

WEATHER

Mainly clear sky. Maximum and Minimum Temperature most likely to be around 22°C and 13°C respectively.

RAINFALL: 0.0 mm **RELATIVE HUMIDITY**

Max. 92%	Min. 55%
TEMPERATURE Max: 22.3 °C (-2.4)	Min: 13.6°C (-0.3)

SUN RISES	SUN SETS
06:19 hrs	17:09 hrs
MOON RISES	MOON SETS
12:48 hrs	01:32 hrs

Full Moon on 14 January

THUMBNAILS



'Gangasagartougherto reachthan Mahakumbh'

CM Mamata Banerjee inaugurated the Gangasagar Mela at Babughat

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, 9 JANUARY

hief Minister Mamata Banerjee said reaching the Gangasagar Mela is tougher than getting to the Mahakumbh in Prayagraj as one has to cross a river to reach the venue. She inaugurated the

Gangasagar Mela at Babughat in the city this evening.

three years, reaching the Miss Banerjee reiterated Gangasagar Mela ground that the Centre should will not be a problem at declare the Gangasagar all," she said.

place to stay for the pilgrims. The place was untidy. Now things have improved. The pilgrims can stay at the venue, and the whole area has been brightly illuminated. There are bio-toilets and drinking water facilities for the pilgrims." She said there are 3,000

volunteers, and in every bus carrying outstation pilgrims there will be a guide called Sagarbandhu who will guide the pilgrims who do not understand Bengali. She said arrangements for air ambulance and water

India committed to principle of 'humanity first', PM tells diaspora

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

BHUBANESWAR, 9 JANUARY

Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasised India's philosophy of peace and universal brotherhood, stating that "the future lies not in war but in Buddha" as he inaugurated the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas convention in Bhubaneswar on Thursday.

"It was in Odisha that **Emperor Ashoka renounced** war and embraced the path of peace, while the rest of the world expanded empires through the power of the sword. The Peace Pagoda at Dhauli symbolises this



part of Indian life," the Prime Minister observed. He highlighted how Indians naturally embrace diversity and integrate seamlessly into the societies they join.

for the country, Mr. Modi stated that India will remain the world's youngest and most skilled population for decades, meeting global

Mr Modi assured the

"India is now manufacturing fighter jets and transport

aircraft domestically," he

said, envisioning a future

where people will travel to

India in "Made-in-India"



aircraft for the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas. "Today's India firmly asserts its perspective and amplifies the voice of the Global South," the Prime



committed to the principle of "Humanity First." diaspora that the issues

Visitors arrive during an exhibition at the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas celebrations, in Bhubaneswar on Thursday. ANI

Market extends previous session's losses; Nifty slips below 23,550: Stock market extended the previous session's losses with Nifty finishing below 23,550 amid selling across the sectors bearing FMCG. Indices opened flat but soon bears took charge and dragged the Nifty near 23,500. At close, the Sensex was down 528.28 points or 0.68 pc at 77,620.21, and the Nifty was down 162.45 points or 0.69 pc at 23,526.50. (Page 10)

KTR grilled by ACB: The Telangana Anti-Cor ruption Bureau on Thursday interrogated the BRS working president KT Rama Rao for seven hours in connection with the Formula E race case. After leaving the ACB office the BRS cadre gave their leader a rousing welcome at the party headquarters, carrying him on their shoulders. The former municipal administration and urban development (MAUD) minister has milked the opportunity thrown up by his legal hassles under the Congress government to charge up his own party cadres. Meanwhile, special chief secretary Arvind Kumar also appeared before the **Enforcement Directorate.** (Page 4)

mela a national fair. She further announced that state government has prothe state government is vided Rs 5 lakh insurance cover for the pilgrims visiting constructing a 5 km long, four-lane bridge on the Gangasagar, along with river at an estimated cost the officials of the state administration, police, fire of Rs 1,500 crore. Once the brigade personnel, and bridge is completed, reaching Gangasagar will no journalists covering the event. "We have left no longer be a problem.

"It is unfortunate that stone unturned to ensure the Centre, despite our safety and security for the requests, did not take any people visiting the Gansteps to provide money. gasagar Mela. I have visited the place and held a meeting But we are going ahead with the senior officials, with the project, and after

Miss Banerjee said the had visited the mela in 2024," she said.

including the Chief Secretary

and Home Secretary, and

oversaw the arrangements.

More than one crore people

Miss Banerjee said around 4,000 buses will be deployed, which includes 2,300 state-run buses, 250 private buses, and those coming from other states, to ferry pilgrims to and from Gangasagar. The state government has withdrawn pilgrim tax.

Miss Banerjee said: "Before 2011, visiting the mela was not a pleasant experience. There was no

ambulance have been made to bring pilgrims to the hospitals. Elaborate police arrangements have been made to maintain peace and security.

She asked the police not to allow overcrowded vessels to ply. The vessels will run for 20 hours, and powerful foglights have been attached to every launch and vessel. She urged the pilgrims not to be in a rush, and follow the instructions of the administration.

transformation," the Prime Minister remarked.

He said that this legacy inspires India to convey to the world that the path forward is one of peace and compassion. "India is now recognised globally as a Vishwa Bandhu (friend of the world)," he said, urging the Indian diaspora to strengthen this global connection through their efforts.

"India is not just the mother of democracy; democracy is an intrinsic

skill demands. He also pointed to India's incredible pace of development, asserting that the country is on track to become the world's third-

largest economy. He emphasised India's recent achievements, including the success of the Chandrayaan mission, the global recognition of Digital India's strength, and advances in renewable energy, aviation, electric mobility, and infrastructure projects such as metros and bullet trains.

they face are being addressed, including easier access to consulates and embassies. He proposed that the diaspora organise award functions in their respective

countries to recognise prominent local residents in various fields and participate in tree-planting drives under the initiative "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' (One Tree in Mother's Name).

AmidAAP-Congress row ahead of Delhi polls, Omar says wind up INDIA grouping

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, 9 JANUARY

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday lashed out at the bitter campaign between the AAP and Congress ahead of the Delhi Assembly polls and said the INDIA bloc should be wound up as unity is lacking among the Opposition.

made the statement, however, his father and National Conference chief Farooq Abdullah said those who think the alliance was just for parliamentary polls should come out of this misconception. Omar and Farooq Abdullah were speaking to reporters on the sidelines of different functions in the Jammu region.

Soon after Mr Abdullah Mr Abdullah, whose

National Conference is part of the INDIA bloc, said in response to questions from mediapersons that both AAP and Congress are part of the bloc but they are contesting the elections in Delhi and also resorting to acrimonious poll campaigns against each other. "They should wind up the alliance in case it was just for the Lok Sabha elections," Mr Abdullah said.

AGENCIES KOLKATA, 9 JANUARY A special court in Kolkata will pronounce on 18 January the verdict in the case relating

to the rape and murder of a junior woman doctor of R G Kar Medical College & Hospital in Kolkata in August last year. The verdict will come 68 days after the trial in the case started on 11 November last year.

Hearings in the trial concluded on Thursday, following which the additional district and sessions judge of Sealdah court said that the judgment will be delivered on 18 January.

RG Kar incident: Verdict to be pronounced on 18 January

The brutalised body of the doctor was found from the seminar hall within R.G Kar premises on the morning of 9 August last year.

The initial investigation into the matter was carried out by a special investigation team of Kolkata Police, who arrested civic volunteer Sanjay Roy as the prime accused in

the case. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), which later took over the investigation, too in its charge sheet identified Roy as the "sole prime accused" in the crime.

The CBI also arrested the former principal of RG Kar, Sandip Ghosh and the former SHO of Tala Police Station, Abhijit Mondal, on charges of tampering with evidence. However, both were granted default bail by the special court recently because the CBI failed to file a supplementary charge sheet against them within 90 days from the date of their arrests. Dr Ghosh is still behind bars because of a parallel probe against him by CBI in the case of financial irregularities atRGKar, while Mr Mondal

is currently out on bail. The parents of the victim, meanwhile, approached Calcutta High Court and then the Supreme Court with a plea for a fresh probe to unravel the "bigger" conspiracy behind the crime.



INTERNATIONAL ARCHITECTURE &

RTI portal functioning smoothly, says DoPT amid concerns over OTP feature



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, 9 JANUARY

The Department of Personnel

high traffic on either NIC server or external email services like Gmail or Yahoo. Importantly, the OTPs do





and Training (DoPT) has examined the concerns raised about the functioning of the Right to Information (RTI) portal and clarified that the system is operational and effective after the introduction of a new One-Time Password (OTP) feature.

"A comprehensive review by the DoPT has confirmed that the portal's newly implemented features, including an enhanced security protocol, are operational and user-friendly," an official press note said on Thursday.

Responding to issues reported by some users, the DoPT clarified that the OTP feature, introduced on 2 January, was implemented to authenticate users and protect sensitive personal information included in RTI applications. By ensuring only authorised access, the measure strengthens cybersecurity and aligns with best practices. Concerns were raised about delays in receiving OTPs. The DoPT explained that while OTPs are promptly dispatched from the NIC email domain, delays may occasionally occur due to

not expire until they are used, meaning users can access the status of their applications as soon as the OTP arrives, the note said. As of 9 January morning, 9,782 users have successfully accessed RTI statuses using the new system, underscoring

its reliability, it said. While some users also criticised the additional step as complicating the process, the DoPT reiterated that the measure is vital for protecting user privacy and that the system has been tested thoroughly to ensure smooth functioning. Regarding complaints of inaccessible helpline services, the department confirmed that users can reach out to the RTI Help

Desk. The DoPT reiterated that it remains committed to transparency, accessibility, and user satisfaction, with ongoing monitoring of the RTI portal to maintain its efficiency. The recent updates are part of the government's broader initiative to enhance digital services while safeguarding the rights of citizens under the RTI Act, the DoPT note said.





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THUMBNAILS

School looted: Miscreants looted cash and electronic surveillance equipment from a government high school in East Burdwan on Wednesday night. The miscreants broke into the Pursa High School in Galsi took away Rs 20,000 in cash as well as CCTV cameras and the hard disk of the electronic surveillance system. Sheikh Azharuddin, headmaster of the school said: "Our staffs saw that the office room's locks were broken. They looted the money collected from school fees."

CM to sit with doctors on 24 February

A section of doctors attached to different government healthcare facilities felt that the meeting was significant

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, 9 JANUARY

minister hief Mamata Banerjee will sit face-to-face with doctors to hear their grievances at Dhano Dhanyo auditorium on 24 February. All registered doctors and

health workers are allowed to attend the programme

Bengal State Grievance Redressal Cell (WBSGRC). Dr Sourav Dutta, chairman of the WBSGRC, while speaking to reporters on Thursday said that medics and health workers across the city and districts in the state could participate in the meeting.

A section of doctors attached to different gov-

to be organised by West ernment healthcare facilities felt that the meeting was significant.

Miss Banerjee had several times met with protesting junior doctors attached with government medical colleges and hospitals at her Kalighat residence and state secretariat, Nabanna to hear the medics' grievances in connection with alleged inadequate infrastructure, including human resource strength, threat culture unleashed allegedly by a section of their colleagues and large

scale corruption in state healthcare facilities.

"The proposed meeting titled 'chikitsar opar naam *seba*' is significant because there has been a sharp division in the medical fraternity since the R G Kar incident," a senior medical

teacher of a premier government medical college said.

On the other hand, some political analysts in the city felt that the impressive attendance of around a lakh people at the Sebaashray medical camps, an initiative of Abhishek Banerjee, TMC national general secretary and MP, exposes inadequacies.



Medical board confirms silicosis in Asansol village

ASANSOL, 9 JANUARY

The Special Silicosis Diagnostic Board formed at the Asansol District and Super Speciality Hospital has found four out of every five patients of Barabhui village under Salanpur Block of West Burdwan district suffering from silicosis after check-up and screening.

These people will be provided identity cards as patients of silicosis. Their families will get a state government compensation of an amount of Rs 1 lakh, plus a monthly

Civil society demands safety for women



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, 9 JANUARY

West Bengal. Repeated occurrences at Newtown, Bankura, Nagorik Chetona, a civil society collective representing Jaynagar, Potashpur, Alipurdiverse backgrounds released duar, and many other places an open letter to chief minstand as shocking examples 7-year-old swallows coin, gets relief at Sebaashray camp



Trap cameras deployed as tiger pugmarks spotted in J'khand close to state border

KANCHAN SIDDIQUI

DURGAPUR, 9 JANUARY

As people in the Bengal-Jharkhand border areas return to normal life after the capture of Zeenat, another big cat from Palamau Tiger Reserve in Jharkhand is inching closer to Bengal.

A fugitive tiger shuttling between Chandil and Dalma in Jharkhand has caused trepidation in Jharkhand-bordering stretches of Purulia, Bankura and Jhargram in the last five days as its pug marks

ments from time to time, but it's not spotted as yet." Dalma is 21 km away from Chandil.

Dalma in Jamshedpur is the elephant reserve in Jharkhand and 62 Dalma range elephants in Bankura and their 30 counterparts in Purulia have been ravaging farmlands during the harvest season. The intrusion of the feline animal into the elephant corridor has caused panic in Jhargram, Bankura and Purulia districts.

Bengal forest officials too are now following the developments. "We've already placed trap cameras and deployed substantial manpower in the jungle corridor to keep track on the tiger's movement," said S Kulandaivel, chief conservator of forests (central) in Durgapur. The Jharkhand officials haven't sent any alert to their Bengal counterparts about the tiger's movement towards Bengal. The Jamshedpur DFO said: "Currently, it's just heading towards Dalma, I would say."

pension of Rs 4,000 as per the government directives. Besides social security, the children will also be provided support for higher education by the government.

Amarnath Mahato, a private tutor of Salanpur block had lodged a written complaint with the National Human Rights Commission recently after which the district magistrate of West Burdwan was directed to submit a report within eight weeks. sns

ister Mamata Banerjee demanding that the government ensures the safety and dignity of all women and trans-queer persons in Bengal.

Filmmaker Aparna Sen, one of the founders of Nagorik Chetona, said at a press will pursue this till it reaches meet on Thursday: "The horrific incident at RG Kar Medical College has sent shockwaves through the state, bringing to light the

of the unacceptable circumstances that women are being subjected to in this society. Apart from the chief minister, we have also written to other authorities who have a role to play in the safety of women, and we

changes in the way the safety

of women is addressed in

its logical conclusion." Avik Saha, founder of Nagorik Chetona, said: "There must be legal awareness and gender sensitisation in urgent need for systemic schools."

PWD TENDER NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

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STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, 9 JANUARY

A medical emergency was averted when a 7-year-old child, who had swallowed a coin while playing, received timely medical intervention through TMC national general secretary & Diamond Harbour MPAbhishek Banerjee's Sebaashray initiative.

The camp, located in Basuldanga, provided crucial medical support, underscoring the importance of accescare. Another patient, who had

sible healthcare facilities and the commitment to offer come for a check-up, collife-saving assistance. Expressing his relief for

getting assistance Hossain Khan, father of the child, said: "My son swallowed a coin while playing. We brought him to the Basuldanga camp, where the doctors referred him to the Diamond Harbour Super Specialty Hospital. There, we received full support and

lapsed at the camp. Narrating her experience: "I collapsed at the camp. They took care of me immediately and later ensured I was safely sent back home. They also provided me with medicines and administered saline at the camp. I wouldn't have survived if I had been at home," said Shyamoli Mandal.

were seen barely 16 km away from Barabazar and Balarampur in Purulia on Tuesday.

"The fresh pugmarks on Thursday showed it's moving towards the Dalma Range forests from its recent hideouts in Chandil," Saba Alam Ansari, divisional forest officer, Jamshedpur in Jharkhand told The Statesman today. The DFO added: "Earlier, it was near Balidih in Chandil but we are seeing fresh pugmarks reflecting its move-

PWD TENDER NOTICE

T E N D E R

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL P.W.(Roads) DIRECTORATE NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

SE/WHC-II invites online tenders for NIT No. 07 of 2024-25 for the work of "Janai Baksa Krishnarampore Road fron 0.00 kmp to 3.78 km, Strengthening Works under Hooghly Highway Division No. II in the district of Hooghly. (Balance Work) [2nd call]". Tender ID: 2025_WBPWD_796052_1. Bid on End Date: 31.01.2025 at 02.00 PM. Details may be obtained from the website https://wbtenders.gov.in & Office Notice Board. For any clarification regarding upload & download, Bidde may contact PWD e-Tender Help Desk through Phone No. (033) 2223-6236. Corrigendum or Addendum if issued will be published only through Website 5d/-SE/WHC-II P.W.(R) Dte. ICA-T556(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL **PWD TENDER NOTICE** Executive Engineer-I, P.W.Dte., Central

The Assistant Engineer, PWD, Kolkata Kolkata Health Electrical Division, P-12, East Sub-Division-IV invites NIQ on Item C.I.T Road (1st Floor), Kolkata-14 invites Rate basis vide NIQ No. e-tender (online) for the work of (1) "Air WBPWD/AE/KESDIV/NIQ-03/2024conditioning arrangement of the 1st 2025 for 1(one) nos work vide. Last date floor Office space of CMS, Kolkata." vide of receipt of application seeking e-tender no. WBPWD/EE permission is 20.01.2025 upto 2.00 PM. /CKHED/eNIT-93(R)/24-25 Tender ID: Last date for submission of quotations:-2025_WBPWD_795920_1. Bid 24.01.2025 upto 2.00 PM. Date & time submission end date (online) for the job is 22.01.2025 upto 15.00 P.M. Detail limit for opening of quotations information /download/upload will be 24.01.2025 after 3.00 PM. Corrigendum available from the website: if any will be published in website only. http://etender.wb.nic.in Details of NIT or NIQ documents may be http://wbtenders.gov.in downloaded http://pwdwb.in Sd/- A. Haldar. https://wbetenders.gov.in Sd/-Assistant Executive Engineer-I, P.W.Dte. Central Engineer, PWD, Kolkata East Sub-Kolkata Health Electrical Division Division-IV. ICA- T558(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL **PWD TENDER NOTICE**

Quotation is invited by the Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Howrah Electrical Division. Onkarmal Jetia Road, Howrah-711103. NIQ No. WBPWD/EE/HED/NIQ 18 of 2024-2025, Memo.28 Dt.07.01.2025 Tender ID 2025_WBPWD_796266_1. Name o Work : Supply of maintenance spare parts like Membrane, Booster pump, PP spun, Different type of Connector, CTO, GAC Filter etc for RO Water Purifier units installed at Nabanna, Howrah Las Date of bid submission : 21.01.2025. Intending bidder may download the Quotation documents from the website www.pwd.wb.in Sd/-A.Das http://wbtenders.gov.in Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Howrah Electrical Division. Govt. of West Bengal ICA- 1571(2)/2025

Hospital

Mental Hospital, Murshidabad

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Midnapu

Division at Midnapore, district Paschim

Medinipur invites e-Tender No.15 (3) of

2024-25 for 03 (three) nos. work related

to Road & Building works - (1) Urgent

repair and renovation of Motor Vehicles

ICA- T552(3)/2026

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL PWD TENDER NOTICE

EE/KNHED/PW Dte. invite online e tender for the work SITC of A.C Machine including requisite E.I Work at the Indoor cum Emergency Pharmacy a R.G.Kar MC&H." e-NIT No. WBPWD/EE/KNHED/NIQ-42/2nd Call/2024-25. Tender Id : 2025_WBPWD_796250_1. Bid Submission Start Date (online) :14/01/2025, 1.05 PM. Bid Submission Closing Date (online) :20/01/2025 upto 1.00 PM Corrigendum if any will be Published inwebsite only. Details of NIT and Tender Documents may be download from http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/-S. Chakraborty/EE/KNHED/PW Dte ICA- T674(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL **PWD TENDER NOTICE**

WB/PWD/EE/NBD/SS/NIT No. 32 Executive Engineer, PWD, Alipurduar 2024-2025 (2nd Call of Division invites online e-tender for the work of NIET 23 of 2024-25 WB/PWD/EE/NBD/SS/NIT No. 26 of EE/PWD/APDD (2nd Call) New 2024-2025) EE, NBD, SS, P.W. Dte. invites e-Tender for the works of : Repair work Construction of R.O. Plant room for proposed 10 bedded Dialysis Unit (PPP of buildings and repairing and vertical extension of compound boundary wall Mode) over the roof of the Surgery Theatre at District Hospital, Alipurduar at Matigara Polyclinic compound in the Tender ID:- 2025_WBPWD_796434_1. district of Darjeeling. Tender Id:-Estimated Amount Rs. 6,95,993.00. Bid 2025_W8PWD_796076_1 Bid submission start date (online) submission start date (online) 12-Jan-13.01.2025 from 02:00 P.M. Bid 2025 12:00 PM Bid submission closing submission closing date (online) date (online) 26-Jan-2025 12:00 PM 20.01.2025 up to 04:00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT & tende website only. Details of NIET & Tender documents may be downloaded from http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- EE, NBD, documents may be downloaded from http://wbtender.gov.in Sd/- EE, PWD, SS, P.W. Dte., Siliguri, Govt. of WB. Alipurduar Division. ICA- T685(2)/2025 ICA-T577(4)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WRI&DD. e-NIT Executive Engineer (A-M), Balurghat (A-M) Division invites e-tender for Supply and delivery of UPVC Pipes & PVC Flexible Suction Hose Pipe for maintenance of different Major RLI Schemes under Balurghat (A-M) Division in the F.Y 2024-25 vide e-NIT No - 18 / 2024 25, Tender ID- 2024_WRDD_ 797352_1 & 2, estimated value Rs.4,86,222.00 & Rs 3,90,780.00 respectively, and last date of Bid submission-20.01.2025 up to 4 PM. intending bidders are requested to visit the website http://wbtenders.gov.in for details. Executive Engineer (A-M)

Balurghat (Agri-Mech) Division ICA- T608(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER TENDER ID: 2025_WBP_793963_1 DATED-03/01/2025 WORK TITLE: SUPPLY OF STATIONERY ARTICLES/ITEMS BID CLOSING DATE: 17/01/2025 FOR MORE DETAILS, LOG ON TO: www.wbtenders.gov.in ICA- T543(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGA

e-Tender Notice Tenders are invited from reputed firms for the Works abridged Memo No:-033 dated 03.01.2025 related to schemes of "E-Tender for the hired vehicle for PCPNDT" under Health Dept. The last date & time of online bid submission: 29.01.2025 at 17:00 hrs. visit www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Secretary DH&FWS & CMOH, Bankura. ICA- T536(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL PW(R)D TENDER NOTICE

S.E.C.H.C., Public Works (Roads) Directorate, invites online e-bid for the work : 1. Nabadwip Municipal Link Road from 0.00 Kmp to 3.50 Kmp,

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER TENDER ID: 2025_WBP_794165_1 DATED-03/01/2025 WORK TITLE: SUPPLY OF STATIONERY ARTICLES/ITEMS BID CLOSING DATE: 17/01/2025 FOR MORE DETAILS, LOG ON TO: www.wbtenders.gov.in ICA-T541(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-NIT NO:- WBIW/EE/TBED/e-NIT-14/2024-25 Separate Tenders are invited by the Executive Engineer, Teesta Barrage Electrical Division on behalf of the Governor of West Bengal from eligible & resourceful contractors having sufficient credential and financial capability for execution of similar nature of work Publication date: 10.01.2025 at 10:30 Hrs. Bid Submission start date 10.01.2025 at 11:00 Hrs. Bid Submission and date: 27.01.2025 upto 12:00 Hrs Tender ID: 2025 IWD 796945 1 Detailed information regarding the e-NIT will be available in the Website www.wbtenders.gov.in and www.wbiwd.gov.in Sd/- Biplab Sarkar,

HALDIA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY City Centre, P.O. Debhog, Haldia Dist. Purba Medinipur, PIN-721657 Toll Free No. 1800-345-3224 NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER e-NIT No. 20/HDA/EC/2024-2025 Online (E-Tender) tender in a two bid system is hereby invited for "CONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE ROAD STARTING FROM RUPDAPUR PETROL PUMP TO PWD ROAD NEAR A TO Z MARBLE SHOP VIA ADIBASI PARA, IRRIGATION BUNDH, WARD NO. 16 ABRIDGED NOTICE INVITING TENDER UNDER PANSKURA MUNICIPALITY." Estimated Cost of work: Rs. 76,92,127/

(including GST and Labour Welfare Cess). Document downloading date: 11/1/25 to 24/1/25 upto 3:30 p.m. Starting date of bid submission: 17/1/25 at 10.00 a.m. Last date of online bid submission: 24/1/25 upto 4:00 p.m. Information in details is available in the office and in the website of HDA www.hda.gov.in E-Tender can be submitted through www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, HDA. ICA- T514(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL



Diamond Harbour, South 24 Pgs. rincipal, DHGMCH, Diamond Harbour invites 'Re-E-TENDER NOTICE 2nd call (NIT No.: 07/2024-25) FOR PURCHASE OF INSTRUMENTS AND CONSUMABLES AT DENTAL DEPARTMENT OF DIAMOND HARBOUR GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL, DIAMOND HARBOUR SOUTH 24 PG5, PIN- 743331 (Bid Ref No. 2025_HFW_795235_ Memo No.: DHGMC/2025/Re-E-tende DIC/12, dated 03/01/2025). Interested bidders may visit the website: www. wbtenders.gov.in . www.wbhealth.gov. in for further details. Sd/- Principal

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL PASCHIM BANGA GO-SAMPAD BIKASH SANSTHA (A GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL ORGANIZATION

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tenders are invited by the Chie Executive Officer, PBGSBS, LB-2, Sector III, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700 106 for the following Description of Items/Works: "Special repairing and extension of Frozen Semen Bull Station, Haringhata, Nadia-741246 on Turnkey Basis under Paschim Banga Go-Sampad Bikash Sanstha for the Year 2024-25." 2. Special repairing and extension of Frozen Semen Bull Station, Salboni Paschim Medinipur-721147 on Turnkey Basis under Paschim Banga Go-Sampao Bikash Sanstha for the Year 2024-25." 3 Special repairing and renovation of Artificial Insemination Kit Bank and office room at Salboni, Paschim Medinipur-721147 under Paschin Banga Go Sampad Bikash Sanstha." 4 "Design, supply, erection, testing and commissioning of All Inverter Scroll VRF type system AC Machine at Paschim Banga Go-Sampad Bikash Sanstha, HQ at Salt Lake, Kolkata-700106. Bid submission Starts on 10.01.2025, Bid submission Closes on 01.02.2025. The detailed e-NIT may be obtained from the Portal e - Tender https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, P.B.G.S.B.S.

ICA- T525(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL Notice inviting E-Tender Online bids are invited by the Deputy Director, ARD & PO, Birbhum, for the following: Bid submission Bid submission SL. Description of item No. starts on closes on Supply of Cross bred Jersey 1. Upgraded Gir Heifer, Age-12 nonth, Sex- Female, Breed-Cross bred Jersey / Upgraded 10.01.2025 24.01.2025 Sir, Body Weight- Min. 100kg; Other- Good Health, disease free and suitable for breeding purpose including payment of nsurance premium with GST of the helfer for Birbhum district The detailed N.I.T. may be obtained from e-tender portal http:// www.wbtenders.gov.in. 5d/ ICA- T526(3)/2025 Deputy Director, ARD & PO, Birbhum

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RE DER DS N E 8	NORTH BENGAL MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL SUSHRUTANAGAR, DARJEELING NOTICE INVITING TENDER NO. NBMCH/7507 Date 28/12/2024 [2nd call] E-Tender is invited for TENDER NOTICE FOR PROCUREMENT OF Dexamethasone 0.7 mg intravitreal implants (Med/T3(2)24) of the M.S.V.P., North Bengal Medical College & Hospital. For tender details, forms may be d o w n l o a d e d from https://www.wbtenders.gov.in or https://www.wbtenders.gov.in Technical & Financial Bid Submission Closing Date: 10/01/2025 at 5:00 P.M. For Detail, P I e a se visit the website www.nbmch.ac.in or the Office of the MSVP, North Bengal Medical College & Hospital, Sushrutanagar, Darjeeling. ICA-T518(4)/2025	P.W. Dte., vide Tender No. WBPWD/EE/ BNWD/NieT-18e/24-25 for 5 (nos.) work of "Repairing and painting of 04 nos. officer's Quarters at NSATI, Block FC, Sector-III, Salt Lake & Urgent roof treatment works of C1,C2,B1 & B2 Block by application of P U Roof coat in Bidhan Sishu, P.H.E. during the year 2024-2025." Estimated Amount put to Tender Rs. 6,90,207/- Rs. 7,42,510/- Rs. 7,49,882/- Rs. 7,47,255/- & Rs. 7,49,882/- (T/ID:2025_WBPWD_796471_1-5). Bid proposal submission start date & time (Online)-14/01/2025 from 18:55 P.M. Bid proposal Submission end date & time (Online) 20/01/2025 upto 02:00 P.M. Intending bidders are requested to v i s i t the website: http://etender.wb.nic.In and this Office notice board. Sd/-EE, PWD, BNWD. ICA-T689(2)/2025	Remodeling of tollet within LA Office at Chinsurah, Hooghly under Hooghly Division PWD during the year 2024_2025, Tender ID No: 2024_PWD_796789_1 AND Partition and false celling work at Judge's chamber at district court building Chinsurah Hooghly under Hooghly Division PWD during the year 2024-25 Tender ID No: 2024_PWD_796789_2. Bid submission start date (online): 15.01.2025 at 2.30 p.m. Bid Submission Closing Date (online): 25.01.2025 upto 11.00 a.m. Details may be downloaded from : <u>http://etender.wb.nic.in</u> or may be seen from the office of the u/s in w or king hours or from the Departmental website <u>http://pwdwb.in</u> Corrigendum, if any will be published in website only. Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Hooghly Division ICA-TSER292025	Manag of road I from Pai 2) NIT Manag of road	Regd. Office : Vidyut Bhavan, B IIII. CIN : U40109WE	ON COMPAN West Bengal Entro lock DJ, Sector II, Ilicha 200756C113473, www -Tenders as follows: (16 (SI, No.1) Dt.: 03. Cost: ₹ 39,73,798/- for n of uphill slide at chains der Rammam Hydel Pro (16 (SI, No.2) Dt.: 03. Cost: ₹ 26,58,903/- for t Guest House towards	Y LIMITED reprise) magar, Kolkata - 700 091 wheed Lin 01.2025 of the Project r the work of 'Restoration age 20m, 1 km and 3.2 km ject, Stage-II'. 01.2025 of the Project r the work of 'Restoration Dhotrey under Rammam ICA- T534(2)/2025
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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL e-NIT No. 23/SE/C-III/R&B/KMDA of 2024-25 Online Bids are invited by The Superintending Engineer, Circle-III, R&B Sector, KMDA, Block-D, 3rd floor, Unnayan Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091, from bonafide, reliable, experienced & resourceful firms / individuals contractors, for the work, SI no., Name of Work, Value of the work, Earnest Money, (1) Improvement of existing Concrete road at Amrapally, Harinagar, Malancha Road bylane in ward no 01 under Naihati Municipality. Tender ID-2025_KMDA_795310_1, Rs.22,08,013/-, Rs.44,160/-, (2) - Same as SI. No.-1- at Ramkrishna pally, Vivekananda polly, Balihara, Mathpara, Boripara Malancha Road by lane in ward no 2, under Naihati Municipality. Tender ID-2025 KMDA 795310 2, Rs.54,71,161/-, Rs.1,09,423/-, (3) Same as SI. No.-1- at Ishague sardar, Patterson Road, Lala Baba Ghat Road, Banak Para by lane in ward no 3, under Naihati Municipality., Tender ID-2025 KMDA 795310 3, Rs 22, 53, 293/-, Rs 45,066/-, (4) - Same as SI. No.-1- at Baiana Para, Mala para, R.K.Sen Road by lane in ward no 4, under Naihati Municipality., Tender ID-2025 KMDA 795310 4, Rs.16,39,313/-, Rs.32,786/-, (5) Same as SL No.-1- at Roy pararoad, Koibarta para road and R.N Chatterjeee, Chandra Babu Bagan Road by lane in ward no 5, under Naihati Municipality., Tender ID-2025 KMDA 795310 5, Rs.16.90,552/-, Rs.33,811/-, (6) - Same as Sl. No.-1- at Musalman para and by lane of central Road, L.N.Kabiraj road, C.S.Roy road by lane "Roy para road by lane in ward no 6 & 7, under Naihati Municipality., Tender ID-2025 KMDA 795310 6, Rs.21,59,843/-, Rs.43,197/-, (7) - Same as SL No.-1- at B.B. Mukherjee road, A.T.Ghosh road and Ghoshpara by lane in ward no 8, under Naihati Municipality., Tender ID-2025_KMDA_795310_7, Rs.24,56,807/+, Rs.49,136/+, (8) Improvement of Concrete road area at Amrapally, Rajbonsi Ghor, Bori para, Laldigi by lane in ward no 9, under Naihati Municipality., Tender ID-2025_KMDA_795310_8, Rs.16.01,109/-, Rs.32,022/-, (9) - Same as SL No.-1- at R.B. C road bye lane, Teleya para, K.D Road and Lichubagan by lane in ward no 10, under Naihati Municipality., Tender ID-2025_KMDA_795310_9, Rs.22.07,686/-, Rs.44,154/-, (10) - Same as SI. No.-1- at Goalafatal, Uttarayan, Hospital road, Arabinda polly, Shyamashee polly by lane in ward no 11, under Naihati Municipality., Tender ID-2025 KMDA 795310 10, Rs.44,61,917/-, Rs.89,238/-, (11) - Same as SI. No.-1at Dosad para, Kaora para, Narkel Bagan and K.D.Road by lane in ward no 12, under Naihati Municipality, Tender 1D-2025 KMDA 795310 11, Rs 32.85,437/-Rs.65,709/-, (12) - Same as SI. No.-1- at Munshi bagan, Sunpukur by lane in ward no 13, under Naihati Municipality, Tender ID-2025_KMDA_795310_12, Rs.30,17,112/-, Rs.60,342/-, (13) - Same as SI. No.-1- at Bannerjee Para road bye lane, S.C. Pal road, Robertson road Gangaram pal bye lane in ward no 15, under Naihati Municipality. Tender ID-2025 KMDA 795310 13, Rs.17,31,930/-, Rs.34,639/-, (14) Improvement of Concrete road at Abhay Ghosh road, , G.G.Road, Maitrapara road, Taran Bose Mitrabagan and Bhoothagan bye lane in ward no 16, under Naihati Municipality, Tender ID-2025 KMDA 795310 14, Rs.15.04.006/-, Rs.30.080/-, (15) - Same as SL No.-1- at Mitrapara, Jan Md. Ghat, Monosha Tala, Bagan para bye lane, Mitra para Branch Road in ward no 18, under Naihati Municipality., Tender ID-2025 KMDA 795310 15, Rs 27, 59, 557/+, Rs 55, 191/+, (16) - Same at Sl. No.-1- at 6 nos. Bijoynagar, Central park, National park by lane in ward no 20, under Naihati Municipality., Tender ID-2025 KMDA 795310 16, Rs.16,13,121/-, Rs.32,262/-, Time of Completion: 90 days each for SL No., Last date & time of Online Bid submission: 24.01.2025 upto 14.00hrs, for details contact the above office or visit both websites www.kmda.wb.gov.in www.wbtenders.gov.in (KMDA-1906) ICA-T524(3)/2025











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Opposition hits out at NDA, TTD over Tirupati temple stampede

Nara Lokesh suggested that the TTD should have made better arrangements

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HYDERABAD, 9 JANUARY

he Opposition YSRCP has blamed the NDA government and the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD) for the stampede resulting in the deaths of six people and several injured

Andhra Pradesh minister Nara Lokesh too suggested that the TTD should have made better arrangements.

TTD chairman BR Naidu said there were more than 90 counters for token distribution.

Chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu has ordered an inquiry. He will visit the hospital to meet the injured today afternoon.

Although TTD had announced tokrn distribution



would begin at 5 am on Thursday, people started thronging from Wednesday

evening. A woman had fallen sick and gates were opened briefly to allow her inside but people at the back surged ahead, leading to the stampede.

Former TTD Chairman and ex YSRCP MLA Bhuma Karunakar Reddy slammed the coalition government over the stampede at Vishnu Nivasam, attributing it to

administrative failure.

He questioned the lack of proper arrangements for Vaikuntha Ekadashi Darshan, despite knowing that lakhs of devotees would attend. Karunakar Reddy alleged that controversial individuals were given control of TTD, turning it into a political hub. He stated that such incidents had never occurred in the past five years, blaming the current government for neglecting devotees' safety.

He criticised the TTD Chairman for prioritizing political propaganda over serving devotees and demanded an inquiry into allegations of ticket mismanagement. Claiming there was a lack of coordination among officials he also called for action against the TTD Chairman, local SP, and other responsible officials.

He said the government must take responsibility for this tragedy and apologize to Lord Venkateswara's devotees.

Former minister for endowments Velampalli Srinivas also criticised the state government for its failure to manage the arrangements during a key religious event at Tirupati. He stated that lakhs of devotees were expected to attend.

ACB grills KTR for 7 hours in Formula E race case

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HYDERABAD, 9 JANUARY

The Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Thursday interrogated BRS working



is a joke, and so is the Chief Minister of Telangana... I will go back whenever they call me and answer all their questions," Rao said after coming out of the ACB head-

quarters at Banjara Hills.

'They asked over 80 questions

Boby Chemmanur denied bail, remanded for 14 days in sexual harassment case THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Stampede: APCMN Chandrababu Naidu orders judicial inquiry

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE HYDERABAD, 9 JANUARY

Andhra Pradesh chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu ordered a judicial inquiry, suspended two officials, and transferred three others including the superintendent of police Subbarayudu and joint executive officer of TTD Gouthami following the stampede that resulted in six fatalities at Tirupati. The DSP Ramana Kumar and Goshala director

of TTD, Harinath Reddy who were in charge of the fateful site of the stampede were suspended after Naidu held another review meeting during his visit to Tirupati. Blaming the previous YSRCP government he said: "This incident is also a legacy problem. Never in my lifetime tokens were given in Tirupati for darshans. For the past five years, a new practice they had brought." The chief minister said that families of the deceased will receive

Rs 25 lakhs and a job will be given to a member of the family. The injured will receive Rs 2 lakhs. The chief minister ordered the transfer of SP Subbarayadu, joint executive officer Gouthami, and chief security officer of TTD, Sridhar. Thousands of devotees,

mostly from Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka had gathered to collect the tokens on the occasion of Vaikuntha Ekadashi which is a ten-day long festival

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but the devotees prefer to visit on the first two days. The TTD had earlier said that token distribution would begin at 5 am but later advanced it to midnight after heavy crowds thronged the distribution centres. Devotees complained that arrangements were poor with no water, food and restroom facilities. Apprehensive of large crowds most people had gathered from Wednesday evening for the token distribution.

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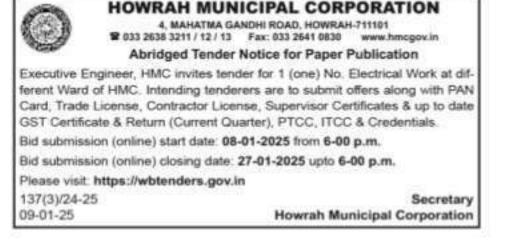
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PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION, AKOLA E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 32 / 2024-2025 No. 185 / TC / E-TN-32 / 2024 / Date: 08-01-25



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OPEN TENDER NOTICE OPEN TENDER Batch No- 02/2024 Dt. 24/12/202

E-Tender Notice for supply of material "Participation in through" Web Portal of IREPS - www.ireps.gov.in. Offers are invited for supply of the following material The closing time for the tender is a 14:00 Hrs.

SI.No. : 01, Tender No. : 30245264, Short ion of item : Twin Beam LED P

president KT Rama Rao for seven hours in connection with the Formula E race case. After leaving the ACB office, the BRS cadre gave a rousing welcome to their leader at the party headquarters, carrving him on their shoulders. The former municipal administration and urban development (MAUD) minister has milked the opportunity thrown up by his legal hassles under the Congress government to charge up his party cadres. Meanwhile, special chief secretary Arvind Kumar appeared before the Enforce-

ment Directorate. After emerging from the ACB interrogation, Rao said

that he was repeatedly asked the same set of questions that had been framed by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy. He further said that he also asked ACB officials if they had made any attempt to recover money after the contract was cancelled by the present government.

"Why did you suddenly feel the need to file a case after one year?" Rao asked. "I also asked them where the proceeds of the crime are, where the embezzlement is, and where the corruption is. Please show me. This case

and recorded my statement. I kept answering," Rao said, adding that the Supreme Court will hear the quash petition on 15 January. Before leaving for the ACB headquarters, KT Rama Rao

addressed the media at his residence in Banjara Hills. "In the 10 years of BRS rule, I have not awarded contracts worth Rs 1,137 crore to my brother-in-law or misused power to benefit my son-inlaw's company. Only Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and some of his ministers are capable of such wrongdoings,' he remarked.

9 JANUARY

The Ernakulam First Class Judicial Magistrate Court, on Thursday, refused bail to Boby Chemmanur, who was arrested by the police in a sexual harassment complaint filed by actress Honey Rose.

The court sent him to 14-day judicial custody. He will be transferred to the district jail in Kakkanad after a medical examination.

Bobby's lawyer said he would file an appeal against the order of the denying bail to Bobby on Friday. sns

Guilty will be punished, but 'injustice must not be meted out'to Munde: Maha Deputy CMAjit Pawar

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE PUNE, 9 JANUARY

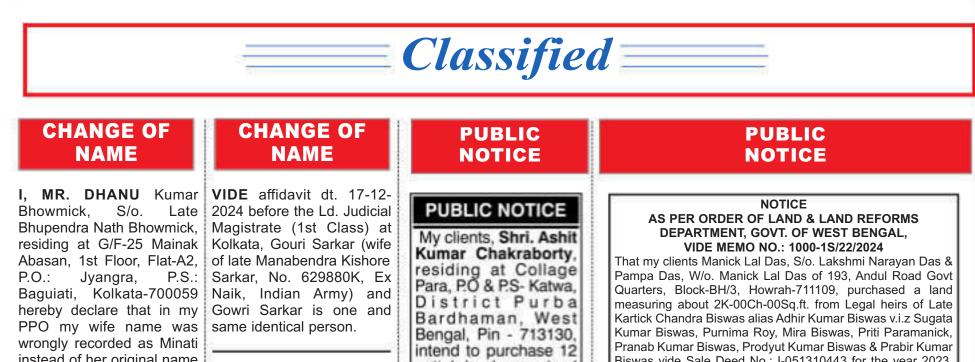
Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar said in Pune on Thursday that there is no truth in the allegations made against food and civil supplies minister Dhananjay Munde after he was asked about Munde's resignation.

"Many people have been accused, but there is no truth

in those allegations. Some resign because of allegations. Dhananjay Munde has clearly told me that he is not even remotely involved in the Santosh Deshmukh murder case. Three agencies are now investigating the case. Injustice should not be done to those who are not guilty while they are working. Even if Ajit Pawar is guilty, action will be taken against him,"The Deputy Chief Minister

said. "The Chief Minister has also said that if anyone is proven guilty in this case, immediate action will be taken against him. I have also met Devendra Fadnavis and told him that if there are any senior-level culprits working in this case, regardless of party, there is no question of sparing them. This is a murder committed in a brutal manner. We will not tolerate such incidents,

Ajit Pawar said. When asked about the allegations made against Munde by BJP MLA Suresh Dhas, Ajit Pawar said: "Suresh Dhas should provide evidence. He should think while making allegations. We will not bring politics into this matter. We will not support anyone. Ask him who 'Badi Munni' is. I will not talk about such trivial things. From now on, I will speak by name."



Online E-Tenders

Online tender are invited by Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, 0724-2435195) Akola (Telephone No. e-mail: akola.ee@mahapwd.com for following works No 1 to 3 for B-1 from the competent and interested contractors E-Tender can be downloaded from the http://mahatenders.gov.in Other instructions can be seen in the e-tender form. Competent Authority reserve the right to reject all or any one of the tender. Conditional tender will not be accepted.

SI. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Category
1.	Construction of Ghat by the Bay of Purna River at Lakhpuri Tq.Murtizapur Dist. Akola	14500492	Open
2.	Construction of Various works in Ward No. 10 of Balapur Nagar Parishad under Nagari Sthanik Swarajya Sanstha Tq Balapur Dist. Akola	14472904	Open
3.	Construction of Various works in Ward No. 10 of Balapur Nagar Parishad under Nagari Sthanik Swarajya Sanstha Tq. Balapur Dist. Akola.	1468125	MKSS

Note:

- 1. All eligible / interested tenderer are required to be enrolled on portal https://mahatenders.gov.in
- Above Work No. 1 to 3 form B-1 Tender download & preparation of Bid from Dt. 10.01.2025 at 10-00 hrs. to Dt. 24.01.2025 at 18.00 hrs. & E-Tender Opening Date 27.01.2025 (Further tender timetable as on Online)
- E-Tender above work No. 1 & 2 Superintending Engineer, P.W. Circle Akola Open.
- E-Tender above work No. 3 Executive Engineer, P.W. Division, Akola Open
- Please note the further changes regarding above work will not be published through corrigendum by press notice the changes will be available only on electronic tendering system of Govt. of Maharashtra which is available on the portal https://mahatenders.gov.in & Notice
- All detail information is available on following websites & Office Information Board. Visit web site for details: http://mahatenders.gov.in
- Other instructions can be seen in the tender form. All or any one of the tender may be rejected by the competent authority.
- For the above works the contractor should inspect the site along with the engineer and submit the e-tender and no additional claims will be accepted.

11. Online Schedule in Applicable and Final

Prasad Patil Executive Engineer

Public Works Division, Akola

DGIPR-ROC/5544/24-25

Light for WAG-9 Locomotive. As per RDSC spec. RDSO/2017/EL/SPEC/0134. Rev-01 or Latest. Quantity : 450 SET, publishing Date & Time : 21 DEC, 2024 15:51 Hrs Tender Closing Date & Time : 20 JAN 2025 14:00 Hrs.

SI.No. : 02, Tender No. : 30245326, Shor Description of item : IGBT BASED 3-PHASE DRIVE PROPULSION EQUIPMENT WITH ALL EQUIPMENT AND DRG.SPEC. RDSO/2008/EL/SPEC/0071 REV.5 ISSUED IN JUNE-2016 or latest Quantity : 02 SET, publishing Date & Time : 21 DEC, 2024 15:53 Hrs. Tender Closing Date & Time : 20 JAN 2025 14:00 Hrs.

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'INDIA bloc only for general elections, Cong building momentum for Delhi'

Pawan Khera's statement came in response to remarks by RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav

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JAIPUR, 9 JANUARY

ongress leader Pawan Khera on Thursday reiterated that the INDIA bloc was formed exclusively for the Lok Sabha elections and asserted that the party is gaining significant momentum ahead of the Delhi Assembly elections. Khera's statement came

in response to remarks by RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav, who had also emphasised that the INDIA bloc was designed for the general elections at the national level.

Tensions within the INDIA bloc have surfaced as the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and Congress, two major constituents,



prepare to contest the Delhi Minister Arvind Kejriwal. Assembly elections independ-Commenting on this, Khera

told IANS: "The INDIA bloc Significantly, several INDIA was formed for the Lok Sabha bloc partners have extended elections at the national level. their support to AAP National Based on the situation in dif-Convenor and Delhi Chief ferent states, whether it is the

Congress or regional parties, they decide independently, whether to fight together or separately."

With less than a month remaining for the Delhi Assembly elections, the political landscape is heating up, with the ruling AAP and Opposition BJP and Congress all vying for dominance in the 70member Assembly.

Former Maharashtra Chief Minister and senior Congress leader Prithviraj Chavan predicted a third-consecutive victory for the AAP. His statement followed the Election Commission of India's announcement that polling would take place on 5 February, with vote counting scheduled for 8 February.

During an interaction with *IANS*, Chavan also expressed disappointment over Congress and AAP parting ways after contesting the Lok Sabha polls together last year.

Responding to Chavan's assertion, Khera clarified: "I spoke with him. He meant that had we contested as an alliance, we would have undoubtedly won. However, now that we are contesting separately, it's hard to predict the outcome."

Khera also expressed confidence in the Congress' performance, stating, "The momentum of Congress is continuously building. It would not be surprising if the Congress emerges as a major force in Delhi."

Schools in Bihar's Araria closed for classes up to 8 till 12 January: Amid severe cold wave conditions, the authorities have suspended classes up to 8th standard in all schools of Bihar's Araria district till 12 January. Issuing an order, District Magistrate Anil Kumar suspended classes up to 8th standard in all schools and coaching institutes across Araria district until 12 Jan-**Uary.** Agencies



Sambhal mosque panel moves SC for direction to district magistrate to ensure status quo

PARMOD KUMAR

NEW DELHI, 9 JANUARY

The Sambhal Shahi Jama Masjid Management Committee, on Thursday moved the Supreme Court seeking direction to the District Magistrate to ensure that status quo is maintained with respect to the private well situated near the stairs/entrance of the mosque.



has also sought direction to the DM not to take any steps/actions with regard to the investigation of the well, and open the well-located at the entrance of the mosque structure without due permission from the top court. The application seeking the direction to the DM has stated "District Administration, Sambhal is conducting a purported drive to revive old temples and wells in the city with reports indicating that at least 32 old unused temples have been revived and 19 wells have been identified which are being made operational for public prayers/use.".

Railways to introduce snow cutters for clearing tracks in J-K under Make-in-India initiative

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The mosque committee



NISHAT NIZAMI SRINAGAR. 9 JANUARY

heating the coaches.

As the countdown begins for massive rail expansion in the Kashmir Valley, the railways is taking all measures to enable year-round connectivity in the region while considering plans to introduce snow cutters for clearing tracks under the Make-in-India initiative.

Kashmir is going through the coldest times of the year named 'Chilla-e-Kalan' or the harshest period when the thick sheets of snow stay for some time before being removed. The Chilla-e-Kalan starts from 21 December and is to last till 31 January. After 31 January, even as there are spells of snowfalls, the snow can be easily removed because of higher temperatures.

However, the Chilla-e-Kalan makes for a tough time in maintaining connectivity. Considering the background, the Indian Railways has procured three snow cutters from the United States for removal of snow from the tracks and keeping train movements on.

Interestingly, the Swiss Railway, in the recent past restored a 1,913 steam rotary snow plough which was restored after hardships of 18 years. In the Budgam Railway network, three snow cutters used by the Northern Railway have been imported from the US having a capacity of removing 3,000 tonnes per hour. The machine costing around Rs 3 crore generally runs at a speed of five to ten kmph and is deployed to remove thick snow sheets of one foot or more.

The Railway is now explor-

equipped with blowers for As learnt during a recent

visit to Budgam Shed, the ICF DEMU trains operated and maintained here are specially curated to sustain temperatures upto -10 degree Celsius. In absence of gaps in rail connectivity till Budgam, the bogies of ICF DEMU coaches were removed and fitted with road trolleys to enable transportation by road till the Budgam car shed. However, the water pipelines or undergear parts of DEMU coaches are not insulated.

Now, with the enormous expansion of the rail infrastructures in the Jammu Kashmir region, one of the primary areas of focus for the Railways is keeping operations running in extreme weather conditions as well. With this aim, the Railways has tailored the rakes of Vande Bharat train with insulators for the extreme climatic conditions of the Kashmir Valley.

The VB coaches have been provided with silicone heating pads to prevent freezing of water tanks and bio-toilet tanks, with overheat protection sensors ensuring safety and reliability. In addition, selfregulating heating cables have been installed to prevent water freezing, ensuring smooth operations even in sub-zero temperatures.

Toilets have been installed with heaters to provide warm air for vacuum systems and lavatories and plumbing lines have been equipped with draining systems to prevent freezing during stabling. The coaches have been equipped

with air dryer system heating that ensures the air brake sys-



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ing options of introducing two more snow cutters for Budgam Shed manufactured within the country. The idea is at the planning stage now and the Railways is now mullingoverfloatingtenders for the project.

Notably, the DEMU coaches run in the region are different from the ones being used in other parts of the country. As Kashmir experiences summer mainly for three months from June to August and extreme cold weather from November to March, the DEMU trains being operated here are

freezing conditions along with 5 kVA transformers installed in underframes for dedicated heating systems in critical components. Keeping the loco pilot's comforts in mind, the driver's front lookout glass has been provided with heating elements for defrosting, ensuring clear visibility in harsh winter con-

tem functions optimally in

First HMPV case detected in UP

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

LUCKNOW, 9 JANUARY

China's virus HMPV has reached Uttar Pradesh, as after testing a woman from the city, a private lab has declared her HMPV positive.

to a private hospital from there she was shifted to a



events. government Hospital at 11 pm last night. In the investigation of private lab, the

ditions while anti-spall layers

have been added to protect

the driver from impacts during

extreme weather or unforeseen

reports have been found positive. The sample has been sent to KGMU for further investigation. Sources said here on Thursday that the woman has been kept in isolation in ward number The woman was admitted 11 of the hospital. The 60-year-old woman is a resident of Cantt area of Luc-

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Political Misogyny

he prevalence of misogyny in Indian politics reflects a troubling reality that undermines the progress of women in public life. Across party lines and ideological divides, sexist rhetoric and objectification of women have been normalised, revealing a patriarchal mind-set deeply ingrained in the political discourse. Despite India's claims of progress in women's empowerment, the male gaze remains a powerful force, reducing women leaders like Privanka Gandhi and Mamata Banerjee to mere objects of derision and ridicule. Over the years, sexist remarks targeting women politicians have been made with impunity, eliciting snickers from peers and muted outrage from the public. From former Bihar chief minister Lalu Prasad Yaday's infamous comment comparing roads to Hema Malini's cheeks to Nationalist Congress Party leader Sharad Yadav's "parkati auratein" jibe and Delhi BJP leader Ramesh Bidhuri's recent slur aimed at Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, these remarks not only demean individuals but also perpetuate the marginalisation of women in politics. Worse, these statements often find acceptance in the cultural milieu, normalised by a society conditioned to tolerate casual sexism. Political parties frequently tout their commitment to women's empowerment through various schemes and programmes, seeking to position themselves as champions of gender equality. While initiatives like the Ladli Behna and Pyari Didi schemes aim to uplift women, they ring hollow when juxtaposed with the lack of accountability for misogynistic behaviour within party ranks. A party that launches financial assistance schemes for women cannot simultaneously tolerate members who demean and objectify women in public forums. The disconnect between words and actions is glaring and undermines the sincerity of these initiatives. This persistent misogyny is not merely a political issue; it is a societal problem. From childhood, Indians are often conditioned to focus on regulating women's behaviour rather than challenging the injustices they face. This leads to a cultural tolerance for sexism, where inappropriate remarks are dismissed as harmless banter or political theatrics. The impact, however, is far from benign ~ it reinforces the idea that women in leadership must endure public scrutiny of their appearances and choices rather than being evaluated on their contributions and governance. For meaningful change, political parties must take a firm stand against sexism ~ Bidhuri, for instance, ought to have been suspended from the party, ensuring swift and decisive action against offenders, regardless of their stature or influence. Voters, too, have a role to play in holding politicians accountable, prioritising respect for women as a key criterion for leadership. Simultaneously, the media and civil society must amplify instances of sexism in politics, refusing to let such behaviour go unnoticed or unchallenged. As India moves forward, it must embrace a vision of equality that respects women as leaders, thinkers, and decision-makers. Misogyny has no place in a democracy that aspires to represent and empower all its citizens. The time has come to consign sexist rhetoric to the past and create a political culture that values women. Only then can India truly claim to be a progressive, inclusive democracy.

Jobs Challenge

India should focus more on high-skill, high-pay employment opportunities. India has one of the world's most significant numbers of graduates in STEM science, technology, engineering, and mathematics — fields. Closer connections between India's technical colleges, employers, and investors can help support better job-matching, continued skills development, and start-up growth which can turn job seekers into job creators



C ASIAN VOICES Intellectual deprivation of Dalits

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ver the centuries, the Nepali state has treated Dalits as a sort of an 'enemy within' and excessively abused and deprived them into submission. The politics of the deprivation of Dalits, as it may be called, has occurred in at least two forms: Physically limiting their access to their basic needs, including food, water and clothing, and then denying them education, thus crushing their intellect.

Gone are the days when Dalits were severely tortured for reading and writing and even for listening to the chants of sacred Vedic verses by the Brahmins.

However, intellectual deprivation has persisted, rendering even highly educated Dalits quite incapable of independent thinking.

Dalit politics relies on the thoughts and ideologies of upper-caste politicians and intellectuals. Dalits themselves haven't been able to develop their own ideologies and philosophies. This intellectual deficit in the Dalit movement results from what Professor Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak famously called "epistemic violence".

Until recently, the traditional patron-client system was in full force nationwide. One can understand the damaging impact of this highly exploitative economic and cultural system by reading American Professor Mary Cameron's monograph, On the Edge of the Auspicious, published in

Reigniting Growth

ndia's economic trajectory, once celebrated for its resilience and rapid growth, is now encountering significant headwinds. With GDP growth projected to slow to 6.4 per cent in the upcoming fiscal year, the lowest in four years, policymakers face the daunting task of reigniting momentum amid global uncertainties and waning domestic confidence. The moment demands a recalibration of India's economic playbook to navigate these challenges while laying a foundation for sustainable growth. A key concern is sluggish domestic consumption. Despite robust infrastructure spending in recent years, wage stagnation and limited job creation have hampered household spending, a critical driver of India's economy. This stagnation has placed the economy in a state of limbo, where cautious consumer behaviour inhibits demand recovery. Addressing this requires a two-pronged strategy: stimulating short-term consumption while fostering long-term income growth through employment opportunities. Boosting rural demand must also be a priority, as it remains a vital pillar of India's economy. Strengthening agricultural incomes and enhancing rural infrastructure can significantly spur broader economic recovery. India's policymakers must consider loosening monetary and fiscal policies to reinvigorate the economy. Lowering interest rates could encourage borrowing and investment, while targeted fiscal measures ~ such as tax cuts or direct cash transfers ~ could put more money into consumers' hands. However, this should not come at the expense of fiscal discipline. Policymakers must strike a delicate balance between stimulating demand and maintaining macroeconomic stability, particularly as global economic uncertainties loom large. One of India's unique opportunities lies in its potential to enhance its trade profile. With global trade dynamics likely to shift in the coming years, India can position itself as an attractive alternative in global supply chains. Proactive tariff rationalisation and deeper integration into global value chains are crucial steps in this direction. Furthermore, adopting measures that anticipate and address potential global trade challenges, such as tariff wars, can help India safeguard its economic interests. The exchange rate is another lever that requires careful management. A competitive rupee can bolster exports, but policymakers must mitigate inflationary risks associated with a weaker currency. This balance will be essential as India seeks to strengthen its export-oriented sectors while supporting domestic economic stability. Leadership changes in key economic institutions like the Reserve Bank of India signal a renewed focus on growth-oriented policies. These shifts must translate into actionable reforms that address structural bottlenecks. Investments in sectors such as manufacturing, technology, and renewable energy could unlock new growth avenues and create jobs, while sustained emphasis on infrastructure development can drive long-term economic resilience. Ultimately, India's path forward requires a concerted effort to restore confidence among businesses and consumers. Rebuilding the economy's "animal spirits" will depend on decisive and well-calibrated policy actions. As the government prepares to unveil its annual budget, it has a critical opportunity to set a clear, growth-oriented agenda that not only tackles immediate challenges but also lays the groundwork for a more resilient and inclusive economic future.

he wealth of a nation lies in its people, and in India, 1.4 billion aspirations drive the country's progress. Over the past decade, the Government of India has made job creation a central focus of its governance, yielding transformational results. However, as with any significant endeavour, there is much to cel-

ebrate, but there are challenges that require greater attention in the years to come.

India is at a remarkable crossroads. With the largest population in the world and one of the youngest workforces globally, the nation enjoys a unique advantage. Approximately 68 per cent of its population is of working age. India's median age is 29.5 years, which starkly contrasts with China's 39.8 years and the United Kingdom's 40.6

years. This emphasizes the tremendous potential of a dynamic, innovative, and youthful workforce. This demographic dividend presents a fleeting opportunity that, if effectively harnessed, could propel the country into unprecedented economic growth.

Job creation has been a central focus of the government over the past decade, driven by an explicit acknowledgement of its importance for economic development and social stability. The statistics highlight this progress: between 2014 and 2024, India created 17.19 crore more jobs, compared to the previous decade's creation of just 2.9 crore jobs (2004-14). Notably, 4.6 crore jobs were added in the year 2023-24 alone, demonstrating the scale and ambition of the government's policies.

These initiatives have been transformative in terms of numbers and their impact on reducing unemployment and increasing workforce participation. The unemployment rate fell from 6

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per cent in 2017-18 to 3.2 per cent in 2023-24, while the labour force participation rate rose from 49.8 per cent to 60.1 per cent during the same period. Notably, progress has been significant at the sectoral level. A 19 per cent increase in agricultural employment between 2014

and 2023, reversing a 16 per cent decline in the previous

ten years (2004-14). In manufacturing, employment rose by 15 per cent (2014-23), more than double the growth in the prior decade. These outcomes are indicative of the effectiveness of targeted policies. But these are

not both sides of the same coin. Ma-

nufacturing, for instance, is a sector with enormous job creation potential. But its share of GDP has persisted at around 15 per cent ~ a far cry from the target of 25 per cent that the Naional Manufacturing Policy had set. In contrast, manufacturing accounts for 28 per cent of China's GDP and 25 per cent of South Korea's.

Though the Rs 1.97 lakh crore-outlay under the Production Linked Incentive scheme has ensured sizeable investments in electronics manufacturing and \$15.6 billion in exports of mobile phones in FY 2022-23 ~ employment generated remains well below expectation. The PLI scheme needs recasting to align the incentives more directly with job generation.

Fiscal stresses are another inhibiting factor. The tax-to-GDP ratio in India stands at 11.7 per cent, limiting its investment in job-generating sectors. Al-

though GST collections have consistently crossed Rs 1.5 lakh crore every month, structural reforms are needed to widen the tax base and reach the 20 per cent tax-to-GDP ratio of peer economies. Improvement in tax compliance, modernisation of property taxes, and use

of AI in GST anafor the environment and will lytics can bring in become one of the biggest job much-needed fisgenerators. Likewise, the Indian cal space. space economy, valued today at

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recalibration of the PLI scheme,

scaling up investments in green

energy, and fostering innovation

in emerging fields such as artifi-

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sive growth in their wake. Global disruptions ~ the Covid-19 pandemic, geopolitical tensions, and economic slowdowns ~ have tested India's resilience. But more importantly, they brought home the message that the strategic policy to create employment has to be strong

and responsive. And this is why we, reflecting over the past ten years, must realize that this journey for a prosperous India has just about begun. The government has laid the foundation, and it laid the right direction.

Sustained effort, strategic reforms, and collective will can ensure that India converts the demographic dividend into a demographic boon and an opportunity for every citizen, fulfilling the promise of a truly "Viksit Bharat" by 2047.

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1998. Under this system, Dalits were required to serve upper-caste clients for generations for very little returns, mostly in kind.

Dalits barely survived on little grains and old clothes handed to them by their clients in exchange for their relentless service as tailors, blacksmiths, shoemakers, drummers, entertainers, street and toilet cleaners, and so on.

That extreme form of physical deprivation in the form of the patronclient system ensured that Dalits remained subjugated for their survival. The supply of limited and poor-quality food and water also contributed to their physical and mental underdevelopment. The patron-client system is losing ground, and the contemporary Dalit community is much less dependent on the upper caste financially. This newfound economic independence has allowed many Dalits, especially those living in urban areas, to gather wealth and get educated. The Dalit middle class is evidently on the rise.

In their 2016 research article "Dalit identity in urban Pokhara, Nepal", published in the reputed international journal Geoforum, Bishnu Pariyar and Jon Lovett demonstrate an impressive upward social mobility amongst Dalits in the town of Pokhara (even as economic progress has not eroded the basic principles of untouchability). Some other studies and our observations also reveal the same trend.

Many scholars worldwide have argued that the middle class's growth is a key driver of social reform movements. Strangely, however, the impressive rise of the Dalit middle class in urban Nepal has not translated into a robust and powerful Dalit liberation movement. On the contrary, Dalit freedom struggles have lost steam over the years. Many factors contribute to the Dalit movement's fall, one of them being intellectual deficit.

BJP leader and employing over 100 million people, the MSME sector's economic footprint is much larger than the entire economy of countries like Thailand or Sweden. MSMEs have a Rs 20-25 lakh crore credit gap. Access to credit for this sector should be ensured as it has immense employment generation potential.

At the same time we should also focus more on high-skill, high-pay employment opportunities. India has one of the world's most significant numbers of graduates in STEM ~ science, technology, engineering, and mathematics ~ fields.

Closer connections between India's technical colleges, employers, and investors can help support better job-matching, continued skills development, and start-up growth ~ which can turn job seekers into job creators.

What the government needs to do now is future-proof the Indian workforce through



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Arrest rightist trends

SIR, In his article "Right on a roll" (5 January), Ash Narain Roy expresses serious concern over the rapid rise of the radical right in Europe and its adverse political and economic implications, and emphasises the need to counter the reactionary populism it promotes. The past three decades have seen a significant shift in Europe's political landscape.

The multiple economic, social, cultural, political and security problems triggered by the Great Recession of 2008 and the Covid-19 pandemic, technological advancements, large-scale immigration from non-European countries, freeloading off welfare benefits and healthcare services, and increasing unemployment, inflation and crime rates have led to public disenchantment with the mainstream political parties.

Exploiting this popular sentiment, the political far-right that experienced a decline after World War II has regained popularity, securing representation in local, regional and national governments in a third of European countries, including Austria, Italy, Hungary, France, Germany, and the European Parliament.

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Led by charismatic leaders, the right-wing populist parties embody exclusive nationalism, racism, counter-Enlightenment dogmatism, anti-immigration xenophobia, anti-establishment populism, anti-elitism, anti-intellectualism and political authoritarianism; favour traditional family and religious values and gender policies, and defend globalism; dismantle judicial independence, media freedom and civil rights; oppose supranational European integration, advocate for an exit from the EU and reject its fundamental democratic values and principles; and take hard stand on sensitive topics as climate and the rule of law.

Though the far-right continues to gain ground, it is still in z minority and remains divided. In the changing geopolitical climate, the moderate right, centre-left and left parties must improve co-

ordination to arrest the current democratic decline and make the EU more resilient.

It is imperative to sustain multi-polarity and create a peaceful and harmonious world.

Yours, etc., D S Kang, Hoshiarpur, 8 January.

PROVOCATIVE

SIR, This refers to today's article, "Trump isn't the President of Canada," in The Statesman. President-elect Donald Trump has once again turned heads with his latest comments about Canada ~ this time suggesting the country should join the US as its 51st state.

Trump went on to elaborate that such a union wouldn't involve military action but rather "economic force," implying that a more integrated North American economy could be a win for both nations.

He emphasized the potential benefits, touting a union as a way to eliminate tariffs, lower taxes, and protect Canada from external threats, particularly from Russian

TRANSPARENCY

SIR, Apropos the news report "Supreme Court to hear petitions" challenging law on selection of CEC and ECs" (January 9), I am confident that the apex court will certainly weigh the disastrous effects of excluding arbitrarily the Chief Justice of India from a panel for the selection of the Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners.

The apex cour must also examine if by adopting this modus operandi the ruling party at the Centre intends to take away the transparency in the selection of CEC and ECs.

Yours, etc., Arun Gupta, Kolkata, 9 January.

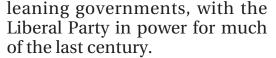
and Chinese naval forces.

While this is all part of Trump's ongoing trolling of Canada, the idea of it becoming the 51st state has sparked some serious hypothetical questions.

If Canada did somehow become part of the United States, the political ramifications could be significant.

With a population of over 40 million, Canada would immediately become the largest state in the Union, surpassing California. But the political shift might be even more profound.

Canada has a history of left-



As a result, political analysts believe Canada would likely lean toward the Democratic side, boosting the party's influence in the US Congress and presidential elections.

While the idea remains farfetched, it's believed that Trump's bold statements are part of a larger strategy aimed at negotiating with Canada.

> Yours, etc., N Sadhasiva Reddy, Bengaluru, 9 January.













A land-grab agenda for modern times

SANTHOSH MATHEW

s the world enters 2025, former U.S. President Donald Trump, now preparing for his second term, has reignited the flames of territorial ambition with rhetoric that harks back to America's imperial past. Proclamations about annexing Canada, reclaiming the Panama Canal, and purchasing Greenland have sent ripples through the global political landscape.

Trump's statements signal a bold, and perhaps dangerous, revival of expansionist policies reminiscent of the Monroe Doctrine, this time rebranded for the 21st century. Trump recently unveiled a revised map of North America on Truth Social, merging Canada into the United States under the caption "Oh Canada." At a press conference held at his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida, Trump elaborated on his plan, claiming that Canada would benefit more as America's 51st state than as an independent nation.

Though dismissed as outlandish by many, including Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Trump's remarks underline a calculated strategy to project American dominance. The rhetoric surrounding Mexico follows a similar pattern. Trump's insistence that Mexico must bear the costs of its perceived failures to control immigration and drug trafficking comes with veiled threats of military intervention. "If they can't solve their problems, we'll solve them for them," Trump declared, reinforcing a narrative steeped in the history of U.S. intervention in Latin America. Perhaps most provocative is Trump's stance on the Panama Canal. Calling it a "global treasure mismanaged by Panama," Trump accused Chinese interests of exerting undue influence over the vital waterway. His rhetoric - and the suggestion of reclaiming the canal by force - evokes the United States' century-long control of the

canal, which ended in 1999. "It's time to restore American authority over what rightfully belongs to us," he said, signaling potential friction with Panama and its regional allies.

Trump's 2025 plans extend to the icy north, with renewed proposals to purchase Greenland from Denmark. Dismissed as absurd during his first tenure, Trump's proposition is underpinned by the island's strategic location and vast untapped resources. Melting ice caps have made Greenland a focal point in the emerging Arctic geopolitical race, with its reserves of minerals and hydrocarbons attracting global attention. Trump's transactional framing of the deal-"Denmark gains nothing, America gains everything" aligns with his characteristic approach to foreign policy. While Denmark has categorically rejected the notion, the U.S.'s strategic interests in Greenland remain a point of concern for European and Arctic nations.

At the heart of Trump's declarations lies a revival of the Monroe Doctrine, articulated in 1823 to establish the Western Hemisphere as a U.S.



backed by a strategy of economic coercion. During his press conference, he suggested imposing sanctions on Canada if it resists annexation. "They'll come around," he quipped, emphasizing America's leverage as Canada's largest trading partner. Similarly, he hinted at tariffs and aid freezes for Mexico, reiterating his belief that economic pressure can achieve what diplomacy cannot. The Panama Canal's significance to global commerce and American interests cannot be overstated. Handling 5 per cent of global maritime trade, with a large portion benefitting U.S. markets, the canal's control has symbolic and strategic value. Trump's accusations of Chinese influence provide a convenient pretext for intervention, though experts argue that his claims lack substance.

renaming would symbolize America's dominance over its maritime borders. While seemingly superficial, the gesture underscores his vision of a reinvigorated American identity, projecting control over geographical and economic spheres. Trump's ambitions are not without historical precedent. The Louisiana Purchase, the annexation of Texas, and the acquisition of Alaska were all met with skepticism in their time but later became cornerstones of American territorial expansion. Trump's framing of Greenland as "a business deal" reflects this legacy, albeit in a contemporary context. However, the global order has evolved since the days of Manifest Destiny. Nations like China and Russia present formidable challenges to American supremacy, and unilateral land grabs risk alienating allies and sparking international conflicts. Critics caution that Trump's vision, while appealing to a segment of his base, could destabilize the geopolitical balance.

Domestically, Trump's rhetoric galvanizes his supporters, who view territorial expansion as a pathway to restoring America's greatness. His calls for reclaiming the canal, annexing Canada, renaming the Gulf of Mexico, and purchasing Greenland resonate with voters nostalgic for an era of unquestioned American dominance. However, such ambitions risk deepening divisions at home and straining international relations.

Globally, Trump's statements have drawn sharp criticism. Canadian leaders have dismissed his remarks as "absurd posturing," while Denmark's officials reaffirmed Greenland's autonomy. Latin American nations, wary of U.S. interventionism, have expressed concerns over the implications of Trump's rhetoric. Even traditional allies in Europe and Asia have questioned America's commitment to multilateralism under Trump's leadership.

As Trump prepares for his second term, his vision of an expanded America remains a focal point of his political narrative. Whether through economic pressure, military intervention, or rhetorical theatrics, his statements reflect a broader ideological shift toward asserting American primacy in an increasingly multipolar world. The question is not merely whether Trump's ambitions are feasible but what they reveal about America's evolving identity and its role in the global arena. Trump's rhetoric encapsulates a vision of American imperialism reimagined for the modern era. While these ambitions may never materialize, their implications for global geopolitics and America's international standing are profound. As 20 January approaches, the world watches with bated breath to see how Trump's vision unfolds, and what it means for the future of American power.



100 YEARS AGO

OCCASIONAL NOTES

THE Ladies' Golf Championship of India for 1925 was decided on the Royal Calcutta Golf Club course yesterday afternoon, when, in the final match, Mrs. T. G. Evers, the holder, successfully defended her title against Mrs. H. W. Carr, whom she defeated by 4 up and 3 to play. Mrs. Evers is to be heartily congratulated upon her plucky win against a redoubtable opponent who had defeated last year's runner-up in the opening round. The champion's consistency is indicated by the fact that, in all the three matches she has been called upon to play she has won by the same margin. It would be interesting to know why, in the case of the Ladies' Championship, as in that of the men's, there has been so conspicuous an absence of outside talent this year.

TS) **NEWS ITEMS INTER-ALLIED DEBTS PROBLEMS FOR THE "BIG SIX"**

PARIS, JAN. 8.

DURING the week-end an intense but inscrutable activity is likely to follow the decision of the Finance Ministers' Conference that the proceedings shall be private till January 12. The scheme discussed by Mr. Churchill and M. Clementel this morning was later approved by a plenary meeting of the Conference under which questions before the Conference have been classified into major and minor problems.

The former include the American reparations claim, Ruhr occupation and priority to Belgium, and these questions will be discussed by the "Big Six" viz: Great Britain, France, Belgium, America, Italy and Japan, during the week-end with a view to submitting proposals for a compromise to plenary meetings of the conference on Monday and Tuesday. M. Clementel is optimistic, and expects the conference to finish its labours by January 13. British quarters refuse to disclose anything regarding the Churchill-Clementel talk on Inter-Allied debts, but there is ground for stating that a settlement on the lines of the French proposals to America will be unacceptable to Great Britain.

sphere of influence. Trump's modern reinterpretation prioritizes economic and strategic dominance, reflecting a departure from diplomacy in favour of unilateralism. The doctrine's historical echoes can be heard in Trump's call for a consolidated North America and his ambitions in Latin America.

While critics argue that Trump's rhetoric borders on neo-imperialism, his policies during his first term revealed a similar ethos. The assassination of Iranian General Qasem Soleimani, the arming of Ukraine, and economic sanctions on Venezuela and Cuba demonstrated an interventionist streak cloaked in nationalist rhetoric. Trump's vision, as evidenced by his comments on Canada, Mexico, Greenland, and Panama, signals a continuation of this approach.

Trump's rhetoric is not limited to grandiose proclamations but is

Another striking aspect of Trump's rhetoric involves the Gulf of Mexico. Rebranding it as the "Gulf of America," he proclaimed that the

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BENGAL COUNCIL COMMENT ON VOTING ON CRIMINAL LAW BILL

ALLAHABAD, JAN. 9.

THE Leader congratulates the Bengal Legislative Council on having done the right thing in throwing out the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, and says no one could have pleaded for it more earnestly or eloquently than Lord Lytton did in a speech which was marked by evident sincerity and worded in temperate language.

The Pioneer says the decision will render it necessary for the Government to act independently of the Council. The authorities have no alternative in the matter. Terrorism must and will be suppressed whether the representatives of a limited electorate support the Gov-ernment or refuse their co-operation.

TECHNICAL TEACHING URGENT NEED OF INDIAN EDUCATION

BOMBAY, JAN, 8

HIS Excellency the Governor presided to-day, at the celebration of the centenary day of the Elphinstone High School.

In course of his speech, His Excel-lency said he entirely agreed with the remarks made by the Principal, that what was needed in Indian education was not quantity but quality.

"I should urge as I have urged before," continued His Excellency "the vital importance of a technological college for Bombay and technical teaching throughout the Bombay presidency. The quality of Indian education will not and cannot reach that standard it should until the urgent need of technical education in India is appreciated at its full value."

An ear open for echoes of the past

MAHIR ALI

ne of the more thought-provoking movies to emerge in the past couple of years, from a western film industry that thrives on pointless fantasies, redundant remakes and superfluous sequels, was Jonathan Glazer's remarkable recreation of a milieu that is both distant and ever-present.

The Zone of Interest focuses on the family life of Auschwitz-Birkenau's SS commandant, Rudolf Höss. They occupied an idyllic villa on the periphery of the death camp in Poland, and wallowed in luxury, turning a deaf ear to the barked commands, howls of despair and grinding machinery of mass extermination echoing from across the boundary wall, and a blind eye to the smoke from chimneys located within sniffing distance.

Amid the contrasting clamour of vibrant life and unavoidable death, Höss and his Nazi confederates gather to discuss how the elimination process could efficiently be sped up. That's among the more chilling scenes in a film that only hints at atrocities it does not actually depict. The protagonists' insouciance has echoed across human history for eight decades. And the director, Jonathan Glazer, was clear from the outset that his product was as much about the present as about the past.

A couple of weeks ago, the Haaretz columnist Gideon Levy, in an article titled 'The IDF's own sickening "zone of interest" in the heart of Gaza', citing a resort set up in the 'cleansed' north of the destroyed enclave where Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) troops could recuperate over a steak and a beer and a massage before returning to the killing fields. Once upon a time, there were many such facilities in Vietnam and neighbouring countries for the American troops tasked with eliminating communists in Southeast Asia. Somehow, as in Gaza — and in so many other war zones in recent decades — that included babies.

Auschwitz was liberated 80 years ago this month, on 27 January 1945, by the Red Army. The camp's website describes as a paradox the idea of "soldiers formally representing Stalinist totalitarianism brought freedom to the prisoners of Nazi totalitarianism". It acknowledges nonetheless that the Soviet forces rapidly set up field hospitals to salvage the weakened survivors, and recorded footage of what they had witnessed, which helped to bolster the concept of 'never again'. That was a universal idea, never intended to be restricted to Jews.

the aforementioned screed, Levy notes that the prime minister of the state built on the ashes of Auschwitz will not be able to travel to the commemorative ceremony because of his status as a wanted criminal. Nor, presumably, will Vladimir Putin attend the commemoration. German Chancellor Olaf Scholz might attend, on his way out of the chancellery, despite heading a government that has stood by the Gaza genocide while slandering and persecuting its critics, including German Jews.

The term 'zone of interest' was used by the Nazis to refer to areas adjacent to death camps, possibly among other parts of conquered lands. The Israelis have Areas A, B and C in the West Bank, and intend to capture them all in due course. They should rest assured, however, that the resistance will never cease, perhaps taking into consideration that Hitler's defeat across almost every jurisdiction was facilitated by anti-fascist activists who refused to give up.

The 1971 events ought not to be overlooked in the context. Where did West Pakistanis stand when their military was perpetrating killings in East Pakistan in 1971? Quite a few of those who may inwardly have disapproved nonetheless looked on in silence. And the naked truths of the events of '71 remain covered up in Pakistan.



across the globe in the year ahead, from Sudan and the Congo to freshly 'liberated' Syria, to Australia, Canada, Germany and France. American oligarchs are not the only ones kissing the ring of the jolly good felon waiting to be sworn in later this month in Washington. Giorgia Meloni was among the guests at Mar-a-Lago in recent days, and the excitement extends from the likes of Viktor Orbán to Narendra Modi, the fans of Imran Khan and, not least,

Javier Milei of Argentina. They may well be joined by others, but even before that any number of purported centrists are making overtures to the criminal who is about to enter the

It has been violated time and again, but perhaps never so comprehensively as in the past 15 months. In a column published a few days before

In a broader sense, meanwhile, there will be plenty of zones of interest White House.

The Nazi regime did not last after a cross-ideological alliance took it to task on the battlefields of Europe. History isn't about to repeat itself, but keep an ear out for the echoes.

Dawn/ANN.

EGYPTIAN ELECTIONS NEW UNION PARTY BEING FORMED CAIRO, JAN, 8.

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Assam coal mine disaster: Efforts continue to rescue trapped labourers

One body was recovered by para-divers and sent to Haflong for post-mortem, with Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma confirming the development

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

GUWAHATI, 9 JANUARY

fforts to rescue eight labourers trapped in a flooded coal mine in Assam's Dima Hasao district are on as specialised navy divers work alongside the army and the National Disaster Response Force personnel.

Harmeet Singh, Special DGP of Assam Police overseeing the operation, provided

updates on the progress. Navy divers, equipped with advanced technology, including Remote Operating Vehicles (ROVs), entered the tunnels on Thursday morning.

Despite their efforts, visibility inside the tunnels remains limited, and the trapped individuals have yet to be located.

"The dewatering of the tunnel was completed, but water continues to pour in

Government of West Bengal

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Memo No. 11 /MA & MED Date 09.01.25

Walk-in-interview will be held on 27.01.20

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Additional District Magistrate (Pan)

www.paschimmedinipur.gov.in"

from channels. We are deploying small pumps to manage the situation while the divers search the tunnels," Singh said.

One body was recovered by para-divers and sent to Haflong for post-mortem, with Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma confirming the development.

condolences on microblogging site X, saying: "21 Para divers have just recovered a

CM Sarma expressed his



lifeless body from the bottom of the well. Our thoughts and

prayers are with the grieving family."

The Chief Minister also confirmed that the rescue operation is proceeding with full force, involving Navy, Army, and NDRF teams working in tandem.

Of the nine trapped labourers, one is a Nepali national, one hails from West Bengal, and the remaining seven are residents of Assam. They have been identified as Ganga Bahadur Shreth (Nepal), Hus-

sain Ali, Jakir Hussain, Sarpa enforcement mechanisms in Barman, Mustafa Seikh, Khusi small-scale and illegal mining Mohan Rai, Sanjit Sarkar, operations across the region. Lijan Magar, and Sarat Goyary.

The coal mine in Umrangso has long been an area of concern due to its hazardous conditions and unregulated operations. The accident occurred when water unexpectedly flooded the tunnels, trapping the workers inside.

This tragedy has once

again raised questions about

the safety standards and

Dima Hasao district, a picturesque yet resource-rich area in Assam, has seen a surge in mining activities,

often conducted under precarious conditions. Activists and local residents have called for stricter oversight to prevent such incidents, but challenges remain in balancing economic activity with safety regulations.

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Memo No. 10 /MA & MED Date 09.01.25 Walk-in-interview will be held on 27.01.20 25 for the post of Group-C staff at Paschim Medinipur Model Madrasah (English Medium). Retired Govt. Employee: School Employee/ Madrasah Employee between the age group of 60-65 years. Details may be seen in District Collectorate Website 'www.paschimmedinipur.gov.in" Sd/-

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Metro Railway, Kolkata

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Tender Value : Rs. 1,15,53,478.78.

EMD: Rs. 2,07,800/-. Completion

period for the work : 12 months

(for SI.No. 1) & 9 months (for SI.No.

2). Date & time of closing of

tenders : 04.02.2025 at 15.00 hrs

Date & time of opening of tenders

04.02.2025 at 15.00 hrs. The tender

document and other details are at

www.ireps.gov.in The bidding for

the tender is to be submitted through

e-tendering on above website.

Manual offers will be summarily

Tender Notices are also available at Website

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Tender No.	Brief Description	Quantity	Closing date & time
02241985	Set of Cylindrical Roller Bearing for Traction Motor.	96 Sets	17.01.2025 at 14.00 hrs.
02245228A	Erection & Commissioning of high-performance low maintenance traction battery 200 Cell, 400 V. 1200 AH	01 Set	17.01.2025 at 14.00 hrs.
01235178B	Supply of Bogie Frame & Bolster	04 Numbers	17.01.2025 at 14.00 hrs.
02245251	Aluminium Conductor, Armoured Cables	6500 Metre	22.01.2025 at 14.00 hrs.
	Principal CMM,	Metro Rai	lway, Kolkata

CHITTARAMAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS August 2016. [Warranty Period: 5 years, AMC Period: 3 years, Rate of Discounting **OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE** O 10%]. (i) 228.00 Set; (ii) 228.00 Set.; The following e-Tenders can be accessed ₹ 5000000,00; 29.01.2025 at 11:00 AM. under the link www.ireps.gov.in Offers for [2]; 70245018; (i) Brake System Items- End such e-Tender can be submitted only Cock 1 inch (1 Set Consist of 02 items, electronically by accessing the link Annexure-I) as per Spec. CLW/ MS/10/031 www.ireps.gov.in-login-E-Tender | ALT.10 [Warranty Period: 72 Months after Stores/Supply. Vendors may also contact the date of delivery]; (ii) Brake System the following officials to obtain clarification Items- End Cock 1 and 1/4 inch (1 Set regarding particular tender or IREPS related Consist of 02 items, Annexure-II) as per information if any, Dy.CMM/HQ/CLW/ Spec. CLW/MS/10/031 ALT.10 [Warranty Chittaranjan, 0341-2525594 or SMM/CON/ Period: 72 Months after the date of HQ, 0341-2535631. Office Address: Office delivery]; (iii) Brake System Items Air Line of the PCMM/CLW/Chittaranjan. [A] No. Sieve 3/8 inch as per Spec. CLW/MS/10/031 COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162 Date : ALT.10 [Warranty Period: 72 Months after 02.01.2025. SI. No.: [1]. Tender No. : the date of delivery]; (iv) Brake System 75245094, Brief Description of Item: Items-Pressure Switch (1 Set Consist of 03 Supply & Installation of Sun visors items, Annexure-III) as per Spec. CLW (2265x700 mm) to Drg no. 1211-01.330- MS/10/031ALT.10 [Warranty Period: 72 220 for Wind Shield of WAP-5 Aerodynamic Months after the date of delivery]; (v) Brake Push Pull Loco and Speen. no: CLW/MS/3/ System Items-Hose & Coupling (1 Set 035 ALT-4. [Warranty Period : 30 Months | Consist of 04 Items, Annexure-IV) as per after the date of delivery]. Quantity: 110.00 Spec. CLW/MS/10/031ALT.10 [Warranty Set. Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees): Period: 72 Months after the date of ₹ 137590.00. Tender Closing Date & delivery]; (vi) Brake System Items-Time (IST): 24.01.2025 at 11:00 AM. [B] Gauges (1 Set Consist of 05 items, No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162 Annexure-V) as per Spec. CLW/MS/10 Date: 04.01.2025. Sl. No.; Tender No.; 031ALT.10 [Warranty Period: 72 Months Brief Description of Item; Quantity; after the date of delivery]; (vii) Brake Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees); Tender System items (1 Set Consist of 02 items Closing Date & Time (IST) are as follows: Annexure-VI) as per Spec. CLW/MS/10 [1]; 70241140; (i) Distributed Power 031ALT.10 [Warranty Period: 72 Months Wireless Control System (DPWCS) For after the date of delivery]; (viii) Brake Three Phase Freight Locomotives Without System Items-Dummy Coupling (1 Se Brake Interface Unit (On set of DPWCS | Consist of 02 items, Annexure-VII) as per Equipment shall comprise equipment for Spec. CLW/MS/10/031ALT.10 [Warranty two locomotives) as per Specn No. RDSO/ Period: 72 Months after the date of delivery! 2019/EL/SPEC/0142,Rev.0 [Warranty (i) 110.00 Set, (ii) 50.00 Set, (iii) 10.00 Set, Period: 72 Months after the date of (iv) 5.00 Set, (v) 66.00 Set, (vi) 77.00 Set, delivery]; (ii) AMC for Distributed Power (vii) 17.00 Set, (viii) 99.00 Set; ₹439060.00; Wireless Control System [DPWCS] for 24.01.2025 at 11:00 AM. 3-Phase Freight Locomotives to CLW's PR5/765 PCMM/CLW/Chittaranjan. Spec, No. CLW/AMC/C-D&D/02 issued on Like us on: www.facebook.cum/clwrailways

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Field Survey Division, Advance Planning, Road Construction

Department, Nirupan Bhawan, 4th floor, 56-Set Chowk,

Doranda, Ranchi-834002

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e-Procurement Very Short Notice (2" Call)

e-Tender Reference No .- RCD/FSD /AP/ RAN/48/24-25 Dated 08.01.2025

Name of Work

Divisional Commercial Manager (IC), Tinsukia NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

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KOLKATA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION e-TENDER

ABRIDGED NIT

The Director General (E/LTG), KMC invites e-tender online percentage rate two bid system for the following work:

NIT No. : KMC/LTGV/120/24-25/DECO (1st Call)

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Consultancy services for preparation of Detailed

Name of the work: Improvement of existing lighting system by installing new LED decorative fittings at Bliss Park, Polly Rakshya Samity, behind and beside of Kheyali Sangha and others area in Ward No.-120 under BR-XIII. Estimated amount: ₹ 9,88,927.36. Earnest money: ₹ 19,800.00. Period of completion: 30 days. Last date & time for submission of bid: 22.01.2025 (4 P.M.). The bid forms and other details are available on & from 10.01.2025 (4 P.M.) from the website https://etender.wb.nic.in

BASTERN RAILWAY CANCELLATION OF TENDER Open E-Tender No. SDSTE-ALT-BWNRRI-24-25 dated 19,12,2024 to be opened on 13.01.2025. published earlier by Sr. Divisional

Signal & Telecom Engineer-1. Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building near Railway station, Howrah-711101. Due to some technical reason the above tender is hereby cancelled (HWH-537/2024-25) Tender Notices are also available at Website

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NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

Divisional Engineer/Mechanical Workshop for Chief Workshop Manager, N.E. Railway, Mechanical Workshop, Gorakhpur-for and on behalf of President of India invites open tenders through on line (E-Tendering) for the following work. S.No.-1, E-Tender Notice No. & Name of the work: DEN-MWS-2025-01, Structural Stability Test for the entire buildings & Super Structures of Store Depot & Mechanical Workshop at Gorakhpur., Estimated Cost: ₹ 11,69,717.04, Earnest Money ₹ 23,400/-, Tender submission last date & Time: 05-02-2025 & 11:00 hrs. The Details of above tender are also available on Indian Railway website http://www.ireps.gov.in Chief Workshop Manager/M.W. CPRO/Yantrik-102 Gorakhpur

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Expression of Interest in Jute ICARE Phase – XI Project under Kolkata RLD, JCI

Kolkata RLD, JCI is inviting application for submitting Expression of Interest (EOI) from Registered Co-Operatives / Apex Bodies of Co-Operatives / Self Help Groups / Farmers' Clubs / SC & ST Co-Operatives / PACS / NGO & Others for maximizing the reach to Jute growers and provide functional support for implementation of Jute ICARE Phase-XI Project on behalf of 'The Jute Corporation of India Limited' Kolkata RLD. The Interested Outsourcing Agencies / Parties may download the EOI documents from the website: https://www.jutecorp.in

Last date of submitting EOI is till 31-01-2025 up to 6-00 P.M.

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के बीच नदी पर पूल का निर्माण।

ई–निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय –21.01.2025 अपराहन 5:00 बजे

परिमाण विपत्र की राशि घट–बढ़ सकती है तदनुसार अग्रघन की राशि देय होगी।

निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि केवल Online Mode द्वारा स्वीकार्य होगी।

होगी। अगर खाता को बंद कर दिया जाता है तो उसकी सारी जवाबदेही आपकी होगी।

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि - 13.01.2025

पश्चात कोई भी आपत्ति / दावा मान्य नहीं होगा।

1 दिधा पंचायत के ग्राम मारंगपोंगा एवं होलोंगजली गाँव 30719400.00 815000.00

3. ई—निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय—दिनांक 13.01.2025 से दिनांक 20.01.2025 को अपराहन 5:00 बजे तक

ई–निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरमाथ सं० – 8709623131 (संबंधित कार्यपालक अभियंता का दूरमाथ नम्बर)

For and on behalf of the President of India . EASTERN RAILWAY E-Tenders on "Two Packet System" are Tender Notice No. 222-S/1/W-II. invited from the Firms/ Agencies/ dated 08.01.2025. Following Contractors of repute having technical e-tenders are invited online by the expertise and financial solvency for the Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern following work : Railway, Sealdah, DRM Building,

 GeM Bid No. & Date : Gem Bid No. GEM Kaizer Street, Kolkata-700014 for 2025/B/5771366 Dated : 06.01.2025. (the following works : SI.No.1, Name of work with its location and Tender No.: TN-225-24-25. Name of completion period : Annual maintenance the Work : At Sealdah: Renovation contract for maintenance of fire detection & of Catwalk No. 6 of NCC coaching Suppression System in Power/Pantry car 8 yard, Sealdah under Sr. Section Automatic smoke/fire detection system in Engineer/Works/Station/SDAH in the AC coaches (LHB & ICF) over Dhanbad jurisdiction of AEN/Works/1/SDAH. division for 3 years. Completion period -3 Years. (iii) Approx. Cost of the work Tender Value : Rs. 3,41,81,034.59. EMD: Rs. 3,20,900/-. SI.No.2, ₹2,58,86,525.64 (Rupees two crores fifty eight lakhs eighty six thousand five hundred Tender No.: TN-229-24-25. Name of twenty five and paise sixty four) only. (iv) the Work : Electrical work towards Earnest Money to be deposited shifting of existing SDAH Yard ₹2,79,400/- (Rupees two lakh seventy nine [Power House] Sub-Station due to thousand four hundred) only. (v) Date & time over age basis of switch gear and for closing of e-tender : 16:00 hrs on. sub-station building under SSE/ 27.01.2025. Date & time for opening of e-Works/Station/SDAH under the tender : 16:30 hrs. on 27.01.2025. (vi)

Website : particulars : http://www.gem.gov.in

No manual tender will be accepted against

PR/01874/DHN/Mech./T/24-25/40

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER

The Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer

(Project), West Central Railway,

Jabalpur for and on behalf of President

of India invites E-tender (EPC mode)

from reputed and experienced

contractors through Online for the

following work. Manual offers are not

allowed against this tender, and any

such manual offer received shall be

ignored. (1) NIT No .: JBP-PROJECT-

EPC-2024-01, DL: 02.01.2025. Name

of Work with location: Design/

Modification, Supply, Erection, Testing

and Commissioning of 132kV/2x25 kV

Scott connected Traction Sub Station

and switching posts with AT between

feeding incorporating SCADA System

between Katni (Excl.) - Singrauli (Excl.)

Section of Jabalpur Division W C

Railway in connection with Up-

gradation of Electric Traction System

from 1x25 kV to 2x25 kV Traction

System for Katni-Singrauli section of

WCR to meet 3000 MT loading target.

Approximate Cost of the work: ?

165,56,35,158/- Cost of tender form:

NIL Address of the office

Dy.CEE/Project/ Jabalpur, West

Divisional Railway Manager

ECR/Dhanbad

e-tendering.

months. Complete details can be seen in the Railways website ireps.gov.in (ASN-295/2024-25) Tender Notices are also available at Website www.er.indianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in Follow us at : M @EasternRailway

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EASTERN RAILWAY Tender Notice No. 222-S/1/W-II.

dated 07.01.2025. Following e-tenders are invited online by the Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, DRM Building, Kaizer Street, Kolkata-700014 for the following works : SI.No.1, Tender No.: TN-203-24-25, Name of the Work : Different track maintenance work along with all ancillary work in Sr. Section Engineer (P. Way)/Naihati under the jurisdiction of Assistant Engineer Kanchrapara, Tender Value Rs. 1,25,76,781.64. EMD Rs. 2,12,900/- SI.No.2, Tender No. TN-204-24-25. Name of the Work Different track maintenance work along with all ancillary work in Sr. Section Engineer (P.Way)/ Kanchrapara under the jurisdiction of Assistant Engineer/Kanchrapara. Tender Value : Rs. 94,49,137.08. EMD: Rs. 1,89,000/-. SI.No.3. Tender No.: TN-228-24-25. Name of the Work : Budge Budge-Construction of new goods office, merchant room, drainage system and sufficient illumination at Budge Budge under Sr. Divisional Engineer /1/Sealdah..Tender Value 4,58,43,822.40. EMD Rs. 3,79,200/-. Completion period for the work : 12 months for each. Date & time of closing of tenders 31.01.2025 at 15.00 hrs. Date & time of opening of tenders: 31.01.2025 at 15.30 hrs. The tender document and other details are at www.ireps.gov.in The bidding for the tender is to be submitted through e-tendering on above website. Manual offers will be summarily (SDAH-314/2024-25) rejected.

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Central Railway, G-floor, CPM Tender Notice No. : EL/HWH/25/ Electrical building, Aside Railway 21(Notice)/634, dated 08.01.2025. stadium, JBP-482001 (M.P) Bid **Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern** Security: ₹ 84,28,200/- Completion Period: 18 Months Date & Time for Railway, Howrah, DRM Building near submission of tender: 10.02.2025 Railway station, Howrah-711101 (upto 11.00 hrs.) Date & Time for invites open e-tenders for the under Opening of tender: 17.02.2025, 11:00 mentioned electrical work : SI. No. 1. hrs. Complete details of tender Tender No. : EL-HWH-25-21-3409 document available on the Railway Name of Work: Electrical (G) work website https://ireps.gov.in and also

		project report for construction of – Kodarjanna (NH-80) to Mirzachowki RCD road (MDR- 207) via Raksi asthan road including replacement of culverts and bridges, proposal of new culverts and bridges, complete Land Acquisition Proposal including ownership details , Resettlement and Rehabilitation Proposal and Forest Diversion Proposal including clearance of all stages etc as required all complete as per latest guidelines, at Sahebganj in the state of Jharkhand. from Consultant empanelled in Category-I with the Road Construction Department, Government of Jharkhand vide letter no -3063(S) W.E dated 22-08-2022 are allowed to bid.
2-	Work completion time	45 Days
3.	Tentative Length	6.00 km
4	Cost of Tender Document & Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Cost of Tender Document - Rs 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand) (Non-Refundable) through online mode only. EMD :- Rs- 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand) through online mode only.As per the Departmental Letter no4652(S) dated 06.10.2023, cost of tender document and Earnest Money Deposit will be received in online mode only through e-procurement portal (https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in) by Internet banking/ NEFT/ RTGS facility as per Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued by Information Technology & e-Governance Department, Government of Jharkhand vide letter no- 120 dated 03.10.2023.
5-	Date and Time of Publishing of Tender on official website	13.01.2025, 05.00 PM
6-	Last date and Time of submission of Tender (With Tender Fee and EMD)	21.01.2025, 12.30 PM
7+	Date and Timing of Bid opening	22.01.2025, 12.30 PM
8-	Tender Inviting Authority	Executive Engineer, Field Survey Division, Advance Planning, RCD, Ranchi, Nirupan Bhavan, 56 set Chowk, Doranda, Ranchi- 834002, Mobile No-8051090751
And in case of the local division of the loc	Mode of Bid Submission	e-Tendering (http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in)
9-	Pr No	338130 Road (24-25)

The Director General (Mechanical/Roads), KMC invites e-tender online percentage rate two bid system for the following work:

NIT No. : KMC/ASPH/G.GACHA/BN-12/2024-25 (1st Call)

Name of the work: Development of road surface by lowering the existing surface and allied civil works at D.P.P. Road from Premises No.-12D/4 to 7D, Ward No.-100, BR-X, under Roads (M) Department. Estimate amount (including GST, Contingency & CESS): ₹ 5,67,412.22. Earnest money: ₹ 12,000.00. Period of completion: 25 days. Last date and time of submission of bid: 24.01.2025 at 12 Noon. The bid forms and other details are available on and from 15.01.2025 after 12 Noon from the website https://wbtenders.gov.in

The Director General, Water Supply, KMC invited e-tender for the following work: NIT No. : KMC/WS/JOKA/34/2024-25 Name of the work: Development of water supply network by laying

of new 100 mm dia D.I. pipe at Nabapally 22 Bigha from Premises No. 24/8/1 to 24/4/12 & 24/4/4, 24/1 to 24/1/4, 23/4/1 to 23/1/3 & more 12 feet (Fakir Danga), Yeni Sarani in Ward No.-143, BR-XVI. Estimated cost of the work: ₹ 8,18,268.89. Earnest money: ₹ 16,400.00. Period of completion: 36 days. Last date of submission of bid: 27.01.2025-5 P.M. Tender will be opened on: 30.01.2025 - 1 P.M. The bid forms and other details are available on and from 16.01.2025 - 5 P.M. from the website https://wbtenders.gov.in

The Director General (Bustee), KMC invites e-tender online percentage rate two bid system for the following work:

NIT No. : KMC/D.G.(B)/IX/080/038/2024-2025/BUSTEE

Name of the work: Renovation of Bustee passage by concrete at Sonai Bustee in Ward No.-80. Estimated amount (including GST & CESS): ₹ 5,99,849.00. Earnest money: ₹ 12,000.00. Period of completion: 30 days. Last date and time of submission of bid: 20.01.2025 - 12 Noon. Tender will be opened on: 22.01.2025 - 12 Noon. The bid forms and other details are available on and from 10.01.2025 (5 P.M.) from the website https://etender.wb.nic.in (1193/24-25)



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ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, पश्चिमी सिंहभ्रम, चाईबासा

अति अल्पकालीन ई--निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई- निविदा सूचना संख्या - RDD/SD/CHAIBASA/13/2024-25(5th Call) (MMGSY)

ई-निविदा खोलने का स्थान – कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, पश्चिमी सिंहमूम,

ई—निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :- कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, पश्चिमी

10. निविदा खोलने की तिथि से 5 दिनों के अन्दर निविदादाता द्वारा अपनी आपत्ति / दावा दर्ज कराये अन्यथा अवधि बीतने के

11. निविदा शल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि का ई—भगतान जिस खाता से किया जायेगा, उसी खाते में अग्रधन की राशि वापस

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Water supply arrangement and other ancillary works in Rampurhat-Dumka Section. Tender Value: Rs. 21.78,870/-. Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit): Rs. 43,600/-. Completion period 120 days. SI. No. 2, Tender No. EL-HWH-25-21-3368. Name of Work: Electrical (G) work in connection with Construction of single storied RPF Office at Nabadwipdham in the section of SSE/W/NDAE under AEN/NDAE. Tender Value: Rs. 8,47,674/-, Bld Security (Earnest Money Deposit): Rs. 17,000/-. Completion period 90 days.Closing date and time of tender : 29.01.2025 at 15.00 hrs. In case the date of closing mentioned in the Notice Inviting Tender is delared a holiday/bandh/strike on any account, the date of closing tender online will not be changed as the application in the website of IREPS does not permit submission of any offer after closing date and time of the tender. However, opening of tenders online will be done on any convenient day after closing date and time of the tender. The details of tender are available at website www.ireps. gov.in Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. (HWH-536/2024-25) Tender Notices are also available at Website www.er.indianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in Follow us at : @@EasternRailway G @easternrailwayheadquarter







PR.NO.343906 West Singhbhum(24-25):D







The body of an Israeli hostage is found in Gaza

Israel says about a third of the remaining 100 hostages have died

ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM, 9 DECEMBER

'sraeli soldiers recovered the body of a 53-yearold hostage in an underground tunnel in southern Gaza, the military said Wednesday, and the army was determining if another set of remains belongs to the man's son.

The discovery of Yosef AlZayadni's body comes as Israel and Hamas are considering a ceasefire deal that would free the remaining hostages and halt the fighting in Gaza. Israel says about a third of the remaining 100 hostages have died, but believes as many as half could be dead.

Yosef and his son Hamzah AlZayadni were thought to still be alive before Wednes-

dav's announcement, and news about their fate could ramp up pressure on Israel to move forward with a deal.

The military said it found evidence in the tunnel that raised "serious concerns" for the life of Hamzah AlZayadni, 23, suggesting he may have died in captivity. Lt. Col. Nadav Shoshani, an Israeli military spokesperson, said the circumstances behind YosefAlZayadni's death were

being investigated. AlZayadni and three of his children were among 250 hostages taken captive after Hamas-led militants stormed into southern Israel, killing 1,200 people.

AlZayadni had a total of 19 children and had worked for 17 years at the dairy farm of a kibbutz that was among the communities attacked,



hostages have been rescued said the Hostages Families Forum, a group representing by the army. the relatives of captives. AlZa-The Hostages Families vadni's teenage children, Bilal Forum said the ceasefire deal and Aisha, were released being negotiated "comes far

along with about 100 hostages too late for Yosef—who was in a weeklong ceasefire in taken alive and should have November 2023. returned the same way."

The bodies of around three dozen hostages have been recovered in Gaza and eight

group said in a statement. The deaths of previous highprofile hostages have sparked large protests in Israel calling for a deal.

Yosef AlZayadni's name appeared on a list of 34 hostages shared by a Hamas official with The Associated *Press* earlier this week, who the militant group said were slated for release. Israel said this was a list it had submitted to mediators last July, and that it has received nothing from Hamas.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Wednesday that a ceasefire and hostage deal between Israel and Hamas is "very close" and he hopes "we can get it over the line" before handing over U.S. diplomacy to President-elect

"Every day in captivity poses an immediate mortal Donald Trump's adminisdanger to the hostages," the tration later this month.

to inland Pasadena.

Los Angeles wildfires burn thousands of homes and other structures

ence to update residents on

efforts to fight massive fires

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KOLKATA, FRIDAY 10 JANUARY 2025



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LOS ANGELES, 9 JANUARY

A fast-moving fire broke out na and to warn that fire danger in the Hollywood Hills on remained high. Los Angeles Fire Department Chief Kristin Wednesday night, threatening one of Los Angeles' most Crowley made a hasty exit iconic spots as firefighters after announcing the new fire battled to get under control and soon after an evacuation three other major blazes that order was issued. killed five people, put 130,000 people under evacuation Fame was bustling and the orders and ravaged commustreets around the TCL Chinese nities from the Pacific Coast Theatre and Madame Tussauds

The sunset fire started Wednesday evening as officials were holding a news confer-

An Italian journalist is freed from detention in Iran and returns home

the flames, which were only about a mile away. People toting suitcases left hotels while some onlookers walked toward the flames, recording the fire on their phones.

Within a few hours, firefighters had made major progress. Los Angeles Fire Department Capt. Erik Scott said they were able to keep the fire in check because "we hit it hard and fast and mother nature was a little nicer to us today than she was yesterday." A day earlier, hurricane-force winds blew embers through the air, igniting block after block in the coastal neighborhood of Pacific Palisades as well as in Altadena, a community near Pasadena that is about 25 miles (40 kilometres) east.

Nearly 2,000 homes, businesses and other structures have been destroyed in those blazes ~ called the Palisades were packed with stop-andand Eaton fires ~ and the number is expected to rise. go traffic as sirens blared and low-flying helicopters flew The five deaths recorded so overhead to dump water on far were from the Eaton fire.

A Russian missile attack in southern Ukraine has killed at least 13 civilians, officials say

AGENCIES

Wednesday's attack killed at deal will just give the Kremlin



Daniele Raineri, who later ment. posted a photo of a smiling Sala greeting Meloni in the airport on social media. Sala's liberation marked a major diplomatic and political victory for Meloni, whose recent visit to President-elect Donald Trump at his Mar-a-Lago retreat greatly enhanced her stature internationally at a time when Italy was negotiating Sala's release. In announcing that Sala was flying home, Meloni's office said the premier had personally informed Sala's parents and credited the release to the government's "intensive work on diplomatic and intelligence channels." Iranian media acknowledged the journalist's release, citing only the foreign reports. Iranian officials offered no immediate com-

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to Iran that was used in a Sala, a reporter for the *Il* January 2024 attack on a Foglio daily, was detained U.S. outpost in Jordan that killed three American troops.

Abedini remains in deten-

tion in Italy but has asked

a Milan court to grant him

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with cheers in Italy, where

her plight had dominated

headlines. Lawmakers from

across the political spectrum

praised the outcome, with

Sala's release was met

extradition hearing.

KYIV, 9 JANUAR)

A daytime Russian missile attack on the southern Ukraine city of Zaporizhzhia killed at least 13 civilians and wounded about 30 others on Wednesday, officials said.

Footage posted on Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's Telegram channel shows civilians lying in a city street littered with debris. The post shows them being treated by emergency services and taken away on gurneys.

Russian has frequently launched aerial attacks on civilian areas during the almost three-year war. Thousands of civilians have been killed in Europe's biggest conflict since World War II.

Zelenskyy and regional Gov. Ivan Fedorov said

least 13 civilians. Minutes before the attack, Fedorov had warned of a threat of high-speed missiles and devastating glide bombs being fired at the Zaporizhzhia region. Russian troops started launching the glide bombs at Zaporizhzhia in the middle of the afternoon, and at least two bombs struck residential buildings in the city, Fedorov said. He announced that Thurs-

daywould be a day of mourning in the region. "There is nothing more brutal than aerial bombing of a city, knowing that

ordinary civilians will suffer," Zelenskyywrote on Telegram. Zelenskyy said earlier

Wednesday that countries wanting to end the war should offer Ukraine assurances about its future defense. Kyiv officials

fear that any cease fire or peace

time to rearm and invade again unless it is deterred by military force. "To be honest, I believe

that we have a right to demand serious security guarantees from ... the countries that aim for the peace in the world," Zelenskyy said.

Zelenskyywasresponding at a news conference in Kyiv to comments the previous day by President-elect Donald Trump that he understood Russia's opposition to neighboring Ukraine joining NATO.

The United States, Germany, Hungary and Slovakia have stood in the way of Ukraine immediately joining the 32-nation alliance, Zelenskyy noted. The alliance has said only that the country is on an "irreversible path" to membership.

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AGENCIES ROME, 9 JANUARY

PUBLIC NOTICE

An Italian journalist detained in Iran for three weeks was freed Wednesday and returned home, after her fate had become intertwined with that of an Iranian engineer arrested in Italy and

wanted by the United States. A plane carrying Cecilia Sala, 29, (photo, left) landed

where Premier Giorgia Meloni was on hand to welcome her alongside Sala's family members. Sala descended from the plane and ran to embrace her boyfriend,

at Rome's Ciampino airport,

in Teheran on 19 Dec, a week after she arrived on a journalist visa. She was accused of violating the laws of the Islamic Republic, the official IRNA news agency said.

Italian commentators had speculated that Iran detained and held Sala as a bargaining chip to ensure the release in Italy of Mohammad Abedini, who was arrested by Italian authorities at Milan's Malpensa airport three days before, on 16 Dec, on a U.S. warrant.

The U.S. Justice Department has accused Abedini and another Iranian of supplying the drone technology

the opposition Democratic leader Elly Schlein thanking the government specifically. It came after Meloni made a surprise trip to Florida last weekend to meet Trump at his Mar-a-Lago estate.

UTTAR DINAJPUR AT RAIGANJ Staff Recruitment Examination, 2025 Judgeship of Uttar Dinajpur Ref: Employment Notification No. 01/D.R.C. dated Raiganj the 10th day of January, 2025 Online applications are invited for recruitment to the existing and expected vacancies in the Judgeship of Uttar Dinajpur. For Details of Vacancies, Pay Scales, Eligibility, Mode of Examinations, Application Fees and submission of online application, please log on to https://uttardinajpurcourtrecruitment2024.in https://northdinajpur.dcourts.gov.in / www.uttardinajpur.nic.in www.calcuttahighcourt.gov.in or see Office Notice Boards of Judgeship. Sd/ District Judge-cum-Chairman **District Recruitment Committee** Uttar Dinajpur Judgeship at Raiganj Dated: 09th day of January, 2025

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT JUDGE

India Post **Payments Bank**

(A Government of India Undertaking) Corporate Office, Speed Post Centre Building, Bhai Veer Singh Marg, New Delhi -110001

Attack on Chad's presidential palace leaves 19 dead

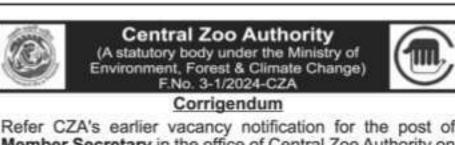
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N'DJAMENA.9JANUARY

An attack on Chad's presidential palace left 18 assailants dead and six in custody, with one soldier killed and three wounded, state media reported Thursday. The attack on Wednesday night occurred while Chadian President Mahamat Deby Itno was inside the palace, but authorities said the situation was quickly brought under control.

under control. There is no fear," Foreign Affairs Minister Abderaman Koulamallah said while surrounded by soldiers in a live Facebook broadcast filmed inside what appeared to be a quiet presidential palace late Wednesday.

by alcohol and drugs.



Member Secretary in the office of Central Zoo Authority on deputation basis published in this newspaper 26.11.2024 on the last date for receipt of application for the said post is further extended till 20.01.2025.

For further details please visit our website https://cza.nic.in and https://moef.gov.in Member Secretary

"The situation is completely

In an interview with state TV, Koulamallah praised the vigilance of the palace guards, describing the attackers as disorganized and intoxicated

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All the Ward Councillors / Citizens of Siliguri are requested to submit their
claims & objections in writing regarding changing of names of Road, if
any, within 24-01-25 by 4-30 P.M. sharp.

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Sd/- Commissioner Siliguri Municipal Corporation

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RECRUITMENT OF VACANCIES IN SCALE III, V, VI & VII

Advt. No. IPPB/CO/HR/RECT/2025-25/05

Applications are invited for appointment to the following positions:

(a) Details of number of regular vacancies (tentative) including backlog reserved vacancies:

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Internal Audit	ш	Senior Manager (Information System Auditor)	1	1	•		•	

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forizontal Reservation is applicable for Persons with Disability (minimum 40% Disability) as per Government of India torms.

IMPORTANT DATES:

(i)	Opening date for On-line Registration of Applications	10.01.2025: 10.00 AM
(ii)	Last date of On-line Submission of Applications with Fee	30.01.2025: 11.59 PM
Date	e: New Delhi : 10.01.2025 :-06346/12/0013/24-25	Sd/- Chief HR Officer









ONGC shares are still on

the gaining side with 3.40

percent increase, speaking

of its five-days' trading aver-

age, but witnessed a subtle

decline compared to its

fell following Jaguar Land

Rover's third-quarter sales

update while Tata's IT wing,

TCS, shares tumbled over

opening.

Market extends previous session's losses

Donation under CSR intiative by State Bank of India, New Delhi Circle: Under CSR initiative, SBI, New Delhi Circle organized an event at its Local Head Office on 08.01.2025 The beneficiaries of the CSR initiative of the bank were Society for Participatory Integrated Development (SPID) and Niramaya Charitable Trust. The occasion was graced by SBI Chairman Mr. Challa Sreenivasulu Setty, DMD Smt. Vidya Krishnan, CGM Mr. Debasish Mishra and other senior officials. SPID is engaged in various aspects like youth and women empowerment through skill development, education for underprivileged children and revitalising Anganwadi Centres. All funds are arranged and being utilized for upgradation of various Anganwadi.

THUMBNAILS

Bima Sakhi crosses 50,000 mark: The Hon`ble Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modiji launched LIC`s BIMA SAKHI Yojana at Panipat, on 9 December, 2024. Bima Sakhi Yojana is a step towards Viksit Bharat through women empowerment which will provide social security to the families. LIC of India is proud to be a partner in Viksit Bharat by including women as partners in the nation`s progress by providing them with the opportunity of becoming **BIMA SAKHI and self**reliant, a statement said.

the Sensex was down 528.28 points or 0.68 per cent at 77,620.21, and the Nifty was down 162.45 points or 0.69 per cent at 23,526.50

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, 9JANUARY

The Stock market extended the previous session losses

with Nifty finishing below 23,550 amid selling across the sectors bearing FMCG.

Indices opened flat but soon bears took charge and dragged the Nifty near 23,500.

At close, the Sensex was down 528.28 points or 0.68 per cent at 77,620.21, and the Nifty was down 162.45 points or 0.69 per cent at 23,526.50.

While on the losing side Sensex opened at were Shriram Finance (3.07 78,206.21 against its previous percent), Oil & Natural Gas

close of 78,148.49 and

dropped over 600 points, or

0.80 percent, to the intraday

50 opened at 23,674.75

against its previous close of

23,688.95 and declined over

180 points, or 0.80 percent,

index were Bajaj Auto (2.24

percent), Nestle India (1.63

percent), Hindustan Unilever

Industries (1.37 percent),

The gainers in the Nifty

On the other hand, Nifty

low of 77,542.92.

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(1.31 percent).



Corporation (3 percent), Bharat Petroleum Corpora-

tion (2.37 percent), Coal India (2.14 percent), and

Tata Steel (2.04 percent).

On the BSE, around 120 stocks touched their 52week low including Network 18, Sun Pharma Advanced, Bandhan Bank, Mahindra Life, Tata Technologies, Yes Bank, Sona BLW, Rajesh Exports, Alok Industries, Relaxo Footwear, IRCTC, NMDC Steel, among others.

BSE Midcap and smallcap indices shed 1 percent each. The overall market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms has dropped to nearly 436 lakh crore from nearly 442 lakh crore.

All sectoral indices lost on Thursday, barring Nifty

FMCG, which rose nearly 1 shares have declined for the percent, defying weak market fifth consecutive session. sentiment.

Nifty Realty lost nearly percent, followed by the Oil and Gas index which dropped almost 2 percent. IT, metal and PSU Bank indices dropped over a percent each.

Nifty Bank and Financial L&T shares stayed close Services fell nearly 1 per to its opening of Rs 3599, cent. The Bank Nifty closed with the decline reaching at 49835.05, with an intraday as low as Rs 3492 during high of 49798.1 and a low of early trade. Shares of Tata Motors

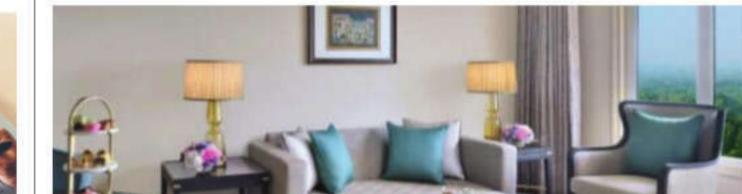
49230.15. Among the individual key performers, Swiggy shares reached as high as Rs 520, following its recent app launch - called Snacc.

1.5 per cent ahead of its Shriram Finance Ltd earnings show for Q3.

SIP inflows in India cross ₹26,000 crore mark for 1st time in December: AMFI

AGENCIES

59 ultra-luxury homes sold for approx ₹4,063 crore in 2024



Equity fund inflows in India surge over 14 pc to ₹41,156 cr in Dec

AGENCIES

NEW DELHI, 9 JANUARY

Actively managed equity mutual fund inflows saw over 14 per cent monthly growth at Rs 41,155.9 crore in the month of December, the data by the Association of Mutual Funds of India (AMFI) showed on Thursday. The growth in equity mutual fund inflows came as thematic/sectoral and small-cap funds saw higher investments.

of Rs 13,643 crore last month. Passive fund category saw the most number of new find offering (NFO) launches. NFOs brought a total of Rs 4,052-crore inflow into the industry last month. Indian mutual fund industry's assets under management (AUM) saw significant growth over the last decade, as it increased by a whopping 524 per cent to 68.08 lakh crore in November 2024 from 10.9 lakh crore in November 2014. The AUM growth in B-30 (Beyond 30 cities) outpaced the top-30 cities during this period. The mutual fund industry's AUM has increased by more than Rs 37 lakh crore in the last four years.

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Monthly systematic investment plans (SIPs) surpassed the Rs 26,000 crore mark for the first time in the month of December, showcasing that small investors continue to rely on mutual funds for long-term investments, as per the data released by the Association of Mutual Funds of India (AMFI) on Thursday. The SIP contribution during the last month stood at Rs 26,459 crore compared to 25,320 crore in November.

Capacity expansion in solar manufacturing: Jupiter International, manufacturer of photovoltaic solar cells and provider of solar power solutions, will be investing Rs 6,500 crore over the next three years, in a step to become a fully integrated solar manufacturing leader. With planned capacities of 3 GW for wafers, 9.4 GW for cells, and 6 GW for modules, Jupiter aims to meet the growing market demand with cuttingedge, reliable solar solutions.

Along with SIPs, mutual fund (MF) folio also surged to 22.50 crore in December, from 22.02 crore in the previous month.

As per earlier reports, there was a massive 233 per cent growth (year-on-year) in overall net inflows in SIPs in India last year, as the Indian economy remains resilient amid rough geopolitical conditions.

According to Ashwini Kumar from credit ratings agency ICRA Analytics, with the structural growth story of the Indian economy remaining intact and India a bright spot in the global economy, the domestic

mutual fund industry is expected to witness multifold growth in the coming years.

The surge in SIP comes at a time when equity market performance was subdued last month. Both the Sensex and Nifty were down 2.08 per cent and 2.02 per cent in December.

A record 42,76,207 investors joined the Indian stock market in November, according to the National Stock Exchange (NSE) data. In the July-September period this year, a total of 1,60,06,447 (over 1.6 crore) people joined the stock market, as India's equity markets soared to record highs.

The stock exchange also informed that till December 23 this year, the total number of registered investors stood at 21,02,25,329 (over 21.02 crore).

performing due to a sluggish

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, 9JANUARY

In 2024, 59 ultra-luxury homes were sold for a total sales value of approximately Rs 4,063 crore marking a 17% yearly surge in total sales value, data analysed by Anarock said.

The real estate consultancy firm aid out of the total of 59 ultra-luxurious homes, 53 were apartments and just 6 deals were of bungalows.

Mumbai dominated with 52 ultra-luxury residential deals in 2024, comprising an 88% share of total deals while Delhi-NCR recorded 3 deals for two ultra-luxury homes in Gurugram and one in Delhi.

One apartment was sold in Gurugram for Rs 190 crore at DLF Camellias.

Since the pandemic, there

has been a significant increase in the demand for luxury and ultra-luxury properties.

"Overall, 59 ultra-luxury homes were sold across the top 7 cities in 2024, for a collective sales value of approx. Rs 4,754 Cr. In contrast, 2023 saw 58 ultra-luxury homes sold in these cities for a total sales value of approx. Rs 4,063 Cr. The yearly increase in both the number of deals and their overall sales value underscores the enduring demand for ultra-luxury properties across the top cities,"

said Anuj Puri, Chairman – ANAROCK Group. "HNIs and ultra-HNIs are purchasing these trophy residences for personal use, investment, or both," said Puri. "This is a noteworthy market dynamic, given that home prices are surging

nationwide due to increased input costs and robust buyer demand. Although there was only a one-unit increase in

the number of transactions closed in 2024 compared to 2023, there was a 17 percent annual increase in value during the same period. Some of the most prominent Grade A developers have been upping ultra-luxury inventory in response to the growing demand."

Hyderabad & Bengaluru each saw two deals worth over Rs 40 crore each.

At least 17 deals in 2024 were worth over Rs 100 crore each - 16 in Mumbai and one in Delhi-NCR (Gurugram). Of the 16 in Mumbai, 14 were apartments (Worli, Malabar Hill, and Pali Hill) and two bungalows at Cuffe Parade and JVPD.

Tuhin Kanta Pandey takes charge as Revenue Secretary

The small-cap funds clocked a net inflow of Rs 4,667.7 crore in December, while the net inflows stood at Rs 4,111.8 crore in the previous month.

The mid-cap category saw an inflow of Rs 5,093.2 crore in December, from Rs 4,883.4 crore in the previous month, as per the AMFI data.

Inflows into the sectoral and thematic category rose to Rs 15,331.5 crore.

Meanwhile, flexi-cap funds saw an inflow of Rs 4,730.7 crore, while multicap funds recorded inflows worth Rs 5,084.1 crore.

Inflows from new fund offers accounted for inflow

AUM increased by Rs 11 lakh crore in 2023, Rs 2.65 lakh crore in 2022, and about Rs 7 lakh crore in 2021.

According to AMFI data, about 174 open-ended schemes were added in 2024 (till November). Apart from this, 19.42 lakh folios were added to hybrid mutual funds in 2024. At the same time, 1.87 lakh folios were added to solution-oriented mutual funds.

HSBC downgrades Indian equities to 'Neutral'; revises Sensex target for 2025 end

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, 9JANUARY:

Analysts at HSBC have downgraded Indian equities to 'Neu-

tral' from 'Overweight'. The London-based financial services firm, has also revised its Sensex target for the end of 2025, lowering it to 85,990, from 90,520 earlier. The new target reflects an upside of 10.03 per cent from the January 8 closing level of 78,148.49.

The shift reflects tempered optimism for the market's performance amid concerns over high valuations and slowinggrowth momentum. India is one of the best structural stories in the region. The market benefits from a young

demographic profile, expanding consumer segments, and ongo-

recovery in overseas demand. ing investments in both physical Although rural demand is and digital infrastructure, showing signs of improvement, HSBC said. Additionally, urban consumption remains India's growing share in global subdued. "While growth trade and record-high forex remains robust, downgrades matter because India's earnings reserves provide stability against currency volatility. Earnings multiples are high. As earnings growth, which had been robust stall and markets recalibrate since 2020, has slowed in their earnings expectations, recent quarters. The banking we see muted market returns in 2025," Herald van der Linde, sector, which holds the largest weight in India's market, is Prerna Garg, Adam Qi and Varun Pai of HSBC said in a grappling with the after effects of stringent monetary policy note. Pranjul Bhandari, HSBC's measures, analysts said. These **ChiefEconomistforIndia and** Indonesia, expects further have dampened credit demand and squeezed interest margins monetary easing, predicting as banks compete for deposits. two reportate cuts of 25 basis points each in February and

Meanwhile, the tech sector, the second-largest, is under-April 2025.

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, 9JANUARY:

Tuhin Kanta Pandey, who is the current Finance Secretary, took charge as the Secretary, Department of Revenue (DoR), Ministry of Finance,

Senior IAS officer Arunish

Pandey is a 1987-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Odisha cadre. He has been the Secretary of three Departments, Department of Investment & Public Asset Management



(DIPAM), since 24 October, 2019, Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) since 1 August, 2024 and Department of Personnel and Training since 4 November, 2024. T.K. Pandey is a 1987-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Odisha cadre

versity of Birmingham (UK).

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet on Wednesday appointed Tuhin Kanta Pandey as the Secretary, D/o Revenue, Ministry of Finance. The Order also stated that Pandey will continue to be designated as the Finance Secretary.

In the Union Government his previous positions include Joint Secretary, Planning Commission (now NITI Aayog), Joint Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat and Deputy

Secretary in Ministry of Commerce.

While in the State Government of Odisha, he served as administrative head in the Departments of Health, General Administration, Commercial Taxes, Transport and Finance. He also served as Executive Director of Odisha State Finance Corporation and Managing Director of Odisha Small Industries Corporation. Before serving as Secretary in the DIPAM, Pandey has held many significant positions in Union Government and State Government of Odisha, in addition to serving a stint in the Regional Office of the United Nations Industrial Development

Organisation (UNIDO).

on Thursday.

Chawla has been reassigned from his position as revenue secretary to head the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM).

Both the DIPAM and DPE function under the Ministry of Finance. Pandey holds a Masters in Economics from Panjab University, Chandigarh

and an MBA from the Uni-

Trump's second term may offer new opportunities for South-east Asia, emerging markets, but create risks for export-driven economies

RITWIK MUKHERJEE

KOLKATA. 9 JANUARY

Come 20 January and Donald Trump will be sworn in as the 47th president of the United States and will start his second term in White House. Trump defeated Democrat Kamala Harris and capped one of the most astounding political comebacks in American history. Trump has invited several foreign leaders to the swearing-in ceremony. Going by the indications so far, the Chinese President Xi Jinping is not expected to attend, despite an invitation. It is believed that one of the key events, globally, that will dominate the market mood in January 2025 will be President-elect Donald Trump's swearing-in or inauguration ceremony. While stock markets

will keep a tab on the who's who attending the event, in a bid to gauge the US' possible diplomatic connections under

Trump administration, market watchers will also have their eves peeled for Trump's policies.

> Experts like VT Markets feel that a second Trump administration could significantly reshape Asia's economic landscape, particularly through its trade policies and protectionism. Countries like China, Japan, South Korea, and Vietnam, which rely heavily on US trade, could face challenges as the US continues to prioritise American interests with tariffs and trade agreements. Trump's "decoupling" from China could lead to shifts in production and sourcing strategies, with Southeast

Asia—especially Indonesia, Malaysia, and Thailand—

potentially benefiting from increased foreign investment as companies diversify their supply chains.

> India, Vietnam, and Indonesia stand to gain as companies shift operations from China to take advantage of lower costs. India, as a growing manufacturing hub, could see accelerated growth if trade barriers with China persist. However, nations like China and Japan—highly dependent on US exports may struggle under continued tariffs and protectionist measures. Meanwhile, Asia's energy transition to renewables could be complicated by Trump's fossil fuel-friendly stance, which may temporarily benefit oil companies like Exxon Mobil but hinder broader green energy efforts.

Looking at the Indian markets, in particular, India stock



markets saw a topsy turvy 2024, where a string of events caused bouts of volatility,

especially in the second half of the calendar year. From the Lok Sabha elections of



2024 to Donald Trump's victory in the US, from simmering tensions between Iran and Israel to foreign investors' mammoth selling of Indian equities, the stock markets saw it all this outgoing year. Going forward, analysts believe domestic equity markets may continue to witness market consolidation, at least in the first half of 2025, on the back Philippines last year, after of various domestic and global buying \$26.6 billion in 2023. economic events. The recent election of Donald Trump in the United States introduces uncertainty in policies related encouraged by expectations to trade, immigration, enviof Federal Reserve easing and ronmental protection, and regional growth. But they later shifted to accelerated diplomacy. Any significant shifts in US policies could selling, hit by a stronger dollar have ripple effects on the and higher US yields. Indian equity market, given the intertwined nature of in the tech sector, Trump's global economies, think analysts.

labour. Stricter US immigration A recent Reuters' report



pointed out that overseas investors turned net sellers of Asian equities in 2024, primarily due to a surge in selling in the last quarter amid concerns that US President-elect Korea. Donald Trump's trade policies might hit Asian economies. They sold a net \$15.8 billion

worth of equities in Taiwan,

South Korea, India, Thailand,

Indonesia, Vietnam and the

They had invested \$14.67 bil-

lion in the first three quarters,

It is widely believed that

immigration policies could

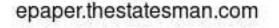
impact Asia's access to skilled

laws may lead to more tech talent staying in Asia, which could boost regional innovation hubs in countries like India, Singapore, and South

Asia's economies, in general, may face volatility due to Trump's trade wars and tariffs, but some sectors like tech and defense could thrive. With a "risk-on" sentiment emerging, investors may turn to higher-reward opportunities like smaller fintech startups and the growing crypto market, while avoiding sectors exposed to tariffs and global trade disruptions.

In short, a second Trump term could offer new opportunities for South-east Asia and emerging markets but create risks for export-driven economies and industries reliant on international talent.







League Cup: Bergvall fires Tottenham to first-leg semifinal victory over Liverpool

18-year-old Swedish sensation nets his maiden goal for Spurs at the very end to earn a gritty victory for the London outfit

AGENCIES LONDON, 9 JANUARY

ottenham Hotspur took a significant step toward ending their 15-year trophy drought with a gritty 1-0 victory over defending champions Liverpool in the first leg of the League Cup semifinal.

Lucas Bergvall, the 18-yearold Swedish sensation, emerged as the hero on Thursday (Indian time), netting his maiden goal for Spurs in the dying moments of the match to snap Liverpool's 24-game unbeaten streak across all competitions.

Arne Slot's Liverpool came into the game as favourites, having secured a dominant 6-3 Premier League victory over Tottenham just weeks earlier. However, the League Cup clash was a far cry from that free-scoring affair, with Tottenham battling through injuries and Liverpool struggling

to find their usual rhythm. Spurs, plagued by absences, gave a debut to goalkeeper Antonin Kinsky and were forced to make an early substitution when midfielder Rodrigo Bentancur was stretchered off after a nasty fall. Despite these setbacks,

Tottenham showed resilience and discipline, supported by the raucous home crowd at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium. Tottenham began the match brightly, creating the better chances in a scrappy first half. Radu Dragusin tested Liverpool keeper Alisson with

an early shot, while Dominic Solanke came close after bundling a Son Heung-min cross just wide of the target. Liverpool, unusually subdued, relied on moments of individual brilliance from their talisman Mohamed Salah, but the Egyptian was largely neutralized by

Spurs' disciplined defence. Cody Gakpo's speculative effort nearly caught out debutant keeper Kinsky, but the ball squirmed wide.

The first half was marred by a lengthy stoppage for Bentancur's injury, which seemed to deflate Spurs momentarily. Yet, the home side remained

dangerous, buoyed by their youthful energy and high pressing. The second half saw Tottenham push for an opener, with Alisson almost gifting

them the lead. Dallying on the ball, the Brazilian goalkeeper was dispossessed by Bergvall, who set up Pedro Porro.

However, Porro's initial shot was blocked heroically by Virgil van Dijk, and his follow-up rolled agonizingly wide. Liverpool, too, had their chances. Substitute Trent Alexander-Arnold nearly broke the deadlock with a fierce strike, only for Radu Dragusin

to make a goal-line clearance that epitomized Tottenham's determination.

Drama unfolded when Solanke though the had scored the opening goal, only for VAR to intervene.

Referee Stuart Attwell became the first official in English football to announce a VAR decision directly to the crowd, confirming the offside call and keeping the match scoreless.

As the clock ticked toward the 90th minute, Spurs finally found their breakthrough. Solanke, who had been tireless throughout the match, battled past two defenders before laying the ball off to Lucas Bergvall. The teenager displayed composure beyond his years, rifling a stunning shot past Alisson to ignite wild celebrations among the home fans. For Liverpool, the loss marked only their second defeat of the season.

Barca beat Bilbao to enter Super Cup final

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The Statesman

KOLKATA, FRIDAY 10 JANUARY 2025

Lamine Yamal and Gavi Páez scored to lead Barcelona past Athletic Bilbao 2-0 and into the Spanish Super Cup final.

Gavi scored in the 17th minute of the semifinal on Thursday (Indian time) for his first goal since the midfielder returned to playing in October after a serious leg injury that sidelined him for nearly a year. Gavi then helped Yamal

put the result away in the 52nd with a pass that the 17-yearold controlled while twirling toward the goal. Yamal sized up goalkeeper Unai Simón and slotted home to double the lead.

Real Madrid and Mallorca will play the other semifinal also in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, on Friday (Indian time).

The final is on Sunday. Yamal didn't reveal which rival he would prefer for the

final. "The final will be tough, and we want to win it, that is pass from Alejandro Balde after the left back had reached the endline in Athletic's area. Athletic could barely muster a threat until they were behind by two goals. Iñaki Williams thought he had scored in the final minutes but it was waived off after a video review ruled him offside. The loss ended a 15-game unbeaten streak for Ernesto Valverde's team across all competitions. Athletic were participating in the tournament as the winner of last season's Copa del Rey. Barcelona are here as the Spanish league's

the important thing," the

teenaged Spanish sensation

told reporters during an interaction with the media after

the clash against Athletic Bilbao

after he redirected in a short

Gavi got Barcelona going

on Thursday.

runner-up. The minor trophy has become a major cash maker for the federation and competing clubs since the federation struck a deal in 2019

to hold it in the West Asian kingdom.

Our Government has given special impetus to the development of Inland Waterways which has eased

traffic pressure on roads, helped cut logistic costs

Narendra Modi. Prime Minister

and furthered ease of doing business.







STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE **GUWAHATI, 9 JANUARY**

Struggling Punjab FC will hope to put behind a recent run of poor results and turn their fortunes around as they face an upbeat NorthEast United FC in an Indian Super League (ISL) encounter on Saturday at the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium in Guwahati.

Awin will see Punjab, who have 18 points, move just one point away from the playoffs position.

NorthEast United FC, who are currently on 22 points and occupy the last playoff position, will look for a positive result in order to remain in contention for qualification for the playoff places during the 2024-25 season of the ISL. Speaking on the recent form, PFC head coach Panagiotis Dilmperis said, "Of course when one team is not having the desired results,

losing four games in a row, it makes us feel that we have to improve our game." "There are many reasons

of why these results have happened and we have addressed them and will rectify them in the match tomorrow," he added. "We have conceded a lot of goals in the last few matches due to various reasons

opposition and the NorthEast United FC coach, Dilmperis said, "I respect Juan Pedro Benali and he is a great coach who coaches his team like an engine. They make every second count in attack and also have a very good defence."

"We will not be looking at one particular player tomorrow as they have 11 players who will be playing tomorrow. We have our plans for tomorrow and we will look to take advantage of their shortcomings and get a positive result," the veteran said while talking to reporters during an interaction

with the media. Punjab FC went down to Kerala Blasters by a solitary goal at home while NorthEast United were held to a goalless

draw by newcomers Mohammedan SC at Guwahati.

Punjab FC will be bolstered by the return of their key attacking players in Luka Majcen, Pulga Vidal and Filip Mrzljak while Ivan Novoselec will also return in defence. Sharing his thoughts during

the pre-match press conference, defender Pramveer Singh who became the youngest player to start an ISL game said, "The coach has shown confidence in me to play the crucial matches for the team.' "Idon't feel much pressure because I am young, and this is all a great experience for me. The coach and my senior players have motivated me from the beginning and I hope to continue playing well and contribute to the team. The dressing room spirits are

high and we are confident a

win tomorrow," Pramveer

said while talking to the media.

Jal Marg se Navnirman; Desh ki Nayi Udan

2nd Meeting of

INLAND WATERWAYS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (IWDC)

Launch/Announcement of Projects costing more than Rs. 1400 Cr.

Inauguration of

Quick Pontoon Opening Mechanism at two locations

Andhra Pradesh

- Setting up of 6 floating steel jetties on River Godavari
- Detailed Project Report of NW-4 for its development
- Feasibility of River Penna (NW-79)

Assam

- 📥 Refurbishment of Heritage Building, Dibrugarh
- Development of Tourist Terminal at 4 locations
- A Regional Centre of Excellence (RCoE), Dibrugarh
- 📥 Link Road between Pandu Ship Repair Facility to Pandu Port
- Procurement of 2 Steel Pontoons for NW-16 terminals
- Procurement of 12 Vessels for NW-2 and NW-16
- One Survey Vessel for Barak River (NW-16)

Bihar

Quick Pontoon Opening Mechanism (QPOM) at 4 locations

Chhattisgarh

A River cruise tourism facilities at Bhadrakali on NW-4

Delhi

2 jetties on River Yamuna (NW-110) for cruise tourism

Goa

- 10 community jetties in Goa on River Mandovi (NW-68), Cumberjua Canal (NW-27) and River Zuari (NW-111)
- 1 jetty on River Sal (NW-88) and 2 jetties on River Chapora

Central Database Portal for Registration of Vessel/Crew- 'Digital India' **National River Traffic and Navigation System Guidelines**

Launch of

Announcement of

Jammu & Kashmir

- 10 jetties on River Chenab (NW-26), River Jhelum (NW-49) and River Ravi (NW-84) for tourism/transportation
- Fairway development and navigation aids on River Jhelum

Karnataka

- 1 jetty on River Kabini (NW-51) and 2 jetties on River Sharavati (NW-90)
- 4 jetties on River Gurupura (NW-43) and River Netravati (NW-74)
- A River Cruise at Almatti Dam (River Krishna)
- Operationalisation of NW-105 and NW-76
- Navigation aids and terminal on River Kali (NW-52)

Kerala

Widening of service road connecting to IWT Maradu terminal Maintainance of fairway and bank protection at 4 location in **NW-3**

Ladakh

2 jetties on River Indus (NW-46) and Green Vessels for cruise tourism

Maharashtra

- Fairway maintenance in the Dabhol Creek-Vashishti River (NW-28)
- Induction of Navigational Aids in Dabhol Creek-Vashishti River (NW-28) and Kalyan-Thane -Vasai Creek-Ulhas

Odisha

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- 🛕 2 floating jetties for Musadia-Bahakuda ferry service on River Mahanadi (NW-64) and 1 floating jetty on River Baitarni (NW-14).
- Construction of fixed jetty on behalf of IFFCO on River Mahanadi (NW-64)
- Fairway maintenance and navigational aids of River Mahanadi (NW-64)
- Updation of DPR for development of NW-5

Punjab

Feasibility of River Beas (NW-17) and River Sutlej (NW-98) for navigation

Rajasthan

Mathemetical modelling of River Jawai-Luni-Rann of Kutch (NW-48) for navigation

Tamil Nadu

8 jetties & 2 vessels for river cruise planned in Buckingham Canal (constituent of NW-4), River Bhavani (NW-20) and River Pazhyar (NW-77).

Telangana

Setting up of 3 floating jetties on River Krishna (NW-4)

but we still have one of the best defensive statistics in the season.

"We have our full squad available tomorrow as all our players are back from injury and suspensions. They will need a couple of games to get back in full shape", the coach said about the availability of some key players who missed the previous matches.

While asked about the

(NW-25)

Fairway maintenance in National Waterways of Goa

Setting up of VTMS in National Waterways of Goa

Gujarat

- 2 jetties for cruise tourism on River Narmada (NW-73)
- Fairway maintenance & setting up of river cruise jetties in River Tapi at Surat Castle and Dumas Beach

Himachal Pradesh

- Feasibility study for operationalisation of River Sutlej (NW-98)
- River Mumbai Waterway (NW-53)
- Opening of Regional Office at Mumbai

Mizoram

- Preparation of DPR for development of IWT in River **Tlawng & Chhimtuipui**
- Construction of 2 jetties and 2 passenger boats on River Khawthlangtuipui - Tuichawng in Lunglei District

Nagaland

- DPR for development of IWT in Doyang Lake
- DPR for Promotion of Water Sports & Tourism at Noune and Shilloi Lake

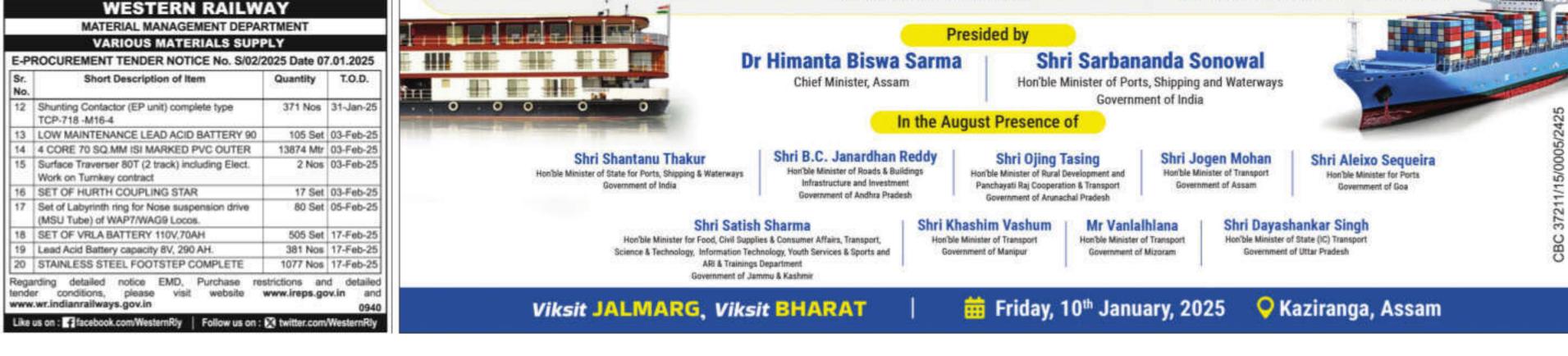
Uttar Pradesh

- Prayagraj 6 jetties and 5 vessels for Mahakumbh
- A 8 jetties in Mathura, 2 jetties and 1 catamaran in Ayodhya
- A Ship Repair Facility at Ghazipur
- QPOM at 4 locations
- Development of IWT tourism circuit in Agra

Common for NWs - 1, 2 and 16

Amphibian Dredgers

4 Cutter Suction Dredgers with ancillary units







THUMBNAILS

Formula 1 announces multivear extension with Belgian Grand Prix: Formula 1 has agreed to a multi-year extension with the Belgian Grand Prix that will see the sport race at the iconic Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps in four of the next six years. The extension includes the 2026, 2027, 2029 and 2031 grand prix seasons which follows significant investment at the circuit in recent years, including the addition of two new grandstands - increasing capacity by 10,000 - and enhancement of the offtrack entertainment and fan experience. Last year, the **Belgian Grand Prix welcomed** 380,000 fans across the race weekend in a gripping three days of action, which saw Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton claim his second win of the season and his fifth at Spa. Built in 1921, Spa-Francorchamps was one of just seven circuits to be part of Formula 1's maiden championship in 1950 and has since hosted 57 Grands Prix. The Wallonian circuit is celebrated by fans and drivers alike for its mixture of long straights and challenging fast corners, including one of the most famous sections of the racetrack in the world as drivers power through Eau Rouge and Raidillon, then on to the Kemmel straight. Spanning 7.004km, it is the longest circuit on the Formula 1 calendar and has seen some of the sport's most decorated drivers, including Ayrton Senna, Michael Schumacher, Niki Lauda, and Sebastian Vettel, win there.

After BGT, Team India shift focus to white-ball cricket

Men-in-Blue gear up for busy schedule a head, including series against England, ICC Champions Trophy

TRIDIB BAPARNASH NEW DELHI, 9 JANUARY

s the focus shifts to white-ball cricket, starting with the bilateral limitedovers series against England later this month at home, and the ICC Champions Trophy next month in Pakistan and the UAE, all eyes will be on the composition of the Indian side, more specifically in the 50-over format, with the men-in-blue only featuring in three ODIs last year, and a total of six post that 19 November, 2023 World Cup final in Ahmedabad.

As such, when the Ajit Agarkar-led senior selection committee meets later in the week to pick the squads, they can't bank on recent international form. With retirements of Rohit Sharma. Virat Kohli and Ravindra Jadeja, the T20I side has already witnessed a revamp, and the Test side is already in a transition phase, and thus all eyes will be on the make-up of the ODI squad, both in terms of form and fitness of certain players. Despite battling a lean patch, veterans Rohit and Virat will continue to form the batting core of India's ODI squad, with KL Rahul

and Shubman Gill, the obvishan and Rajat Patidar during ous choices in the top order. that period. It remains to be seen whether Yashasvi Jaiswal, touted as

With Rohit set to lead the ODI squad and open the

solved with the previous

regime under Rahul Dravid preferring specialists Sanju Samson, Tilak Varma and Rinku Singh featuring in the middle order during the series against the Proteas in December 2023. But since Gautam Gambhir took over the reins of the side, India have played only a solitary ODI series against Sri Lanka, where the preference has been more for all-rounders, who could add that depth in the batting, and roll their arms.

veterans Ravindra Jadeja and Suryakumar Yadav missed the series in South Africa and Sri Lanka.

Jadeja, who hasn't featured in a 50-over game post the World Cup, formed India's middle order core along with Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul and Suryakumar after Hardik Pandya was injured.

Pandya is expected to return to the fold, having proved his fitness while playing domestic domestic whiteball games for Baroda this season, while Parag is also expected to be fit after recovering from a shoulder injury, even though his selection isn't certain.

KL Rahul was India's designated wicketkeeper during

'Gambhirisa hypocrite': Manoj Tiwary slams Team India coach

Kolkata Friday, 10 January 2025

TheStatesman

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI, 9 JANUARY**

In the aftermath of India's 3-

1 series loss to Australia that

led Rohit Sharma's men to

concede the Border-Gavaskar

Trophy for the first time in a

decade, former India batter

Manoj Tiwary criticised current

national team head coach

Gautam Gambhir, terming

him a 'hypocrite,' and went

on to suggest that the ex-

India opener does not walk

the talk.

Bangla.

bowled exceptionally well. That is why we won the 1st IPL title. But who took the credit?

"There is an environment and PR that allows him to take all the credit," he said.

India have lost six of the 10 Tests since Gambhir took over from Rahul Dravid as head coach.

His next big assignment is the 2025 Champions Trophy in Pakistan and the UAE which begins in February.

As such, Gambhir has been "Gautam Gambhiris a hypunder the scanner after historic ocrite. He doesn't do what he whitewashes against New says. Where is the captain Zealand and Sri Lanka, and (Rohit) from? Mumbai. Where the loss in the Border-Gavaskar is Abhishek Nayar from? Mum-Trophy has only added to his bai. The got a chance to put a worries. With the bilateral Mumbai player in the forefront. series against England later There is no one to speak for this month, and the Champions Jalaj Saxena. He performs well Trophy, coming up next month, but keeps quiet," Tiwary was the two-time World Cup winner quoted as saying by News18 will be desperately pushing his side to deliver the results.

> Meanwhile, reacting to Tiwary's sharp attack on Gamb-

an all-format player, qualifies as a top-order option for the format in which he is yet to make his debut.

However, with Rohit and Shubman proving to be a successful opening combination during the 2023 ODI World Cup, the selectors might be tempted to have the pair back at the top of the order. Following the World Cup, Rohit and Shubman were rested from India's subsequent ODIs in South Africa in December that year, and India tried the likes of Ruturaj Gaikwad, B Sai Sudar-

innings, and Virat at No. 3, Jaiswal could be an option if India want to bring a lefthander into the top order. The 23-year-old has been in red-hot form and ended as India's highest run-scorer in the recently-concluded Border-Gavaskar Test series against Australia, Down Under, and his domestic 50over numbers are impressive: 1511 runs at an average of 54 and strike rate of 86.19 with five centuries and seven fifties in 32 innings.

The middle order remains an interesting puzzle to be

During the series against the Islanders, India opted for the likes of Axar Patel, Shivam Dube, Washington Sundar and Rivan Parag while batter at No. 3.

the 2023 World Cup and the bilateral series in South Africa and Sri Lanka, with Sanju Samson featuring as a backup option against the Proteas, before Pant's return to international cricket during the Sri Lanka tour, pushed Samson further down the ladder. However, Samson's

absence from the ODI squad in Sri Lanka was criticised after the Kerala right-hander had slammed a hundred in India's previous 50-over game in South Africa, where he played as a specialist

Abhishek Nayar was at Kolkata Knight Riders with Gambhir and the Indian head coach has a comfort zone with him. They have to be yes men to the coach. That's why they were brought," he added.

"Morne Morkel came from

Lucknow Super Giants.

Tiwary also said that Gambhir wasn't the only one to guide Kolkata Knight Riders to a title in 2012 but it was a collective effort from the team. "Gambhir's captaincy didn't

guide KKR to the title singlehandedly. We all performed as a unit. Jacques Kallis, Manvinder Bisla and I performed with the bat and Sunil Narine

hir, KKR fast bowler Harshit Rana and former captain Nitish Rana strongly refuted the claims, voicing their support for Gambhir. "Criticising someone due to personal insecurities is not good. Gauti bhaiva (brother) is someone who thinks more for others than himself. He always backs players when they are down and puts them in the limelight when things go our way. He has shown this on multiple occasions. He has a lot of knowledge on how to turn games in your favour," Harshitwrote on social media.



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