-2024: At least six suits were filed claiming past existence of a Hindu temple at the site of a mosque or *dargah*. Surveys were ordered in three of these cases.

Dec 2024: SC barred further survey orders, further "effective" orders, and the registering of fresh suits.

— AJJOY SINHA KARPURAM

Only the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute was kept out of the purview of the law since the case was already *sub judice*.

What the order impacts

The order applies to both civil suits that are already pending (*there are several; below*) and to those that may be filed in the future.

PENDING SUITS ON MOSQUE-TEMPLE DISPUTES



Gajendra Yadav

SHAHI JAMA MASJID, SAMBHAL

Case: Suit filed on November 19 claiming mosque was built on ruins of an ancient temple that was dedicated to Lord Kalki.

Status: Civil Judge (Senior Division), Sambhal ordered survey, which triggered violence on November 24, in which several people were killed. On November 29, SC asked court not to proceed with suit for now.



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ATALA MOSQUE, JAUNPUR

Case: Suit filed in May 2024 seeking declaration that Atala Devi temple existed at site; possession of property; restraining order against non-Hindus.

Status: Survey ordered; Jaunpur court was to hear plea for security to surveyors on December 16. Petition filed at Allahabad HC challenging registration of suit.



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KAMAL MOULA MOSQUE, BHOJSHALA COMPLEX, DHAR
Case: Petition filed before MP HC in 2022 challenging 2003 ASI order allowing Muslims to offer *namaz* on Fridays.

Status: In March 2024, HC sought "scientific survey". In April, SC disallowed digging that changes character of premises.



Renuka Puri

GYANVAPI MOSQUE, VARANASI

Case: Suit filed on behalf of Adi Vishveshwar in 1991. In 2021 five Hindu women sought permission to worship there.

Status: Sessions Judge ordered ASI survey; upheld maintainability of 2021 suit in 2023. Maintainability of 1991 suit was also upheld in 2022.



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SHAMSI JAMA MASJID, BUDAUN

Case: Suit filed in 2022 by Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha claiming temple to Neelkanth Mahadev stood at site; seeking permission to pray.

Status: Fast-track court in Budaun is currently hearing arguments on maintainability of the suit.



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QUWWAT-UL-ISLAM MOSQUE, DELHI

Case: In 2020, suit filed seeking restoration of Hindu and Jain deities inside mosque in Qutub Minar complex.

Status: Civil Judge rejected suit in 2021 stating it was barred by provisions of Places of Worship Act, 1991. Challenge to this order is pending.



Apurva Vishwanath

SHAHI IDGAH MOSQUE, MATHURA

Case: Several suits filed since 2020 seeking removal of mosque; also question validity of 1968 "agreement" that allowed mosque and a new temple to co-exist.

Status: In August 2024, Allahabad HC rejected challenge to maintainability of suits. Mosque committee has gone to SC.



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TEEL WALI MASJID, LUCKNOW

Case: In 2013, suit filed by Hindus seeking survey of mosque allegedly built after Aurangzeb demolished temple.

Status: Maintainability of suit pending before Allahabad HC; suit seeking injunction to allow Hindu devotees to pray pending before Civil Judge.



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AJMER SHARIF DARGAH, AJMER

Case: Suit filed in September 2024 claiming there is evidence of a temple to Lord Shiva at the site.

Status: Civil Judge issued notices to Union Ministry of Minority Affairs, ASI, and the Ajmer Dargah Committee on November 27.



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MALALI JUMA MASJID, MANGALURU

Case: Suit filed in 2022 by VHP claiming "temple like" structure was found beneath the mosque during renovation; requested survey of premises.

Status: On January 31, 2024 Karnataka HC ordered trial court to first decide on maintainability of suit.

Nine years after it was finalised, a critical look at the Paris Agreement

AMITABH SINHA
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 12

THE PARIS Agreement was supposed to save the world from the worst impacts of climate change. But nine years after it was finalised — on December 12, 2015 — it is perhaps more fragile than ever, appearing increasingly ineffective and helpless in containing the rapidly worsening climate situation.

In these nine years, annual global emissions have grown 8% from about 49 billion tonnes of CO2 equivalent to 53 billion tonnes. Average annual global temperatures have increased from 1.1 degree Celsius above the pre-industrial average to 1.45 degree Celsius above that level. And, latest assessments suggest that 2024 is almost certain to be the first year to breach the 1.5 degree Celsius threshold.

The main goal of the Paris Agreement — holding global annual average temperatures within 1.5 degree Celsius of pre-industrial averages, two degrees Celsius in the worst case scenario — seems more distant than ever. In a clear sign of growing frustration with the treaty, a number of developing countries, led by the small island nations, have begun exploring alternative approaches for a more effective fight against climate change. The International Court of Justice is currently hearing a case which seeks to define countries' obligations on climate change, and the consequences arising out of those obligations.

Changing course

Before the Paris Agreement, came the Kyoto Protocol in 1997. In keeping with the principles of equity and differentiated responsibilities enshrined in the 1992 UN

Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Kyoto Protocol placed the bulk of the obligations of fighting climate change on rich and developed countries, while asking developing nations to contribute according to their respective capabilities.

But unnerved with the rising economic power of China, and afraid of the constraints that climate obligations put on their own economies, developed countries worked hard to dismantle the Kyoto Protocol. Although their first attempt, made in 2009 at the Copenhagen conference, failed, developed countries managed to have their way six years later in Paris.

In the garb of getting everyone to contribute, the Paris Agreement severely weakened the fight against climate change. The

Kyoto Protocol had assigned specific emissions reduction targets on developed countries, but placed virtually no responsibilities on the rest of the world. The Paris Agreement mandated everyone to take climate actions, but only in a "nationally-determined" manner, essentially freeing developed countries of their assigned responsibilities.

With every country only putting in a bare minimum effort to meet their Paris commitments, global climate action is now no longer aligned with the emission reductions required to keep global warming in check.

Progressive weakening

But even the provisions contained in the Paris Agreement have been slowly deconstructed over the years to suit the interests

of the developed world.

Nothing illustrates this better than the finance deal reached in Baku this year. Developed nations, under the legal obligation of UNFCCC, are supposed to provide finance and technology to developing countries to help fight climate change. Developed nations had themselves promised to raise \$100 billion annually for this purpose from 2020. The Paris Agreement has a provision for increasing this amount post 2025.

Several assessments have shown that developing countries need trillions of dollars a year for climate action. However, in Baku, developed countries agreed to raise the \$100 billion amount to just \$300 billion a year, and that too only from 2035. The lack of adequate finance almost crushes any hopes of more ambitious climate action from developing countries.

Dwindling trust

With Donald Trump returning to power next year, the United States is almost certain to exit the Paris Agreement once again. In general, the trust in the Paris Agreement is dwindling, particularly amongst the countries that are most threatened by climate impacts.

This is why Vanuatu, a small island nation north-east of Australia, galvanised similarly-placed nations to get a resolution passed by the UN General Assembly last year seeking advice from the ICJ on what countries' climate obligations were.

The ICJ was asked to make its assessment not just on the existing climate-specific legal arrangements represented by the UNFCCC, and its two treaties, Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement, but also in light of other international laws like the universal declaration on human rights.

Sri Lanka wicketkeeper-batsman Niroshan Dickwella has been cleared to play again after his three-year suspension for an alleged doping violation was lifted following a successful appeal, the sport's governing ICC said on Thursday. Dickwella was suspended after failing a doping test conducted by Sri Lanka's anti-doping agency during the Lanka Premier League in August. **REUTERS**



D Gukesh gets emotional after the win.

Champ reveals dream team after sealing world title

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
DECEMBER 12

JUST AS he had promised during the course of his 14 matches at the FIDE Chess World Championships, newly crowned king of world chess D Gukesh revealed his winning team in Singapore on Thursday at the press conference.

His assembled Avengers included Grzgorz Gajewski, his trainer for a considerable time. Alongside were 3 other Polish GMs Radoslaw Wojtaszek, Jan Krzysztof Duda and Jan Klimkowski.

"Yes, I would love to (reveal now). Firstly, Gajewski. He has been my trainer for the past two years, he is someone who just works tirelessly for me," he started and applauded his trainer, presumably standing at a distance in the media room.

"Since Paddy is here, I'd like to mention him. He has been a huge support for me the last six months in preparation for this Championships. He's not part of my chess team, but he has been a very important person in my journey," he said, thanking Paddy in front of him, saying he was glad to have him here.

Gukesh then named Wojtaszek, saying he was there for the Candidates too. Then came a cheer as he announced Pentala Harikrishna's name. "He has also been with me for the whole Candidates to World Championships journey. Vincent Keymer then joined the team for this match. Jan-Krzysztof Duda was also there for the Candidates, but more as a playing partner. But this time he helped us in a couple of training camps."

During Candidates, Jan Klimkowski was helping Gajewski, assisting him with the prep. I'd also like to thank him, we haven't had the chance to thank him personally, right now will be a good time after coming all the way," he added.

And finally, with a big smile. "Vishy sir was not officially a part of the team but we all know his support. He attended one of the training camps, he was also helping remotely for a few sessions. Every single one of them worked their a**es off," he chuckled. "I can't thank them enough. I'd not have been here without every one of them. We'll get on a call and celebrate like crazy now. The guys are together in Spain's Malaga right now, really looking forward to talking to them."

BACKED BY THE BEST

- Grzegorz Gajewski (Polish GM)
- Radoslaw Wojtaszek (Polish GM)
- Pentala Harikrishna (Indian GM)
- Vincent Keymer (German GM)
- Jan-Krzysztof Duda (Polish GM)
- Jan Klimkowski (Polish GM)
- Paddy Upton (Mental trainer)
- Vishy Anand (Mentor, ex-world champ)

I have been dreaming about living this moment for more than 10 years. Every chess player wants to experience this moment and very few get the chance. To be one of them, the only way to explain it is that I am living my dream.

D GUKESH, NEWLY-CROWNED WORLD CHAMPION

Kid with dreams now King

Gukesh will savour the feeling of being a world champion, an ambition he has held and chased with dedication since he was 11

YOUNGEST CHAMPIONS		
Name	Age	Year
D Gukesh	18 yrs, 8m, 14d	2024
G Kasparov	22yrs, 6m, 27d	1985
M Carlsen	22yrs, 11m, 24d	2013

AMIT KAMATH
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 12

THERE IS a now-viral video of Dommaraju Gukesh as an 11-year-old. In it, the boy who is yet to become a Grand Master is asked by IM Sagar Shah of ChessBase India what his ambition is. "I want to become the youngest chess champion in the world," declares the boy in his thin boyish voice with the hint of a grin on a face that is yet to have even the shadow of a moustache.

About seven years after that proclamation, Gukesh has become the youngest chess champion in the world at 18, defeating Chinese Ding Liren in a battle of wills that lasted three weeks and tested both players psychologically and physically. He surpassed Garry Kasparov as the youngest.

There has been a purpose to the way that Gukesh has handled things in Singapore. It starts from the way he enters the playing hall, striding past shouting fans. Then, in the way he sits at the chessboard, shutting his eyes to enter an almost-meditative state while his opponent Ding Liren tries to find the best moves. During games, Ding often sneaks glances at his young opponent, as if seeking approval from him or trying to interpret emotions off Gukesh's face to figure if the move he's made on the board is a good one. But Gukesh has been inscrutable. A locked vault of emotions. Unlike most people from his generation, he has managed to spend almost three weeks in Singapore with bare minimum social media and internet usage.

He's chasing history after all. And in quests like these, there can be no distractions. As his youth coach, grandmaster Vishnu Prasanna, loves to point out, this is what Gukesh's life has been since he was a kid. Everything he does is in service to that one goal: becoming a world champion.

"Somehow he was always been much more serious about chess than others in his age group even at age of 11," Vishnu had told The Indian Express once. "I felt even then that this guy really wants to be something. He was very driven right from the start. He had a high level of desire. He would think about nothing else. Just focussed on one goal. It's a certain obsession. Of all the kids I have worked with, nobody has shown what he has shown: an obsession about the game and to be No 1."

Class apart

In Gukesh, we have a player who calculates like his mind is powered by a chip and takes risks like he had the Goddess of chess, Caissa, whispering moves in his ear.

He found himself a full point down in the first game of the world championship itself. Deflating for sure. But not when you come prepared for every single outcome. As mind guru Paddy Upton told The Indian Express, "Gukesh had memorised the entire book on playing in a world championship, right down to the minutest detail, before he went to Singapore."

He also suffered another setback when he lost immediately after taking the lead in game 11. His response? To be the first one into the playing arena for a change in game 13. As he later said: "I was ready for a fight."

That's been his constant state of mind for the past three weeks.

Playing no-holds-barred chess on the board in Singapore, he frequently overestimated his position, perhaps a reflection of his opponent's state of mind. Maybe the heady optimism of youth. Twice, he declined draws even when his opponent had the upper hand. He has been aided in part by his opponent Ding Liren, the man who uneasily wears the crown

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D Gukesh realises victory is in sight after Chinese opponent Ding Liren's blunder.

Eng Chin An/FIDE

on his head. The Chinese grandmaster seems to have lacked the appetite to push for a win and has been guilty of settling for draws in games 2, 4, 5 and 6 after having an upper hand.

What should be scary for the rest of the world is that even chess royalty, who are the best readers of other players, are unable to gauge what the 18-year-old's ceiling is.

Early signs of greatness

Susan Polgar had predicted many years back that Gukesh from the current Indian crop of prodigies which includes Arjun Erigaisi and R Praggnanandhaa would go the furthest.

"Some thought I was crazy for saying that... Shortly after he became a grandmaster, I saw something very special in his game, approach to chess, and demeanor. He has the important intangibles rarely seen in young players this age," she said before adding: "Gukesh still has not hit his peak chess potential yet. Some small tweaks in a few key areas and he can dominate for years to come."

For now, Gukesh will savour the feeling of being a world champion, a dream he has held and chased with single-minded dedication since he was 11.

The succession line of world champions in chess is now 18-men-long dating back to 1886. It has names like Bobby Fischer, Garry Kasparov, Viswanathan Anand and Magnus Carlsen among them. But no one was a teenager when they became a world champion. In his fledgling career, Gukesh has already courted plenty of history. He is India's youngest grandmaster, missing the tag of becoming the world's youngest by just 17 days. He's the youngest-ever winner of the Candidates tournament, which earned him a shot at the World Championship in the first place. And he was the first Indian chess player to topple Viswanathan Anand's 36-year stay in the world rankings as the top-ranked Indian player.

But all of those pale in contrast to what he has been able to do at Singapore.

Gukesh studied the whole book to prepare: mental trainer Upton

AMIT KAMATH
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 12

OVER THE past three weeks, Paddy Upton spent an enormous amount of time following chess very closely.

The renowned mind whisperer to elite athletes, who helped the Indian cricket team on its way to the 2011 World Cup and the hockey side to the Paris Olympics podium, beams with pride as he talks about the latest athlete he has worked with: 18-year-old D Gukesh.

Playing in a first world chess championship is the trickiest test the sport has to offer. Even Magnus Carlsen, widely considered the greatest chess player in history, had felt his hands trembling. Gukesh himself experienced two setbacks in the course of the battle against Ding Liren, suffering defeat in the first game itself, just like at the Candidates. Then, the Chinese grandmaster handed him another setback in Game 12 when the finish line was in sight.

But the teenager bounced back from both setbacks with remarkable poise and no-holds-barred chess at times.

"Everything about the way he's managed himself throughout the tournament, I'm exceptionally proud of. An 18-year-old in his first World Championship, he has managed himself exceptionally maturely. We were never expecting him to play perfect chess in every game. That's not possible. He was always going to have some bad game," Upton tells *The Indian Express*.

The South African reaches for a simple anal-

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PADDY UPTON
MENTAL HEALTH COACH

ogy to describe the preparation elite athletes go through before the toughest tests.

"If you want to do well in an exam or test, you need to study the whole book exceptionally well. Then you can go into that exam with confidence. You don't go in with hope," says Upton. "Gukesh has studied the whole book. In every minor bit of detail, down to how he manages his sleep, how he manages his downtime, how he manages himself moment to moment within a game. We're seeing an exceptionally well-prepared professional."

While Upton cannot reveal specifics of what they spoke about over the past six months, they spent a lot of time discussing every aspect of his strategy in the minutest detail. At the world championship, Gukesh has frequently shut his eyes and appeared to be meditating at the board when his opponent was taking a long time to think about his next move. A FIDE in-game stat said he had

spent as much as half an hour in the first two hours of one of the games with his eyes shut. While Ding frequently sneaked glances at Gukesh during games, the Indian had eyes only on the board.

"We've discussed in minute detail about both cases: when he's making his decisions about the moves, and how he's managing himself and his mind while his opponent is busy planning his move," says Upton.

"Other aspects of his strategy we've discussed included how to manage himself when he's ahead in the game; how to do so when he might be behind in the game or under pressure. We've discussed how he would manage himself if he's ahead in the tournament, like one game up; if he's behind, if he's got a 6-6 position." Not just in match situations, with the world championship dragging on for three weeks, how Gukesh managed his downtime has also been crucial.

Upton credits the team that Gukesh has built around himself — of which we only know about trainer Grzegorz Gajewski besides his father Dr Rajini Kanth — to prepare for the grind of playing at the world championship.

"Gukesh was as well prepared as he possibly could be for anything that might happen. When we say prepared, it's everything from his sleep, his eating, his exercise, the way he manages himself before a game, during a game. That's really just credit to his team and the people who have assisted to put his team together to ensure that he went into this test with confidence. He didn't go there with just hope."

How a rook-ie mistake cost Ding the game, match and the crown

AMIT KAMATH
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 12

IT WAS a move so wrong that even Gukesh cupped his hands over his lips. He then gawked at the board, possibly wondering if his eyes were trying to trick him. Was it a mirage? He covered his eyes briefly with his palms, the universal sign for disbelief.

The Indian leaned in for a closer look, trying to find if there was a trap somewhere. Games at the world championship are not won — or lost — this easily! Championship-deciding games are definitely not decided by one-move blunders.

As it started to become apparent that his opponent Ding Liren had indeed blundered on the board, Gukesh seemed to be suddenly very conscious of his breathing. He had time, an hour and six minutes on

his clock, compared to his opponent's nine minutes and 43 seconds.

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China's Ding Liren was understandably dejected after the defeat. Eng Chin An/FIDE

pawn being moved. In contrast, the Chinese champion fought tooth and nail to stay in the fray for 14 games. And just when it looked like he had forced the matter into

the tie-breaks where he was supposed to have an advantage, he blew it up with one reckless move: 55.Rf2.

Here's what that reckless rook withdrawal had done: in moving his rook from f4 to f2, Ding had offered it up to Gukesh for an exchange. Gukesh's own rook, stationed on b2, would sweep in and capture it. Then Ding would recapture the piece with his own king. No harm done there.

The blunder

But here it would get treacherous for Ding. His remaining bishop, the only piece that could do anything significant on the board, was standing by itself in a corner on a8. After the rooks went off the board, Gukesh would simply have to place his bishop on a diagonal where Ding would have no option but to trade the bishops as well, because it was in a corner where the

only path went through Gukesh's bishop.

Once the bishops followed the rooks off the board, Ding would be left with just one pawn and the king. Gukesh, meanwhile, had two pawns and the king, which would escort the pawns to the end line, where they would be promoted to queens. Checkmate was unavoidable.

"When he played rook to f2, I did not realise (that there was a win on the board). I was almost going to play rook to b3. But when I realised it, it was probably the best moment of my life," smiled an emotional Gukesh.

In the past too, the world chess championship has been decided by a single mistake on the board.

In 1985, Garry Kasparov was fighting Anatoly Karpov to become the youngest world champion in history when the duo was playing its final game. The previous

year too, they had battled for over five months without anyone winning, before the match was eventually called off.

This time, there was a set number of games. Kasparov was ahead by a point against Karpov, who needed to win the final game with white pieces.

Karpov went on an all-out attack in his first 20 moves before eventually coming to a point where he needed to make a big decision: he needed to choose whether he should push a pawn ahead on the kingside.

He decided against it. Kasparov later said his opponent's move had given him confidence to stop defending and go on the attack himself.

That one push that never happened gave the world its youngest world champion in 1985. Nearly 40 years later, a rook withdrawal has given the world an even younger one.

BRIEFLY

Deepika shines in junior Asia Cup

Muscat: Deepika led the way with four goals as defending champions India returned to winning ways in style, crushing Thailand 9-0 to enter the semifinals of the Women's Junior Asia Cup and also qualified for the upcoming Junior World Cup here on Thursday. India opened the scoring in the 17th minute through Rana Sakashi. The Indians were not able to breach the Thai defence in the initial moments of the game but once the deadlock was broken, there was no looking back. Siwach Kanika (23') found the back of the net six minutes later and made it 3-0 for India with another striker in the 25th minute off a penalty corner. **PTI**

Dabang Delhi move into 2nd spot

Pune: Dabang Delhi KC clinched a crucial 33-27 victory over Telugu Titans and moved up to second place in the Pro-Kabaddi League (PKL) here on Thursday. The two teams got off the blocks quickly with Vijay Malik getting the first points on the board for Titans. Pawan Sehrawat didn't waste much time and made his presence felt, giving his side a good start on the attacking front. For Dabang Delhi, Malik set the tone with a two-point raid. Naveen Kumar also contributed for Dabang, making it an intriguing contest with both sides going toe-to-toe. In a Do-or-Die Raid, Vijay Malik bagged a two-point raid to put pressure on the opposition. Afterwards, Mohit completed the job, inflicting an all out on Dabang Delhi to give his side an invaluable lead.**PTI**

NDTL gets nod for biological passport

New Delhi: The National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL) here has received approval from the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) to manage the Athlete Biological Passport (ABP), which is significant for the country's initiatives to curb the abuse of banned performance-enhancing substances. The WADA granted the approval on December 6, a press release from the sports ministry stated. The Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) is an advanced anti-doping tool that monitors an athlete's biological markers over time. By analysing variations in parameters such as blood and steroid profiles, the ABP helps to ensure fair play in sports and protect clean athletes. **PTI**

Odisha FC extend unbeaten streak

Kolkata: Odisha FC overcame East Bengal FC 2-1 here on Thursday to extend their unbeaten streak in this Indian Super League season to five games. All three goals of the match came in the second half, with Jerry Mawihmingthanga and Hugo Boumous netting in the 55th and the 81st minutes of the game respectively, as the Red & Gold Brigade found their only strike through Lal Chungnunga in the 53rd minute. East Bengal FC were reduced to 10 men in the 43rd minute due to Jeakson Singh's sending off. Nandhakumar Sekar embarked on an ambitious solo run from the right flank in the 23rd minute, dazzling into the box and holding his shape before making a terrific effort at goal, but was denied by an outstretched Amrinder Singh. Seven minutes later, Ahmed Jahouh's free-kick inside the East Bengal FC box, directed to Mourtada Fall, reached the towering defender, but he ended up heading the ball off-target.**PTI**

PREVIEW: 3RD TEST

Searching for bouncebackability at Gabba

After getting thrashed in Adelaide, India will aim to hit back at the Gabbatoir where there is grass on wicket and rain predicted



EXPRESS IN AUSTRALIA

SRIRAM VEERA
BRISBANE, DECEMBER 12

“MATE, THE Indian team bus is going to pull up anytime, soon, all ready?” A man with a walkie talkie asks a security guard near an entrance to the Gabba. It's around 8:45 am on Thursday. “Not many fans here as yet,” wonders the guard, and the walkie-talkie man smiles, “good for us, isn't it!”. Across the road from them, a controversial train station is being constructed. An underground rail tunnel has already been built. There is no scaffolding to block it. None is needed either as no dust swirls up from the site, unlike in India. “Dust? Oh we sprinkle some chemical stuff into the water, and spray it on the site every morning. The dust doesn't lift,” says a construction worker, out for a smoke.

The station was intended for the 2032 Olympics in Brisbane, and the Gabba was supposed to be pulled down and rebuilt according to the needs for that global event. But that \$ 2.7billion dollar rebuilding plan is now on hold as Gabba has proved an architectural nightmare. It's almost sandwiched amidst a cluster of buildings that surround it and there is a school nearby. The entire arena's footprint doesn't apparently match Olympic requirements. A review is on. Inside the stadium, the dust on the India-Australia series has just kicked up after it went even-steven at Adelaide and the caravan moves to the Gabbatoir. It's an unimpressive character-less stadium that won't look out of place somewhere in the interiors of India. All concrete with no air blowing across as there aren't any gaps in the structure. The coloured bucket seats and the amenities might make it look modern, but it's not going to be in contention amongst the pretty cricket stadiums in the world. It's here that the two teams are trying to break the deadlock.

Burning hot

It's burning hot on Thursday. The weather app says it's just 28 degrees but it feels like 34-35, if not more. There is a fair sprinkling of grass on the pitch, but the curator has said that there might be some grass-cutting sessions left. That they have been careful with the grass because of the heat. There was some rain on Tuesday, but nothing since then. Much would depend on the liveness of the grass that's finally retained on Saturday when the Test begins, but it's hard to tell now. The large Indian contingent spread around the centre ground near the boundary on one side. About 45 people, that includes the players and the support staff, have been here on this tour. The players stretch, warm-up, and begin to take catches. Soon, the action shifts to the outdoor nets for an intense two-hour batting session. Tremendously focussed, each batsman was trying to work out a method that would work for them in the game, and the bowlers doing their thing. Gautam Gambhir stood as an ‘umpire’ in one of the nets, motionless for a long time, just staring ahead. Behind him, at a short distance, the chief selector Ajit Agarkar kept stretching. The nets don't always offer a definite clue, but based on the proceedings it did seem Akash Deep might play ahead of Harshit Rana. Deep bowled far more than Rana, and also batted a bit, with the assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate crouching at a silly-point position whenever Deep played a spinner. For a while it seemed R Ashwin, who did bowl a bit at the start, wasn't really involved in the scheme of things but after a chat with Gambhir, he went to bat. Admittedly it was the spare bowlers that he faced, which also



Brisbane is where Rishabh Pant's unbeaten 89 helped India record a famous series win in early 2021 during India's previous tour. *Sriram Veera*

included Morne Morkel. The bowling coach bowled without worrying about no-balls, but he did manage to extract disconcerting bounce – just like his playing days, and beaming a smile as the balls would fly past Ashwin's face or chest.

It also seemed as if Ravindra Jadeja wouldn't be playing the game as he didn't bowl or bat for any meaningful length of time. Bumrah and Siraj were unsurprisingly the pick of the bowlers, with Deep too managing to nick off a few batsmen with his skiddy pace.

Perhaps, they weren't aware of the timings, not many fans had turned up. In theory, they can access the nets from behind the batting fence which is almost near the edge of the arena, and not far from the road. They would come in more numbers for the afternoon session and be disappointed that the Indian players had already finished.

It's just not IPL and such that's erasing the ‘otherness’ about the Indians amongst the Australians. In their daily life, they are bound to be working, moving around with the Indians. According to a 2021 official census, 51,650 people born in India live in Brisbane. Nearly 55% of them had become Australian citizens by then. At the end of June 2022, 753,520 Indian-born people were living in Australia, more than twice the number (355,380) at 30 June 2012. A number that's likely to have grown far more since. All that has been reflected so far in the promotions for this series in the media.

High-intensity session

No Indian player fronted up to the media on Thursday. In the afternoon, Steve Smith, Usman Khawaja, Marnus Labuschagne and the rest sweated it out at the nets in the sun. Josh Hazlewood didn't bowl, Scott Boland did. Near the end, after his stint, Khawaja, the home boy of sorts, stood near the tents, joking and smiling a lot with a few of his teammates. He too needs a knock of substance and nothing like home arena to do it.

The batsman who perhaps needs some runs is the Indian captain Rohit Sharma. Virat Kohli batted the most at the nets but Rohit too had multiple stints, trying to get himself ready. It was a high-intense session for all the players. They have done their prep; now it's time to hope it pays off on Saturday. **Live on: Star Sports network/Hotstar, 5:50 am (Saturday).**

Kohli hits nets with intent to nail down technique before crucial Test

SRIRAM VEERA
BRISBANE, DECEMBER 12

ON A hot Brisbane afternoon, after batting longer than any other Indian, Virat Kohli trudged off the nets with his two bats, and as he neared the shade of the tents, he would bang one bat with the other. It was a rather interesting net session, two days before the third Test. It's not as if he had a scrappy session, but for a batsman who has previously said “batting is 70 percent technical”, his approach was fascinating.

For a while in the past when runs weren't coming, his back leg would be semi-frozen. Now in Australia, definitely at the Brisbane nets, they were dancing away, moving frenetically, but that came with its own set of issues.

His first movement was back and a touch across, but he would then try to get forward, dropping his front shoulder forward. The time available to him to complete that movement was obviously pretty short. Just before the release of the bowler or a throw-down specialist, he would push back and as the ball was in the air, he would try to push forward. The shortish balls weren't a problem. Really full deliveries weren't an issue. The in-between good length did keep throwing up hard questions at him. Be it from Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammad Siraj, the skiddy Akash Deep, or the throwdown specialists led by Raghur.

Often, the balls were at him even when he was on the move forward. It seemed to annoy him, and he would shake his head or mutter something when the ball caught the edge. It was a pretty intense Kohli out there, utterly focussed on the job at hand, to nail down his technique for the Test.

He took repeated stints, jumping from one net to the other, even as the others would take a break or move away to the shade of the tents. In the end, only he would know whether he was happy with the way it all panned out. It's difficult to see Pat Cummins and Co. waste too many balls bowling too short. Equally difficult to see them offer too



Virat Kohli has done the hard yards in the nets but will it translate to success in the middle? *File*

many full deliveries. If the balls are back of length, Kohli is bound to push, punch, tap them away – as he would do at the nets. What would he do to a classic Josh Hazlewood delivery that just about straightens from a length? That's going to be his main test, and going by his reactions at the nets, he knows it.

Often, after pushing back, when trying to get forward, he would land on his heel – not an ideal position. Kohli likes to be balanced on the toes, with his head over the ball. In the past, he has spoken about how the ideal state for a batsman is to get forward, and from there to push back if needed. He seems to be trying something different for Brisbane now.

Devil in details

The push back came first, then the forward press. But the window is so short that when the ball landed on an in-between length and straightened, he was playing it on the move. There were a couple of occasions when Bumrah nicked him off early in the stint. It was

against Raghur, in his last stint nearly a couple of hours later, that the internal battle would pop out. He would punch and tap, but there were occasions when Kohli would be caught on the move, and edge. He would look at the thrower and suggest the ball skidded quicker or shaped away. Raghur would sagely nod, say something and get back for more of the same.

It did give rise to a thought: would a younger Kohli have been able to press forward that micro-second quicker? It's difficult to say as he still seems to be as fit as any Indian youngster out there. Perhaps, a younger Kohli wouldn't attempt this approach in the first place. He has stood well outside the crease, moved towards the off-stump, pressed forward, opened up his stance, placed that front foot down the pitch towards the bowler – Kohli has dabbled successfully with all that in the past.

His game has never been static, instead a dynamically evolving one that makes tweaks as per the demands of the situation he has found himself in. Now, he seems to have decided that this back-first-then-move-forward is the way to go for him. A drone's view of it would be akin to watching him on a treadmill. All that furious energy that brings him back to the same place, but batsmen obsess about that initial movement and their place in the crease when the ball arrives the most.

Beside him, Shubman Gill would move back and then stay there. KL Rahul would perhaps try to lean forward a touch, if anything. Yashasvi Jaiswal was trying to be as balanced as he can be with a tiny stride. Nitish Reddy would be inside the crease, punching on the up. Rishabh Pant stood with his wide stance, trying not to move too much as he drove or punched. Rohit Sharma continued with his Adelaide method of standing on the crease, and trying to get forward.

They were all focussed, each in their own batting bubble, trying earnestly. Whether it works or not, remains to be seen. Kohli's efforts in particular were fascinating. A Test great trying to nail down his game before a vital encounter, trying to iron out the flaws, try something new.

SELLOUT FOR ALL 14 GAMES

Popularity of live stream shows chess has captured public imagination

ANIL DIAS
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 12

WHEN DING Liren blundered in Game 14 that ensured D Gukesh became the youngest world chess champion, the capacity crowd of 200 watching the live screening at an intimate stand-up comedy venue in Khar jumped up, and kept on jumping, till the 18-year-old forced a resignation from the Chinese grandmaster.

There were tears when Gukesh himself broke down at the table; party crackers kept popping after the win; along with a lot of hugging and impromptu celebratory dancing. It was going to be a long night of partying – unheard of to celebrate a win in chess, supposed to be a most serious sport.

Though the match was over at 6:30 pm, the crowd stayed at the venue till after 9 pm. And they were treated to a surreal virtual visit from none other than Gukesh. The newly-crowned champion, who was enjoying dinner with his team, was handed over the phone to say hi and he was awestruck looking at the crowd cheering him on, prom-

ising to “talk properly soon”.

Such has been the rise in chess' popularity in India over the last few years that tickets for the live screening event of this world championship were sold out for all the games. In fact, in anticipation that the match would go into tie-breaks on Friday, tickets went live on Thursday afternoon and were sold out in just seven minutes!

But what makes a screening like this so appealing to chess lovers?

The Indian Express attended the event, arranged by Chessbase India, chess.com and others, and spoke to a number of enthusiasts. The common thread was the realism that it offered.

Firstly, there was no priority seating. Everyone paid the same price – Rs 499 and sat wherever they could. Secondly, it was interactive. The panel comprised mainly Sagar Shah, co-owner of Chessbase India and Indian Olympiad gold medalist Tania Sachdev, while top Indian comedians like Samay Raina, Biswa Kalyan Rath and Tanmay Bhat — who for the record, were instrumental in boosting the popularity of the sport — waltzed in and out. Not just that, five-time world champion



Fans at the live screening in Mumbai. *Anil Dias*

Viswanathan Anand joined the screening remotely almost every match, even on his 55th birthday on Wednesday when he revealed he enjoyed a chocolate and peanut butter cake while also making a bold statement that nothing satisfies him more than “winning against players he doesn't like”.

On Thursday, Anand jokingly predicted

halfway through the match that there's a 99.73 percent chance of it being a draw and after Gukesh won, came back on the stream to proudly claim that he was “glad he gave Gukesh a 0.27 percent chance of winning”.

The stream also had GMs Vidit Gujrathi, Arjun Erigaisi and Anish Giri hopping on virtually during one of the games.

Apart from the greats, it also saw popular chess players and commentators joining in now and then remotely. Levy Rozman, the most-followed chess commentator in the world, joined in for a bit during Game 13, when he quipped that he was only there to “increase his popularity in India”.

Most of these live streams for the World Championships have touched over a million views, with Game 7 getting two million. One of the broadcasts had a peak concurrency on YouTube of 2,25,000 viewers during Game 7. Sagar said he never expected this kind of an event to pick up when he first organised one for the 2023 FIDE World Cup final between five-time world champion Magnus Carlsen and India's teenage star R Praggnanandhaa. “I never thought that people would be interested. It was Samay (Raina) who casually suggested it and after seeing the crowd that turned up, we realised it was something we could do more often,” he told *The Indian Express*.

What's in it for the fans though, when they could watch the same stream on their screens?

Deepak Das, a fan in his 30s, says he started playing chess in 2013 and it was the

first time he had attended such an event live, having always followed the stream on YouTube. “You get to interact with other chess lovers. They have three chess boards here where you can play if the players are taking too long to make their moves. Moreover, it's the fact that you get to interact with grandmasters as well as comedians. They make chess so much fun. They are also average players like me but they see the funny side of it and it's amazing,” he said.

It's not just a young crowd attending. There were a number of fans over 50 while there were a few children in attendance as well. R Narayan, 55, who brought along two of his nephews, says it's just about trying to promote the sport that makes him attend events like these, before revealing he once played against Anand at an inter-school competition ages ago.

“After Anand crushed me badly, I quit my dreams of playing the sport professionally,” he quips.

With Gukesh's triumph, chess screenings like these, which were previously held only for cricket and football matches, are bound to get a huge boost. And as Gukesh said, “It's only just getting started”.

IIP AT 3-MONTH HIGH

November retail inflation eases, boosts hopes of a rate cut by RBI

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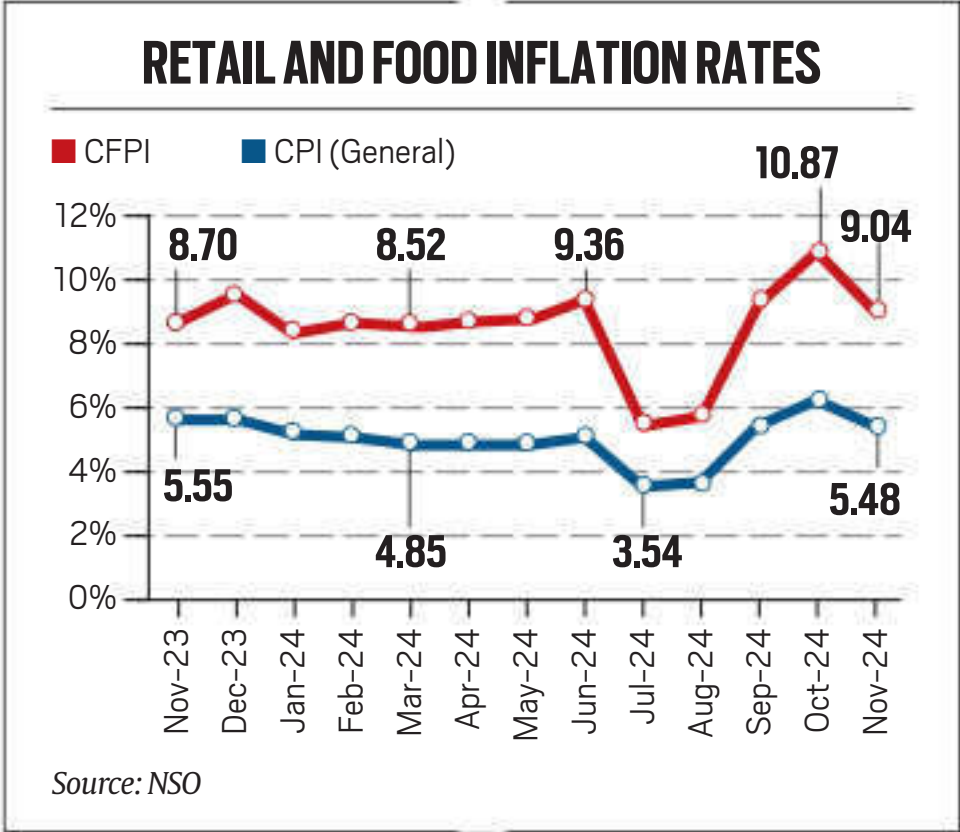
RETAIL INFLATION eased to a three-month low of 5.48 per cent in November after surging to a 14-month high of 6.21 per cent in October as prices of food items, including vegetables, moderated during the month, data released by National Statistics Office (NSO) Thursday showed.

Food inflation, based on the Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI), eased to 9.04 per cent in November from double-digit level and a 15-month high of 10.87 per cent in October.

Separately released data by the NSO showed India's factory output, as measured by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), rose to a three-month high of 3.5 per cent in November from 3.1 per cent in September, despite an unfavourable base of 11.9 per cent growth in October 2023, mainly due to a pickup in manufacturing, mining and electricity sectors.

With the November print, the headline retail inflation rate, based on Consumer Price Index (Combined), has slipped below the upper limit of the 4+/- 2 per cent band of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) medium-term inflation target after topping 6 per cent in the previous month but remained above the baseline level of 4 per cent for the third consecutive month. With this moderation in inflation, experts said new RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra, who took charge Wednesday, will have more headroom for a rate cut in the next monetary policy meeting in February amid concerns over slowing growth.

"We anticipate that headline inflation will fall below 5% by Q4 FY25, driven by a moderation in



food inflation. This would create an opportunity (for RBI) to consider a 25-bps reduction in policy rates in the February meeting. In total we expect 50-75 bps rate cut in 2025," said Rajani Sinha, Chief Economist, CareEdge Ratings.

The food and beverages segment, which accounts for 45.86 per cent of the total weight of CPI (Combined), registered an inflation rate of 8.20 per cent in November, down from 9.69 per cent in October. Inflation rate for perishables such as vegetables moderated to 29.33 per cent in November from a 57-month high of 42.18 per cent in October, while that for fruits eased to 7.68 per cent from 8.43 per cent in the previous month.

Inflation rates also inched lower for cereals to 6.88 per cent in November from 6.94 per cent in October, while for pulses, it eased to 5.41 per cent from 7.43 per cent. There was a surge in the inflation rate for oils and fats to a double-digit level of 13.28 per cent in November from 9.51 per cent in

October. Inflation rate for housing inched up marginally to 2.87 per cent in November from 2.81 per cent in October.

Services inflation, as captured by the miscellaneous category, also eased a bit to 4.26 per cent in November from 4.32 per cent in October, with the personal care and effects segment inflation rate continuing to be in double digits at 10.42 per cent. Core inflation—non-food, non-fuel segment—stayed almost flat at 3.6 per cent in November from 3.7 per cent in October.

Going ahead, a higher base effect will help lower the inflation rate, experts said, adding that the progress of rabi sowing would be critical for inflation. Also, the trend for edible oil inflation would be closely watched amid high global prices and the recent hike in import duty. "A higher base effect of pulses, fruits, vegetables and spices inflation will be helpful in further decline in inflation in December 2024, which we expect to be around 5 per cent. However,

edible oils and personal care & effects may pose some challenges," said Paras Jasrai, Senior Economic Analyst, India Ratings & Research said.

Region-wise split for inflation data showed that rural inflation eased to 5.95 per cent in November from 6.68 per cent in October, while urban inflation moderated to 4.83 per cent from 5.62 per cent. On the food inflation front, rural areas recorded a food inflation rate of 9.10 per cent in November as against 10.69 per cent in October, while urban areas recorded a food inflation rate of 8.74 per cent compared with 11.09 per cent in the previous month.

Among states, seven of the 22 major states/UTs registered inflation over the headline rate of 5.48 per cent, with Chhattisgarh having the highest inflation rate of 8.39 per cent, followed by Bihar (7.55 per cent) and Odisha (6.78 per cent). Delhi recorded the lowest inflation rate of 2.65 per cent.

Meanwhile, India's factory output picked up pace in October to 3.5 per cent from 3.1 per cent in the previous month. Cumulatively so far in the financial year 2024-25, industrial growth has been recorded at 4.0 per cent during April-October as against 7.0 per cent in the year-ago period.

Manufacturing, which accounts for 77.6 per cent of the weight of the IIP, grew by 4.1 per cent in October as against 3.9 per cent in September and 10.6 per cent in the year-ago period. Mining output also picked pace to 0.9 per cent in October from 0.2 per cent in September but was lower than 13.1 per cent growth in the year-ago period. Electricity output also grew 2 per cent in October as against 0.5 per cent in September, but lower than 20.4 per cent in the year-ago period.

Zomato gets ₹803.4 crore tax demand from GST authorities

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 12

FOOD DELIVERY aggregator Zomato on Thursday said the GST department in Thane has imposed a tax demand of Rs 803.4 crore, including interest and penalty. The demand order has been received in respect of non-payment of GST on delivery charges with interest and penalty thereon, Zomato said in a regulatory filing.

The company said it will file an appeal before the appropriate authority as it believes it has a strong case. "... Company has received an order on 12 December 2024... for the period 29 October 2019 to 31 March 2022 passed by Joint Commissioner of CGST & Central Excise, Thane Commissionerate, Maharashtra, confirming demand of GST of Rs 401,70,14,706 with interest as applicable and penalty of Rs 401,70,14,706," Zomato stated.

"We believe that we have a strong case on merits, which is backed by opinions from our external legal and tax advisors. The company will be filing an appeal against the order before the appropriate authority," it added.

India-UK FTA talks set to restart by January-end

EU deal requires 'political direction': Official

RAVI DUTTA MISHRA
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 12

THE INDIA-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA) talks with the new UK government are set to commence by the end of January, a senior government official said on Thursday.

Separately, the Commerce and Industry Ministry, in a statement, said the proposed FTA negotiations between India and the European Union (EU) require political direction to achieve a commercially meaningful deal.

The renewed push for trade deals with the UK and EU comes as India is focusing on countries where significant export gains are expected, rather than pursuing agreements with smaller countries that may offer more market access to the partner nation.

To achieve the same, the commerce ministry is developing a new Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) aimed at optimising the processes for negotiating future trade agreements.

This follows several trade agreements, including the pact with the UAE that took effect in February 2022 and the one with the Association of Southeast



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Asian Nations (ASEAN) signed in 2010, which have resulted in significantly higher imports compared to exports, raising concerns over potential breaches of rules of origin.

"The FTA negotiations, after nine rounds of intense engagement, require political direction to arrive at a commercially meaningful deal while understanding each other's sensitivities," the ministry said in its statement. This follows Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal's meeting with the ambassadors of the European Commission delegation on Thursday.

Internal policy hurdle to China-plus-one opportunity, says Arvind Panagariya

RAVI DUTTA MISHRA
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 12

DAYS AFTER a NITI Aayog report said that India's has seen limited success in seizing the China-plus-one opportunity, Arvind Panagariya, Chairman of the 16th Finance Commission, has said that the country's constraints are primarily its internal policies and that India has a big advantage over the countries such as Vietnam and Thailand due to size and enormous domestic supply chain.

The NITI Aayog report had noted that countries such as Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, and Malaysia have emerged as bigger beneficiaries of the 'China Plus One' strategy as factors such as cheaper labour, simplified tax laws, lower tariffs, and proactiveness in signing Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) played a crucial role in expanding their export shares.

On investments from China, Panagariya said that there is a need to be careful about where the investments are coming from but barring few sensitive

sectors, India should allow Chinese investments because a number of countries including the US and Germany are not restricting Chinese investment in various sectors. "But our disadvantage really is largely policy. We have made land incredibly expensive, employment of labor incredibly difficult. These are the policy, internal policy barriers in flexibilities that we need to work on. For instance, Vietnam is a small country. Once you get past the 80 or 90 million people in the country, effectively, your wages begin to skyrocket. In India, for various levels of skills, you can continue to have supply available without a major escalation in wages," Panagariya while ad-



Chairman of the 16th Finance Commission, Arvind Panagariya

Centre seeks Parliament's approval for extra expenditure of ₹44,143 crore

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 12

THE CENTRE Thursday sought Parliament approval for net additional expenditure of ₹44,143 crore for the current fiscal, out of gross additional spending of ₹87,763 crore in the first batch of supplementary demand for grants. The bulk of the additional spending is due to likely higher spending in schemes for rural

telecom connectivity, PM-KISAN income support for farmers, agriculture infrastructure, fertiliser subsidy and defence services.

Gross additional expenditure will also be matched by savings of the ministries and departments or by enhanced receipts/recoveries aggregating to ₹43,618 crore.

Given the slower pace of government spending so far in the current financial year, the net

cash outgo won't impact the Budget math as most of it would be adjusted against savings by a number of departments and ministries.

"The net cash outgo under the 1st supplementary demand for grants is relatively modest, and could end up being offset by savings in departments other than those included in this supplementary, for instance capital expenditure," Ica chief economist Aditi Nayar said. FE

With the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) continuing to be a sticking point in India-EU negotiations, the minister, as per the statement, asserted that any discussions on sustainability must respect the principle of 'Common but Differentiated Responsibilities' (CBDR), and the implementation of such measures should consider differing development paths.

Goyal highlighted that the Indian economy is expected to grow at an annual rate of 7-8 per cent, positioning it to become the third-largest economy in the world within the next few years. Thereafter, rapid and exponential growth is projected to enable India's GDP to reach \$35 trillion by 2047.

"Acknowledging the significant untapped economic potential, the European side emphasised that both sides stand to gain immensely by integrating their economies and strengthening resilience in supply chains. The interaction also provided an opportunity to review progress in the India-EU Trade and Technology Council. India is the only country, apart from the United States, with which the EU has such a mechanism," the ministry added.

India needs to push structural reforms: World Bank's Chief Economist

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NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 12

INDIA IS better positioned than many of its peers to navigate the current global challenges, yet, structural reforms are not happening quickly enough in India, World Bank's Chief Economist and Senior Vice President for Development Economics, Indermit Gill, said Thursday. Gill urged policymakers to capitalise on the economy's strengths while addressing inefficiencies and fostering institutional resilience.

At the Global Economic Policy Forum, organised by the Ministry of Finance and CII, Gill listed out three structural inefficiencies in India's economy. First, there is the underutilisation of capital, with unproductive firms continuing to operate and limiting the potential for resource reallocation to more efficient firms. The second inefficiency is in talent allocation as India continues to underutilise a significant portion of its talent pool, particularly women, despite the increasing demand for skilled labour. And, the third challenge is energy efficiency, with high energy-to-output ratios in India, making it one of the most energy-intensive economies globally.

lion pre-COVID, he said.

"Our share in this very large market is less than 2 per cent for merchandise exports and less than 4 per cent for services. So we are still really a very tiny part of it. So whether that trade in the future grows or not, given how large that market is and how small our share is, we have just to give you an idea, China's share is about 12 to 13 per cent. There's plenty for us to exploit in the global marketplace," Panagariya said.

Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal said the world needs to avoid protectionism which creates more trade barriers and hinders the movement of goods. He added that one needs to avoid the mercantilist approach and should not bother too much about trade balance and imports.

"Because if the Indian economy is growing at 7 per cent and if the world is growing at 3-3.5 per cent rate of growth then obviously India will be requiring more consumption, more of imports and let me tell you that the role of imports in exports is also very very important," he said while addressing the CII Global Economic Policy Summit.

Investment rate likely to rise to mid-30s in 5 years, says CEA

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 12

EXPRESSING OPTIMISM that private sector investments will continue to rise, chief economic adviser V Anantha Nageswaran Thursday said the gross fixed capital formation (GFCF) rate may rise from 30.8% now to mid-30s in the next five years, aiding India to grow at a sustainable rate when the world is going to be extraordinarily difficult.

He said the critical drivers that will sustain growth towards the Viksit Bharat goal by 2047 include generating productive employment, addressing the skill gap, tapping into the full potential of the agriculture sector, and enhancing India's manufacturing and MSME growth through deregulation. Other priority areas include managing India's energy security and transition, balancing rural-urban development, continuing support to high-quality capital expenditure, and making 'Make in India' synonymous with high quality through innovations, R&D and quality consciousness.

"If we achieve even 6-6.5% (of growth) in the next 10-to-20 years... then we can add to the 6-6.5% trend growth in those years when exports also can kick in, but that is going to be a much bigger challenge than before," he said. FE

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Hinduja Group's Switch Mobility with electric bus

New Delhi: Switch Mobility, a subsidiary of Ashok Leyland and part of the Hinduja Group, has unveiled its indigenously designed and manufactured electric bus platform for the Indian market. Called Switch EIV12, the low floor electric bus platform comes with chassis mounted batteries, and has a battery capacity of more than 400 kilowatt-hour (kWh). The platform is indigenously designed, developed and manufactured for urban city commuters. It offers a seating capacity of up to 39 passengers. The vehicle was launched by the Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari. ENS

TransUnion CIBIL appoints new MD & CEO

Mumbai: TransUnion CIBIL Ltd, a credit information company, has appointed Bhavesh Jain as Managing Director and CEO. Prior to this, Jain was the Chief Revenue Officer of the company for the last five years. Rajesh Kumar, who was MD and CEO, recently resigned from the role after five years in the post. ENS

Tata Motors to hike truck, bus prices by 2%

New Delhi: Tata Motors on Thursday said it will increase prices of its trucks and buses portfolio by up to 2 per cent effective January 1, 2025, citing rising input costs. The price increase is to offset the rise in input costs, Tata Motors said in a statement. While the price increase will vary as per individual model and variant, it will be applicable across the entire range of trucks and buses, it added. PTI

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Letter No.1092**e-TENDER NOTICE**
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The office of Executive Engineer (Generation), Maneri Bhali Stage-II, Chinyalisaur (Uttarkashi) invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:
Tender No: NIT-22/EE (GEN)/MB-II/2024-25
Name of work / Supply/Services: Procurement of miscellaneous general consumable and Safety items at MB-II, Dharasu Power House.
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Date of availability of bid document on website: - 12.12.2024
Last date for submission of Bids: 04.01.2025 up to 15:00 Hrs.
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SALE NOTICE

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) &9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Canara Bank will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" in Eaucation arranged by the service provider M/s PSB Alliance (Baanknet), (8291220220), E-mail : support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com through the website <https://baanknet.com/>

FOR SR. NO. 01 TO 14 LAST DATE OF RECEIPT OF EMD IS 26.12.2024 UPTO 5:00 P.M.

FOR SR. NO. 01 TO 14 DATE OF E-AUCTION IS 30.12.2024 (12:30 PM TO 1:30 P.M)
(with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)

FOR SR. NO. 15 & 16 LAST DATE OF RECEIPT OF EMD IS 16.01.2025 UPTO 5:00 P.M.

FOR SR. NO. 15 & 16 DATE OF E-AUCTION IS 18.01.2025 (12:30 PM TO 1:30 P.M)
(with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)

SL NO.	Branch Name/Name & Address of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Brief Description of Property/ies	Total Liabilities as on specified Date	Reserve Price (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (in Rs.)	Details of A/c No.	
						IFSC CODE	Possession notice
1.	ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal branch, Authorised officer :- Mr. Ranjeet Kumar, (M) 85728-16290, Mail ID: cb6290@canarabank.com (1). Sh. Anil Kumar S/o Sh. Sher Singh, 570, Sector 07, Urban Estate, Karnal, (2). Guarantor -Sh.	All that part and parcel of land and building constructed thereon measuring 160 Sq. yds. Comprised in Khasra no. 4311 situated at gali no. 02, Mangal Colony, near chand Sarai within Municipal limits, Karnal vide sale deed no 3789 dt 11.07.2014.	Total liabilities as per demand notice dt. 17.02.2016, Rs. 40,73,924.23/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery ,if any).	Rs. 28,20,000.00	Rs. 2,82,000.00	209272434 CNRB0006290	SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
2.	ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal branch, Authorised officer :- Mr. Ranjeet Kumar, (M) 85728-16290, Mail ID: cb6290@canarabank.com (1). M/s Euro Tree (Borrower), Address:- 2nd Floor, Unicity Business Park, Zirakpur, SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab - 160102, (2). Sh. Mitanshu Garg S/o Sh. Sandeep Garg (Partner), Address :- H. No. 176, Hill View Colony, Dhakoli, Mohali, Punjab - 160104, (3). Sh. Harpreet Singh Ghuman S/o Sh. Amarjeet Singh (Partner), Address :- H. No. 8, GF, Kishanpura, SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab - 140603.	All the Part and Parcel of Commercial Office/Unit No. 203, 2nd Floor, measuring 1316 sq. Ft. Comprising under Khewat/Khautoni No. 100/1/103, Khasra Nos. 663/590/196(2-9), 592/197(1-3-10), Kitee 2, total measuring 3 Bighas 10 Biswasni, having 8/1450 share i.e. 8 Biswasni, Hadbast No. 48 situated at Village Dhakoli, Unicity Business Park, Near Hotel Marc Royale, Kalka Highway, Distt SAS Nagar Tehsil Zirakpur, Mohali Punjab 160102 in the name of Sh. Mitanshu Garg S/o Sh. Sandeep Garg.	Total liabilities as per Demand Notice Dated: 07.04.2023, Rs. 49,25,301.24/- Plus further interest & other Charges (minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 46,06,000/-	Rs. 4,60,600/-	209272434 CNRB0006290	PHYSICAL POSSESSION
3.	ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal branch, Authorised officer :- Mr. Ranjeet Kumar, (M) 85728-16290, Mail ID: cb6290@canarabank.com (1). M/s Garima Industries (Borrower Firm), Address(i): Plot No. 258, HSIIDC, Rai, Sonipat, Address(ii): Plot No. 1575, HSIIDC, Rai, Sonipat, 2. Smt. Sapna Tyagi W/o Sh. Ashish Tyagi(Proprietor), Address: Village Teha, Tehsil Ganaur, Sonipat, 3. Sh. Ashish Tyagi S/o Sh. Shiv Dutt (Guarantor & Mortgagor), Address: Village Teha, Tehsil Ganaur, Sonipat.	Residential property measuring 327.55 Sq Yards comprised in Khewat no- 50,Khata No-59-60, 10 Marla 8 Sarsai i.e. 1/68 Share of total land measuring 36K-15M situated at Village Teha, Ganaur, Sonipat in the name of Ashish Tyagi S/o Sh. Shiv Dutt	Total liabilities as per Demand Notice Dated: 07.08.2019, Rs. 54,45,133.00/- Plus further interest & other Charges (minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 29,34,000/-	Rs. 2,93,400/-	209272434 CNRB0006290	SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
4.	ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal branch, Authorised officer :- Mr. Ranjeet Kumar, (M) 85728-16290, Mail ID: cb6290@canarabank.com (1). M/s Grand Power Solutions (Borrower Firm), Address(i): Plot No. 1575, HSIIDC, Rai, Sonipat, Address(ii): Plot No. 1575, HSIIDC, Rai, Sonipat, 2. Smt. Anjali W/o Sh. Ankit Tyagi (Proprietor and Mortgagor), Address: Village Teha, Tehsil Ganaur.	Residential property measuring 185.41 Sq Yards i.e 6.12 Marla 1/120 Part of total land measuring 36K-15M comprised in Khewat no-50,Khata No-59-60, Mustil and Killa no. Kitta-5 Tadadi 36K-15M in the name of Anjali W/o Ankit Tyagi situated at Village Teha, Tehsil Ganaur, District-Sonipat	Total liabilities as per Demand Notice Dated: 06.08.2019, Rs. 57,72,221.00/- Plus further interest & other Charges (minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 36,95,000/-	Rs. 3,69,500/-	209272434 CNRB0006290	SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
5.	ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal branch, Authorised officer :- Mr. Ranjeet Kumar, (M) 85728-16290, Mail ID: cb6290@canarabank.com 1. Sh. Manish Dhiman S/o Sh. Rajinder Singh(Borrower & Mortgagor), Address 1: Flat No. 224, First Floor, Simran City, Village- Madhopur, Dera Bassi, Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab-140507, Address 2: H.No. -54, Harmilap Nagar, Phase-2, Baltana Mohali SAS Nagar-140604, 2. Sh. Shubham Dhiman S/o Sh. Rajinder Singh(Co-Borrower & Mortgagor), Address 1: Flat No. 224, First Floor, Simran City, Village- Madhopur, Dera Bassi, Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab-140507, Address 2: H.No. -54, Harmilap Nagar, Phase-2, Baltana Mohali SAS Nagar-140604, 3. Sh. Rakesh Kumar S/o Darshan Lal (Guarantor), Address: SCF 54, Rreet Colony, Lohgarh, SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab-140603.	Residential Flat with Plot No.- 224 on first floor of Plot No.- 224, Simran City, Village- Madhopur, Dera Bassi, District SAS Nagar, Mohali-Punjab-140507	Total liabilities as per Demand Notice Dated: 02.04.2021, Rs. 22,03,724.15/- Plus further interest & other Charges (minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 16,25,000/-	Rs. 1,62,500/-	209272434 CNRB0006290	PHYSICAL POSSESSION
6.	ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal branch, Authorised officer :- Mr. Ranjeet Kumar, (M) 85728-16290, Mail ID: cb6290@canarabank.com 1. M/s Mohit Garments (Through its Proprietor Sh. Subhash Chand s/o Sh. Natha Ram), Address: Old Sabzi Mandi, Vishkarma Dharmashala Kaithal-136027 (Borrower), 2. Sh. Subhash Chand s/o Sh. Natha Ram(Proprietor- M/s Mohit Garments), Address: (i)House no. 119/24, Jind Road, Ward no. 24, Sargodha Colony, Kaithal-136027, (ii)Bala Ji Market, Sikka Colony, Kaithal-136027, 3. Smt. Kanta Goyal w/o Sh. Subhash Chand(Guarantor and Mortgagor in Borrowal account M/s Mohit Garments), Address: (i)House no. 119/24, Jind Road, Ward no. 24, Sargodha Colony, Kaithal-136027, (ii)Bala Ji Market, Sikka Colony, Kaithal-136027, and 1. Smt. Kanta Goyal w/o Sh. Subhash Chand (Housing Loan Borrower & Mortgagor), Address: (i)House no. 119/24, Ward no. 24, Sargodha Colony Kaithal-136027, (ii)Bala Ji Market, Sikka Colony, Kaithal-136027, 2. Sh. Subhash Chand S/o Sh. Natha Ram(Co- borrower in Housing Loan), Address: (i)R/o House no. 119/24, Ward no. 24, Sargodha Colony Kaithal-136027, (ii)Bala Ji Market, Sikka Colony, Kaithal-136027, 3. Sh. Mohit Goyal S/o Sh. Subhash Goyal (Co- borrower in Housing Loan), Address: (i)R/o House no. 119/24, Ward no. 24, Sargodha Colony Kaithal-136027, (ii)Bala Ji Market, Sikka Colony, Kaithal-136027, 4. Sh. Munish Goel S/o Sh. Subhash Chand(Co- borrower in Housing Loan), Address: (i)R/o House no. 119/24, Ward no. 24, Sargodha Colony Kaithal-136027, (ii)Bala Ji Market, Sikka Colony, Kaithal-136027.	All part and parcel of House on Land measuring 121.50 Sq. yards being 4/33 share of land measuring 1 Kanal 13 Marla comprised in Khewat no. 775, Khasra no. 239 situated at Sikka Colony, Kaithal within the Municipal limits of Kaithal vide Regd. Deed no. 5817/1 dated 15.11.2017 entered in the office of Sub-Registrar Kaithal in the name of Smt. Kanta Goyal w/o Sh. Subhash Chand, bounded as under: North : Property of others, South : Property of others, East: Road, West : Property of Others.	Total liabilities as per demand notice dated: 30.12.2023 of M/s Mohit Garments(OCC Firm), Rs. 30,84,423.83/- plus further interest & other charges(minus recovery ,if any) Total liabilities as per demand notice dated 30.12.2023 of M/s Kanta Goyal & others(HL Borrower), Rs. 39,00,114.58/- plus further interest & other charges(minus recovery ,if any)	Rs. 73,36,000.00	Rs. 7,33,600.00	209272434 CNRB0006290	PHYSICAL POSSESSION
7.	ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal branch, Authorised officer :- Mr. Ranjeet Kumar, (M) 85728-16290, Mail ID: cb6290@canarabank.com 1. M/s Mukul Cab Private Limited.(Borrowal Company) Address: SCO 815 CABIN NO. 2, 2nd FLOOR, MANIMAJRA, CHANDIGARH-160014, 2. Sh. Balwan Singh Thakur S/o Sh. Kehar Singh (Director , Mortgagor & Guarantor), House Number 383, Ghatiwala Green Valley, Kalka, Pinjore-134102, 3. Smt. Mamta Thakur W/o Sh. Balwan Singh Thakur(Director & Guarantor), House Number 383, Ghatiwala Green Valley, Kalka, Pinjore-134102, 4. Smt. Anita Kumari W/o Sh. Shakti Singh(Mortgagor & Guarantor), House Number 962, Vikas Vihar Colony, Raipur Rani, Panchkula-134204, 5. Smt. Neena Devi W/o Sh. Jaswinder Pal Singh (Mortgagor & Guarantor) House Number 29, Bathal, Bharatpur Jeetana, Tehsil Garshankar, District Hoshiarpur (Punjab).	All the part and parcel of Plot in New Green Valley Ghatiwala Bitna, Pinjore in the name of Smt. Anita Kumari W/o Sh. Shakti Singh, Sh. Balwan Singh Thakur S/o Sh. Kehar Singh Thakur and Smt. Neena Devi W/o Sh. Jaswinder Pal Singh Total Land 15 Biswa as per below mentioned details : Sale Deed No. 2741, Khewat /khautoni No. 71/124, Khasra No. 116(2-13) Share 15/1060(0-0-15), Khewat/Khautoni No. 80/173, Min Khasra No. 77(4-4) Share 37/1680(0-1-17), Khewat/Khautoni No. 126/244, Khasra No. 79(8-2) Share 88/3240(0-4-8) In the name of Smt. Anita Kumari W/o Sh. Shakti Singh, Total Share: 7 Biswa, Sale Deed No. 2742, Khewat /khautoni No. 71/124, Khasra No. 116(2-13) Share 07/1060(0-0-7), Khewat/Khautoni No. 80/173, Min Khasra No. 77(4-4) Share 16/1680(0-0-16), Khewat/Khautoni No. 126/244, Khasra No. 79(8-2) Share 37/3240(0-1-17), In the name of Sh. Balwan Singh Thakur S/o Sh. Kehar Singh Thakur, Total Share: 3 Biswa, Sale Deed No. 2743, Khewat /khautoni No. 71/124, Khasra No. 116(2-13) Share 10/1060(0-0-10), Khewat/Khautoni No. 80/173, Min Khasra No. 77(4-4) Share 26/1680(0-1-6), Khewat/Khautoni No. 126/244, Khasra No. 79(8-2) Share 64/3240(0-3-4), In the name of Smt. Neena Devi W/o Sh. Jaswinder Pal Singh, Total Share: 5 Biswa	Total liabilities as per demand notice dated: 02.08.2017, Rs. 95,68,223.66/- plus further interest & other charges(minus recovery,if any)	Rs. 47,95,000/-	Rs. 4,79,500/-	209272434 CNRB0006290	SYMBOLIC POSSESSION

aforsaid time limit, the bank shall be entitled to forfeit all monies paid by the purchaser/ bidder till then and put up the secured asset(s) for sale again, in its absolute discretion. Further, all costs, expenses incurred by the bank on account of such resale shall be borne and paid by the defaulting purchaser.

A) The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process.

F) EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (Baanknet) portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **FOR SR. NO. 01 to 14 (26.12.2024) & SR. NO. 15, 16 (16.01.2025) by 05:00 PM.**

G) Intending bidders shall hold a valid digital signature certificate and e-mail address. For details with regard to digital signature please contact the service provider M/s PSB Alliance (Baanknet), Help Desk No. (8291220220), E-mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com through the website <https://baanknet.com/>

H) After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before **SR. NO. 01 to 14 (26.12.2024) & SR. NO. 15, 16 (16.01.2025) by 05:00 PM To Canara Bank, ARM Branch, Novelty Road, Karnal by hand or by email.**

I) Demand Draft/ Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT, acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No.

ii) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount.

iii) Bidders Name, Contact No. Address, E Mail Id.

iv) Bidder's A/c details for online refund of EMD.

I) The intending bidders should register their names at portal <https://baanknet.com/> and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective Bidders may avail online training on E-auction from the service provider M/s PSB Alliance (Baanknet), Helpdesk No – 8291220220 (E-mail ; support.baanknet@psballiance.com) and **Sh. Animesh Jain, Mobile Number 7046612345 (Email animesh@procure247.com), through the website <https://baanknet.com/>.**

J) EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD shall not carry any interest.

K) Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiples of Rs. 50,000/- The bidder who submits the highest bid (above the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor.

L) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorised Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. This amount shall be deposited by way of Demand Draft in favour of Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch OR shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to credit of account of Canara Bank, ARM Branch, A/c No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0006290.

M) For sale proceeds of Rs. 50.00 Lakhs (Rupees Fifty Lakhs) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at the rate 1% on the Sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the Bank.

N) All charges for conveyance, stamp duty/ GST/ registration charges etc., as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only.

O) Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/ cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the e-auction without assigning any reason thereof.

P) In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the e-auction, they can approach concerned Circle office or Canara Bank, ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal branch who, as a facilitating center, shall make necessary arrangements.

Q) For further details contact Mr. Ranjeet Kumar, Chief Manager Canara Bank Asset Recovery Management Branch (ARMB), Karnal, Ph. No. 0184-4041820, 85728-16290 during office hours on any working day. E-mail id: cb6290@canarabank.com OR the service provider BAANKNET (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd), (Contact No. 7046612345/6354910172/8291220220/9892219848/ 8160205051, Email: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com).

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION/CAUTION
Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back –up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

STATUTORY 15/30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

Date :- 12.12.2024**Place :- Karnal**
Authorised Officer, Canara Bank

Branch Name/Name & Address of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Brief Description of Property/ies	Total Liabilities as on specified Date	Reserve Price (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (in Rs.)	Details of A/c No.
					IFSC CODE
					Possession notice
ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal branch, Authorised officer :- Mr. Ranjeet Kumar, (M) 85728-16290, Mail ID: cb6290@canarabank.com	Residential house bearing No 219/33 (old) & 72 (New) measuring 103.41 Sq yards , situated in Ward no 17, Dhingtana Colony near Mohan Spinning Mill road (Now Janta Colony) Ramnagar Rohtak in the name of Sh Pawan Kumar S/O Sh Hari Ram	Total liabilities as per Demand Notice dated 18.07.2022 Sh. Pawan Kumar (Housing Loan) Rs 43,27,703.17/- Plus further interest & other Charges (minus recovery, if any)	Rs. 50.00 Lakh	Rs. 5.00 Lakh	209272434 CNRB0006290
1. Sh Pawan Kumar s/o Sh Hari Ram H No 72(P) , Ward No 17, Kath Mandi, Vaish College Road, Near Manav Sewa Sang Hospital, Rohtak - 124001, 2. Smt Sangeeta w/o Sh Pawan Kumar, H No 72(P) , Ward No 17, Kath Mandi, Vaish College Road, Near Manav Sewa Sang Hospital, Rohtak - 124001, And 3. M/S Shri Shyam Ji Corporation, Prop Sh Pawan Kumar S/O Sh Hari Ram, a) Shop No 525/4, New Anaj Mandi Gate, Rohtak - 124001, b) 219/17, Near Manav Sewa Sang Hospital, Janta Colony, Rohtak - 124001.		Total liabilities per Demand Notice dated 18.07.2022 M/S Shri Shyam Ji Corporation Rs. 34,73,132.14/- Plus further interest & other Charges (minus recovery, if any)			PHYSICAL POSSESSION
ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal branch, Authorised officer :- Mr. Ranjeet Kumar, (M) 85728-16290, Mail ID: cb6290@canarabank.com	All that part and parcel of property comprising of Residential Plot no. 1 measuring 200 Sq. yds., comprised in mustil no. 35, Killa no. 6/1(6-10) [bearing MCF no. D-1229] situated in Dabua colony, Faridabad, Haryana Smt. Pinky W/o Manmohan Kumar Sah.	Total liabilities as per demand notice dt. 11.09.2023, Rs. 66,22,681.31/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery ,if any).	Rs. 77,13,000/-	Rs. 7,71,300/-	209272434 CNRB0006290
1. Smt. Pinky (Borrower) W/o Sh. Manmohan Kumar Sah Address 1: H No. 2478, 27 feet road Dabua colony, Faridabad, Haryana-121005, Address 2: MCF No. D-1594 A, situated in NIT, District Faridabad - 121001, 2. Sh. Manmohan Kumar Sah (Co-Borrower), S/o Sh. Ram Prakash Address 1: H No. 2478, 27 feet road, Dabua colony, Faridabad, Haryana-121005, Address 2: MCF No. D-1594 A, situated in NIT, District Faridabad - 121001, NOTE : PROPERTY AT SR. NO. 9 & 10 WILL BE SOLD IN A SINGLE LOT.					SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal branch, Authorised officer :- Mr. Ranjeet Kumar, (M) 85728-16290, Mail ID: cb6290@canarabank.com	EMT of property comprising of a residential plot measuring 165 sq. yds. Bearing MCF No. D-1594A comprised in M. No. 35, Killa no 5/1 situated in Dabua Colony NIT Distt. Faridabad in the name of Mr. Rohit Raj, Mr. Rahul, Mr. Dev, Mr. Manmohan Kumar Sah	Total liabilities as per demand notice dt. 31.10.2022, Rs.6,171,363.92/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery ,if any).	Rs. 60,56,000/-	Rs. 6,05,600/-	209272434 CNRB0006290
1. Mr. Rohit Raj S/o Sh. Ram Prakash, Address 1- House No DC 2478, 27 Feet Road Dabua Colony, Faridabad, Haryana 121001, Address 2- MCF No. D-1594 A, Dabua Colony, NIT, District Faridabad- 121001, 2. Mr. Rahul S/o Sh. Ram Prakash, Address 1- House No DC 2478, 27 Feet Road Dabua Colony, Faridabad, Haryana 121001, Address 2- MCF No. D-1594 A, Dabua Colony, NIT, District Faridabad- 121001, 3. Mr. Dev S/o Sh. Ram Prakash, Address 1- House No DC 2478, 27 Feet Road Dabua Colony, Faridabad, Haryana 121001, Address 2- MCF No. D-1594 A, Dabua Colony, NIT, District Faridabad- 121001, 4. Mr. Manmohan Kumar Sah S/o Sh. Ram Prakash, Address 1- House No DC 2478, 27 Feet Road Dabua Colony, Faridabad, Haryana 121001, Address 2- MCF No. D-1594 A, Dabua Colony, NIT, District Faridabad- 121001, NOTE : PROPERTY AT SR. NO. 9 & 10 WILL BE SOLD IN A SINGLE LOT.				SYMBOLIC POSSESSION	
ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal branch, Authorised officer :- Mr. Ranjeet Kumar, (M) 85728-16290, Mail ID: cb6290@canarabank.com	All the Part and parcel of Vacant Plot measuring 546 Sq. Yds. Comprised in Khewat No. 252/276 rect. 17, Killa No. 24/2, 25/1/2, 25/2/2 & rect. No. 37, Killa No. 1/2/1 & rect. No. 61, Killa No. 3/8/2, 9/1, 13/4, Near the elegance Party Lawns, Mauja Seekri, Tehsil Ballabhgarh, District, Faridabad in the name of Smt. Ruchi Munjal.	Total liabilities as per demand notice dt. 18.05.2018, Rs. 43,58,339.79/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery ,if any).	Rs. 49,14,000/-	Rs. 4,91,400/-	209272434 CNRB0006290
1. M/s Rose Enterprises(Borrowal Firm) Address: 14/1/2, Sikri Pyala, Ballabhgarh, Faridabad (Haryana), 2. Sh. Nateshwar Singh Walia S/o Sh. Jatishwar Singh Walia(Proprietor) Address: R/O Plot No. 101, Kaveri Apartment, Sector 21D, Faridabad (Haryana), 3. Mrs. Ruchi Munjal W/o Sh. Nateshwar Singh Walia (Guarantor & Mortgagor) Address: R/O Plot No. 101, Kaveri Apartment, Sector 21D, Faridabad (Haryana), 4. Mr. Prince Rudra S/o Sh. Nareesh Rudra(Guarantor), Address: R/O 5A/290, Kaveri Apartment, Sector 21D, Faridabad (Haryana).					SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal branch, Authorised officer :- Mr. Ranjeet Kumar, (M) 85728-16290, Mail ID: cb6290@canarabank.com	Part of H No. - 509- L measuring 158.80 Sq. Yards situated in Model Town Karnal (within M.C. Limit, Karnal) vide sale deed No. - 7574/1 dated 17.10.2014.	Total liabilities as per demand notice dt. 21.09.2023, Rs. 82,76,004/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery ,if any).	Rs. 58,80,000.00	Rs. 5,88,000.00	209272434 CNRB0006290
(1). Sh. Satnam Singh s/o Sh. Inder Singh, Add 1: House No. 402 village Kachwa District Karnal - 132001, Add 2: House No. 509- L, Model Town, Karnal - 132001, Add 3: Singh Associates, Village - Kachwa, Karnal - 132001, (2). Smt. Bhupinder Kaur w/o Sh. Satnam Singh, Add 1: House No. 402 village Kachwa District Karnal -132001, Add 2: House No. 509- L, Model Town, Karnal - 132001, Add 3: Singh Associates, Village - Kachwa, Karnal - 132001, (3). Sh. Arun Sharma s/o Sh. Inder Kumar Sharma, Add: Village Kachwa, Tehsil & Dist. Karnal - 132001.					SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal branch, Authorised officer :- Mr. Ranjeet Kumar, (M) 85728-16290, Mail ID: cb6290@canarabank.com	All the piece and parcel of property measuring 1 Kanal standing in the name of Sh. Yogesh Bhaiya s/o Sh. Purushottam Bhaiya Comprising part of Khewat/ Khatoni No.1308/2210, Mustatil No. 79, Killa No. 12/1/1(5), 16/8(0), 17/8(0), 18/8(0), 19/1(7-18), 20/1(4-5), now known as Plot No. 21, Gali No. 1, Krishna Colony, Ballabhgarh, Distt Faridabad, Haryana. The property is bounded as under: North : Other's property, South : Road, East : Other's property, West : Other's property.	Total liabilities as per demand notice dt. 04.12.2019, Rs. 8,61,25,464.94/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery ,if any).	Rs. 1,25,00,000.00	Rs. 12,50,000.00	209272434 CNRB0006290
1. M/s Shakti Companies Ventures Pvt. Ltd, Address (I):- Unit -1, Plot no-21, Road no-1, Krishna Colony, Opposite Sector-25, Tehsil Ballabhgarh, Faridabad-121004, (2). Haryana, 2. Sh. Purushottam Radhakishan Bhaiya S/o Sh. R.K. Bhaiya (Director/Guarantor) Address :- Plot no-21, Road no-1, Krishna Colony, Opposite Sector-25, Faridabad 121004, Haryana, 3. Sh. Yogesh Bhaiya S/o Sh. Purushottam Bhaiya (Director/Guarantor) Address :- House no-602, Sector-8, Faridabad -121006, Haryana, 4. Smt. Gauri Bhaiya W/o Sh. Yogesh Bhaiya (Guarantor)Address :- House no-305, Sector-8, Faridabad -121006, Haryana.					PHYSICAL POSSESSION
ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal branch, Authorised officer :- Mr. Ranjeet Kumar, (M) 85728-16290, Mail ID: cb6290@canarabank.com	Residential House measuring 250 Sq.Yds. comprised in Khewat no. 74, Khata No. 147, Mustil & killa No 61/9 Tadadi 8 kanal situated at Vaka mauja Gadhi kesari ganaur within MC limit Ganaur, dist Sonipat. The property is bounded as under: North : house of other, South : 18 feet Gali, East : Gali, West : house of other.	Total liabilities as per demand notice dt. 21.06.2023, Rs. 58,43,362.50/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery ,if any).	Rs. 73.16 Lakh	Rs. 7.35 Lakh	209272434 CNRB0006290
(1). M/S Shree Ganesh Traders (Borrower), Address: Shop at 2093, 1st floor, Narela mandi, Delhi- 110040, (2). Smt. Kiran gautam w/o Sh. Bhagwan Gautam (Partner/Mortgagor) Address:- House No- 745/3 Hari Nagar, Opposite janta School, Ganaur, Dist Sonipat 131101, (3). Sh. Rakesh Kumar s/o Darshan Lal (Partner) Address:- House No- 745/3 Hari Nagar, Opposite janta School, Ganaur, Dist Sonipat 131101.					SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal branch, Authorised officer :- Mr. Ranjeet Kumar, (M) 85728-16290, Mail ID: cb6290@canarabank.com	Property No. 1) Plot 2K-8M (1450 sq yards) situated at Naman Colony, Gullarpur Road Near Buta Colony, Nissing Dist karnal comprised in khewat No. 1170/1104, Khatoni No. 1690, Rect No. 328, Killa No. 25/1(7-2), 22/3(4-4), 12/1(3/0-5), 20/7(12), rect no 245, Killa no 1/1(2-15), share of 598/7375 Rakba 29 kanal 10 Marle 1e. 2K-8M or 1450SqYds	Total liabilities as per demand notice dt. 30.08.2019, Rs. 35,73,734.21/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery ,if any).	(PROPERTY 1) Rs. 1,30,50,000.00	(PROPERTY 1) Rs. 13,05,000.00	209272434 CNRB0006290
1. Smt. Tejinder Kaur (Guarantor and Legal heir of deceased Proprietor Sh. Hoshiyar Nissing) VPO - Singhra, Near Durga Rice Mill Nissing, Tehsil - Nissing, District - Karnal, 2. Sh. Shivam (Legal heir of deceased Proprietor Sh. Hoshiyar Singh)VPO - Singhra, Near Durga Rice Mill Nissing, Tehsil - Nissing, District - Karnal, 3. Sh. Mehtab Singh s/o Suchha Singh (Guarantor) VPO - Singhra, Near Durga Rice Mill Nissing, Tehsil - Nissing, District - Karnal.	Property No. 2) Vacant Plot no 181, mean 0k-7M Situated on land Khewat No 635, kitea-4, share of 23/1080 Rakba 18 kanal 0 le 7.66 Marle or 233.33sq yards Near Buta Singh Colony Nissing, District Karnal.	Note:- Both the above properties to be sold separately.	(PROPERTY 2) Rs. 16,33,000.00	(PROPERTY 2) Rs. 1,63,300.00	PROPERTY 1 & 2 BOTH ARE SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal branch, Authorised officer :- Mr. Ranjeet Kumar, (M) 85728-16290, Mail ID: cb6290@canarabank.com	Land & Building comprising in Khewat No. - 231 Khatoni No. - 291-92 Kharsa No. - 306 min (25-14) & 306 min (1-13) situated in Patti Makhdumzadgan abadi known as Ganesh Nagar Sanoli Road within M.C. Limit Panipat measuring 6 Marla - 6 Sarsai vide sale deed No. - 234 dated 12.04.1994 and 6 Marla - 6 Sarsai vide gift deed No. - 14666 dated 30.03.2007 in the name of Sh. Jagdish Lal Nandwani s/o Ganga Ram.	Total liabilities as per demand notice dated 07.02.2019 in the account of M/s Rahul Textiles, Rs. 44,81,224.29/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery ,if any)	Rs. 1,57,00,000.00	Rs. 15,70,000.00	209272434 CNRB0006290
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24 CLASSIFIEDS & TENDERS

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, Shalini, w/o IC 20206Y Late Lt. Col. (TS) Ashok Narhari Agashe, hereby wish to change my name from Shalini to Shalini Ashok Agashe. A Notary Affidavit No 2437/2024 has been executed on 11/12/2024, at Pune

0050256456-1

Nisha w/o Late. Shri Abhinandan Gupta, R/o Flat No. -A-208, Road-6, Jeevan Apartment, Vasundhara District Ghaziabad, has changed the name of his son from Anshu to Anshu Hison. In future, my client's son should be called by the name of Anshu Gupta.

0070939581-1

I, hitherto known as Vaibhav Sud.S/o-Vinod kumar Sood,R/o,H.No.-C-001,the ivy apartments shushant-lok phase-I,Gurgaon-122002, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Vaibbhav Sud.

0040763581-4

I,ZIAUDDIN,S/o- NOORUDDIN,R/o- H.No.416,Bazar Matia-Mahal,Jama-Masjid,Delhi G.P.O.North Delhi,Delhi-110006,have changed the name of my minor son namely ARHAMUDDIN,aged-17-years and he shall hereafter be known as ARHAM UDDIN.

0040763181-11

I,Yash Seimon Sharma,S/o, Shelerender Sharma,R/o-8/93, Ramesh-Nagar,New Delhi-110015,have changed my name to Yash Sharma.

0040763529-1

I,Sunil Kumar,S/o Bhim Singh,R/o H.No.101,Kams Convent School, Kushak No.-2,Kadi Pur,Delhi-110036,have changed my name to Sunil Thakur.

0040763533-4

I,Sudhir S/o-Late Sh.Suresh Chand,R/o H.No.204,Ward.No. 14,Near-Electricity Complaint Office,Sheelita Mata Mandir Complex,Gurgaon (Haryana)-122001,have changed my name to Sudhir Kumar.

0040763533-6

I,Shaukat Ali,S/o Akbar Ali R/o,813-B,Baba Farid Puri,New Delhi-8,have Changed my name to Shaukat Ali Khan.

0040763581-3

I,Shahjad S/o Hashmat Ali,R/o 75/1,Zakir Husain colony,Near Madina Masjid Hapur-road Meerut 250002,Uttar Pradesh, Have changed my name Shahjad Malik,for all purposes.

0040763506-5

I,Deepu S/o Naveen bhatia R/o VP-170-C, Pitampura Delhi-110088,have changed my name to Deepu Bhatia

0040763575-2

I,Sangita choudhary w/o Arun choudhary r/o Plot.number-99 Flat number-16 J-Extension Laxmi-nagar Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Sangeeta Choudhary.

0040763533-9

I,SANJAY VERMA,S/O MOTI RAM,R/O-RZB-1,86A-B-BLOCK,NEW ROSHAN PURA,NAJAFGARH,SOUTH WEST DELHI-110043, informs that I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME from Sanjay Kumar to Sanjay Verma.

0040763595-2

I,SADIA KHAN D/O SYED MOTI AHMED R/O,273 GALI GARHAIYA MATIA MAHAL JAMA.MASJID DELHI-110006,HAVE CHANGED MYNAME TO SADIA AHMED KHAN.

0040763529-6

I,RITU KHANNA,W/o-RAVENDRA PRATAP SINGH,R/o-flat.No.74-B, Pocket-B,Mayur Vihar,Phase-2,have changed my name to RITU SINGH,for all, future purposes.

0040763529-2

I,RICHA AGGARWAL/RICHA GOYAL W/O MUKESH GOEL R/O B-1631,SHASTRI NAGAR,DELHI-110052.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RICHA GOEL.

0040763533-2

I,RAHUL GANDHI R/O TANISHKA R/o-B-1/21,JANAK PURI DELHI-110058,HAVE CHANGED MY MINOR DAUGHTER NAME TO TANISHKA GANDHI.

0040763529-5

I,Pawan S/o Kewal Ram,R/o Plot No.-9-E-Block,Jai Vihar, Najafgarh, Delhi-110043,have changed my name to Pawan Kumar.

0040763506-2

I,Parveen Kumar Verma,S/O Jai Parkash Verma,R/O H.No.228-P, Sector-5,Gurgaon Haryana-122001,Have Changed my Name to Parveen Kumar.

0040763506-1

I,Pankaj Jain,S/o Late Shripal Jain,R/O A-39,Near Maini Restaurant,Surya Nagar, Village Chander Nagar, Ghaziabad,U.P,have changed my name to Pankaj Kumar Jain,for all,future purposes.

0040763529-7

I,PRERNA GUPTA, W/O.DEVANSHU OJHA, R/O-HOUSE.NO-C-2,SECTOR-27, BLOCK-C,NOIDA,GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR,UTTAR PRADESH-201301,have changed my name to PRERNA OJHA.

0040763529-4

I,Ujjawal Kumar Garg, S/o Naresh Garg, R/o 922-SF, Sector-5, Wave City, Ghaziabad, UP-201002 have changed my name to Ujjwal Garg.

0070939576-1

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0070939576-1

I,Nazir Hussain,S/O Din Mohammad,R/o Shahpur, Muzaffarnagar,Uttar Pradesh-251318,have changed my name to NAZIR HASAN. Permanently

0040763506-4

I,Mukesh Gupta S/o Roshan Lal Gupta R/o B-269, Prashant Vihar Rohini Sector-14,Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Mukeshh Gupta

0040763575-3

I,Monika Luthra W/o Chaman Lal Luthra R/o 57/5,First-Floor, Ashok Nagar, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Mona Lutra.

0040763595-3

I,Mohd Ashraf,S/O Anwar,R/o B-316,Old,New No-550,Gali.No-08,Shri Ram Colony,Rajiv Nagar, Delhi-110094,have changed my name to ASHRAF. Permanently.

0040763506-3

I,Mohammed Hashim Ali S/O Ashik Ali R/O H.No.1057 L-Block Mangol puri Delhi-110083,have changed my name to Hashim Ali for all purposes.

0040763575-12

I,MUKESH GOYAL S/O RADHEY SHYAM R/O B-1631,SHASTRI NAGAR,DELHI-110052.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MUKESH GOEL FOR ALL PURPOSES.

0040763533-1

I,Mayank Dhoundiyal,R/O-110/SF, INR Royal City, Sector-29,Karnal Haryana-132001, Have Changed my Minor's Child Name,from Devangana to Devangana Singh.

0040763506-8

I,MONICA ARORA W/O KAUSHAL ARORA R/O A-7/208-209,SECTOR-17,ROHINI,DELHI-110085,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO KASHISH ARORA FOR ALL PURPOSES.

0040763533-1

I,M.D MOSHARRAF,S/O JAMIL AKHTAR, R/O H-380,BLOCK-H JAITPUR EXTN,PART-2, BADARPUR,DELHI-44 I,HAVE CHANGED MY,NAME MOHD MUSHARRAF ALI FOR,ALL FUTURE PURPOSES.

0040763591-6

I,LALITA SANKLA,W/O-VIJAY KUMAR SANKLA R/O-376, POCKET-2,PASCHIM PURI,PASCHIM-VIHAR, DELHI-110063,have changed my minor child name from DIVYANSHI TO DIVYANSHI SANKLA.

0040763533-7

I,LAL SINGH S/O GOPAL SINGH R/O FLAT NO-831,PLOT.NO-49,NEELKANTH APARTMENTS, SECTOR-13,ROHINI,DELHI-110085,have changed my,name to LALIT SINGH.

0040763591-1

I,Krishan Kumar,S/o-Satya Narain Goel,R/o-A-11, Gali No.22, Mahendra Park,Near Adarsh Nagar,Delhi-110033,have changed my name to Krishan Kumar Goel,permanently.

0040763506-7

I,Km.Nisha Pal W/o Manish Deo Pal R/o-O-Flat.No.E-704,Tower-E,Logix Blossom company Plot GH-02,Sector -137,Noida,Uttar Pradesh-201301,have changed my name to Nisha Pal.

0040763533-3

I,KARANDEEP SINGH,S/o Sh.Surinder Singh Chhabra R/o J-3/19,Ground Floor, Rajouri Garden,New Delhi-110027 have changed my name to KARANDEEP SINGH CHHABRA.

0040763529-3

I,HARDEEP S/O-PARAMJEET SINGH R/O-J23A FIRST FLOOR ARYA SAMAJ ROAD UTTAM NAGAR DELHI-110059, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO HARDEEP SINGH.

0040763581-2

I,Darshan Lal Shejwani S/O Sanwal Dass R/o A-51,2nd Floor,Ashok Vihar,Phase-1,Delhi-110052,have changed my name to Darshan Kumar.

0040763591-4

I,BANEETA RANI W/O SATPRIYA R/O 141,WARD NO.8, LARSOLI(101), LARSALI, SONIPAT, HARYANA-131039, have changed my name to BANEETA.

0040763533-8

I,ANJUM AHMAD,D/O-Niaz Ahmad,R/O-H.No-166/377,Second Floor, Street-No-15,Ghaffar Manzil, Jamia Nagar, Okhla,South Delhi,New Delhi-25,have changed my,Name from Anjum Bano to Anjum Ahmad,W/o-Imtiaz Ahmad,for all,future purposes.

0040763595-5

I,Aashiya/Aayesha/ Aysha/Aeesha,W/o Shahjad Malik R/o-75/1,Zakir Husain colony Near-Madina Masjid Hapur-road Meerut,up-250002,Have changed my name to Aashiya Malik,for all,purposes.

0040763506-6

I,AJAY S/O-RANDHIR SINGH R/O-901 KILOI KHAS(60) DISTT ROHTAK HARYANA-124401 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO AJAY KUMAR.

0040763581-1

I, Subhanshu S/o Shailesh Kumar Singh R/o Village Datauli tehsil Bansdih Sahatwar, Ballia U.P-277211 have changed my name to Subhanshu Singh for all future purposes.

0040763486-1

I,VANDANA NEGI D/O DALPAT SINGH NEGI R/O 3 RD FLOOR, STREET NO.13, GOVINDPURI, KALKA JI, NEW DELHI-110019 HEREBY DECLARE THAT VANDANA AND VANDANA NEGI IS ONE AND THE SAME PERSON.

0040763559-1

I,Suganti Kumari, Spouse of No-14866002H.Hav/CLK- Kanhaiya Gupta, Resident of Vill- Jataha, P.O- Koiladeva, District- Gopalganj, State-Bihar have changed my name from Suganti Devi to Suganti Kumari vide affidavit/self-declaration No AH 086843.

0020485799-1

I,Divesh Aggarwal S/o Late Shri Mahipal Jain R/O B-27, 2nd-Floor, Sawan,Park Ashok,Vihar, Phase-3,Delhi-110052,changed my name to Divesh Jain

0040763575-1

I, Subhana Yasmeen W/O Shafiq Ahmed R/O K-33/21, S/F, Khirki Extension, Delhi-110017 Have Changed My Minor Son Name From Mohammad Abdulla to Mohd Abdulla.

0070939579-1

I, POOJA PANDEY, W/O SANJAY PANDEY, R/O FLAT NO. 286, SANSKRITI APARTMENT, SECTOR-19B, DWARKA DELHI, DELHI- 110075, have changed my name to SHRIPOOJA PANDEY For all future purposes.

0070939558-1

I, Mohammed Nadeem Akhtar S/O Mohammad Tahir Husain R/O-14, Regency Apartment, 1st Lan, Johri Farm, Jamia Nagar, Delhi-110025 have changed my name to Nadeem Akhtar

0070939577-1

I, Manish Maheshwari S/o B. M. Maheshwari R/o 2/2, Ashoka Road, Shipra Sun City-2, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201014 have changed my name from Manish Maheshwari to Manish Mohan Maheshwari for all future purposes.

0040763492-1

I, Mahadev Shukla S/o Indrabhan Shukla R/o D-105, Gali No.-4, Saurabh Vihar, Jaitpur South Delhi-110044 have changed my son Sagar to Sagar shukla for all future Purpose.

0070939582-1

I, LEELAWATI PARASHAR W/o NO 095543W Rank L/Tel JAI BHAGWAN S/O H.No B-94, Vijay Nagar, Village Bawana DELHI-110039 have changed my name to LEELA VATI PARASHAR VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATE 11.12.24 BEFORE DELHI.

0040763581-11

I, Joyel Stephen S/O Robinson Stephen R/O 1093/1/97, St. Johns Church Compound, Ward No.1, Mehrauli, New Delhi-110030 I have changed my name from Zuel Stephen to Joyel Stephen & my father name from Robisison Stephen to Robin son Stephen for all future purposes.

0070939591-1

I, Ferina D/o No. 6262067 RANK NK (LATE) Johan Lal R/o 9753, Sadar Thana Road, Gali no.9, Multani Dhandha, Pahar Ganj Delhi-110055 have changed my name to FERINA SINGH VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATE 12.12.2024 before Delhi. MY ACTUAL DOB IS 06.06.1957.

0070939549-1

I, Diviya Makhija, D/O Kewal Makhija, R/o W/Z A-76, Gulab Bagh, Nawada, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 have changed my name to Diviya Chhabra for all purpose.

0070939545-1

I, Anshu Kanwar, D/O-JC-670044M, Sub Maj Kailash Dan, Village- Charanvas, Post- Pratapura, District- Jhunjhunu (Rajasthan)-330001.In my father's service records my name has wrongly mentioned as Ansu Kanwar instead of Anshu Kanwar as mentioned in education certificate and Aadhaar Card. vide affidavit No-IN-JK30655035471533W dt 09 Dec-2024.

0020485798-1

I, ANUPAMA W/o Mannu Jha, R/O T-29/17-C-1, Near Janta Park, Baljeet Nagar, Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as ANUPAMA JHA

0040763500-1

I Om Dev Sharma S/o Tara Chand Sharma R/O E-901, Ajnara Daffodils, Sector-137, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201305 have changed the name of my minor son from Maverick alias Aryan Sharma to Aryan Sharma for all purposes.

0040763477-1

I Abhinava Kumar S/O Pramod Kumar, R/O 801, Tower A, Umang Winter hills, Sector-77, Gurgaon-122004(Haryana) have changed my name to Abhinava Sharma.

0070939547-1

I Bhanu Pratap Singh S/o Late Sh.Dharamveer Singh R/O H.No.221, Rithala, Delhi-110085 have changed the name of my minor son from Shivaya Pratap Singh to Shivaay Pratap Singh for all purposes.

0040763477-2

Earlier, my name was Dileep Kumar, but now I have changed my name to Nitin Singh. In the future, I wish to be identified by this name. Nitin Singh S/O Shri Vishv Nath Singh R/O Village Jasaura, Post Teraragi, District Kannauj Uttar Pradesh

0070939575-1

I, Jitesh S/O Kuldeep Kumar Malhotra R/o,H.No.200,1st Floor,Housing Board, Sector-40,Gurgaon (Haryana), have changed my name to Jitesh Malhotra.

0040763533-5

I,Yogesh Shejwani S/O Darshan Kumar R/O A-51,2nd Floor,Ashok Vihar,Phase-1,Delhi-110052,have changed my name to Yogesh Kumar.

0040763591-5

I,Vandna Rani W/O Shri Paras Maan R/O B-5/37-38,Sector-7, Rohini,Delhi-110085,have Changed my name to Vandana Maan.

0040763591-3

I,Ashok Kumar Miglani S/O,Kanshi Ram Miglani R/O CC-40A,Shalimar Bagh,Delhi-110088,have changed my,name to Ashok Miglani.

0040763591-2

I, Zubair Khan S/o Shamim Ahmed Khan R/O D-36, Flat-No.402, AbulFazal Enclave-I, Jamia-Nagar, New Delhi-110025,have changed my name to Zubair Ahmed Khan.

0040763595-1

I Neha Lamba D/O, Subhash Chand Lamba R/O F-129 Top Floor Phase I, Ashok Vihar, New Delhi-110052 have changed my name to Neha Malhotra.

0040763548-1

LOST & FOUND

I Rahul Aggarwal S/o Late Sh.V.K. Aggarwal R/O House No.3/55, Roop Nagar, Delhi-110007. State that I lost original document of the Reg. Exchange deed vide document 1160 Vol. No.4049 pages 75 executed between the Sh.R.N. Aggarwal S/o Late Sh.Amba Prasad in respect of shop no. 1E, measuring 2333.3 sq. yds. Karna Nagar, Delhi-110007. If any person found then contact me 9811638440. 0040763477-3

Lost 4,Set Of Lease Paper-2008 application.No.56911 DSIDIC,Plot.No.99,Sector-5, Pocket-I,Area 150Sq.Mtrs.At Bawana Industrial-Area,Delhi.Ashok and Sons Founder May Inform; Ashok Kumar Kwatra,S/o-Gobind Ram,R/O-H-4/3, 3Rd.Floor,Krishna-Nagar, Delhi-110051#8178771717.

0040763581-11

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, ANJALI D/O RAJESH KUMAR R/O NAHRGA(227), SONIPAT, HARYANA-131103 declare that name of my mother has been wrongly written as ANESH in my 10th and 12th class marks-sheet and certificate. The actual name of my mother is ANESH KUMARI, which may be amended accordingly. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

On the instruction of my client Mr. Rajesh Kanodia S/o Sh. Gatrupal Kanodia R/O CGE-283, DLF Capital Gensres, 15 Shivaji Marg, Karam Pura, New Delhi, general public is informed that a commercial office no. DSM-263, DLF Tower, Shivaji Marg, New Delhi was jointly purchased by my client and Late Smt. Shreya Kanodia Vilo Sh. Rajesh Kanodia from Mrs.Vedeta Senodias Pvt. Ltd. That Smt. Shreya Kanodia was expired on 27.12.2018, leaving legal heirs as husband Mr. Rajesh Kanodia, two daughters Heerakshi Kanodia and Aparna Kanodia. Both the daughters relinquish their rights in the captioned office in favour of Mr. Rajesh Kanodia & accordingly name Rajesh Kanodia is being noted in DLF's record. If any body has objection or any claim on this, he or she may approach Mrs. DLF Home Developers Ltd., DLF Centre, Sansad Marg, N.D.-110001 or the undersigned within 21 days from the publication of this notice. Failing which it shall be deemed that there are no claims against the said office.

Prashant Neal (Advocate)
14/16, Puriya Bazar Extension,
N.D.-110026 Mobile: 9911959222

BE IT KNOWN TO PUBLIC AT LARGE that my clients (1) Vinay Kumar Trikha, Son of Shri Mehar Chand Trikha; (2) Smt. Veena Trikha, Wife of Shri Vinay Kumar Trikha, both R/o 7/6369, Ground Floor, Street No. 3, Dev Nagar, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005 have severed all their relations with their son and daughter-in-law, namely Tarun Trikha and Smt. Nandita Chaudhary and disowned them from their all movable and immovable properties. They have no claim or title w.r.t any property which belongs to us as the said properties are our self acquired properties. In case, anybody deals with them, in any manner whatsoever, the same shall be done at his/her own risks and costs and my clients shall not be held responsible for the same under any circumstances in any manner.

Sd/-
MUSKAAAN DEWAN
Advocate
Enrt. No. D/12391/2021

This is to bring in the notice of public that Late Sh. Chetan Advani who expired on 29/11/2024, was operating a Catering Stall at PF 2/3 at Sarai Rohila Railway Station, Delhi. Now this agreement is to be transferred in the name of Manisha Advani W/o Late Sh. Chetan Advani. If anyone has any objection he/she can write to the Senior Commercial Manager, State Entry Road, New Delhi - 110055 within 21 days of publication of this notice.

In the publication in newspaper "The Indian Express" dated 23.11.2024, the lines "IF ANY OTHER CLAIMANT HAS ANY RIGHT OR INTEREST IN THE AFORESAID PROPERTY, HE/SHE SHOULD INFORM & GIVE INTIMATION TO THE UNDERSIGNED WITHIN 07 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE OF THIS NOTICE." should not be read as a part of the publication as the same was a typographical mistake.

Hence the same may be read as under: "However, if I am wrong and the office finds the original S.P.A. dated 27/07/2021 EXECUTED BY SMT. PRITAM SHARMA IN FAVOR OF SH. RAJENDRA SHARMA OF SECOND FLOOR WITHOUT ROOF RIGHTS OF FREEHOLD BUILT UP AREA MEASURING 200 SQ. YDS. (IE, 07/28624 SQ. MTRS.) GET OF GRANT NO.2021-MB-217/44217, SITUATED AT VILLAGE SHIDHOKA KALAN, CANTONMENT AREA SANTAY NAGAR, R.B. RAMP ROAD VIDYA MANDIR ESTATE, DELHI (R/O mentioned in the said publication) she should inform and to return the document to the undersigned soon after on the discovery of the same, so that the undersigned will deposit/handover the original to the purchaser."

Sd/-
SUBHASH SHARMA
Advocate
MOB. 99166710

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public are informed that my clients viz. Sh. Jagdish Chand, Sh. Moti Lal, Sh. Pura Chand & Sh. Om Prakash all S/o Late Balchand and the owners of property No. 7072 (Old No. 383), area measuring 49 sq. yards, Gali No. 7-8, Mata Rameshwari Nehru Nagar, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005 which they have inherited after death of their parents and now they are going to apply with L & DO for mutation and conversion from lease hold rights to free hold rights of the above the undersigned within 15 days from the publication of this notice. Ms. Ginni, Chamber No. T-1E, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054, M. No. 9810042289

Sd/-
Savita Malhotra
Advocate
Mm Advocates & Solicitors,
M-495, F.E., Guru Harkishan Nagar, Paschim Vihar, Delhi-110087

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General public are informed that my clients viz. Sh. Jagdish Chand, Sh. Moti Lal, Sh. Pura Chand & Sh. Om Prakash all S/o Late Balchand and the owners of property No. 7072 (Old No. 383), area measuring 49 sq. yards, Gali No. 7-8, Mata Rameshwari Nehru Nagar, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005 which they have inherited after death of their parents and now they are going to apply with L & DO for mutation and conversion from lease hold rights to free hold rights of the above the undersigned within 15 days from the publication of this notice. Ms. Ginni, Chamber No. T-1E, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054, M. No. 9810042289

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, NAVEEN CHANDRA JOSHI S/O DAYA KISHAN JOSHI R/O G-6/L, PLOT NO. 51, NETH KHANDEL, NEAR MOTHER DAIRY, INDIRAPURAM, SHIPRA SUN CITY, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH-201014 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as NAVEEN JOSHI in my minor son KANISHK JOSHI aged 17 years in his 10th class educational documents. The actual name of mine is NAVEEN CHANDRA JOSHI, which may be amended accordingly. It is certified that I have complied with the legal requirements in this connection.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, MORINDER SINGH S/O LATE SHRI HARNAH SINGH R/O V-31, UGF, NEVEN SHADHARA NORTH EAST DELHI-110017, I AM THE ACTUAL AND ABSOLUTE OWNER AND IN POSSESSOR OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY: MY FATHER SHRI HARNAH SINGH S/O SHRI MAHARAJ SINGH OF BUILT UP UPPER GROUND FLOOR WITHOUT ROOF AND TERRACE RIGHTS FOR AREA MEASURING 88.52 SQ. MTR. (IN SOYARDS) BEARING THIS PROPERTY NO. V-3

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POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR MOVABLE & IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Punjab National Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 read with the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notices on the dates mentioned against each account calling upon the respective borrowers to repay the amount as mentioned against each account within 60 days from the date of notice(s)/ date of receipt of the said notice(s).

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred to him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the date mentioned against account. The borrowers' guarantor/ mortgagor/legal heirs in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of Punjab National Bank for the amounts and interest thereon. The borrowers attention in invited to provisions of sub-section 8 of section 13 of the act, in the respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Sl. No.	Borrower / Guarantors Name, Address & Branch	Location & details of the property	Date of Notice u/s 13(2)	Date of Notice u/s 13(4) Physical Possession
1	M/S MAA BAGESHWARI JEWELLARS, Prop. Kishor Kumar Swarnkar, Add : Ward No. 07, Basbitti, Dt Supaul, Bihar- 852130 BO : BASBITTI, DT SUPAUL, BIHAR (174400)	Hypothecation of gold items.	08.05.2024 Rs : 379680.20 as on 30.04.2024 with further interest costs and others charges and expenses thereon.	07.12.2024 Rs : 379680.20 as on 30.04.2024 with further interest costs and others charges and expenses thereon.
2	SARASWATI RICE MILL Prop. Ram Kumar Roy, s/o Late Ram Lakan Roy, Add : At po--chhithi, Hanuman nagar, Via - Saragarh, Bhaptiyahi, Simr N (dist- supaul), Bihar- 852105 BO : SIMIRI N (DT. SUPAUL) (249100)	WC-Hypothecation of stocks of raw materials, stock-in-process, finished goods, stores, spares and receivables.	06.09.2024 Rs : 1326211.00 as on 31.08.2024 with further interest costs and others charges and expenses thereon.	07.12.2024 Rs : 1326211.00 as on 31.08.2024 with further interest costs and others charges and expenses thereon.

Authorized Officer

JAPIT
Jharkhand Agency for Promotion of Information Technology
(An Autonomous body under Department of Information Technology & e-Governance, Govt of Jharkhand)
Ground Floor, Engineer's Hostel - I, Near Golchakkar, Dhurwa, Ranchi, Jharkhand
Phone. 0651-2401044, 2401047 email: japit_doit@rediffmail.com

CORRIGENDUM
Rate Contract for Supply, Installation & Support for Endpoint, IT Equipment's & Services for JAP-IT.
(Tender Ref No.: JAP-IT/RC-01/2024)

With reference to the above tender, please be informed that the tender schedule has been revised, and new item is also added under the published rate contract (JAP-IT/RC-01/2024).

Revised Schedule		
S.N	Basic Requirement	Specific Requirement
1.	Date for sending Query to cco.japit@jharkhandmail.gov.in	19-12-2024 at 02:00 P.M.
2.	Pre-Bid Meeting at JAP-IT	20-12-2024 at 03:30 P.M
3.	Start Date for Submission of Bids online	30-12-2024 at 11:30 A.M.
4.	Last Date for Submission of Bids online	10-01-2025 up to 3:00 P.M.
5.	Date of Opening of Pre-qualification & Technical Bid	13-01-2025 at 3:30 P.M.
6.	Date of Commercial Bid opening	To be announced later

For further details please visit <https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>.
PR Ref No. 341310

Sd/-
(OSD, JAP-IT)

PR 341876 Information Technology (24-25)_D

विशेष शाखा, पुलिस मुख्यालय, मध्यप्रदेश, भोपाल

क्रमांक-विश/रटोर/2024-25 (573)

दिनांक-09.12.2024

निविदा सूचना का शुद्धिपत्र

विशेष शाखा पुलिस मुख्यालय को निविदा सूचना क्रमांक SB/Store/2024-25 (499), Dated- 22.10.2024 द्वारा Fiber Optical Surveillance System & 03 Others के क्रय हेतु ई-निविदा सूचना जारी की गई है। उपरोक्त आमंत्रित निविदा में क्रय किये जाने वाले उपरोक्त उपकरण की समय-सारणी में आंशिक संशोधन के संबंध में "शुद्धिपत्र" (Corrigendum) जारी किया गया है जो वेबसाइट <https://mptenders.gov.in/nicep/app> पर विभागीय की वेबसाइट www.mppolice.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है।

हस्ता./-
सहायक पुलिस महानिरीक्षक
विशेष शाखा (जी), म.प्र. भोपाल
दूरभाष क्र० 0755-2443654
ईमेल: sec25-sb@mppolice.gov.in

G-20161/24

**कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय,
लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, बांका**
(संत जोसेफ स्कूल के नजदीक, जगतपुर बांका पिन- 813102)
E-mail Id:- ee.mil.ban-bih@gov.in , Mob:- 7782917633

पत्रांक- 2398

शुद्धि-पत्र

कार्यपालक अभियंता, लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, बांका द्वारा आमंत्रित निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या-05 / 2024-25 सह पठित पत्रांक-2370 दिनांक-03.12.2024 द्वारा आमंत्रित निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना PR No-014061 (MWRD) 2024-25 में कड़िका 11 (I) में "25 लाख से दो करोड़ से कम राशि की निविदा में लघु जल संसाधन विभाग से निबंधित के अतिरिचित जल संसाधन विभाग का निबंधन मान्य होगा" के स्थान पर "25 लाख से दो करोड़ से कम राशि की निविदा में लघु जल संसाधन विभाग से निबंधित संवेदक ही भाग ले सकेंगे पढ़ा जाय। एवं इस निविदा को इस हद तक संशोधित समझा जाय।

शेष सभी नियम एवं शर्त पूर्ववत् रहेगी।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, बांका
PR. No. 014618 (MWRD) 2024-25

उक्त सूचना www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar पर भी देखी जा सकती है।

**अपने जीवन साथी के प्रति वफादार रहें,
किसी अनजान स्त्री/पुरुष से असुरक्षित यौन संबंध से बचें।**

BIHAR STATE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD
A Govt of Bihar Undertaking

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE E-BIDDING INVITATION

TENDER NO. 34/E-TENDER/ BSTDC/SBD/2024-25
File No. 152/Engg/2024/1516/ENG/24
(Through e-procurement mode only – www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

1. Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation Limited (BSTDC), a nodal agency for executing tourism infrastructure projects in the state of Bihar, India, intends to execute tourism infrastructure projects at its tourism potential locations.

2. Any Contractor registered with Central Government/any State Government or any PSU or an agency of International or National repute may participate in the tender but registration with any works department, Bihar will be essential after issue of L.O.A. and before executing the agreement.

Gr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (in Lac)	Bid Processing fees (Beltcon)	Bid Document Cost	Bid Security (EMD) (in Lac)	Contract Duration
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	CONSTRUCTION OF EXPERIENCE CENTER, RESTAURANT, APPROACH ROAD AT DEMARKATED LAND NEAR RAMAREKHA GHAT IN BUXAR DISTRICT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM.	Rs-1216.19	Rs-5,900.00	Rs- 10,000.00	Rs-22.162	18 Months

3. Date of Inviting tender :
4. Date of downloading of bid document :
5. Place & Date of Pre-bid meeting :
6. Last date and time for receipt on eproc2:
7. Last date and time for Submission of Original instrument of EMD :
8. Time and date of opening technical bids:
9. Time and date of opening of financial bids :
10. Place of opening of bid :
11. Period of bids validity:
Officer inviting bids :

Date-10.12.2024
From 26.12.2024 to 11.01.2025 up to 3:00PM.
Through website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in only
Date 03.01.2025 Time 03:00PM.
(Office of Chief Engineer B.S.T.D.C. Patna)
Date 11.01.2025 up to 3:00PM
Date 13.01.2025 up to 3:00PM
Date 13.01.2025 Time 3:30PM
Through website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
To be communicated later on
Through website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in.
120 days
Executive Engineer (South), BSTDC Ltd.

For further details please visit : www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar
Executive Engineer (South)
BSTDC Ltd, Patna

BSTDC, Beerchand Patel Path, Patna -800 001
[Tel: 0612-2506219, 2225411, 2506218 (fax) Email: contactbstdc@gmail.com
PR- 014583 (B & C) 2024-25

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E-AUCTION NOTICE
(Appendix-IV-A" [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Arrah Branch, Bhojpur

ZONAL OFFICE: Budh Marg, Near Kotwali Thana, Patna-1, PH:0612-2508237, E mail: zopatna@indianbank.co.in

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, Arrah Branch, Bhojpur Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on **22.01.2025**, for the recovery of **Rs. 8,45,802/-** (Rupees Eight lakh forty five thousand eight hundred two only) as on 02.12.2024 with further interest, costs, other charges and expenses thereon from 03.12.2024 due to Indian Bank, Arrah Branch, Bhojpur Secured Creditor, from 1. **Mrs. Mamta Devi (Borrower) W No 38, Karman Tola, Near Khara Kuwa Nawada, Arrah, Dist Bhojpur-802301 & 2. Mr. Krishna Murari (Co-Borrower) W No 38, Karman Tola, Near Khara Kuwa Nawada, Arrah, Dist Bhojpur-802301, Bihar-802301.** The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below.

Detailed description of the property:-	All part and parcel of land and building situated at Mauza-Ara, Old Khata No.-1428, Old Khesra No.-1912, CS No.-3954, Holding No.94, Khata No.120(New), New Khesra No.271, Thana No.-237, Ward No.-19(old), 38(N), At- Mauza-Kasba Ara Mohalla-Karman Tola, Ara, Dist-Bhojpur. Area-3 Dhur = 204.15 sqft vide Registered Sale Deed No.7526 dated 12.08.2009, Book No.1, Volume No.57, Page No.33890 to 33898 in CD 9 PS Ara, District Bhojpur registered with District Registration Office Arrah in the name of Mamta Devi. Boundary (As per Deed): North-Rajesh Choudhary, South-Shiv Das Thakur, East-Gali Bad Virajan Thakur, West-Bhushan Choudhary.	Encumbrance on Property	Not Known
		Reserve Price (in Rs)	₹8,00,000/-
		Earnest Money Deposit	₹80,000/-
		Bid Incremental Amount	₹10000/-
		Date E-auction Time of e-auction	22.01.2025 from 11.00 am to 5.00 pm
		Property ID No.	IDIB3219594494

Bidders are also advised to visit the website (<https://www.ebkray.in>) of our e auction service provider PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd. to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd. HELPPESK No. 8291220220, email ID:- support.ebkray@psballiance.com and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd., and for EMD status please contact support.ebkray@psballiance.com.

For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: <https://www.ebkray.in> and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact help line number 8291220220.

Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with <https://www.ebkray.in>.

Date : 03.12.2024
Place : Patna

Authorised Officer
Indian Bank

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution, DRM's Office, State Entry Road, New Delhi for & on behalf of President of India, invites open e-tender for the under noted work:

1. Name of Work with its location	Design, supply, erection, testing & commissioning of 25 KV AC OHE modification work required in connection with augmentation of homing capacity of ELS/GZB from 225 to 275 Locomotives in the section of SSE/NW/E/GZB under ADEN/GZB.
2. Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 15,85,849.39/-
3. Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 31,700/-
4. E-Tender Bid Online Submission Period	24.12.2024 (00.00 Hrs.) to 07.01.2025 (15.00 Hrs.)
5. E-Tender Bid Submission End Date & E-Tender Open Date & Time	07.01.2025 (15.00 hrs.)
6. Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	www.ireps.gov.in

E-Tender No.: 39-TRD-NDLS-2024-25 Dated: 11.12.2024

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उ० प्र० पावर ट्रान्समिशन कारपोरेशन लि० अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना सं० 12-ईसीटीसी /मुरादाबाद / 2024-25

ई-टेंडर, चार माह की वैधता हेतु, दो भागों में, भाग-1 व भाग-2 अधोलिखित विवरण के अनुसार आमंत्रित किया जाता है। विशिष्टिकरण संख्या 01 पर अंकित निविदाओं के प्राप्त होने/खोले जाने की दिनांक व समय 01.01.2025, 14.00 बजे एवं 02.01.2025 14.00 बजे है। विशिष्टिकरण संख्या 01 कार्य का नाम 220 / 132 के०वी० उपकेंद्र, गजरोला, अमरोहा पर (2x160) एम०वी० से (3x160) एम०वी० की क्षमतावृद्धि से सम्बन्धित जानपदीय कार्य। निविदा प्रपत्र ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट वैबसाइट <http://etender.up.nic.in> से ही स्वीकार किये जायेंगे। उक्त निविदा से सम्बन्धित विवरण यथा तकनीकी विशिष्टीकरण, कार्यावधि, धरोहर राशि, निविदा प्रपत्र की लागत इत्यादि एवं किसी प्रकार के संशोधन, परिवर्तन, शुद्धि पत्र हेतु <http://etender-up.nic.in> अथवा upptel.in पर लॉगिन करके साइट पर देखा जा सकता है एवं प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। "राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचाये" अधिष्ठा अभियन्ता विद्युत जानपद परेषण मण्डल उ०प्र० ग्रान्टा०कालि०, मुरादाबाद पत्रांक-293 दि०-12 / 12 / 2024

Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology, Shibpur
भारतीय अभियंताओं के विद्यालय एवं प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, शिवपुर
काशी हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय के अधीन, भारत सरकार द्वारा स्थापित
(An Institution of National Importance under MOE, Govt. of India)

11th Annual Convocation, 2024

Advt. No. RO/DE/24/12 Date: 12.12.2024

The Eleventh Annual Convocation of IEST, Shibpur shall be held on Friday, the 20th December 2024 from 10.00 a.m. at the Institute premises. Shri P. M. Prasad, Chairman cum Managing Director, Coal India Limited (CIL) shall deliver the Convocation Address as the Chief Guest. Smt. Tejaswini Ananth Kumar, Dr.hc, Chairperson, Board of Governors, IEST, Shibpur, shall preside over the function. Prof. V.M.S.R. Murthy, Director, IEST, Shibpur shall deliver the Welcome Address.

Registrar

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Office of DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, GURUGRAM
Office: Mini Secretariat, Gurugram-Phone-0124-2321144
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PROGRAMME FOR PREPARATION OF DRAFT ELECTORAL ROLLS OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATION GURUGRAM/MANESAR

State Election Commission Haryana has prescribed the following programme for the preparation of ward wise and booth wise photo based electoral rolls in respect of all wards of he Municipal Corporation Gurugram/Manesar intensively on the basis of Electoral rolls of Assembly Elections finally published on 05.10.2024 (with supplements) and with reference to 01.01.2024 as the Qualifying date.

I. Distribution of electors of the respective area of the Legislative Assembly to constituency finally published by the Election Commission of India on 22.01.2024 and all supplements upto 05.10.2024 and upto the date of this notification, into the wards of the above said Corporation in the format attached at annexure-"A" as draft electoral rolls (Rule-4)	10.12.2024 16.12.2024
II. Publication of ward-wise draft electoral roll of Municipal Corporation for inviting claims and objections (Rule-4(3))	17.12.2024
III. Last date by which claims and objections shall be presented to the Revising Authority, [Rule-4(4)(1)]	23.12.2024
IV. Last date by which the claims and objections shall be disposed of by the Revising Authority (Rule-4 (4) (ii) to (vii))	27.12.2024
V. Last date for filing appeals with the Deputy Commissioner against the orders of Revising Authority (Rule-4 (4) (viii))	31.12.2024
VI. Last date for disposal of appeals by the Deputy Commissioner (Rule 4(4) (viii))	03.01.2025
VII. - Finally publication of electoral roll (Rule-4(4)(ix))	06.01.2025

Sd/-
Deputy Commissioner
Gurugram

GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION PARKS & PLAYFIELD DEPARTMENT

P.D.C.No.P2 / 1579 / 2024

Two Cover System - short e - TENDER NOTICE

Short e-Tender are invited by the Superintending Engineer / Parks & Playfield Department for the following works as per details furnished below:

1. For Upkeeping and maintenance of 122 Parks in Chennai North Region under GCC for a period of 3 years (Package 1)
2. For Upkeeping and maintenance of 215 Parks in Chennai Central Region under GCC for a period of 3 years (Package 2)
3. For Upkeeping and maintenance of 258 Parks in Chennai South Region under GCC for a period of 3 years (Package 3)

Work Value Rs. 898.66 Lakhs to Rs. 1852.35 Lakhs, EMD 1% of Tender Value
Pre Bid Meeting on 23.12.2024 at 4.00PM, Venue: SE/Parks & Playfield Office
Due Date and Time for Submission of tender : 02.01.2025 upto 3.30 pm
Tender opening date and time : 03.01.2025 @ 3.30 pm.
For more information see www.tntenders.gov.in
DIPR / 5473 / Tender / 2024

Superintending Engineer (P&PF)

ICAR-INDIAN VETERINARY RESEARCH INSTITUTE
IZATNAGAR-243122 (UP)

WALK IN INTERVIEW

Walk-in Interview has been scheduled at Committee Room of Division of Biological Standardization of ICAR- Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bareilly on **23.12.2024 at 10.00 AM** onwards for engagement 01 post of Project Associate-I under ANRF-DST-SERB funded project on "Development and evaluation of oral bait vaccine for classical swine fever in pigs". The engagement is purely on temporary/contractual basis. For details, please visit institute website: www.ivri.nic.in.

WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
IRRIGATION DIVISION JHAJHA
(ee.wrd.jhajha@gmail.com)

SHORT QUOTATION INVITATION No- 01/2024-25

This Quotation is being invited for installation of Dam Instrument at Nagi & Nakti Dam under Irrigation Division Jhajha. This Quotation is being invited from reputed firms/institutions. The submission of rates under this quotation would not lead to guarantee for the award of work. It advice to be submitted quotation after proper site inspection. Quotation will be accepted only by registered post or on official Email-Id-ee.wrd.jhajha@gmail.com till date **20.12.2024**. The rate quoted should be inclusive of GST, Labour Cess, Transport charges, Installation Charges, Commissioning & Maintenance till two year and all other cost and taxes.

For further details please visit : www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar
Executive Engineer
Irrigation Division, Jhajha.

PR- 014586 (WRD) 2024-25

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDICAL EDUCATION
(Govt. of Madhya Pradesh)

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No. 885/2/YoYV/PPP/DME/2024 Bhopal, Dated 09 Dec, 24

Notice

Subject: Request for Proposal for Setting up to Medical College and Upgradation of District Hospital in Madhya Pradesh.

Reference tender numbers as below:

- 1- Katni-Tender ID 2024_DHS_357952_1
- 2- Morena-Tender ID 2024_DHS_357952_9
- 3- Panna-Tender ID 2024_DHS_357952_10
- 4- Bhind-Tender ID 2024_DHS_357952_4
- 5- Ashoknagar-Tender ID 2024_DHS_363384_1
- 6- Guna Tender ID 2024_DHS_363392_1
- 7- Dhar-Tender ID 2024_DHS_357952_5
- 8- Sidhi-Tender ID 2024_DHS_357952_1
- 9- Betul Tender ID 2024_DHS_357952_3
- 10- Khargone - Tender ID 2024_DHS_357952_8
- 11-Tikamgarh-Tender ID 2024_DHS_357952_6
- 12- Balaghat-Tender ID 2024_DHS_357952_2

Last Date of bid submission is extended till 8th Jan 2025, 5:30 PM

Sd/-
(Dr. Himanshu Jayswar)
Dy. Director (Projects)
Department of Public Health and Medical Education
Govt. of Madhya Pradesh

NO. G-20132-24

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER NOTICE
(Through e-Tender)

On the behalf of President of India e-Tenders are invited by the Dy. CMM/ GSD/NWR, Jodhpur. E-Tender Notice No.: 35245386, Date: 29.11.2024.

Name of item: Supply of Condenser and Evaporator Coil Assembly in Set and each Set must consist of 2 nos of Condenser Coil (LHS and RHS) and 2 nos of Evaporator Coil (LHS and RHS) Suitable for LHB Variant RMPU as per RDSO spec no. RDSO/AC/0061-2005 (Rev-1) or Latest. **Approximate Cost of Items :** ₹ 54,06,114/- (₹ Fifty Four Six Thousand One Hundred Fourteen only). **Earnest Money to be deposited :** ₹ 1,08,120/- (₹ One Lakh Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty only). **Last date and time for Submission of e-tender and Opening of e-tender :** Before 23.12.2024, 11:25. **Web site from e-tender forms can be obtained :** www.ireps.gov.in **Address of the NIT issuing office:** Office of Dy. Chief Material Manager /GSD NWR, Jodhpur 342001 (Rajasthan). **Note:** 1. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be summarily rejected. 2. Cost of tender document & EMD online through e-transfers i.e. through payment gateway facility on the IREPS website. **1431-AR/24**

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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

Open E-Tender Notice
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE NO. SEE24-25/129-147

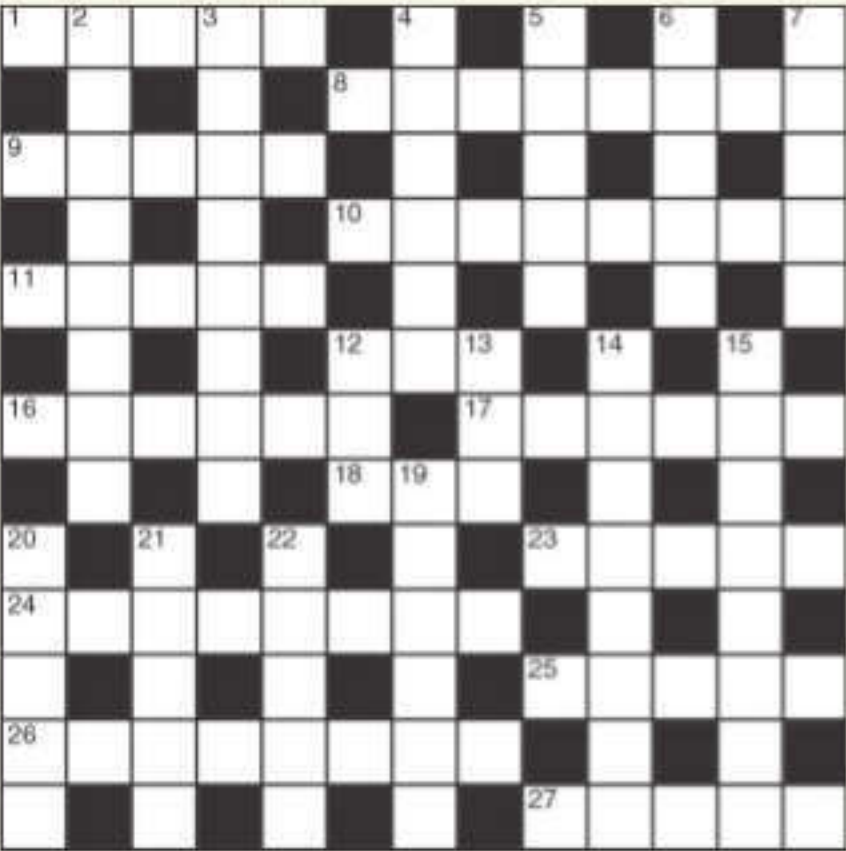
The DRM (Engg.)/SEE for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open E-Tenders for the following works. The last date of online E-tendering is **03.01.2025 upto 13.00 hrs.** All information and tender documents related to E-tender is available on website - www.ireps.gov.in

1. **Name of works :** 129. Supply of welding portion and welding of rail joints by alumino thermit SKV process including supervision, tools and plants and consumables etc. under the jurisdiction of ADEN/LSEE, E. C. Railway, Sonpur. **Approx. Cost (In Rs.) :** 58,99,207.21. **Earnest Money (In Rs.) :** 1,18,000.00.
2. **Name of works :** 130. Repairing of colony road at HJP. DGA. BAGI & GJH under SSE/W/HJP. **Approx. Cost (In Rs.) :** 78,54,637.14. **Earnest Money (In Rs.) :** 1,57,100.00.
3. **Name of works :** 131. Civil engg. Works in connection with interlocking with upgradation of 01 no. Level Crossing gates and reliability improvement with provision of EOLB and sliding boom 67 spl. between KRBP- DUBH at km. 49/14-15. **Approx. Cost (In Rs.) :** 11,88,421.06. **Earnest Money (In Rs.) :** 23,800.00.
4. **Name of works :** 132. Bachhwara - Samastipur - Muzaffarpur - Hajipur (UP/DN) - Cess Repair work - 57.750 Tkm. **Approx. Cost (In Rs.) :** 13,41,76,304.97. **Earnest Money (In Rs.) :** 8,20,900.00.
5. **Name of works :** 133. Provision of piped water supply with individual OH tanks at different colonies of Sonpur Division. **Approx. Cost (In Rs.) :** 01,40,67,622.96. **Earnest Money (In Rs.) :** 2,20,300.00.
6. **Name of works :** 134. At Sonpur :- Repairing of floor, wall, Ceiling, Kitchen, Toilet, Sanitary, jungle cleaning & Water Supply arrangement of staff quarters in Barabta Colony. **Approx. Cost (In Rs.) :** 1,47,98,888.42. **Earnest Money (In Rs.) :** 2,24,000.00.
7. **Name of works :** 135. At Hajipur :- Repairing of staff quarters with water supply, drain and colony road under jurisdiction of SSE/Works/HQ/HJP (Ramashish Chowk Colony). **Approx. Cost (In Rs.) :** 99,91,815.47. **Earnest Money (In Rs.) :** 1,99,800.00.
8. **Name of works :** 136. At Sonpur :- Repairing of floor, wall, Ceiling, Kitchen, Toilet, Sanitary & Water Supply arrangement of staff quarters in Gola Road Colony. **Approx. Cost (In Rs.) :** 70,74,952.55. **Earnest Money (In Rs.) :** 1,41,500.00.
9. **Name of works :** 137. Construction of Duty room at 2 stations SMO & NNA in connection with replacement of insulation of EPM, jumbering/bonding by Pinbrazing, fibre TLJB, clamp type device etc. **Approx. Cost (In Rs.) :** 72,16,747.04. **Earnest Money (In Rs.) :** 1,44,300.00.
10. **Name of works :** 138. Proposed for repair of approach road of LC's under SSE/W/HJP. **Approx. Cost (In Rs.) :** 70,24,137.98. **Earnest Money (In Rs.) :** 1,40,500.00.
11. **Name of works :** 139. Repairs to valley gutter of PP shelter, seating arrangement, platform surface, watering system and toilet at various stations under SSE/W/SPP. **Approx. Cost (In Rs.) :** 1,70,26,073.37. **Earnest Money (In Rs.) :** 1,40,500.00.
12. **Name of works :** 140. Repairs to officers rest House and supervisor rest house under jurisdiction of ADEN/Line/ SEE. **Approx. Cost (In Rs.) :** 54,86,786.45. **Earnest Money (In Rs.) :** 1,09,700.00.
13. **Name of works :** 141. Repair of corroded pipe line and water supply installation of staff quarters at Dighwara under SSE/W/HJP. **Approx. Cost (In Rs.) :** 59,92,796.03. **Earnest Money (In Rs.) :** 1,19,900.00.
14. **Name of works :** 142. Provision of 10 unit type -II Qtrs in lieu of abandoned Qtrs at GHZ. **Approx. Cost (In Rs.) :** 2,95,51,422.21. **Earnest Money (In Rs.) :** 2,97,800.00.
15. **Name of works :** 143. White washing and special repairs of service building of stations under SSE/W/SPP. **Approx. Cost (In Rs.) :** 69,95,052.49. **Earnest Money (In Rs.) :** 1,39,900.00.
16. **Name of works :** 144. Repairs to staff quarters in railway colonies under jurisdiction of SSE/W/HJP. **Approx. Cost (In Rs.) :** 98,86,168.91. **Earnest Money (In Rs.) :** 1,97,700.00.
17. **Name of works :** 145. Repairs to valley gutter of PP shelter, seating arrangement, Platform Surface, watering system and toilet at various stations under SSE/W/HJP. **Approx. Cost (In Rs.) :** 2,61,47,136.48. **Earnest Money (In Rs.) :** 2,80,700.00.
19. **Name of works :** 147. Civil engg. Works in connection with Power supply for EI VDU panels as per RDSO TAN. provision of smart cabinet for S&T assets, diagnostic tool for data logger & DLMC at BJU. **Approx. Cost (In Rs.) :** 98,38,929.64. **Earnest Money (In Rs.) :** 1,96,800.00. The above tender notice is available on website www.ireps.gov.in.

RIGHT OF RAILWAY TO DEAL WITH TENDER: Railway Administration reserves the right to postpone/modify or to cancel any one or all the tenders without assigning any reasons.

Divisional Railway Manager/Engg./Sonpur
PR/1681/SEE/Engg./T/24-25/160

CROSSWORD 5546



ACROSS

- 1 Fights probably rigged (5)
8 Suggested golf teacher sat for his picture (8)
9 A series of records maybe (5)
10 Prank ceased being funny when father came in (8)
11 A medical man goes on about turning yellow (5)
12 Addition to the family calls for a drink (3)
16 Crush the spirit (6)
17 Is of use when lava is erupting (6)
18 Oval dish (3)
23 Meetings of hands indicate endorsement (5)
24 The rest of the players (4-4)
25 To save is difficult with nothing coming in (5)
26 The place for a job (8)
27 Checks returning symptoms of measles (5)

DOWN

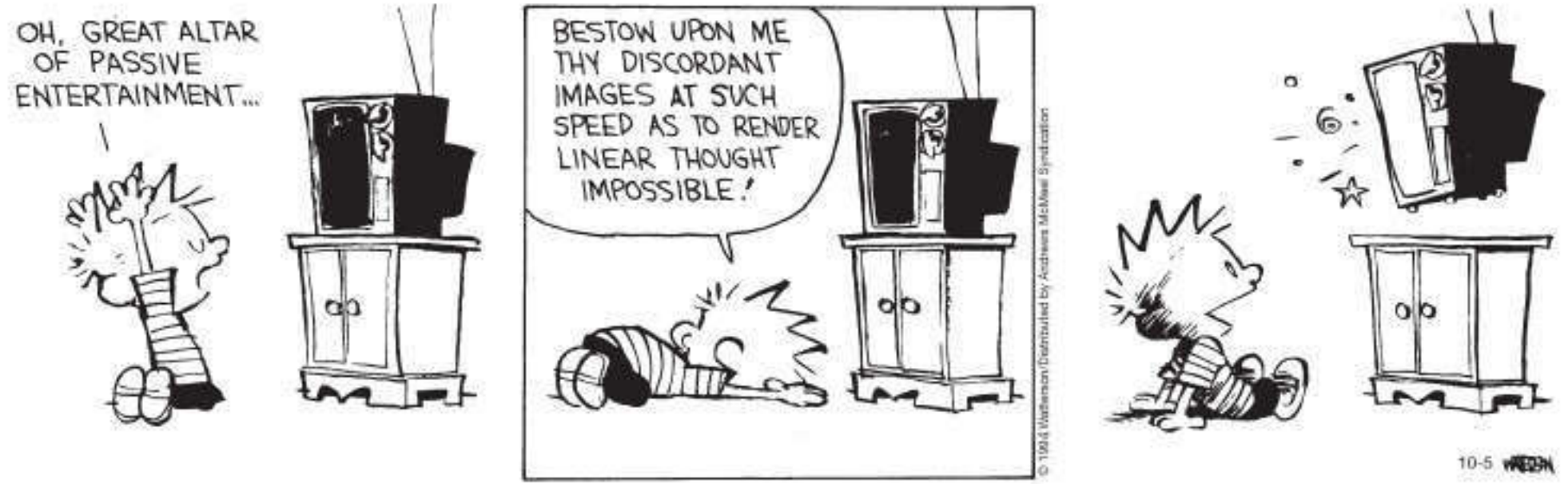
- 3 Ill-mannered lip comes out in arguments (8)
3 Allowed to get in the way in the game (8)
4 Quickly dispose of the remainder in the river (6)
5 Fish and meat eater (5)
6 Experimental writing (5)
7 Summed up (5)
12 An article in leather (3)
13 Played by children at a loose end? (3)
14 Postal packet that goes overseas (4,4)
15 Approve of gin? Rubbish! (8)
19 Sort of play that sounds rather a risk (6)
20 Form heaps perhaps (5)
21 The ornament is in the hold (5)
22 Situation report (5)

Solutions Crossword 5545 Across: 1 Commercial, 6 Used, 10 Sushi, 11 Reinforce, 12 Emission, 13 Epics, 15 Indiana, 17 Notable, 19 Blasted, 21 Toddlers, 22 Right, 24 Granules, 27 Antidotes, 28 Adieu, 29 Dash, 30 All the same Down: 1 Cash, 2 Mass media, 3 Edits, 4 Corsica, 5 Avignon, 7 Serve, 8 Dress sense, 9 Affected, 14 Timberyard, 16 Attitude, 18 Ballerina, 20 Digital, 21 Transit, 23 Gates, 25 Usage, 26 Rule

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLD WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.
Very little is needed to make a happy life; it is all within yourself, in your __ of ___. - Marcus Aurelius (3,8)

BTAIL



AENNT



GDINHY



OOTWKW



Solution: WORDS: TIBIA, ANENT, DINGHY, KOWTOW
Answer: Very little is needed to make a happy life; it is all within yourself, in your __ of ___. - Marcus Aurelius (3,8)

Difficulty Level 4s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

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

SUDOKU 5803

	4					8	1	
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	1	4					2	

SOLUTION SUDOKU 5802

6	5	9	1	3	2	4	8	7
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Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi
Transport Department: Scrapping Cell
5/9, Under Hill Road: Delhi -110054
PUBLIC NOTICE

ATTENTION:- GUIDELINES for HANDLING END OF LIFE VEHICLES IN PUBLIC PLACES OF DELHI, 2024.

- The General Public is hereby informed that the Government of Delhi has deregistered 5.5 million over-aged vehicles (diesel vehicle more than 10 years old and petrol vehicle more than 15 years old). The list of such vehicles can be accessed by visiting the Transport Department, website at <https://transport.delhi.gov.in>.
- There is a complete prohibition on parking over-aged vehicles, including areas just outside residences, which are considered public place.
- The owners of all such vehicles have the following options:
 - Keep such vehicle in a private parking space owned by the individual, not in a shared parking space, even if it's part of a residential complex. A parking space allotted to the owner within a residential complex is considered private.

- Obtain a No Objection Certificate (NOC) to move the vehicle out of the NCT of Delhi within one year of the vehicle's expiry date. No NOC for the vehicle will be issued after one year of expiry over-aged vehicle.
- Another option for owners of over-aged vehicle is to scrap the vehicles through the Voluntary Vehicle Scrapping Application at <https://vscrap.parivahan.gov.in/> at any nearby registered vehicle scrapping facility.

In all other cases, the Enforcement Wing of the Transport Department, New Delhi Municipal Council, Municipal Corporation of Delhi and Traffic Police may impound such vehicles found parked in public places, even if an NOC has been issued but the vehicle has not been moved out of Delhi within one month of NOC issuance. Offenders may also be prosecuted according to the "Guidelines for Handling End of Life Vehicles in Public Place of Delhi 2024".

Transport Department
Government of NCT of Delhi

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER CONSTRUCTION DIVISION (E/M), U.P. JAL NIGAM (NAGARIYA), STP CAMPUS, MALHIPUR ROAD, SAHARANPUR
Letter No.: 1398/Nivida/45
Dated: 11.12.2024
E-TENDER NOTICE
U.P. Jal Nigam invites E-bids are invited for "Construction of 02 nos. Rebores Tubewells by D.C./R.C. Rig Machine and its other associated works complete in Saharanpur city under Deposit Work (15" Finance Commission), Distt-Saharanpur at Ward No. - 16 Ashok Vihar and Ward No.- 30 Madanpuri Colony" from eligible, reputed and experienced bidders. Detailed bid document will be available for download from 18.12.2024 at 01:00 P.M. on Uttar Pradesh Government's e-procurement portal <https://etender.up.nic.in> and maybe submitted online upto 26.12.2024 at 03:00 P.M. E-tender Cost is Rs.5000 + 18% GST. Tenders will be opened on 26.12.2024 at 03:30 P.M., in this office.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER CONSTRUCTION DIVISION (E/M), U.P. JAL NIGAM (NAGARIYA), STP CAMPUS, MALHIPUR ROAD, SAHARANPUR
Letter No.: 1402/Nivida/50
Dated: 11.12.2024
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WESTERN RAILWAY - AHMEDABAD DIVISION
CORRIGENDUM
Name of work : CPM-GS-ADI-ROB35-24-25-05 Construction of Two Lane Road Over Bridge with 1x 54 m and 1x 88 m Composite steel Girder (N-Type OWG) including Approaches with viaduct and RE walls in lieu of LC No. 35 at Rly km 541/6-7 between Saunand and Chharodi on Virochannagar approach Road of AHMEDABD - VIRAMGAM section of Ahmedabad Division under Gati Shakti Unit, Western Railway. Details Published on date as under: E-Tender Notices No: CPM/GS/ADI/ROB-1324- 25/01 (Published in all News papers dated: 03.12.2024)Details to be read as under: E-Tender Notices No: CPM-GS-ADI-ROB35- 24-25-05 Except this all the terms and conditions of the tender remains unchanged. 261
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शुद्धि-पत्र
एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि इस कार्यालय के अति-अल्पकालीन ई0 निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सो0-RDD/SD/JAMTRA/11/2024-25, PR-336113 Rural Department (24-25)#D , युप नं0-06 (जामताड़ा जिला के प्रखण्ड नाला अन्तर्गत सिंदुरकुनिया और साकजोड़ीया के बीच छोटा नदी पर पुल निर्माण कार्य) को अपरिहार्य कारणवश उक्त निविदा को तत्काल प्रभाव से रद्द किया जाता है। ह0 /-
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PR 341816 Rural Development(24-25)#D

State Nodal Agency of Raising & Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP)
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Website : <https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app>
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E-Tender NIT No. 03-A/2024-25
State Nodal Agency of Raising & Accelerating MSME performance (RAMP) i.e., Madhya Pradesh Laghu Udyog Nigam Limited, invites tenders from interested bidders for the e-procurement processon the contractual basisfor various products and services under RAMP (A scheme of MoMSME, GoI). Interested bidders can access detailed information about the tenders on the portal <https://mptenders.gov.in>. Bidders can also obtain informationby scanning the QR code mentioned below. Registration on the aforementioned portal is mandatory for participation in the tender. All bidders are requested to follow the prescribed process and ensure their participation within the stipulated timeline.

कार्यालय परियोजना प्रबन्धक, युनिट-53, कन्स्ट्रक्शन एण्ड डिजाइन सर्विसेज
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(30 प्रो सरकार का उपक्रम)
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NIT No.: 1043/NIVIDA/222
Date: 12.12.2024
अति अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना (2" Call)
उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम (नगरीय) की ओर से अयोधस्ताखरी द्वारा राजकीय होम्योपैथी चिकित्सालय ओयल जनपद लखीमपुर खीरी अनुमानित लागत रु. 21.09 लाख (जी.एस.टी. रहित एवं लेबर सेस सहित) के निर्माण कार्य हेतु सी.एण्ड डी.एस. में यथोचित श्रेणी में भवन कार्य हेतु पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से दिनांक 19.12.2024 के अपरान्ह 4.30 बजे तक ई-निविदाएं आमन्त्रित की जाती हैं। उक्त कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा प्रपत्र दिनांक 13.12.2024 से 19.12.2024 के मध्य उत्तर प्रदेश की e-procurement वेबसाइट <https://etender.up.nic.in> से डाउनलोड किये जा सकते हैं तथा ई-निविदा दिनांक 19.12.2024 को अपरान्ह 5:00 बजे निदेशक, सी.एण्ड डी.एस. उ.प्र. जल निगम (नगरीय), टी.सी.0-38 वीं विभूति खण्ड, गोमतीनगर, लखनऊ में खोली जायेगी। ई-निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य रु. 2000+GST (18%) अतिरिक्त देय होगा। निविदा से सम्बन्धित विस्तृत विवरण विभाग की वेबसाइट www.cdsupjn.org एवं ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट पोर्टल <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध है। समस्त शुद्धि पत्र (Corrigendum) <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर ही अपलोड किये जायेंगे, इनका पृथक से कोई प्रकाशन नहीं किया जायेगा। निविदादाताओं को सलाह दी जाती है कि वे उक्त वेबसाइट का समय-समय पर अवलोकन करते रहें।

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NIT No.: 1046/NIVIDA/225
Date: 12.12.2024
अति अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना (2" Call)
उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम (नगरीय) की ओर से अयोधस्ताखरी द्वारा राजकीय होम्योपैथी चिकित्सालय नशोटा पलिया जनपद लखीमपुर खीरी अनुमानित लागत रु. 21.09 लाख (जी.एस.टी. रहित एवं लेबर सेस सहित) के निर्माण कार्य हेतु सी.एण्ड डी.एस. में यथोचित श्रेणी में भवन कार्य हेतु पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से दिनांक 19.12.2024 के अपरान्ह 4.30 बजे तक ई-निविदाएं आमन्त्रित की जाती हैं। उक्त कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा प्रपत्र दिनांक 13.12.2024 से 19.12.2024 के मध्य उत्तर प्रदेश की e-procurement वेबसाइट <https://etender.up.nic.in> से डाउनलोड किये जा सकते हैं तथा ई-निविदा दिनांक 19.12.2024 को अपरान्ह 5:00 बजे निदेशक, सी.एण्ड डी.एस. उ.प्र. जल निगम (नगरीय), टी.सी.-38 वीं विभूति खण्ड, गोमतीनगर, लखनऊ में खोली जायेगी। ई-निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य रु. 2000+GST (18%) अतिरिक्त देय होगा। निविदा से सम्बन्धित विस्तृत विवरण विभाग की वेबसाइट www.cdsupjn.org एवं ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट पोर्टल <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध है। समस्त शुद्धि पत्र (Corrigendum) <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर ही अपलोड किये जायेंगे, इनका पृथक से कोई प्रकाशन नहीं किया जायेगा। निविदादाताओं को सलाह दी जाती है कि वे उक्त वेबसाइट का समय-समय पर अवलोकन करते रहें।

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