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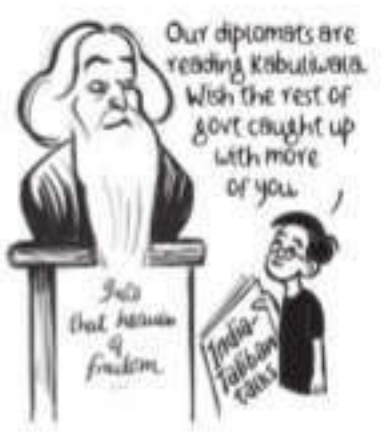
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REQUEST CONVEYED BY MUTTAQI TO INDIAN DELEGATION IN DUBAI

Grant visa to Afghan students, patients and businessmen, Taliban urge India

Aware of Indian security concerns, Taliban assure vetting of visa seekers

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

HOURS AFTER India and Taliban-ruled Afghanistan held their first high-level meeting, the Taliban announced that they had urged Delhi to issue visas to Afghan businessmen, patients and students.

Hafiz Zia Ahmad, deputy spokesperson for the Afghanis-

stan Foreign Ministry, in a series of posts on X, said the request for issue of visas was conveyed by acting Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi to Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri when they met in Dubai Wednesday.

The issue of granting visas is complicated and a hard ask for mainly three reasons: the Indian government does not officially recognise the Taliban government; the Indian security and in-



Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri with Afghan acting Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi in Dubai. *ANI*

telligence establishment has flagged security threat perceptions regarding visa seekers from Afghanistan; and the Indian government does not have a functional visa section at the Indian embassy in Kabul or functional consulates in Afghanistan.

To assuage Indian security concerns, Muttaqi and the Taliban delegation, sources said, assured the Indian side that there would be no threat from those who would travel to India. The Taliban said they would ensure the vetting of those being granted visas.

But this is a very tricky issue for the Indian government since it has been very strict in issuing visas to Afghans after the Taliban takeover of the country in August 2021.

Following the capture of Kabul by the Taliban and the collapse of the Ashraf Ghani-led Afghan government on August 15 that year, the Indian government decided, four days later, to cancel all physical visas issued earlier to Afghan nationals, who were yet to arrive in India.

Afghan nationals who had **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

THEFT IN JHARKHAND PROJECTS

BHEL faces queries from NTPC over delays, quality in thermal projects

Asked to seek expert help; BHEL attributes delays to law and order, shortage of labour, raw material

AGGAM WALIA
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

AS INDIA'S baseload power capacity struggles to keep pace with surging demand, top Government officials told BHEL Ltd, which manufactures and installs critical thermal power equipment such as boilers and turbines, to seek third-party consultancy services and hire "financially sound" contractors to speed up project execution.

The direction came after NTPC Ltd, India's largest thermal power generating company that outsources commissioning to BHEL, urged "better project management" to address delays and quality issues in a September meeting, as per minutes obtained by *The Indian Express* under the RTI Act.

Both BHEL and NTPC are owned by the Central government and account for most of India's thermal capacity addition.

At the meeting, BHEL committed to commissioning 9 gigawatt (GW) of thermal capacity in the ongoing financial year, and top bureaucrats from the Union ministries of power and heavy industries "emphasised the national importance of achieving such a goal".

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OVER THE last five years, thermal capacity addition has been only half of what was targeted, with net addition of just 13 GW; renewable capacity (minus large hydro) has more than doubled to 160 GW. But to balance the variability of renewable energy, the national grid is reliant on baseload capacities, like thermal, to meet rising demand.

however, only 60 megawatt (MW) of thermal capacity was added against the target of 74 GW (1 GW = 1,000 MW).

Delays have been on account of various reasons including theft and fire, slow civil works, and unavailability of raw material, **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



‘FUTURE LIES IN BUDH, NOT YUDH’

PM Narendra Modi with Odisha Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati and CM Mohan Charan Majhi at the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas convention in Bhubaneswar on Thursday. Modi said the future does not lie in “yudh” (war) but in “Budh” (Buddha). *ANI* [PAGE 6](#)

Police probe involvement of second UK soldier in Punjab attacks

MAN AMAN SINGH CHHINA
CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 9

INVESTIGATIONS BY Punjab Police into the series of grenade attacks and other acts of violence in the state have yielded clues pointing to the alleged involvement of a second British Army soldier.

Police had earlier named one Jagjeet Singh of the British Army as having been involved in acts of terror in the state but the UK government denied the allegation.

According to highly placed sources in Punjab Police, investigations have revealed the links of a second British soldier with Harwinder Singh Rinda of Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) while Jagjeet Singh is alleged to be involved with the Khalistan Zindabad Force (KZF).

A police officer said there is credible evidence available linking these two British soldiers to terror acts in India and the involvement of more personnel in active or passive roles cannot be **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Behind Tirupati stampede: Rush of devotees, crowd mismanagement

ARUN JANARDHANAN
TIRUPATI, JANUARY 9

FOR SATISH, the memory of his wife's last WhatsApp status — a cheerful announcement with a selfie that she had joined the queue for Vaikunta Ekadashi tokens — lingers like an unfinished conversation. Lavanya, 38, was among the youngest victims of the deadly stampede in Tirupati on Wednesday evening, a tragedy that has shaken the



Andhra CM N Chandrababu Naidu with a person injured in the stampede. *PTI*

thousands who gathered for the annual pilgrimage.

A homemaker from Visakhapatnam, Lavanya left her home on Tuesday, eager to seek blessings at the revered Tirumala temple with her sisters-in-law. Her husband, Satish, an assistant at a private hospital, stayed back to care for their two daughters, **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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ASSAM MINE TRAGEDY: DAY 4 OF RESCUE OPERATIONS

‘Water flow was so strong, swept men from one tunnel to another’

SUKRITA BARUAH
UMRANGSO, JANUARY 9

WHEN RAJEEV Barman, 39, entered the ill-fated mine in Umrangso's coal reserves at 4:30 am on Monday with three others he was sharing a room with, he was hungry for work. He had been making several rounds to the coal reserves for the last month-and-a-half, but all work

was on hold because of water in the mine.

So, when their “sardar (head)” finally told them the previous night that work could begin in the mine since the water had been pumped out, Barman was relieved. Little did he know that he would be the only one from his room to make it out alive.

On Monday, the rathole mine in Assam's Dima Hasao district was flooded, trapping several

men, including Barman and his roommates Khushi Mohan Rai, Sarpa Barman and Sanjit Sarkar. While Barman, a resident of Assam's Kokrajhar district, is among 25-odd miners who were rescued in time by other workers and supervisors, one **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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Maha Kumbh goes digital: 2,700 CCTVs, AI to track crowd, underwater drones

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ANAND MOHAN J
PRAYAGRAJ, JANUARY 9

VIJAYPURI BAPU, a naga sadhu, has nothing to his name except his smartphone. Residing in a small hut on the Maha Kumbh mela grounds in Prayagraj, he has been grappling with Internet connectivity. “I have been playing bhajans (hymns) and taking photos on my phone. Since there is no Internet, I cannot use any of



Uttarakhand Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath at the Maha Kumbh venue in Prayagraj on Thursday. *Vishal Srivastav*

the Kumbh apps,” he says.

This year, the Uttar Pradesh government has made a huge technological push with its Digi Kumbh initiative. The sprawling mela ground is now underpinned by a robust digital infrastructure, a web of surveillance systems powered by artificial intelligence (AI), and an intricate network of tools designed to monitor, protect and serve.

Surveillance has been elevated to unprecedented levels this time, say officials. The mela's Integrated Command and Control Centre is the brain of the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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Days before Bastar journalist’s murder, accused withdrew ‘big amount’ from bank

JAYPRAKASH SNAIDU
RAIPUR, JANUARY 9

SURESH CHANDRAKAR, the prime suspect in the murder of 33-year-old Chhattisgarh freelance journalist Mukesh Chandrakar, had withdrawn “a big amount” from his bank account days before the killing, a 11-member Special Investigation Team probing the case said Thursday. This is the first time that the SIT has hinted at a possible monetary angle to this case.

According to a press statement SIT issued, 42-year-old government contractor Suresh had planned to murder Mukesh, a relative, with his brothers Ritesh and Dinesh days before the actual killing on January 1. Suresh, Ritesh, Dinesh and another suspect identified as Mahendra Ramteke, a supervisor working with the main suspect, were arrested on murder charges on January 4 and 5, days after Mukesh’s body was found in a septic tank in Chhattisgarh’s Bijapur district.

Police claim that Mukesh was killed over a news report he did on the alleged corruption in some road construction projects Suresh had undertaken. Suresh had allegedly been undertaking three government projects worth Rs 150 crore – including work on a section of still under construction Nelesnar-Gangalur road.

When asked how much money had been withdrawn from

Suresh’s bank account, a senior police officer said it was a subject of investigation. “Revealing the amount would hamper our investigation at this stage but money trail is being investigated,” he told *The Indian Express*.

According to Additional Bijapur SP Mayank Gurjar, the head of the SIT, Suresh had admitted that Mukesh’s report had upset him.

The SIT also shared details on how they cracked the murder. According to the officer, after Mukesh was reported missing on January 2, a police team tracked the journalist’s last known location through his Gmail account. This was allegedly in Chhattanpara, Bijapur, where Suresh had a 17-room property built on half an acre of land.

When he reached his Chhattanpara property, Suresh was allegedly asked to show around a police team. When they couldn’t find Mukesh there, the team began to trace his call records and found several calls had been made to Ritesh, the police said. Investigators also began sifting through CCTVs in the area and found Ritesh driving away from the house. Meanwhile, another team tracked down Dinesh to the Bijapur district hospital.

During questioning, police allegedly found that Ritesh and Ramteke had killed Mukesh with an iron rod and thrown his body into a nearby septic tank.

This led police to track down the others, police said.

KARNATAKA

Surrendered Maoists sent to judicial custody under UAPA

AKRAM M
BENGALURU, JANUARY 9

ALMOST A week after Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah appealed to Maoists to shun violence and join the “democratic mainstream”, six ultras surrendered before him on Wednesday and were sent to judicial custody till January 30 by a special NIA court in Bengaluru on Thursday. The custody was

granted based on a fresh FIR, in which provisions of the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act were invoked against them.

Wednesday’s surrender came months after the anti-naxal force gunned down Vikram Gowda, another key figure in the naxalite movement, in an encounter in Udupi district.

Welcoming them the CM had handed them a copy of the Constitution.

• SC on same-sex marriage order

prayer to grant legal recognition to same-sex marriage, the bench had left it to Parliament to change the law to validate such a union.

On Thursday, rejecting petitions to review the ruling, the bench said, “We have carefully gone through the judgments delivered by Hon’ble Mr S Ravindra Bhat (Former Judge) speaking for himself and for Hon’ble Ms Justice Hima Kohli (Former Judge) as well as the concurring opinion expressed by one of us (Hon’ble Mr Justice Pamidighantam Sri Narasimha), constituting majority view. We do not find any error apparent on the face of the record. We further find that the view expressed in both the judgments is in accordance with law and as such, no interference is warranted. Accordingly, the review petitions are dismissed.”

In the 2023 ruling, the then CJI Chandrachud and Justice (since retired) Kaul, who were part of the five-judge bench, spoke in favour of a civil union, but it ended up being the minority view. CJI Chandrachud said this right to civil union or right to enter into an abiding cohabitational relationship could be traced to Part III of the Constitution, and thus placed a positive obligation on the State to accord recognition to it.

While agreeing that there is no fundamental right to marry, CJI Chandrachud also said “there is a right or freedom to enter into a union” as laid down in various judgments of the court – Navtej Johar, K S Puttaswamy, NALSA, Shakti Vahini, Shafin Jahan etc – “and that having regard to our constitutional values, which entail respect to the choice of a person whether or when to enter into marriage and the right to choose a marital partner”.

The review petitions filed against the judgment said the majority ruling suffered “from errors apparent on the face of the record” and was “self-contradictory and manifestly unjust”.

It said the majority judgment was erroneous because while it found that the respondents (authorities) were violating the petitioners’ fundamental rights through discrimination, yet it failed to enjoin the discrimination.

The petitioners contended that “the majority judgment overlooks that marriage, at its core, is an enforceable social contract. The right to so contract is available to anyone capable of consenting. Adults of any faith or no faith may engage in it. No one group of people may define for another what marriage means. No contract, nor forceful State action like imprisonment, may curtail an adult’s fundamental right to marry”.

The petitioners said the judgment “warrants review because it summarily disregards” what was said by the court in earlier decisions “to make the chilling declaration that the Constitution of India guarantees no fundamental right to marry or form a civil union”.

The judgment, they argued, “effectively compels young queer Indians to remain in the closet and lead dishonest lives if they wish the joys of a real family. It is fallacious that, under these facts, and in the absence of a fundamental right to marry or form a union, the rights to equal protection, dignity and fraternity are insufficient to justify judicial intervention”.

FROM PAGE ONE Taliban seeks visas for certain groups

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physical visas on their passports were no longer able to travel to India. All airlines concerned were notified about this decision with instructions not to allow Afghan nationals holding physical Indian visas to board India-bound flights.

The Indian government introduced a new category of ‘e-Emergency X-Misc’ visa for Afghans who wished to travel to India. So, those Afghan nationals were advised to apply for an Indian visa on the e-Visa portal.

Only those Afghan nationals who had the Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) for e-Emergency X-Misc visa issued by the Bureau of Immigration – it comes under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Home Affairs – were allowed to board India-bound flights.

Scores of students, who wanted to pursue and continue higher education in India, were stuck and stranded at home, but the Indian government, at that

time, took the call of not granting visas.

Within the Indian establishment, security agencies had red-flagged this issue and had outvoted the Ministry of External Affairs and Education who were keen to support this need of Afghan students.

The MEA, in coordination with the Education ministry and higher education bodies and universities where Afghan students were already enrolled, had asked universities to roll out online courses and classes for Afghan students in Afghanistan and overseas.

The Indian establishment was somewhat considerate in allowing some Afghans who wanted to come to India for medical treatment, but the numbers were nowhere near that before August 2021.

Some Afghan businessmen, who had been doing business for years and decades, especially of dry fruits, were coming to India

regularly. That was a steady but a small number.

Now, the Taliban, facing difficulties in managing their healthcare system, are keen that Afghans be allowed to come to India for medical treatment. More so, after the Pakistan government has become so hostile to Afghans.

According to Hafiz Zia Ahmad, the “two sides agreed to facilitate visa and trade” when they met in Dubai.

The Indian government’s statement on the meeting did not mention this. It only said Foreign Secretary Misri “conveyed India’s readiness to respond to the urgent developmental needs of the Afghan people”.

Sources said Muttaqi had come prepared for the meeting in Dubai, accompanied by officials from the ministries of Commerce and Transport, and that reflected their intent.

Sources said the Taliban are aware of the Indian hesitation in

granting official legitimacy to their regime, but want to move forward on “pragmatic” and “workable” solutions to their problems and challenges.

The Indian side, however, has to take a call based on the security dimension of the decision, as well as the political impact of such decisions. As visa issuance requires large manpower capacity in the embassy, and reopening of the Indian consulates, this would also be a political and diplomatic call.

Currently, the Indian embassy in Kabul is run by a small technical team which manages the delivery of humanitarian assistance and maintains contacts with the Taliban regime. Running visa services would require more manpower – officials and staff – at the embassy. This scaling would signal a higher diplomatic strength and presence on ground, which could tantamount to political signalling of upgrading the Indian diplomatic presence.

• BHEL faces queries from NTPC

officials were informed during the meeting held on September 19, according to the minutes.

NTPC chairman and managing director Gurdeep Singh also cited quality issues like boiler tube leakages and equipment deterioration behind slow operationalisation of under-construction thermal projects.

On average, it takes six years to commission supercritical thermal projects, BHEL chairman and managing director Koppu Sadashiv Murthy told officials. He attributed delays “mostly to extrinsic factors, such as law and order, statutory changes, limited vendor base, skilled labour shortages, and raw material availability”. To address some of these challenges, Murthy said BHEL has centralized procurement and empowered project directors for faster decisions.

BHEL also roped in Deloitte for project management consultancy (PMC) services at NTPC’s under-construction 1.3 GW thermal plant in Talcher, Odisha, and is “expanding this model to other projects based on the success achieved”.

During the meeting, both Power and Heavy industries secretaries also directed BHEL to “introduce PMC in EPC (engineering, procurement, and construction) projects as required for improved project management and upskilling BHEL site personnel”.

BHEL, NTPC, and the ministries of power and heavy industries did not respond to requests for comment.

Over the last five years, thermal capacity addition has only been half of what was targeted, with net addition of just 13 GW, according to data with the Central Electricity Authority. In comparison, India’s renewable capacity excluding large hydro has more than doubled to 160 GW.

However, without grid-scale energy storage to counterbalance the variability of renewable energy, the national grid has become increasingly reliant on baseload capacities, like thermal, to meet rising demand.

While India’s thermal capacity has only grown 6 per cent between 2019-20 and 2023-24 to 218 GW, generation by coal-fired thermal plants grew by 34 per cent from 960 billion units (BU) to 1,290 BU.

The average plant load factor (PLF), or capacity utilisation, also jumped from 53 per cent to 68 per cent, highlighting growing dependence on existing thermal capacities.

The combination of slow capacity addition and the time needed to ramp up generation at coal-fired plants puts grid stability at risk during periods of peak demand. This vulnerability was exposed on May 30 last year

when peak demand hit 250 GW, far exceeding the month’s projected peak of 235 GW. Peak demand is expected to touch 270 GW next year.

As of November 30, under-construction thermal capacity in India totalled 29.2 GW across 22 projects, with NTPC accounting for 9 GW. BHEL is commissioning boilers for 16 projects and turbines for 17. Only one private sector project is in the works: two units of 800 MW each in Madhya Pradesh by an Adani Power Ltd subsidiary, with Mukesh Ambani’s Reliance Industries Ltd owning a minority stake. The contribution of the private sector over the last five years was just 1.7 GW, or 7 per cent of the total thermal capacity added.

At two NTPC units in Jharkhand – North Karanpura and Patratu – materials were “lost due to theft & fire,” Singh told officials, requesting urgent supplies. Both units face significant delays – North Karanpura’s trial run has been pushed from June 2019 to March this year, while Patratu has slipped from January 2022 to the same month.

“Delays in civil works and storage space development impact the project timeline. BHEL mentioned that it is addressing this with new contractors and ensuring proper material handling,” the minutes noted.

“Quality issues like boiler tube leakages (especially in the first year of commissioning) make tar-

gets for operational availability (OA), a challenge to achieve. BHEL stated that while OA of BHEL sets, in general, is more than 90%, efforts will continue to make the OA even better in the first few years of operation,” they said.

“Time taken for stabilizing new technologies like supercritical boilers and turbines by BHEL is high. BHEL mentioned that it has acquired and assimilated these technologies gradually from the OEMs and now is fully capable to deploy them without any issues,” according to the minutes.

Officials directed BHEL to expedite supplies for the North Karanpura and Patratu units and prepare a white paper on “key learnings from the North Karanpura project, focusing on the 5 major issues affecting execution”. “Engage financially sound contractors for material handling and civil works at sites,” officials also told BHEL.

NTPC was directed to clear pending dues to BHEL totalling Rs 5,000 crore and asked to consider BHEL’s proposal to convert bank guarantees of around Rs 10,000 crore into corporate guarantees for old projects.

India plans to add 80 GW of thermal power capacity by 2032. In September, Union Power Minister M L Khattar said that the country will develop thermal projects until 2035, after which it will begin phasing them down for net zero.

• Behind Tirupati stampede: Rush of devotees, crowd mismanagement

aged 11 and 13. “She had planned this trip for weeks and was looking forward to it,” Satish said on Thursday evening at his Vizag home, still waiting for Lavanya’s body, which was on its way from Tirupati, about 750 kilometres away.

Lavanya joined the queue on Wednesday, around noon. It was a bustling scene, and Lavanya couldn’t resist sharing the moment with her friends and family – a selfie with two others – posting a WhatsApp status from the line with the caption: “Queue (queue) line in Tirupathi Dharshanam.”

Later that evening, around 8 pm, Lavanya made a hurried phone call to Satish. “She called to ask about the kids – if they had eaten, if everything was okay,” Satish said. “She mentioned how crowded it was. She said she would call later.”

That call never came. He got the tragic news around 11 pm.

By Thursday evening, barely 24 hours after the tragedy and just hours after Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu’s visit, the front gate of Padmavathi Park, where Lavanya and five others

were killed, had been completely sanitised. The usual evening crowd had returned, except for a dozen policemen stationed at the iron gate, the site of the stampede.

Chaos had erupted on Wednesday when the gate was opened briefly to evacuate an elderly woman who reportedly required medical attention.

A senior police officer said that between 2,000 and 4,000 people were inside the park at the time. The crowd had been locked inside, with plans to release them in a controlled manner once token distribution began at a nearby school. A barricaded path had been set up leading from the main gate of the park to the school. While one officer claimed a dozen police personnel were stationed at the gate, another official said there were only six officers present when the stampede occurred.

“A family informed the officer at the gate that an elderly woman inside needed urgent medical attention as she was feeling suffocated,” an officer said. “The officer sent two constables inside to verify. Once they confirmed, he ordered the woman’s evacuation.

The huge crowd inside mistook the gate opening as the start of token distribution.”

According to the police FIR accessed by *The Indian Express*, the incident occurred around 8.20 pm. “Police personnel noticed an elderly woman experiencing breathing difficulties... They began escorting her out through the gate. However, during this time, rumours spread among the devotees that token distribution had started. Believing they needed to rush to secure tokens on the first day, the devotees surged toward the gates, pushing them open and rushing out in large numbers. This led to a loss of control, and many devotees fell to the ground during the commotion. Despite the police’s efforts to manage the situation, the massive crowd could not be controlled. Around 40 people sustained injuries, and all were transported to the hospital via ambulances. Among them, five individuals were declared dead by doctors,” the FIR said.

Just over an hour earlier, another stampede occurred at Vishnunivasaam in Tirupati, killing a 50-year-old woman. This first fatality, at a different token distribu-

tion centre, occurred around 7.30 pm. Fifty-year-old R Malliga from Salem in Tamil Nadu collapsed amid a crowd surge near the token queue. Her husband, Krishnan Chinna Govindan, said they had reached Tirupati by train. “We waited about 100 feet from the entry point, surrounded by other devotees. She tried to stand up but collapsed as the crowd unintentionally pushed her. I pulled her aside and arranged an auto to take her to the hospital, but the driver suggested calling an ambulance. By the time we reached Ruia Hospital, doctors said she was already gone,” he said.

Both incidents, caused by flawed crowd management, have drawn sharp criticism. Eyewitnesses described scenes of complete chaos. “It was unavoidable. People were screaming and falling as the gates gave way. The police were shouting at the crowd to stop, but there were not enough personnel to manage the situation once the stampede began. There were panicked announcements on the mike afterwards for families that found their loved ones missing,” said a devotee who survived with injuries.

• Maha Kumbh goes digital: 2,700 CCTVs, AI to track crowd, underwater drones

entire operation, where officials sit behind high-end computing systems that give them a bird’s eye view of the ground. To facilitate real-time monitoring, four 52-seater viewing centres have been established.

Monitored by over 2,750 CCTV cameras bolstered by AI to track the movement of the anticipated 40 crore pilgrims, this Kumbh will be the largest face recognition exercise in the country thus far.

Officials say 108 cameras are dedicated to number plate recognition, while 268 AI-powered video analytic cameras will monitor crowd movement. Additionally, 240 AI-based video analytics systems will count vehicles, ensuring efficient traffic flow and parking management, officials add.

Allaying fears regarding the misuse of surveillance systems, mela officer Vijay Kiran Anand tells *The Indian Express*, “We have

released tenders for Indian companies. Their servers are based in the country. This ensures we have control over the data and a third party based in another country doesn’t access that information.”

On the accuracy of AI models, officer Anand says, “We have been employing machine learning techniques since last year. The model’s accuracy is improving on a daily basis.”

However, the AI system may still face challenges. A senior official says there may be “overlapping features” due to high crowd density, “making it difficult for AI algorithms to differentiate individuals”.

The officer adds, “A lot also depends on the quality of cameras. Environmental factors like poor lighting and weather conditions can degrade image quality. Unpredictable movements in large crowds may hamper identification. The sheer scale of the

gathering demands massive computational power for real-time data processing.”

At the Parade Ground police lines area, officers use QR codes to join WhatsApp App groups for mela work. Beyond that token nod to technology, their operations rely heavily on old-school walkie-talkies and sporadic smartphone communication. At the cyber police station, housed in a makeshift tin, a team of officers is busy tracing lost mobile phones. Of the 25 thefts reported so far, only five phones have been recovered.

This is the first time a cyber team has been deployed at the Kumbh. The 14-member team is tasked with both surveillance and resolving cybercrime. A senior officer at the cyber police station says, “These are temporary police stations. Once the mela ends, we will leave for our districts and the cases will be taken over by the commissionerate. We will do our

best to solve cases till then.”

Officials say cases of cyber fraud are mounting, with reports of people being duped in the name of the tent city. Fraudsters have lured victims into transferring money to fake bank accounts, with even senior officials falling prey to such scams. “We have made an arrest in an extortion case, but cyber frauds are increasing. We have come across over eight cases so far. If people from Gurgaon are getting duped, how effective are these programmes really?” says the officer.

For the first time, the UP police have deployed underwater drones equipped with advanced imaging capabilities to patrol the riverbed. These drones, alongside remote-controlled life buoys, provide 24/7 aquatic surveillance, transmitting real-time data to the command centre.

Apart from AI surveillance systems, the government has also

• Police probe involvement of second UK soldier in Punjab attacks

ruled out.

Many Sikh youth from Punjab, the officer said, have joined the British Army through their Foreign and Commonwealth Entry scheme of recruitment. Under this scheme, a non-UK citizen can also join the British Army and is given a visa for the duration of his military service. He can also apply for naturalisation as a British citizen upon completion of service and can get a visa for his family members to join him in the UK while he is enrolled in the British Army.

According to police officers, the British Army has of late also been taking contingents of Sikh troops to Pakistan for commemorating the Saragarhi Day – the famous last stand by 21 Sikh soldiers defending their post in September 1897 against Afghan tribesmen in the NWFP.

The involvement of Pakistan’s intelligence agency ISI in recruitment of British soldiers as terror operatives is not being ruled out, one of the officers said.

“It is a matter of investigation by the British Army if there are more such individuals in their ranks. The ISI is known to keep an eye out in Canadian and British militaries for recruits to the Khalistan cause because Sikhs are present in these forces in substantial numbers,” the officer said.

Referring to the denial of the UK government that there was no soldier by the name of Jagjeet Singh in the British Army, a police officer said the claim flies in the face of the fact that the father of the soldier has openly accepted that the man named by police and whose photo has been published is his son. “Why don’t they (UK authorities) take an affidavit from him regarding the identity of Jagjeet Singh?” an officer said.

Meanwhile, police are also trying to piece together the money trail from abroad to three members of the KZF who were killed in Pilibhit in an encounter with UP Police in December.

According to police sources, in many instances such terror attacks turn out to be low cost operations. “Most such cut-out modules of terror groups comprise impoverished youth. The money trail in such cases mostly results in these youth being asked to pick up cash from somewhere which may not be a very heavy amount,” an officer said. It is also being ascertained why these three were in Pilibhit and whether they were trying to exfiltrate to Nepal. “The route is the same. Hence, we need to find out if they had been given instructions to lie low outside Punjab or were they asked to leave the country and head to Nepal,” the officer said.

• ‘Water flow was so strong, swept men from one tunnel to another’

person’s body has been retrieved, and at least eight – including Barman’s three roommates – continue to be missing.

The four of them were working in one of the tunnels – or rat holes – branching out from the bottom of the 310-foot-deep central pit of the mine when the incident occurred. He said they had gone around 250 feet into one of the rat holes that morning. Two hours into work there, they heard screaming.

“Because we had worked after such a long time, our arms were hurting and we were tired so we decided to stop and go back early. Just then, we heard people from another tunnel shouting that ‘water is coming’, and could hear the sound of water gushing. We immediately started rushing towards the centre,” he told *The Indian Express*.

In the pitch-darkness of rat holes – around 2 to 3 metres in height – miners have to crawl, their path illuminated by a torch tied to their head with a cloth, carrying picks and shovels and with a cart to haul the coal they have mined. After crawling 200 feet in the tunnel, the group encountered gushing water.

“We took off our shoes to make it easier for us to move and we rushed to the centre... the water was already reaching our chest,” he said.

Joseph Soren, a 40-year-old miner from Assam’s Chirang district, was at the central pit when the flooding began. His role was to load the mined coal into two boxes at the bottom of the pit, which were then lifted out one at a time by a crane. He was on box 11 when a fellow miner came rushing out from one of the tunnels and jumped onto a box. Soon, gushing water followed.

“The water flow was so strong that some people coming out of one tunnel were being swept into another one,” he said.

Then came the desperate scramble to leave the mine as workers began rushing out of different tunnels. In desperation, they wrestled each other to get onto a box and be lifted out of the mines. In the chaos, the lock attaching the box to the crane’s

chain pulley fell into the water and was lost.

As the water rose rapidly, people clung to whatever they could find: the wall, the pipe of the water pumping machine, and the crane’s chain. About a dozen clung to the chain and tried to climb it. Barman was one of them.

“Around 10-15 of us were clinging to the chain, one on top of another, and people outside had in the meantime realised what happened. They started lifting us with the crane. But after it rose a few feet, there was a jerk and we fell into the water. Only two managed to hold on and got out of the mine,” he said.

The water was acrid, burning their eyes. According to Jalaluddin, 27, another miner who was not at work that day, the boxes were submerged by then, so workers above ground attached a broken box to the crane and lowered it. It was on this box that over 20 workers were lifted out in four rounds, among them Barman and Soren.

Safe and above ground now, the men waited in their camps around the mine for their fellow miners to be pulled out. Jalaluddin, a resident of Assam’s Darrang district who has worked in mines like this in Meghalaya for the last eight years, was one of them.

The work is dangerous, he said, but it pays better than other daily wage work: Rs 200 for every cart of coal they mine.

Most miners manage 10-15 carts on an average day.

“I know that there is a lot of risk in this, but we do it. We are poor and oppressed, and this pays better than any daily wage work we can get in our villages, which can be at the most Rs 450 a day,” he said.

Despite the dangers, Barman believes the work is as risky as any other job.

“For example, even being a driver comes with the risk of accidents. But I have escaped death and been given a second life now. I will not be going back to a mine, even if I earn only Rs 250 in a day working in the village,” he said.

have been deployed, including 1,378 women officers, supported by specialised cyber experts and intelligence squads. Articulating water towers have been put on standby in case of fires. These towers, equipped with thermal imaging, can reach heights of up to 35 metres, offering a protective shield for fire-fighters in high-risk situations, officials say.

A GIS-based map has been utilised to design the mela’s layout. “We had undertaken drone surveys to create precise topographical maps of the land. We used the 2019 Kumbh data to make a better resource allocation plan,” says a government official.

Meanwhile, at the Prayagraj Mela Authority campus, the problems of applicants who applied for land allotment online came to the fore, with multiple organisations alleging land remains to be allocated despite the mela starting on January 13. Some 15,000 people from three states claim that land is yet to be allotted to them.

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Bim Bissell, who shaped Fabindia, dies

UPASIKA SINGHAL
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

LONG BEFORE fashion designers talked about textile revivalism, weaver collectives or sustainability of native weaves and craft, Bimla Bissell had laid the template for them at the Cottage Industries Emporium in New Delhi. As a fellow advisor there in 1958, she used that expertise in guiding her husband John Bissell to set up Fabindia, the fashion brand that would not only save India's textile heritage but restore the primacy of regional fabrics – be it Chanderi, Sangneri, Kutchi or Banarasi – in the pan-Indian consciousness.

Not only that, she understood how tradition could be recast as modernity, with wearable, comfortable cuts and a minimalism that would find acceptability among Indians across the spectrum. Bim, as she was fondly known, and the last of the cultural custodians of Delhi, died on Thursday. She was 92.



Bimla Bissell

Mainline fashion designers, who worked on derivative ideas and justified creative excesses as originality, are now following Bim in contemporising traditions with an innate confidence that was missing before Fabindia made them fashionable, cool even.

It is because of Bim that Fabindia created its own pools of artisan communities, a model followed by today's weaver clusters. It is also because of her that the concept of design flowed from garments to furnishings, furniture and crafts, redefining Indian chic.

Art and textile historian Jyotindra Jain said that Bim was one of the pivots of the transition between a Western to an Eastern aesthetic. "Khadi was an instrument for struggle. So, when Sarojini Naidu went to attend the roundtable conferences on India's self-rule, she preferred to wear her temple silks... Bim and her husband John Bissell had an eye for this rich handloom heritage," he added.

While Bim was best known for her work on Indian textiles and being a part of the ethnic chic movement with cultural czarina Pupul Jaykar, she was also known to be a gregarious person. Recalling his 40-year friendship with Bim, journalist Sunil Sethi said, "Bim and John were an extremely committed and socially conscious couple. Christmas breakfasts at their Panchsheel Park house were an institution. It grew bigger every year. There would be a mix of both Indian and Western food."

Her acumen wasn't limited to textiles. As Social Secretary to US

Ambassadors and working at the World Bank from 1975 to 1996, she developed an idea of what worked with expats and how she could co-opt Indian design elements to globalise Indian fashion.

Although Fabindia took off, Bim did not rest easy. In 1992, with the help of Japanese government funds and the World Bank, she founded Udyogini, an NGO that works with assetless and landless women in India.

Bim's boundless joie de vivre left an impression on social worker and craft activist Laila Tyabji Months before her passing, Bim arrived at a scheduled lunch as radiant as ever, wearing her signature bangles and bracelets. "After lunch, she informed us she was off to a dentist's appointment, later to a lecture at the IIC, and then would squeeze in a friend's book release before going on to the farewell dinner for a diplomat. All of us, well over a decade or two younger, were duly put to shame..." Tyabji reminisced on social media.

AQI worsens, curbs under GRAP 3 back

New Delhi: Calm winds and foggy conditions on Thursday worsened the air quality index (AQI) in the Capital, prompting the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) to invoke Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) Stage III anti-pollution curbs with immediate effect.

While the AQI was 297 (poor category) on Wednesday, it increased to 357 in the 'very poor' category on Thursday. Restrictions under GRAP III entails hybrid model of classes for up to Class V in schools, ban on plying of BS III petrol and BS IV diesel vehicles, and a ban on all demolition works and mining activities in National Capital Region. The IMD has forecast rain in the weekend. **ENS**



Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi makes cold coffee for customers at a Keventers outlet in Patel Nagar, in New Delhi on Thursday. During his conversation with its co-founders, Gandhi delved into the journey of the iconic establishment and uncovered how the brand evolved from its pre-independence roots to a consumer powerhouse with over 200 stores across 65 cities. X/@INCIndia

Court pulls up Delhi Police: Investigating officer ‘acting like Godfather of criminals’

SAKSHICHAND
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

OBSERVING THAT the investigating officer (IO) in an attempt to murder case is "acting like a Godfather of criminals", a Delhi court Wednesday came down heavily on the police and directed the Joint Commissioner of Police concerned to take action on the "deliberate defective investigation".

The observations came in the case of an attempt to murder and Arms Act lodged at Jahangirpuri police station. The court was hearing the anticipatory bail plea of one of the accused.

Of the seven accused in the case, two were juveniles. The police had filed chargesheet against only one accused, Gaurav.

Jahangirpuri Station House Officer (SHO) submitted that co-

accused Suraj Bhatia, Gagan Bhatia and Govinda Bhatia and their family members are notorious people and two of them are referred to as "bad characters" from the area in police records.

Dhirendra Rana, ASJ/Special Judge, Rohini Court, said the case is a blatant example of how the IO can misuse his power under the garb of exercising his discretion.

"As per the complaint, seven accused were involved in the incident and the victim suffered a bullet injury on his head. The present accused/applicant and co-accused Gagan Bhatia... approached the sessions court for anticipatory bail and (it) was dismissed vide order dated June 1. When the co-accused approached the HC for anticipatory bail, the application was dismissed," the order stated.

Despite the dismissal of the anticipatory bail applications, the court said the IO, Sub-

Inspector (SI) Medha Lal, did not investigate the matter against any of the accused. "The reason is apparent that he is trying to become a shield for the accused," the order noted.

The judge added that since the accused are residents of Jahangirpuri, and some of them are "bad characters" of the area, identifying and tracing them should not have been a difficult task for the IO. "If SI Medha Lal has not taken any action against the accused, then the court is not hesitant to say that it is a stage of complete lawlessness where IO is acting like a Godfather of criminals," the judge said.

The order further directed the office of the Joint CP to share an action taken report in 15 days.

It also stated that after the lapse of more than 10 months, only one accused, Gaurav, has been chargesheeted. Along with

the current application, an affidavit of the complainant has been annexed to support the fact that he has already settled his matter with the accused.

"If the IO is hell-bent on safeguarding the accused... then there is no option left with the complainant but to accede to the pressure of the accused and to settle the matter. It is a matter of record that accused Suraj Bhatia, Govinda Bhatia and Gagan Bhatia are involved in several other criminal cases of murder and other heinous offences," the judge said.

"Since the DCP and ACP concerned and the SHO have failed to supervise the conduct of the SI, this court has no option but to bring the matter to the knowledge of the Joint CP concerned, so that such kind of erring official may be held accountable for his malpractice and deliberate defective investigation," the judge said.

NEW DELHI CONSTITUENCY

EC orders probe into AAP claims against Verma, voter deletion

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

THE ELECTION Commission (EC) on Thursday asked its Delhi chief electoral officer (CEO) to probe AAP's complaints against BJP leader Parvesh Verma and allegations of additions and deletions in the electoral roll of the New Delhi Assembly seat. This was after a delegation of AAP, led by Chief Minister Atishi and party convener Arvind Kejriwal, met with the commissioners.

The CEO was asked to "ascertain actual facts and take immediate appropriate action in accordance with the provisions of model code of conduct, electoral laws and the extant guidelines of the Election Commission of India". The EC also asked the CEO to submit an action taken report.

Kejriwal and Verma are contesting from the New Delhi seat in the February 5 poll.

After the meeting, Kejriwal told mediapersons, "Our main concerns were irregularities in voter deletions, suspicious additions to the voter list, violation of model code of conduct by BJP candidate Parvesh Verma, and collusion by local election officials."



CM Atishi with AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal and Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann in New Delhi on Thursday. Amit Mehra

He alleged that in New Delhi constituency, of the total one lakh voters, over 5,500 have been removed from the electoral rolls in the last three weeks. "...applications for deletions (submitted) are fraudulent. During a hearing by lower-level election officials, people whose names have been deleted have denied having submitted such applications."

He also alleged that around 13,000 new voters have been added in the constituency. "Where did these 13,000 people come from in just 15 days? This is a clear indication that fake voters are being registered, likely brought in from states like Uttar

Pradesh and Bihar..." said Kejriwal.

Hitting back, Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva and North East Delhi MP Manoj Tiwari accused Kejriwal of harboring "hatred" towards Purvanchalis – referring to the people from eastern Uttar Pradesh and Bihar – living in the city.

"Over time, Kejriwal has insulted the people of Purvanchal, terming them a burden on healthcare and education, and now he has gone too far by calling them fake voters," said Sachdeva.

Tiwari said, "...I ask, how dare you call Purvanchalis fake... Purvanchalis come to Delhi to work hard and never compromise

on their self respect... he (Kejriwal) facilitates illegal Bangladeshi and Rohingya immigrants to become voters, and now, as they are being removed, he is panicking."

Tiwari added that Purvanchali voters constitute 42% of the total voting population of Delhi.

AAP MP Sanjay Singh hit back. "The BJP, which calls our brothers from UP, Bihar and Purvanchal Rohingyas and Bangladeshis, has forgotten that Arvind Kejriwalji gave the maximum number of tickets to our brothers from Purvanchal (in elections). He made a Purvanchali an MP, a minister, built hundreds of chhath ghats for them and did work worth thousands of crores in slums."

Kejriwal, meanwhile, accused Parvesh Verma of violating model code of conduct and distributing money to voters. The party demanded that investigating agencies should raid Verma's house to "uncover how much money he is distributing" among voters. "He is openly uploading posts and boasting about his actions, much like how characters in movies openly challenge authorities... the local elections officials have surrendered to BJP and are facilitating their illegal activities..." he said.

RAMJAS COLLEGE

Prof accused of sexual harassment suspended, says principal

SOPHIYA MATHEW
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

A DAY after a professor at Delhi University's Ramjas College, accused of sexual harassment and misconduct, resigned from his post as the Joint Dean of Students' Welfare at DU, the college principal said the professor had been suspended for six weeks in December. He also said the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) is investigating the matter and the administration will implement its recommendations.

Following day-long protests

by the Left-backed student bodies and the ABVP, the accused professor wrote to the DU Vice-Chancellor on Wednesday, saying, "... Due to these allegations, I am finding it extremely challenging to continue my additional duties as Joint Dean, Students' Welfare University of Delhi."

Principal Ajay Arora said he first learnt of the incident on December 17 last year. "I went to the class and had a friendly talk with the students, asking them about their problems... and so on. On the 19th, the female student approached me... I consoled her and assured her of support."

A complaint was lodged with the ICC on December 23, said the principal. "The Committee... convened a meeting. In the same week, we (administration) verbally communicated to him (professor), suspending him from his teaching duties and restricting him from entering the classroom or reaching out to students."

The accused professor entered the campus twice after the restrictions, causing a huge uproar among the students, added the principal.

According to a faculty member, the professor approached the victim's classmates demanding

that they go to the administration to request that he be allowed to take classes. The member also said the professor's six-week suspension was officially formalised and signed only by January 3.

Sources said this was the fourth complaint against the professor; similar concerns of misconduct were raised by students in 2016, 2020 and 2023.

Asked about inaction by the administration despite the accused being a "repeat offender", Arora said, "I've been made aware of the complaints but I don't know what happened in these cases because of their confidential nature."

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Extract of the audited consolidated interim financial results for the three months and nine months ended December 31, 2024 (₹ crore)

	Three months ended December 31, 2024	Nine months ended December 31, 2024	Three months ended December 31, 2023
Revenue from operations	63,973	1,90,845	60,583
Profit before exceptional item and tax	16,666	48,929	15,787
Profit before tax	16,666	48,929	14,829
Profit after tax	12,444	36,504	11,097
Total comprehensive income for the period	11,624	36,531	11,734
Paid up equity share capital (Face value: ₹1 per share)	362	362	362
Total reserves (including non-controlling interests)*	90,957	90,957	90,840
Earnings per equity share:- Basic and diluted (₹)	34.21	100.40	30.29

* Balances for three months and nine months ended December 31, 2024 represent balances as per the audited consolidated balance sheet for the year ended March 31, 2024 and balances for three months ended December 31, 2023 represent balances as per the audited consolidated balance sheet for the year ended March 31, 2023 as required by Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

Extract of the audited standalone interim financial results for the three months and nine months ended December 31, 2024 (₹ crore)


	Three months ended December 31, 2024	Nine months ended December 31, 2024	Three months ended December 31, 2023
Revenue from operations	53,883	1,60,717	50,844
Profit before exceptional item and tax	15,509	47,976	15,004
Profit before tax	15,509	47,976	14,046
Profit after tax	11,832	36,941	10,753
Total comprehensive income for the period	11,784	37,167	10,652

Notes:

1. The audited consolidated financial results and audited standalone financial results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on January 9, 2025. The statutory auditors have expressed an unmodified audit opinion on these results.

2. The Board of Directors at its meeting held on January 9, 2025, has declared an interim dividend of ₹10.00 per equity share and special dividend of ₹66.00 per equity share.

3. The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format for three months and nine months ended December 31, 2024, are available on the Company's website (URL: www.tcs.com/investors). The same can be accessed by scanning the QR code provided below.



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CONG LEADERS DENY AMBIGUITY IN PARTY ON HOW FAR TO GO AGAINST KEJRIWAL

INDIA bloc parties with AAP, Congress says ready to step up its game in Delhi

MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

AS INDIA bloc parties come out one by one in favour of fellow member AAP, the Congress again finds itself in a bind over how far to push against the party that is behind its demise in the Capital. In 2022, for example, while campaigning for the Assembly elections in Punjab, Rahul Gandhi was unusually scathing against Arvind Kejriwal. Targeting then Delhi Chief Minister, he said the AAP chief could be found at the home of a terrorist and that no CM of the Congress would ever do so. He was referring to Kejriwal's stay at the house of former Khalistan Commando Force militant Gurinder Singh in Moga ahead of the 2017 elections.

Cut to 2025. Recently, the Delhi Congress cancelled at the last minute a press conference to be addressed by AICC treasurer Ajay Maken where Kejriwal was to be targeted as “*deshdrohi*” (traitor). Sources in the Congress said the leadership — some say Gandhi himself — was not comfortable with this line of attack.

Apart from being INDIA partners, Congress and AAP have been toying with the idea of being poll allies as well. So, even after the AAP trounced the Congress in Punjab in the 2022 Assembly polls, the two had a seat-sharing arrangement in Delhi as well as Haryana for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. But come the Assembly polls in Haryana in November, the Congress rejected the AAP's outreach for a tie-up.

Now, the same is being re-

Plea challenges AAP cash sop for women, HC questions its maintainability

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Thursday questioned the maintainability of an election plea that sought its directions to stop AAP workers from registering beneficiaries under the party's Mahila Samman Yojana. The petitioner, Vijay Kumar, alleged AAP was luring voters with false announcements as the Delhi government denied having such a scheme.

Justice Jyoti Singh questioned Kumar. “How is it maintainable as an election petition? You go and file a PIL,” the court said, posting the next hearing on January 10.

Last December, AAP announced it would raise the monthly allowance under the scheme from Rs 1,000 to Rs 2,100 if it returned to power in the Assembly polls. On December 23, it started registering eligible beneficiaries. On December 25, however, the WCD department issued a public notice, distancing itself from the scheme.

Kumar moved the HC on January 6, seeking directions to the ECI to dispose of the complaint he had filed with the poll body on January 3 over AAP's alleged false announcement.

— SOHINI GHOSH

‘Delhi polls will be between AAP and BJP... Cong can only file cases’

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

AAM AADMI Party national convener Arvind Kejriwal Thursday said the upcoming Delhi elections will primarily be a battle between AAP and BJP, indirectly stating that the Congress is not a contender.

He made the statement at a press conference while responding to a question on Congress leader Sandeep Dikshit filing a defamation case against AAP and its leaders for saying he takes money from BJP. “Delhi assembly elections are going to be between AAP and BJP... they (Congress) can only file cases... They are just pawns of the BJP. They follow the BJP's directions like in a chess game. If the BJP asks him to take one step, he will take one, if it asks him to move two steps ahead, he will do that... If BJP asks them to go



A meeting of the INDIA bloc in June last year. *Archive*

peated in Delhi, with the central Congress leadership, at least for a while, seen as being keen on an alliance but stonewalled by state leaders.

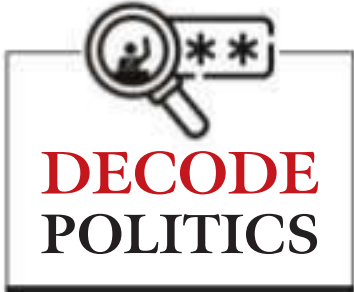
With the AAP seen as the only force likely to hold back the BJP in Delhi, the Congress's INDIA bloc allies have started lining up behind it. If the TMC and Samajwadi Party have openly backed the AAP, the Shiv Sena (UBT) has said the AAP, and not the Congress, is in a better position to take on the BJP. The BJP's Tejashwi Yadav stirred the waters further saying the INDIA bloc was an arrangement made only for the Lok Sabha polls.

On Thursday, National Conference leader and Jammu and Kashmir CM Omar Abdullah went one step further, saying INDIA should be wound up if it was meant only for the parliamentary polls. “After the Assembly polls in

Delhi, they should call all the alliance members for a meeting. If this alliance was only for the parliamentary elections, it should be wound up... But if it is meant for Assembly polls as well, we'll have to sit together and work collectively... As far as I remember, no time limit was set for this. The issue is that no meeting of the INDIA bloc is being convened,” Omar said.

He added that there was no clarity regarding the main leadership, the parties, or the future strategy of the INDIA bloc.

This brings further pressure on the Congress, which is already at its lowest ebb in the Capital, but still the presumptive leader of INDIA so far. In the past two elections held in the Capital, across the Assembly and Lok Sabha, the Congress did not win a single seat. Its vote share



Kejriwal seeks inclusion of Jats in Centre's OBC list, BJP's Verma says playing caste card

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

DELHI'S JAT community has become the latest AAP-BJP flash-point in the run-up to the Delhi Assembly polls on February 5. On Thursday, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener Arvind Kejriwal accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah of “betraying” the community by not including it in the Centre's Other Backward Classes (OBC) list. Hitting back, BJP's Parvesh Verma said the AAP chief has never remembered the Jat community in the past 11 years.

The two leaders are facing off against each other from the New Delhi constituency.

Speaking at a press conference during the day, Kejriwal said he wrote to PM Modi demanding the inclusion of Delhi's Jat community in the Central OBC list. “In Delhi, we have an OBC list that includes the community but it is not in the Central government's list. Interestingly, the Jat community in Rajasthan is included in the Centre's list, allowing them to avail reservation in Delhi colleges and during Delhi Police job recruitment.



AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal and ex-BJP MP Parvesh Verma are facing off against each other from New Delhi seat. *Amit Mehra*



However, students from the Jat community in Delhi do not receive these benefits for admissions and jobs,” Kejriwal said.

Attacking the BJP-led Centre, the former Delhi CM said grave injustice was being done to “brothers and sisters” from the Jat community. “PM Modi called Jat leaders and met them three times at his house in the last 10 years. Shah also met them, but they have yet to deliver the promises they made. They only remember Jat *bhais* (brothers) during polls; after that, they (Centre) forget them,” he said.

The Jat community holds significant influence in the Capital,

comprising an estimated 8-10% of the electorate.

Kejriwal also said there are five other communities — Rawat, Roniyar, Raitanwar, Charan, and Ode — included in the Delhi list but not in the Centre's OBC list.

“There are seven central universities in Delhi and DU has several colleges. Additionally, there are government sectors like the Delhi Police, New Delhi Municipal Council, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi Development Authority, and several hospitals where people from these communities do not benefit from reservation. I urge the Prime Minister and

Kejriwal. We will roll it out in the next few days. Soon you will see outdoor spots, jingles on the radio, advertisements on digital media and newspapers.”

A leader said the Congress is clear the only way the party can bounce back in the Capital, where it ruled for 15 straight years, was the weakening of AAP. “Whatever our friends in the INDIA bloc say, it is the AAP that has taken away our votes,” the leader said, pointing out that the BJP vote share has not increased much.

“Their vote share was around 36% in 2008 and was 38% in the last elections. On the other hand, we went down from 40% to 4%... So we have to attack AAP. Yes, there may be a difference of perception on the line of attack, but there is no difference of opinion in the party that the AAP and its governance record has to be targeted.”

The leader said the Congress would, in fact, highlight a “Congress model” to counter the “AAP model”. “Instead of name-calling, we plan to run a positive campaign,” another leader said. “Karnataka Deputy CM D K Shivakumar announced our first guarantee — monthly financial assistance of Rs 2,500 to women under the Pyari Didi Yojana... (Former Rajasthan CM) Ashok Gehlot announced our second guarantee — universal health insurance up to Rs 25 lakh. We are planning to get former CMs Bhupesh Baghel and Charanjit Singh Channi, and Himachal Pradesh CM Sukhinder Singh Sukhu, to announce promises on education, power... We are going to tell Delhi our governments have implemented welfare schemes we promised.”

Home Minister to honour the promises they made to the people of these communities.”

He added, “I also assure you Kejriwal will fight for his Jat sisters and brothers and get them added to the Centre's list.” Verma, the former BJP MP from West Delhi, said Kejriwal's political ground is slipping. “This is the same Kejriwal who found the Jats repulsive, who refused to let them and the people of rural Delhi enter his house. But now, as elections approach and rural Delhi — be it Jats, Gurjars, Yadavs, Tyagis or Rajputs — stand united against Kejriwal, he suddenly remembers the Jats...”

Accusing Kejriwal of playing caste-based politics in Delhi, Verma added, “He once spoke of secularism... today, he is dividing Delhi along caste lines... If anyone has given constitutional recognition to the National OBC Commission, it is PM Modi.” He also said for Jats or any caste to be included in the OBC list, the state government must first approve the proposal and send it to the OBC Commission: “Kejriwal's government held special (Assembly) sessions but used them only to criticise the Centre and the L-G, never passing the OBC inclusion for Jats.”

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BJP to roll out mini ‘Sheesh Mahals’ to go around Delhi

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TO GIVE a push to its charge against AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal of spending “lavishly” to renovate the Delhi Chief Minister's residence, the BJP has ordered 14 model “replicas” of 6, Flagstaff Road, Civil Lines, one for each district in the Capital — with plans to go up to 70, for each of the Capital's Assembly constituencies.

Sources said the models depicting the three-storey white bungalow and its alleged luxuries, with human figurines thrown in, cost around Rs 50,000 to Rs 1 lakh a piece — with the cost falling, now that there is a template.

One such model titled ‘Sheesh Mahal — Kejriwal's Museum of Corruption’ — occupies a prominent place just inside the gate at the Delhi BJP's Pandit Pant Marg office, visible to passersby.

Made of PVC and plywood, the model, enclosed in glass and placed on a 6X4 ft table, has detailing such as balconies, windows, doors, a terrace, a swimming pool, a badminton court, a pergola with seating, trees, and five toy luxury cars. There are three female figures on one balcony and two on the badminton court.

Says Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva: “Earlier, we placed a Wagon R model, the car Kejriwal used to travel in. But we removed it as the so-called *aam aadmi* does not travel by that car anymore. As per people earlier with the AAP who visited the house, Kejriwal only has luxury cars now... So, we placed toy luxury cars.”

As for the gym, jacuzzi, spa and other such luxuries that a Comptroller and Auditor General report — yet to be tabled, and accessed by *The Indian Express* — has said the house is equipped with, the BJP has got around the com-

THE DELHI Congress has decided to go it alone in the Assembly polls on February 5, with its chief **DEVENDER YADAV** categorically stating there will be no tie-up with the AAP. In an interview with **SAMAN HUSAIN**, he says the decisions to bring in new faces to contest the polls as well as the party's guarantees for the capital were calculated moves. He also dismisses speculation on differences with the central leadership. Excerpts:

The Congress has fielded many new candidates in its second list. How is the party planning to push their campaign?

They might be new to the media but they are popular in the areas from where they have been fielded. We had this challenge — there were a lot of old faces; they used to fight the elections again and again. People were sick of the same old faces every time. And we wanted to infuse some new blood into the party as well. It's a very calculated move wherein we have introduced these new faces. All of them are educated.

They are also connected to the organisation... Those who have worked with the cadre, the NSUI, the Youth Congress, and eventually, most of them are in the PCC also. So, connecting them in their particular constituency is not an issue. Rather, they have a clean image... They are working harder and results are visible. Regular surveys and feedback we are getting are pretty good.

When can we expect the next list? There's speculation that there aren't enough candidates for the remaining seats...

That's a joke. We've been... shortlisting very good faces. It's becoming really difficult to short-list the best among the people who have come forward to contest the remaining seats. There is a process in place... Anytime next week, we can expect that the final list will also be out.

Mahila Bhagidari is something the party emphasised during the Delhi Jodo Yatra but female candidates remain few and far. Why is that?

We've been facing this challenge of organisation in the Delhi unit for the last few years... since there was no Delhi Congress representation in Vidhan Sabha and Lok Sabha for the last two terms. So, yes, it was really a big challenge to keep the leadership intact and infuse new faces. In the coming list, there will be ample representation of women as well.

It doesn't mean we don't respect women... It's more because when the Congress was in trouble, for the party's women, the challenges which are normally there for women in politics under normal conditions had increased even more. So, we put the best of the best that we had. In Narela, which is a general seat, we fielded a young Dalit woman.

Certain events cancelled by the senior leadership have led to speculations on there being differences between the central and state leadership



Renuka Puri

when it came to an alliance with the AAP.

There is no such thing. You must have observed we have launched two guarantees. In one of those, the Karnataka Deputy CM had participated. Another scheme was introduced by one of our tallest national leaders and the Rajasthan ex-CM. In the coming days, you will see the same trend. Apart from that, Rahul Gandhi ji is also coming on (January) 13th. So, he is also in the mood to fight the election. Be it Priyanka ji or Kharge ji, they will all be seen very soon.

But why did the senior leadership not show up during the Delhi Nyaya Yatra?

There were elections in Maharashtra, Jharkhand and most of our leaders were occupied there. Ajay Maken ji, our Himachal CM, presidents of different states — Raja Warring and Karan Mehra... Whoever got time, participated... not just participated, but they actually encouraged people to be there in the Nyaya Yatra.

The party has announced a cash scheme for women and then a healthcare scheme... Was there a feasibility check?

Definitely. You must have observed one thing behind every guarantee — there is a successful example of its implementation in another state. When we announced the Rs 2,500 scheme for women, it was backed by Karnataka's scheme of Rs 2,000 to every woman in the state... It's been a year now and the women of Karnataka are benefitting from it. The health insurance of Rs 25 lakh... was again backed by one of our state's policies which we implemented and is still on. But yes, with the change in government, they (BJP) have stopped giving money to that scheme... For us, the guarantee of Congress means we will stick by our promises. Before announcing a guarantee, we carry out a lot of checks to ensure we will be able to deliver it.

There is speculation that the party will announce five big guarantees. Would it be possible to implement them all in a single state?

Not precisely, but yes, around five. We have calculated everything before announcing these schemes. It is not without keeping in mind Delhi's fiscal situation.

Fiscally, Delhi is one of the



WITH
DEVENDER YADAV
DELHI CONGRESS CHIEF

strongest states in India. The only issue is that a lot of corruption has taken place in the last 10 years. If you remember, our budget in 2013 was Rs 37,000 crore... and at that time, you saw the number of flyovers, metro, underpasses, and CNG buses that had come up. Along with infrastructure development, we were also giving almost Rs 2,000 crore to pensioners... we were fund-sufficient.

What we see today is a lot of mismanagement... the budget has increased to Rs 77,000 crore, but we do not see any development in infrastructure.

In the schemes that they (AAP) announced, corruption is clearly visible. These were people who used to say the electricity distribution companies were not getting audited and they would get them audited. Since they came to power, the money for Rs 200 (free) units has been given to distributors to give electricity for free... if the consumer gets it directly, it could have been very beneficial...

All our promises are vetted by a panel under the All India Congress Committee... only then are we allowed to announce them.

How does the Delhi Congress view the controversial statements made by BJP leader Ramesh Bidhuri on CM Atishi?

It is not just about CM Atishi or Priyanka Vadra ji. It is about insulting women... this is not the first time he has made such comments... You must remember how he insulted a minority MP in Parliament. So, such people can't be spared. He should immediately be expelled from the party but we have minimum expectations from them because BJP has always been against women...

SP and TMC announced their support for AAP in the Delhi polls. Considering all three parties are India bloc partners, how do you see this?

No, there has not been a formal announcement of such kind, as far as I know. Once a formal announcement is made, I would definitely comment on that. We are in an alliance at the national level. In Delhi, we mutually decided, whether it was AAP or Congress, we would go our own way... And when we are fighting for an election, we will get support from some and not from others.

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A model of the ‘Sheesh Mahal’. *Praveen Khanna*

plexity of depicting them by pasting general pictures of a jacuzzi, spa, sensor-based toilets, chandeliers, recliner sofas, massage chairs, TVs etc around the table.

Asked how they accessed details regarding the bungalow, a

BJP source says: “We know several people, including former AAP leaders who are now with the BJP, who have visited the house. So, we sourced videos and pictures from them... We shared them with an architect,

who then made the model using a Computer Numerical Control machine and other techniques.” The BJP is mum on the name of the architect, only saying he is Haryana-based.

Sachdeva is confident the ‘Sheesh Mahal’ models will be a hit now that campaigning is gathering steam. “The models will be taken for rounds in all constituencies, and placed in markets, colonies, and streets. Volunteers will tell people about Kejriwal's ‘Museum of Corruption’ and how he used public money for a lavish life.”

One hurdle remains. With the Model Code of Conduct now in force, Sachdeva says they plan to get the Election Commission permission to showcase the ‘Sheesh Mahals’. “Once the approval comes, the campaign will be launched in a day or two.”

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PANCHKULA HOTEL MURDERS

2 Kapil Sangwan gang members held from Bengaluru

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TWO SHOOTERS, suspected to be members of the Kapil Sangwan gang, were arrested by the Delhi Police Special Cell from Bengaluru early Thursday for allegedly gunning down three persons at the parking lot of The Sultanat hotel at Pinjore in Panchkula on December 23 while they were leaving a birthday party.

The police identified the shooters as Sahil alias Poli (27) and Vijay Gehlot alias Kali (37). Earlier, the police had said that

UK-based gangster Kapil Sangwan alias Nandu was the alleged mastermind behind the Panchkula shooting, leading to the death of Vineet alias Vicky (30), and his nephew Tirth (17) — residents of Mitraon in Delhi's Najafgarh — as well as a woman from Haryana.

Sangwan was allegedly avenging the death of his brother-in-law, who was killed in December 2015 by Vineet's elder brother, a member of the Ashok Pradhan gang, the police had said.

According to the police, while Vineet and his minor nephew were the real targets, the woman,

Vandana (22) from Uchana Kalan town in Jind, was caught in the line of fire.

An officer said that Sahil and Vijay were also involved in twin shootings on August 25, one on a man in Kakrola and another at Singla Sweets in Tilak Nagar. "Multiple raids were conducted in Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and Chandigarh to track them," said Additional Commissioner of Police (Special Cell) Manoj C.

Sahil was first arrested in Najafgarh in a robbery case, the police said. "He met gangster Sachin Chhikara, a key member of Sangwan gang, in jail. After com-

ing out of jail on bail, he, along with shooters Vikas alias PK and Rohit Dagar, shot their rival Roshan alias Chhota in Najafgarh on the instructions of Sangwan," said Manoj C.

Sahil has been previously named in eight cases, the police said. Together, Sahil and Vijay have been involved in six cases of heinous crimes, all reported in 2024, they added.

The other shooter accused in the Panchkula killings, Vijay Gehlot, allegedly has 15 cases against him, including murder. He joined the Sangwan gang in 2023, the police said.

Nadda assesses BJP's preparations for elections

New Delhi: Confident that the people of Delhi "would make the right choice" of ridding the Capital of "AAP-induced disasters", BJP national president J P Nadda on Thursday assessed the party's preparations for the February 5 elections.

According to sources, Nadda asked the party to "unite to take the BJP to victory" and focus more on outreach over the coming days.

Nadda participated in election management meetings held at the BJP state office to gather updates on electoral arrangements and "provided guidance for improvement", sources said, adding that a meeting of the BJP's state core committee is sched-

uled to be held at Union Home Minister Amit Shah's residence on Friday.

This, sources said, will be followed by a meeting of the Central Election Committee chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi where the final decision regarding the BJP's remaining candidates for the polls will be taken.

In the meeting, Nadda reportedly said that the Delhi election "offers an opportunity to choose between Arvind Kejriwal's falsehoods and corruption and BJP's truth and development". "He expressed confidence that the people of Delhi would make the right choice and free the city from AAP-induced disasters," a party leader said. **ENS**



GRAMEEN BHARAT MAHOTSAV

Cyuto monks from Ladakh perform at the five-day Grameen Bharat Mahotsav, being organised by NABARD at Bharat Mandapam, in New Delhi on Thursday. **Express**



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BUDGET PLAN

UNION AGRICULTURE Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who held pre-budget meetings with multiple stakeholders over the last few days, met his Cabinet colleague, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, on Wednesday. Chouhan, also the Rural Development Minister, was accompanied by the secretaries of his two ministries. After the meeting, Chouhan said “extensive discussions” were held with the FM regarding the decisions to be taken for farm and rural sectors in the forthcoming budget. “The suggestions which we received from MGNREGS workers and farmers were presented to the FM,” he said.

SURPRISE VISIT

AFTER OVERSEEING the preparations for the shifting of the Congress headquarters from 24, Akbar Road, to 9A, Kotla Road, Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra paid a surprise visit to the Akbar Road office on Thursday. The premises were mostly empty when she arrived at 6.30 pm. Party leaders Gurdeep Singh Sappal and Netta D'Souza were among the handful of people present. Priyanka spoke to some staff members about shifting essential items from the existing office to the new building, which has been named Indira Gandhi Bhawan. It will be inaugurated on January 15 by Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi.

POLL RUSH

RIGHT AFTER the announcement of the Delhi Assembly election schedule on Tuesday, the Aam Aadmi Party reached out to the Election Commission for a meeting to discuss their concerns about electoral rolls. On Thursday, party bigwigs marched straight to the EC's doorstep, led by Chief Minister Atishi, AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal, Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann and the party's Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh. The leaders, however, could meet only two commissioners as CEC Rajiv Kumar was away on official work in Lakshadweep. The EC had initially suggested a Monday meeting with the full commission, but with Delhi voting just weeks away, the AAP delegation wasn't keen on any delay. The commission then offered a sit-down with the two available election commissioners — Gyanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu.

Himachal to include families with no adults, those headed by women in BPL category

SAURABH PARASHAR
SHIMLA, JANUARY 9

THE HIMACHAL Pradesh Cabinet Thursday decided to include families with no adult members between 18 and 59 years, those headed by women, or whose head has a disability of 50 per cent or more in the Below Poverty Line (BPL) category.

Families that worked for at least 100 days under the MGN-REGA in the previous financial year and families whose earning members are suffering from chronic diseases such as cancer, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, muscular dystrophy, thalassemia or any other condition resulting in permanent disability will also be included in the BPL category, as per the decision approved in the Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Sukhinder Singh Sukhu.

Himachal Pradesh currently has 2.66 lakh BPL families. The inclusion of families in the category is based on the guidelines set by

the Union Ministry of Rural Development. The criteria approved by the Himachal Cabinet is in addition to the Centre's list.

The Ministry of Rural Development says a family owning less than one hectare of land; not having a large permanent house; not paying income tax; not owning any vehicle; having no regular income from salary, pension, or wages; having no member employed in a regular or contractual government or private job can be included in the BPL list. The ministry also adds that such families' income should not exceed ₹2,500 per month.

State Rural Development Minister Anirudh Singh said that the state has revised the criteria of annual income: “Now families with annual income upto Rs 1.11 lakh will be included in the BPL category. The earlier criteria, as per Centre, was ₹30,000 per annum... At present, there are approximately 2,66,304 BPL families in the state. The number will remain around the same.”

The project is in the concept and design stage, after which a detailed project report (DPR), including architecture drawings, will be finalised. While the state government owns the building, the temple trust will fund the project, which is estimated to be completed in the next two years.

“The focus will be on getting the right design, content and technology that caters to visitors of all ages,” Saurav Bhalki, CEO of Tagbin, tasked with implementing the project, told *The Indian Express*.

During the excavations at the temple site conducted by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) under the supervision of the Supreme Court, numerous artefacts and objects related to the ancient temple were unearthed. “Over 100 objects, including fragments of statues, pil-

AGENCY ALLEGES LIQUOR COMPANY, VC FIRM MADE ‘SUSPICIOUS’ TRANSFERS TO CONG MP

CBI books Karti Chidambaram in corruption case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

THE CBI has registered a corruption case against Congress MP Karti Chidambaram, the son of former finance minister P Chidambaram, accusing him of receiving “suspicious” fund transfers from liquor company Diageo as well as venture capital fund Sequoia Capital, the agency said in a statement.

It also booked Advantage Strategic Consulting Pvt Ltd (AS-PCL) — an entity controlled by Karti and his aide S Bhaskaraman — besides

Diageo Scotland, Sequoia Capital Mauritius and Vasan Healthcare Pvt Ltd on January 1 after receiving a complaint from CBI inspector Ravi Raj Khatik.

Karti was unavailable for comment.

“A preliminary enquiry was registered on May 29, 2018 against M/s Katra Holdings Ltd, Mauritius, M/s Advantage Strategic Consulting Pvt Ltd, Karti P Chidambaram, Ravi Vishwananthan, Padma Vishwananthan, S Bhaskaraman, unknown public servants of Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) and unknown others to



Congress MP Karti Chidambaram

probe into the processing and approval of FIPB,” Khatik alleged in the complaint, which is a part of the FIR.

The FIR said Diageo and Sequoia Capital were found to have “suspiciously transferred funds to ASPCL”.

“Enquiry revealed M/s Diageo Scotland, UK used to import duty free Johnnie Walker whisky and, the India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC), which had a monopoly over sale of imported duty-free liquor in India, in 2005 had put an embargo on the sale of the Diageo Group's duty-free products in India which resulted in huge loss to M/s Diageo Scotland as 70% of its business in India pertained to the sale of Johnnie Walker whisky,” it said.

The complaint alleged that to lift the ban, Diageo Scotland approached Karti and paid him \$15,000 through ASPCL “for influencing public servants for lifting the ban imposed on M/s Diageo Scotland for sale of duty-free liquor and not for any consultancy work”.

Separately, according to the FIR, Sequoia Capital, Mauritius, had submitted an application for FIPB approval on October 13, 2008 for investing up to 26% in the share capital of Platinum Power Wealth Advisor Pvt. Ltd. The FIPB approval for FDI inflow of ₹9.52 crore was approved by P Chidambaram, the then the

Finance Minister, in 2008, the agency said.

“Enquiry also revealed that at the time when the FIPB proposal of Sequoia Capital for FDI was moved, some suspicious share transactions at exorbitant price took place between Sequoia Capital and ASPCL through Vasan Health Care Pvt. Ltd. Instead of directly acquiring the shares of M/s Vasan group, the shares were routed through ASPCL in order to benefit Karti as a total of ₹22.50 crores was paid by Sequoia to M/s ASPCL (Rs 7,500 per share) in lieu of these shares as against the purchase price of ₹30 lakh,” the FIR said.

PRAVASI BHARATIYA DIVAS IN BHUBANESWAR

Saudi royals’ doctor, Japan CEO among 27 to get awards

DIVYAA
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

FROM A former pharma CEO in Japan to a Spanish politician, a medical practitioner empanelled with the Saudi royals to a businessman in Malawi — the honours for overseas Indians this year typify the range and reach of the 35.4 million diaspora.

The 27 individuals and organisations chosen for the 2025 Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards (PBSA), to be honoured by President Droupadi Murmu Friday, hail from 24 countries, including Malawi in East Africa, Fiji, Spain, Romania, US and the UK.

Among the awardees is Lekh Raj Juneja, 72, who was born in Haryana's Gharounda and travelled to Japan four decades ago to study fermentation science. Juneja, who headed a Japanese

pharmaceutical firm earlier, now helms a snack company. He is being honoured in the ‘science & technology’ category.

In a recent interview to a Japanese daily, Juneja said the formula for global success was an integration of the best of Indian and Japanese working styles. “Indians are very aggressive when it comes to creating strategies and moving forward, but Japanese people are great at completing things properly,” he said.

Robert Masih Nahar, 50, to be awarded in the ‘community service’ category, is a politician from Catalonia who became a member of the Senate of Spain in 2017 — the first person of Indian origin to do so. Born in Punjab's Gurdaspur, he got a degree in chemistry and moved to Barcelona in 2005. A few years later, he started to promote cricket in Catalonia and founded

the Catalonia Cricket Club. He is known as the “godfather of local cricket” in Catalonia.

Syed Anwar Khursheed from Saudi Arabia is being honoured in the ‘medical services’ category. “As I was working in King Faisal Hospital, Taif, I had the privilege to help people... Then I moved to National Guard Hospital, Riyadh. I am the royal protocol physician there... it is a great privilege for me to work for the royal family in Saudi Arabia,” he told reporters in Bhubaneswar on Thursday.

The PBSA is the highest honour conferred on overseas Indians (Non-Resident Indians, Persons of Indian Origin or an organisation established and run by them), as part of the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention. A jury headed by the Vice President finalises the names of the recipients.

Ramayana’s global connect on display

SUJIT BISOIY
BHUBANESWAR, JANUARY 9

A LIFE-SIZE piñata of Ravan procured from Mexico; a Ravanhatta, the musical instrument said to be played by the mythological figure, brought from Sri Lanka; Ramayana puppets and paintings from Indonesia; and idols of Ram and Hanuman from Fiji.

An exhibition at the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas convention in Bhubaneswar attempts to showcase the Hindu epic Ramayana to the Indian diaspora



PM Modi at the Ramayana exhibition in Bhubaneswar

to remind them of a shared cultural legacy.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the exhibition —

Vishwaroop Ram: The Universal Legacy of Ramayana — that showcases the influence of the Ramayana on art, culture and spirituality across the world.

Nearly 150 exhibits, including 80 artefacts such as paintings, puppets and masks from about 17 foreign countries, are on display at the exhibition, which is drawing significant attention.

There are displays of Ramayana texts in Persian, Arabic, Russian, Chinese and Mongolian, besides artefacts and literature from countries such as Cambodia, Singapore, Trinidad and Tobago, and Malaysia.

Better amenities or freebies? Can pick one, says Panagariya

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA
PANAJI, JANUARY 9

CITIZENS ELECTING governments have to decide whether they want better civic amenities or “freebies”, said Arvind Panagariya, the Chairman of the 16th Finance Commission, on Thursday.

The commission was in Goa capital Panaji to meet Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, members of the cabinet and government officials. Responding to questions after the meeting, Panagariya said that if funds have been allocated to states for

a project, they have to be used for that project and not “freebies”.

“That cannot be used for freebies. Freebies come from the general budget, to which funds can come from state's own tax revenues, but they can also come out of the devolution that the Finance Commission makes. In the end in a democratic society, the elected government makes those decisions. Those decisions are not made by the Finance Commission,” he said.

“The Commission... cannot control... obviously, it should not control how the state governments choose to spend their



16th Finance Commission chair Arvind Panagariya with Goa CM Pramod Sawant.

money. In the end, you all as citizens have to take that particular stand when you vote a govern-

ment in. If the citizens vote for governments based on freebies, then they are asking for freebies. So, ultimately the citizens have to decide whether they want better amenities, better roads, better sewage, [better] access to water or they want these cash transfers... freebies,” he said.

Goa has asked the commission for a grant of ₹32,706.45 crore for 13 projects and a four-fold hike in its share from the divisible pool of taxes. The state also asked the commission to raise the share of states in the divisible pool of taxes from 41 to 50 per cent. Panagariya said:

with a focus on ‘humanity first,’ Modi said.

Hailing the Indian diaspora and their achievements, Modi said their history is a reminder of India's legacy. An exhibition has been organised at the convention venue on spread and evolution of the diaspora.

Modi also emphasised on exploring the journey of Indian diaspora that migrated to various countries centuries ago, citing the example of the Girmityas, the indentured labourers who left India in the middle and late 19th centuries. “Why not create a database on Girmityas. Their journey from India's villages and cities is need to be studied. The places where they settled should also be identified,” said the Prime Minister.

He said films and documentary can be made to bring this (Journey of Girmityas to the fore) and suggesting having studies on their legacy.

“This is a common recommendation that has been made by states. We have visited 14 other states and 14 out of the 15 states have said raise it to 50 per cent.”

On horizontal devolution, Goa proposed some changes, he said. “The objective of the income distance criterion is to promote equity. On income distance criterion, the 15th FC had divided 45 per cent of the divisible pool. Goa has asked to reduce that to 30 per cent. Goa has also suggested a new sustainable development goals criterion and proposed that 12.5 per cent of the divisible pool should be based on it.”

the museum's offerings, the 'Ram Darbar' section will offer a holographic depiction of Lord Ram's court; followed by 'Ikshwaku Vanshaval', the family tree of his dynasty; 'Sabke Ram', showcasing his time through a series of stories; a section on Ram Katha in different countries; 'Ram Van Path', a ramp adorned with images of places he visited during his exile; and 'Maharshi Valmiki's Holobox', featuring the Ramayana and Yog Vasistha through interactive 3D displays.

Coming to the present time, an entire section is devoted to the architecture of the new Ram Temple; 'Sri Ram Janmabhoomi Sangharsh Yatra', chronicling the journey of the Ram Janmabhoomi movement; a section on Ayodhya's history through a holographic show; 'Odyssey of Hanuman' by IIT-

Madras, showcasing Lord Hanuman's journey; and a real-time view of Ram Lalla from the Garbh Griha of Shri Ram Mandir. Besides, there will be temporary exhibitions from time to time.

The project aims to transport visitors through time with immersive technologies like AR, VR and AI. “The highlight will be a hyper-realistic statue of Lord Ram that not only showcases intricate hand movements but also speaks, offering an interactive experience. The goal is to provide visitors with an immersive journey through the Ramayana as if they are witnessing the events unfold in real time,” Bhalki said.

On the sources for the temple movement, Bhalki said that the movement is a fully documented case of the Supreme Court, which involved the Nirmohi Akhara, the Vishwa Hindu Parishad and the Sunni

Waqf Board. “This movement traces a 200-year-long journey, beginning in 1822, encompassing legal, cultural, and historical milestones,” he said. “The storyline of this movement will have input from experts across various fields to ensure historical accuracy and sensitivity and will go through thorough review and approval.”

Meanwhile, as per the temple construction committee, the construction of the first and second floors including the shikhar of the temple along with other significant temples has entered the last phase, with a likely completion schedule by June this year.

The temple was inaugurated on January 22 last year, and the trust is celebrating the first anniversary of the pran pratishtha ceremony on January 11, as per the Hindu calendar.



An artist's impression of the museum at Ayodhya which will include immersive technologies like AR, VR and AI.

the plan. Complementing these sections will be a projection mapping display on the mu-

seum's facade. After an introductory segment providing an overview of

SC gives interim relief to Telugu actor in journalist assault case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

THE SUPREME Court on Thursday granted Telugu actor M Mohan Babu interim protection from arrest in a case where he has been booked for allegedly assaulting a TV journalist. The court also directed that no coercive measure should be taken against him till the next date of hearing.

The top court was hearing Babu's plea challenging a Telangana HC order dismissing his anticipatory bail plea. The veteran actor was booked on charges of attempted murder after he allegedly attacked journalist M Ranjith Kumar outside his farmhouse at Jalpally on the outskirts of Hyderabad on December 9. Kumar suffered a fracture on his cheekbone when Babu allegedly hit him in the face after grabbing his microphone. The incident occurred when several journalists and Babu's son

Manchu Manoj, who is involved in a dispute with his father, were entering the farmhouse.

Kumar lodged a complaint and an FIR was registered under Section 118 (voluntarily causing hurt or grievous hurt by dangerous weapons or means) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. Kumar said the mike had a steel pipe and metal logo and that caused him very serious injuries and severe loss of blood.

GOVT. OF ASSAM
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, PWD (ROADS),
ASSAM, CHANDMARI, GUWAHATI-3.

No. CE/STBR/II/32/2024-25/5
CORRIGENDUM-1

In partial modification of the Short Notice Inviting Tender published vide this office No. CE/STBR/11/32/2024-25/01, dated 24/12/2024, the total amount of "Rs.9034.26 Lakh" shall be read as "Rs.9156.17 Lakh" for the work "Construction of Flyover at Amolapaty Junction on Old NH-37 in Dibrugarh District of Assam (ROB at LC Gate No. 2 DD)". Other terms and conditions shall remain same.

Details may be seen at the website <http://assamtenders.gov.in> and also at the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads)

JANASANYOG/C/6435/24/10-Jan-25
Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3.



गृह मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
HOME AFFAIRS

राष्ट्रीय न्यायालयिक विज्ञान विश्वविद्यालय
(राष्ट्रीय महत्व का संस्थान, गृह मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार)

National Forensic Sciences University
(An Institution of National Importance under Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India)



Indigenous Development of Forensic Science Equipments / Kits

The manufacturers who are engaged in manufacturing of Forensic Analytical & Testing Equipments / Kits are hereby informed to submit the details including name of equipments, specifications, product brochure, best quote offers, etc. to the under signed by **27th January 2025**.

The manufacturers who are presently not manufacturing but intend to manufacture such Forensic Equipments/Kits may also submit details.

This information is sought in respect of promotion of "Make in India" initiatives of Government of India.

Postal Address: Campus Director, National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU), Sector - 09, Gandhinagar, Gujarat - 382007.

Email: director@nfsu.ac.in ; NFSU Website: <https://www.nfsu.ac.in/>

Campus Director
Gandhinagar Campus

UTTAR PRADESH EXPRESSWAYS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (UPEIDA)
C-13, 2nd Floor, Paryatan Bhawan,Vipin Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

UPEIDA invites online bids for "Construction of 02 Unit Fire Station at Defence Industrial Corridor Aligarh & Kanpur Node (UP)" the eligible and approved Contractors/firms having requisite experience of construction of similar nature of works and registered in Centre / State Government Department / Organization / PSU / Autonomous body.

Tender documents can be downloaded from E-tender portal viz. <https://etender.up.nic.in>. The last date of Bid submission is up to 12:30 hrs on 31.01.2025 and Bid opening date is 15:30 hrs on 31.01.2025.

All further notices, corrigenda, and clarifications, if any, shall be hosted on the above e-tender portal only.

Addl. Chief Executive Officer



BHARATIYA RESERVE BANK NOTE MUDRAN (P) LIMITED

Corporate Office, No. 3 & 4, 1st Stage, 1st Phase, BTM Layout, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru - 560 029, Karnataka, India
Tel: +91 80 66602000, Fax: +91 80 66602039

OPEN TENDER ENQUIRY (OTE)/NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (NCB)

Bids are invited under Two-Part bidding system for the following e-Tender through MSTC Portal:-

1. MANUFACTURING AND SUPPLY OF CATIONIC UV CURING OVERPRINT VARNISH SUITABLE FOR APPLICATION ON BANKNOTES; MSTC EVENT NO. BRBNMPL/CORPORATE OFFICE/TECHNICAL/2/24-25/ET/82 [PROCUREMENT-OVERPRINT VARNISH]; BRBNMPL TENDER NO. 006/COINCB/2024-25.

Last date of tender submission - 24.02.2025 by 15:00 Hrs. For downloading tender document and other details, kindly visit website www.mstccommerce.com. Tender details are also available at our website www.brbnmpl.co.in. Further extension or amendment/s, if any, shall be uploaded on the above websites.

General Manager



GURU GHASIDAS VISHWAVIDYALAYA

(NAAC A++ Central University established by the Central Universities Act, 2009, No.25 of 1999)
KONI, BILASPUR-495 009 (C.G.) INDIA
Tel.+91-7752-260342, Fax +91-7752-260154 website - www.new.ggu.ac.in

Ref. No. 997/Admission/Academic/25

ADMISSION NOTICE (2025-26)

Bilaspur, Date- 08.01.2025

Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur invites online applications for admission to the various PG level programmes for the academic session 2025-26 through Common University Entrance Test CUET (PG) 2025 to be conducted by NTA.

(a) Programmes available for admission:

- Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.), B.Ed. Special Education (Learning disability), B.Ed. Special Education (Hearing Impaired), Bachelor of Physical Education (B.P.Ed.), Bachelor of Library & Information Science (B. Lib. & I. Sc.).
- Postgraduate programme: M.Sc. Botany, Chemistry, Bio-technology, Microbiology, Forensic Science, Computer Science, Rural Technology, Forestry, Physics, Mathematics, Zoology, M.A. Economics, Political Science, Hindi, English, History, Journalism & Mass Communication, Hindu Studies, Tribal Studies, Master of Education (M.Ed.), Master of Physical Education (M.P.Ed.), Master of Social Work (MSW), Master of Computer Applications (M.C.A.), M.A./M.Sc. in Anthropology, M. Lib. & Inf. Sc., M. Com., LLM, MBA, M. Pharm.,

(b) For admission procedure, eligibility, number of seats, reservation policy, Entrance Test provisions, fees and mapping of programme- subject for test, please refer to "CUET PG Admission 2025" available on university website www.new.ggu.ac.in and <https://exams.nta.ac.in/CUET-PG/for> CUET (PG).

(c) As the entrance test will be conducted by NTA, therefore, the University will follow the admission procedure and syllabus for entrance test as notified by the NTA for CUET (PG). Interested candidates have to visit the links provided above for all updates regularly.

(d) Important dates:

Start of Online Application Process : 02.01.2025
Closing date of Online submission of Application forms : 01.02.2025

(e) Admission notice for M. Tech. programme will be notified separately. Candidates interested in M. Tech. programmes need not apply against this advertisement.

Registrar (Acting)

बैंक ऑफ इंडिया
Bank of India

Asset Recovery Department,
Gaya Zone

STAR MEGA E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

E Auction sale notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the securitization and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of security interest act 2002 read with provision to Rule 8(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Notice is hereby given to public in general & in particular to following Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) that the below mentioned immovable properties mortgaged/hypothecated to bank of India (Secured Creditor), the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Bank of India will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for recovery of respective dues as detailed hereunder against the secured assets Hypothecated/Mortgaged to Bank of India from the respective borrower(s)/Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit is shown there against each secured assets. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided hereunder.

DATE & TIME of Action: 10.02.2025 between 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM (With auto extensions clause in case of bid in last 10 minutes before closing) (in lakh)

Sr No	Name of the borrower/Guarantor/Owner/Partner/Mortgagor of the Property	Lot No	Details of Immovable properties to be sold	Details of banks dues	Possession	Minimum Reserve Price in lakhs	EMD in lakhs	Date & Time of E Auction
BANK OF INDIA, SAGAHI BRANCH, DIST-GAYA								
Phone: PREM RAJ, Authorized Officer: Mrs Ruchi Kumari, Chief Manager, Gaya Branch, Mobile No. 9110069596								
1	SHRI BINOD KUMAR MISTRY & SMT GIRIJA DEVI	1	Equitable mortgage of the property in the name of Mrs Girija Devi w/o Binod Mistry, situated at Khata No 124(N), Plot No 519(N), Thana No 351, Mouza Dhanawan, Thana Bodhgaya, Dist Gaya, area 1.35 Decimal, Deed No 11056 dt 11.07.2017.	Contractual Dues: Rs. 7.88 lakhs plus unchanged interest and other applicable charges from the date of NPA i.e. 29.04.2024	Symbolic	12.06	1.21	10 th Feb 2025 From 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM

TERMS & CONDITIONS of E Auctions are as under:

- E-Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and will be conducted online.
- For downloading further details, process compliance, terms & Conditions please visit a) <https://bankofindia.co.in> b) Website address of E Auction service provider is: <https://BAANKNET.com>. Bidder may visit <https://BAANKNET.com> where guidelines for bidders are available with educational videos. Bidders have to complete following formalities well in advance in order to participate in E Auction.
- Step-1: Bidder Registration-Bidder to register on E Auction platform (link given above) using his mobile number and Email ID.
- Step-2: KYC Verification-Bidder to upload requisite KYC Documents. KYC documents shall be verified by the E Auction service provider.
- Step-3: Transfer of EMD amount to bidder Global EMD wallet: On-line/Off-line transfer of fund using NEFT/Transfer using challan generated on E Auction platform.
- Step-4: Bidding Process & Auction Results: Interested bidders can bid online on E Auction platform after completing Step 1.2 & 3. Please note that Step 1 to 3 should be completed by the bidder well in advance, before E Auction date.
- To the best of knowledge & information of the authorized officer, there is no encumbrance on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrance, title of properties put for E-Auction and claims/rights/dues affecting the property prior to submitting their bid. The E Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the bank. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to bank. The Authorized Officer/ Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for third party claims/rights/dues. No claim of whatsoever nature will be entertained after submission of On-line bid regarding properties put for sale.
- It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the asset and specification before submitting the bid. The bidder inspect the property in consultation with the dealing official as per the details provide.
- Date of Inspection of Immovable Properties: 11.01.2025 to 07.02.2025 from 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM with prior appointment with above mentioned respective branches on the contact numbers given against respective branches.
5. Bids shall be submitted through online procedure only.
6. Bidders shall be deemed to have read & understood the terms & conditions of sale & be bound by them.
7. The bid price to be submitted shall be above the Reserve Price & bidders shall improve their further offers in multiples of Rs.10, 000/- (Rs. Ten Thousand and only)
8. The Earnest Monet Deposit (EMD) of the successful bidder shall be retained towards part sale consideration and EMD of the unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded.
9. The Earnest Monet Deposit (EMD) shall not bear any interest. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale price inclusive of EMD already paid, immediately upon same day or next working day as the case may be. The balance of the purchase price shall have to be paid within 15 days of acceptance / confirmation of sale conveyed to them failing which Bank is at liberty to forfeit the amount deposited by the successful bidder.
10. Neither the Authorized Officer/ Bank nor E Auction service provider will be held responsible for any Internet Network Problem/ Power failure any other technical lapses etc. In order to ward off such contingent situation the interested bidders are requested to ensure that they are technically well equipped with adequate power back up etc. for successful participation in E Auction event.
11. Payment of sale consideration by the successful bidder to the bank will be subject to TDS under Section 194- 1A of Income Tax Act 1961 and TDS is to be made by the successful bidder only at the time of deposit of remaining 75 % of the bid amount/full deposit of BID amount. The purchaser shall bear the applicable stamp duties, registration charges and other incidental charges and also the statutory and non-statutory dues, taxes, assessments etc.
12. The Authorized Officer/bank has the absolute right & discretion to accept or reject any or all offers or adjourn/postpone/ cancel the E Auction or withdraw any property thereof from the auction proceedings at any stage without assigning any reason therefor. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorized Officer, but the Authorized Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
13. The sale certificate will be issued in the name of purchaser(s)/applicant(s) only and will not be issued in any other name(s).
14. The sale shall be subject to rules/conditions prescribed under the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002.
- For further details / enquiries, if any, of the terms and conditions of sale, can be obtained from the respective branches on the contact numbers given.
- 15.While inspecting the properties, preventive measures such as social distancing, compulsory wearing of mask at places of social gatherings and all other rules prescribed by State & Central administration must be followed to contain the spread of COVID19 pandemic.
16. For the properties where symbolic possession is taken and put for E Auction, actual possession of the properties will be handed over to successful bidders strictly after obtaining permission for physical possession from district magistrate

SALE NOTICE TO BORROWERS/GUARANTORS
This Notice is also to be treated as Statutory sale notice to borrower and Guarantor (L/Rs) Under Rules 8(2) Security Interest (Enforcement), Rule 2002.

Dear Sir/Madam,

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Bank of India is having full powers to issue this notice of sale and exercise all powers of sale under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the Rules framed there under. You have committed default in payment of the outstanding dues and interest with monthly rests, costs and charges etc. in respect of the advances granted by the bank mentioned above. Hence the bank has issued a Demand Notice to all of you under section 13(2) to pay the above mentioned amount within 60 days. You have failed to pay the amount even after the expiry of 60 days. Therefore the Authorized Officer, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(4), took symbolic/physical possession of the secured assets, more particularly described in the schedule mentioned above. Notice is hereby given to you to pay the sum as mentioned above before the date fixed for sale, failing which the immovable properties will be sold and balance due, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost from you. Please note that all expenses pertaining to demand notice, taking possession, valuation and sale etc. shall be first deducted from the sale proceeds, which may be realized by the undersigned and the balance of the sale proceeds will be appropriated towards your liability as aforesaid. You are also at liberty to participate in the sale to be held on the terms and conditions thereof including deposit of earnest money or may bring suitable buyers.

Authorised officer
Bank of India
NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002


इंडियन बैंक
(Bank of India)

Appendix IV (Rule-8(1))
POSSESSION NOTICE
(For Immovable Property)

Corporate Office : 284- 289, Annex Shantimugam
Sales, Chennai - 600014
Zonal Office,Muzaffarpur, Om Shanti Complex,
Opposite Zila School, Muzaffarpur-842002.

Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement (Security) Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) and 13(12) read with Rules 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer issued a Demand Notice on the date noted against the account as mentioned hereinafter, calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the under noted Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property/ies described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said act read with Rules 8 & 9 of the said Rules on the date mentioned against the Account. The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned to deal with the property/ies and any dealing with the property/ies will be the subject to charge to Indian Bank (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank) for the amounts and interest thereon mentioned against the account herein below.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower / Mortgagor/Guarantor (Owner of the Property)	Description of the Charged/Mortgaged Property (All the part & parcel of the property consisting of)	Date of Demand Notice	Amount outstanding as on the date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession Notice
1.	1. M/s Babar Vegitable (Firm) Prop. Mr. Babar Alee, 2. Mr. Babar Alee (Borrower Cum Mortgagor) S/o Mohammad Jahir Hussain, 3. Mr. Abdul Khalid (Guarantor Cum Mortgagor) S/o- Mohammad Jahir Hussain, 4. Mr. Abdul Khalik (Guarantor Cum Mortgagor) S/o- Mohammad Jahir Hussain, above (2,3 & 4) resident at Ward 46, Rambagh Chauri, Kanhauli, Mithanpura, Muzaffarpur, 842002, 5. Mr. Dilshad Ahmad (Guarantor) S/o- Shamshad Ahmad, resident at Saraiyaganj, Muzaffarpur 842001.	All that part & parcel of property land and building situated at Kanhauli Bishundut, Rambagh Chauri, Ward-46, Mithanpura, Muzaffarpur, Property 1: Deed No. 25290 dated 02/09/2013, Khata No. 741, RSP No. 2745, 2765, Thana No. 411, Area- 3.00 Decimal, Book No. 01, Zild/Vol. No. 353, Page No. 72-80 in the name of Mr. Babar Alee. Boundary :North: Md Razi, South: Md Khurshid, East: Md Mustafa, West: 8 Feet Wide Road.	30.10.2024	Rs. 84,54,474/- Intt. & other Banking and legal expenses there upon	06.01.2025
	Property 2: Deed No. 20673 dated 11/10/1999, Khata No. 1022, RSP No. 2769, Thana No. 411, Area- 1.2 Decimal, Book No. 01, Zild/Vol. No. 374, Page No. 193-202 in the name of Mr. Abdul Khalik, Mr. Mohammad Khalid & Mr. Babar Alee. Boundary :North: Abdul Hamid, South: Garinbhat Prasad, East: Road, West: Father of Purchaser.				
	Property 3: Deed No. 22781 dated 19/11/1999, Khata No. 1022, RSP No. 2769, Thana No. 411, Area- 0.8 Decimal, Book No. 01, Zild/Vol. No. 403, Page No. 247-254 in the name of Mr. Abdul Khalik, Mr. Mohammad Khalid & Mr. Babar Alee. Boundary :North: Nij Vendor, South: 3 Feet Road, East:8 Feet Road, West: Father of Purchaser.				
	Property 4: Deed No. 22785 dated 19/11/1999, Khata No. 1022, RSP No. 2769, Thana No. 411, Area- 0.8 Decimal, Book No. 01, Zild/Vol. No. 403, Page No. 277-284 in the name of Mr. Abdul Khalik, Mr. Mohammad Khalid & Mr. Babar Alee. Boundary :North: Nij Vendor, South: Nij Vendor, East:8 Feet Road, West: Father of Purchaser.				
2.	1. Smt. Nisha Saran (Borrower) W/o Sri Anand Mohan Sinha, 2. Sri Anand Mohan Sinha (Co-Borrower) S/o Late Kedar Prasad Sinha, both (1 & 2) resident at G.M. Road, Po Lalbagh, Dist. Darbhanga, Bihar- 846004.	EM Land and building situated at Mouza Lalbagh, Saifulalhanj under town Darbhanga, Pargana Haveli, Anchal Sadar, Naka No. 8, Ward No. 12, Tauni No. 3334, Thana No. 473, District Darbhanga, in the name of Smt. Nisha Saran.	01.11.2024	Rs. 28,43,258/- Intt. & other Banking and legal expenses there upon	07.01.2025
	Property 1: Sale Deed No. 4991 dated 30/03/2012, Khesra No. 9458 & 9459 (Old) 898 (New), Area 6 Dhur. Boundary :North: Niz Bhu Swami, South: Rasta, East: Road, West: Niz Bhu Swami. Property 2: Sale Deed No. 16088 dated 25/09/2012, Khesra No. 9458 & 9459 (Old) 898 (New), Area 1 Dhur. Boundary :North: Dr. S. K. Sinha, South: Rasta, East: Niz Lekhyadhary, West: Gaytri Jha.				
Place: Muzaffarpur & Darbhanga Date : 10.01.2025					
Authorised Officer Indian Bank (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank)					



STATE BANK OF INDIA

STRESSED ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH (SARB) PATNA

2nd Floor, Patna Main Branch Building, West Gandhi Maidan, Patna-800001
Phone : 0612-2999410 | E-mail : sbi.05176@sbi.co.in

Annexure-6

Specimen of contents of the notice u/s 13(2) of Act to be published in newspaper when the same is returned undelivered.

A notice is hereby given that the following Borrower's M/s Nirankar Fruit Co., Prop. Sri Ramjanam Sonkar (Borrower), S/o Late Vijay Prasad Sonkar and Guarantor Late Vijay Prasad Sonkar (Deceased) have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 at their last known addresses, but they have been returned unserved and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower Guarantor/ Legal Heirs	Details of Properties/ Address of Secured Assets to be Enforced	Date of NPA	Date of Notice	Amount Outstanding (As on 25-11-2024)
1.	M/s Nirankar Fruit Co. Proprietor/ Borrower Sri Ramjanam Sonkar	All that part and parcel of property vide Deed No. 3930 dated 23.03.2011 at Alamganj Chalanliya Kasba Thana-Sasaram, located at Mouza-Rasulpur, Mohalla-Kabirganj, Madarsa Road, Thana No.-135, savik Ward No.-01, Municipal Survey Ward No.-10, Present Ward No.-14, Municipal Survey Plot No. 749 in Municipal Survey Khata No-1, Hal Municipal Survey Plot No-109, CS Khata No.-79, CS Plot No.-95 in Rakha-1/2 Katha, Area-1.562 decimal, Distt.-Rohtas, (Bihar), Pin-821115. Boundaries: North: Road, South: 8' Chaura Rasta Bikreta Dwara, East: Ashok Kumar Sonkar, West: Kisan Lal Sonkar,	29.08.2024	26.11.2024	Rs. 42,31,282.82
2.	Guarantor Late Vijay Prasad Sonkar (Deceased)				
3.	Legal Heirs of the (Deceased) 1. Smt. Krishnawati Devi, W/o Late Vijay Prasad Sonkar, 2. Sri Sanjay Prasad, S/o Late Vijay Prasad Sonkar, 3. Sri Pampu Sonkar, S/o Late Vijay Prasad Sonkar, 4. Sri Ramjanam Sonkar S/o Late Vijay Prasad Sonkar, 5. Smt. Gudiya Devi D/o Late Vijay Prasad Sonkar, 6. Smt. Shaalu Devi, D/o Late Vijay Prasad Sonkar, 7. Smt. Amrita Devi, D/o Late Vijay Prasad Sonkar				

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower(s) and/or their Guarantor(s) (whenever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002. The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section(8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Date: 26.11.2024
Place: Patna

Sd/- AUTHORISED OFFICER
STATE BANK OF INDIA, SARB, PATNA



BIHAR SCHOOL EXAMINATION BOARD

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Re-Tender Notice No.- PR 07/2025

Bihar School Examination Board, Patna invites e-tenders under two bid systems from the reputed Suppliers/ experienced Firms /Companies/ Agencies/ Societies for "Comprehensive Maintenance of Lifts at BSEB Main Building & Academic Building, Patna and Nine (09) Regional Offices (Patna, Gaya, Bhagalpur, Muzaffarpur, Purnea, Kosi, Saran, Darbhanga and Munger)". Detailed tender document containing eligibility criteria, other terms and conditions are available on the website <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in> and <https://biharboardonline.bihar.gov.in>

Tender Schedule

Particulars	Date/Time: Duration
Online Sale/Download date of Tender documents	From: 11/01/2025 (11:00 Hrs.) to 01/02/2025 (14:00 Hrs.) (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
Pre-Bid Meeting	17/01/2025 at 12:30 Hrs. (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)
Last Date/ Time for submission/ uploading of offer/Bid	01/02/2025 up to 14:00 Hrs. (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
Last Date and Time for Submission of EMD (Only in case of BG)	04/02/2025 up to 14:00 Hrs.
Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid	04/02/2025 at 15:00 Hrs (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid	Date to be announced later by competent authority.
Cost of the Tender Document	₹ 3,540/- (Three Thousand Five Hundred Forty Rupees Only) (Non-Refundable)
Tender Processing Fee	₹ 3,540/- (Three Thousand Five Hundred Forty Rupees Only) (Non-Refundable)
Earnest Money	₹ 1,00,000/- (One Lakh Rupees only) (Refundable)

• Contact Details: Sh. Vinod Kumar Singh, Nodal Officer, Mobile No.: +91 62999 23095, E-Mail ID: eproc-bseb-bih@gov.in/ eproc.bseb@gmail.com

• Note: Bihar School Examination Board reserves the right to accept/ cancel/ reschedule tenders without assigning any reasons. Prospective bidders are advised to regularly visit <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in> for Corrigendum/ Amendments etc., if any, it will be notified on this portal only and no separate advertisement will be made.

Secretary

केनरा बैंक
Canara Bank

ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT BRANCH (D.P.- 17415)
GROUND FLOOR, LUV KUSH TOWER, EXHIBITION ROAD, PATNA-800001,
Mobile No.: 8102916048, Email: cb17415@canarabank.com

(15-Days Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties)
SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

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DM says details sought by government are being collected

Lieutenant Governors, administrators, and chief secretaries. They are trying to make it uniform." While the BJP did not officially comment on the matter, party vice-president Fateh Jung Singh Bajwa, the brother of the Leader of Opposition Tarun Singh Bajwa, said, "I want to tell the parties opposing the move that the Chief Secretary's post is a part of administrative reforms. My emotional demand is that the Chief Secretary should be a Punjab-cadre IAS officer. Chandigarh is rightfully ours. We should get Chandigarh back as it is our capital."

For parties in Punjab, especially the AAP, another contentious issue has been the alleged increase in the number of non-Punjab cadre IAS officers in the UT.

Heads roll after Tirupati stampede — Dy SP, two others suspended, 3 shifted, big changes at TTD

REENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, JANUARY 9

A DAY after six people died in a stampede at the Sri Venkateswara Swami Temple in Tirumala, heads rolled within the Tirupati district administration and the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Thursday after the Andhra Pradesh government under Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu suspended two officials and transferred three others.

Naidu, who visited the site of Wednesday's stampede, announced the suspension of Tirupati's Deputy Superintendent of Police Ramana Kumar and Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) SV Dairy Farm director Harinatha Reddy.

Tirupati's SP L.Subbarayudu, Joint Executive Officer M Goutami, and TTD's Chief Vigilance and Security Officer (CVSO) S Sreedhar have been transferred.

The Chief Minister also ordered a judicial probe into Wednesday night's stampede, caused when the gates of Padmavathi Park where tickets for the upcoming Vaikunta

Ekadasi festival were being distributed were opened. Six people were killed and scores were wounded in the rush.

Deputy SP Ramana Kumar was in-charge of crowd control and security at Padmavathi Park, the site of the stampede. Reddy, meanwhile, has been found responsible for deciding where the ticket counters had to be set up.

The CM's move comes at a time when his government is taking flak for crowd mismanagement at the temple ahead of the Vaikunta Ekadasi festival, which begins January 10.

While making the announcements, Naidu observed that some of the places where the ticket counters were set up were not suited to handle large crowds, and that the IAS and IPS officers at TTD and Tirupati Police took their jobs casually. He also said there was a failure at "various levels".

While Subbarayudu and Sreedhar are IPS officers, Goutami is an IAS officer.

"Deputy SP Ramana Kumar displayed utter lack of responsibility when he asked the gates at Padmavathi Park to be opened to evacuate a woman suffering from breathing problems," the CM said.

"He is a senior police officer. He should have assessed the situation better... What happened was that devotees who were at the back thought the gates had been opened and tickets were being issued, and they tried to rush out, which caused the stampede. Any mistake, done knowingly or unknowingly, which results in deaths, cannot be forgiven," he said.

He also suggested measures — such as issuing tickets for the Vaikuntha Ekadasi festival at district levels — to help ensure there's no repeat of such an incident. Meanwhile, Deputy Chief Minister K Pawan Kalyan, who also visited Tirupati, accused the TTD and the police of "failing" to appropriately assess the situation in light of the increase in devotees ahead of the festival.

The visit comes at a time when the Opposition Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party (YSRCP) government is trying to corner the Naidu government over the stampede. In a statement, YSRCP leader and former Andhra Pradesh minister Velampalli Srinivasa Rao described Wednesday as a "black" day in the history of the TTD, otherwise "well-known" for managing huge crowds.

Among victims, mothers who waited for hours in queue

REENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, JANUARY 9

FIVE OUT of six victims of the Wednesday night stampede at Tirupati were women — mothers who had gone with their families, hoping to have darshan of Lord Venkateshwara during the auspicious Vaikunta Ekadasi.

Three were from Visakhapatnam: Lavanya Swati (37) of Thatichetlapalem, Kandipilli Santhi (35) of Kancharapalem, and Rajini (47) of Maddilapalem. They were part of a group of devotees who had gone to Tirupati on Tuesday and joined the queues early on Wednesday to get free darshan coupons.

They waited patiently for over 12 hours in the long queues while their husbands and children stood in other queues. Santhi's husband is an autorickshaw driver while their son is pursuing secondary education. After collecting the coupons, the three women along with their families were planning to climb the steps the following



Bereaved family members of the victims in Tirupati. PTI

day to reach the temple at Tirumala. Two other women — Malliga (50) of Salem, Tamil Nadu, and Nirmala from Karnataka — succumbed to injuries while being taken to the hospital at night.

The sixth victim, Babu Naidu (51) of Narasipatnam, who was injured in the stampede at a ticket counter at Bairagiப்பட்டை, also died an hour later at a hospital. The counter was one of many set up to distribute darshan coupons.

On Thursday, rescue teams and volunteers were busy collect-

ing mobile phones, purses, and bags that had been scattered in the stampede and trying to return them to their owners.

At least 25 persons who were injured in the stampede were released from hospitals after they received treatment. An official said that 12 people with broken ribs or bones were under treatment, but all are out of danger.

While police took measures to control the crowds at the ticket counters, the rush continued despite the stampede.

'OBSCENE REMARKS' Court sends businessman to judicial custody for 14 days

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JANUARY 9



Boby Chemmanur

A MAGISTRATE court in Kochi on Thursday remanded businessman Bobby Chemmanur to judicial custody for 14 days after he was booked on charges of making alleged obscene remarks about Malayalam actor Honey Rose.

Chemmanur was arrested on Wednesday hours after he was taken into custody from his estate in Wayanad. Police had booked him under Section 75 (4) (sexual harassment) of the BNS and Section 67 (publishing or transmitting obscene material in electronic form) of the IT Act.

Chemmanur was produced before the Ernakulam Judicial First-Class Magistrate Court II on Thursday afternoon. Seeking bail for Chemmanur, his counsel argued that he had not committed any wrongdoing. However, the prosecution strongly opposed the plea, stating there was substantial evidence to suggest he had committed a serious offence.

After hearing the arguments, the court sent the businessman to a 14-day judicial remand.

Rose had named 30 people who had made alleged sexist comments against her on social media. On Tuesday, she filed the complaint against Chemmanur, who is also known as BoChe. Police acted upon the complaint and rushed a team to Wayanad to nab the jewellery chain owner. Besides, they took the actor to a magistrate court to record her statement under Section 183 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita.

Drift between satellites arrested, conditions for docking may be achieved today: ISRO

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

ISRO ON Thursday said it has arrested the drift between satellites during its ambitious Space Docking Experiment (SpaDeX) and put the spacecraft in a slow drift course to move closer to each other. According to the space agency, the experiment is expected to reach initialisation condition on Friday.

"SpaDeX Docking Update: The drift has been arrested and spacecrafts put in a slow drift course to move closer to each other. By tomorrow (Friday), it is expected to reach initialisation conditions," ISRO said in a statement.

The docking experiment, which was earlier scheduled for Thursday, had to be postponed after the two satellites drifted more than expected during a manoeuvre to reduce the distance between them. For the experiment, the two small satellites — SDX01 (Chaser) and SDX02 (Target) — launched by ISRO on December 30 were to be progressively

brought closer in the orbit, halting at 5 km, 1.5 km, 500 m, 225 m, 15 m, 3 m, and finally joining together. During a manoeuvre initiated on Wednesday evening to move the Chaser satellite from a distance of 500 metres to 225 metres, the satellites drifted more than expected during a non-visibility period (a period during which the satellites cannot be tracked from ground stations).

This was the second time the docking was postponed; it was initially planned on January 7 but was delayed to run more ground simulations to "improve the accuracy". For docking, the extended rings on both satellites will come together, before joining, and rigidization to secure the connection between the two. Then electrical power will be shared, with researchers also experimenting with giving commands to both as one. Space docking is essential for missions that require big payloads that can't be carried in a single launch. India would need the technology for its future plans of bringing samples back from the moon and setting up a space station.

2nd in a month: Farmer dies by suicide at Shambhu protest site

RAAKHI JAGGA
LUDHIANA, JANUARY 9

A 54-YEAR-OLD farmer, protesting at the Shambhu border, allegedly died by suicide Thursday, farmers at the protest site said. Police are yet to register an FIR in the matter — the second such incident at Shambhu and third at the two protest sites on Haryana-Punjab border in five months.

Resham Singh from Pahuwind in Tam Taran district consumed pesticide at Shambhu border point, where farmers have been protesting since February 13 last year, pressing the Centre for a law guaranteeing MSP for crops.

Farmer leader Tejvir Singh claimed Resham was a member of the Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee and was upset with the Center for not resolving their issues. Farmers claimed that he took the extreme step as "he was fed up with the (Narendra) Modi sarkar as they are not listening to the farmers despite the protracted protest". (Jagjit Singh) Dallewalji is sitting on a hunger strike and he (PM) is not bothering about it," farmers quoted Resham as saying.

Resham was taken to Rajpura



Farmers attend a Kisan Mahapanchayat called by the SKM at Grain Market in Moga, Thursday. Gurmeet Singh

civil hospital, Resham, and was referred to Patiala's Rajindra Medical College and Hospital but died on the way.

Dr Sonia Jangwal, senior medical officer at Rajpura civil hospital, said, "The patient was critical. We don't have a functional ICU here. We had no choice but to refer him to the tertiary care hospital after administering first aid".

Farmers claimed to have recovered a suicide note on Resham's person. The purported note, written in Punjabi, read, "In order to wake up the central and state governments, we need to sacrifice ourselves and I have

started it. I am a member of the Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee and even in the next birth, I will serve it. Considering Dallewalji's will power, where he is ready to sacrifice his life, I am sacrificing myself before that".

Patiala DSP Jaswinder Singh Tiwana, however, said police have have no information about any suicide note. "They (farmers) didn't hand over any such note to the police. We are yet to lodge any FIR. Resham Singh's family will meet police and administrative officials on Friday morning. We will proceed based on the outcome of the meeting."

Tuk tuk tales: When Hungarian PM took an auto ride

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JANUARY 9

WHEN SIDDIQUE Hussain, a 53-year-old auto driver in Kochi's Calvathy got a call this month from Kochi's Fragrant Nature hotel for rickshaws, he thought nothing of it. It wasn't unusual for him to get such calls for tourists who wanted cheaper modes of transport in and around Fort Kochi. But when he was asked to undergo security checks, he realised who his

guest was: Viktor Orbán, the Hungarian PM, who's on holiday in Kerala with his wife and two daughters. On January 4, Orbán and his daughters went around Fort Kochi in Hussain's auto.

"Two days before the trip, I got a call from a hotel at Fort Kochi. The hotel manager told me that the prime minister, his wife and two daughters, will be coming and they want three-wheelers for sightseeing. The hotel asked for four auto-rickshaws," he said.

According to sources at the hotel, the European leader wanted a



Viktor Orbán poses with auto drivers in Kochi. Facebook/Saleem Ibn Majeed

tuk-tuk, "because it is very good for sightseeing in Fort Kochi".

"Several tourists go by auto

rickshaw, but this is the first time such a VVIP had opted for the three-wheeler. We followed all protocol and security measures," a source at the hotel said.

The security protocols included a thorough check by a bomb squad, inspection of the vehicle's documents and a thorough vetting of the drivers.

On January 4, the four autos dutifully lined up at Calvathy, along with other escort vehicles and ambulances. Viktor and his two daughters boarded Hussain's auto, while his security team fol-

lowed in the other three.

"I told Viktor 'Welcome to my Ferrari,'" Hussain said. "He wanted to drive the auto but since it's illegal, I allowed him to merely sit in the driver's seat. I took them to the Dutch Palace at Mattancherry, the Jews Street and the Santa Cruz Cathedral Basilica. Then, we had lunch at a restaurant. He invited us auto drivers for lunch too, and we sat near his table."

For Hussain, who has been driving his auto for the last 28 years, this was his most memorable experience.

2017 Walayar rape case: CBI books victims' parents for abetting crime

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JAN 9

A 2017 case of rape and alleged suicide of two minor girls in Palakkad has taken a curious turn with CBI arrainging the victims' parents as accused on charges of abetting sexual abuse and suicide.

In the supplementary chargesheet filed in Kochi's CBI court Wednesday, the agency said the parents were aware of the sexual abuse of the girls but did not report the matter to police. The parents were charged under IPC section 109 (abetment of a crime) and POCSO Act.

The girls, aged 9 and 13, were found hanging in their house at Walayar in Palakkad a few weeks apart in 2017. Police found that the girls had died by suicide after allegedly being subjected to sexual abuse over several months by five persons, including a juvenile.

In 2019, a special POCSO court acquitted four accused, citing no scientific evidence to connect them to the offences. The forensic surgeon who conducted the post-mortem of the elder sister said that the victim's anal injuries could be due to piles infection. This went in favour of the accused.

Of the four accused, two were relatives of the victims. Two of the

four accused later died by suicide.

Following appeals by the state and the girls' mother, a sessions court in August 2022 ordered the CBI to probe the case further.

Police probe found that the accused had easy access to the girls' house and one of them was staying with the family.

The case caused a political storm in Kerala after the victims' mother alleged that the police had sabotaged the probe. She contested in the 2021 Assembly polls against CM Pinarayi Vijayan from Dharmadam as an Independent candidate, saying it was a protest against the "injustice committed against her daughters".

‘Curtain falls on melodic wonder’: Singer Jayachandran dies

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JANUARY 9

RENOWNED PLAYBACK singer P Jayachandran, affectionately called 'Bhava Gayakan' for his soulful renditions that beautifully expressed emotions such as love, longing, and devotion, died in Thrissur on Thursday. He was 80.

The singer died around 7.55pm while undergoing treatment at a private hospital here, hospital sources said. He was taken to the hospital after collapsing at his residence on Thursday, they said. He had been unwell for quite some time.

The singer recorded over 16,000 songs in Malayalam, Tamil,

Telugu, Kannada, and Hindi in a career spanning over five decades.

Many of his songs, which came out in the 1970s and 80, still remain evergreen for generations of music lovers.

He had won the national award for the best male playback singer in 1986. In 2020, he was conferred with the J C Daniel Award in recognition for his contributions to Malayalam cinema. He had also won state film awards in Kerala five times and two times in Tamil Nadu.

Jayachandran's father Ravivarma Kochaniyan Thampuran, who belonged to the Cochin Royal Family, was a musician. During school days, Jayachandran studied mridangam. In the state school youth fes-



P JAYACHANDRAN 1944-2025

tival held in 1958, Jayachandran got the prizes for the best light music singer and mridangam performance. After obtaining a degree in Zoology, he got a job in Chennai, where he met then film



The box used by rescuers to pull out survivors from the rat hole mine at Umrangso in Assam. Express

‘Felt a body with my hand’: Little luck for divers at Assam mine

SUKRITA BARUAH
UMRANGSO, JANUARY 9

ZERO VISIBILITY, lack of a blue-print, and water from an unknown source refusing to subside — these are the key challenges rescuers face as they try for the fourth consecutive day to retrieve the men trapped in a rat hole mine in Assam's Dima Hasao district.

The remotely located mine in the coal reserves of Umrangso in Dima Hasao district is now the site of a 24-hour operation involving around 200 personnel from different forces and the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA).

At least nine men got trapped in the mine after it was flooded on Monday morning.

After at least six search and rescue attempts by divers from the Indian Navy, the National Disaster Response Force, the State Disaster Response Force, Special Forces and the Army on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the body of only one of the miners, Ganga Bahadur Srestho, was retrieved by divers from the 21 Para Special Forces on Wednesday.

Divers from the Special Forces who retrieved the body told *The Indian Express* that the first challenge was the depth of the water — approximately 100 feet — inside the 310-foot-deep central pit of the mine, besides the complete lack of visibility. "We cannot see anything, and we have no map, scale or blueprint of the mine. We have to feel our way inside. The pit is conical and narrows as we go further down. On Tuesday, divers

had searched half of the area at the bottom of the pit. On the first dive on Wednesday, while searching the second half, I felt a body with my right hand," said the diver who retrieved the body.

At the bottom of the pit, tunnels or 'rat holes' branch in different directions, where the miners work. "The body we retrieved was in the central pit... But there are no other bodies there now. Neither can we enter the tunnels, nor do we know how many such tunnels are branching out from the central pit," said another diver.

While the divers' efforts are at an impasse, the other crucial element of the operation — pumping out water from the mine — has not yielded any result. Since Monday, two local motorised pumps have been working to drain out water from the pit. However, the water level has remained at approximately 100 feet. In fact, a member of the Special Forces said that after a night of dewatering, when the water level was measured on Thursday morning, it had increased by 6 inches.

On Wednesday, a heavy-duty motor pump from ONGC was brought to the site to aid in the dewatering, but it could not be deployed because it was not submersible. On Thursday, an even more powerful pump — capable of pumping out 2,250 litres of water per minute — from Coal India Limited was airlifted from Nagpur and brought to the site.

CEO of the ASDMA, Gyanendra Dev Tripathi, said diving operations will be suspended to conduct 24 hours of uninterrupted dewatering.

R G Kar case verdict expected on January 18

TANUSREE BOSE
KOLKATA, JANUARY 9

THE TRIAL in the rape and murder case of a woman junior doctor at R G Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata in August last year is complete and the verdict is likely to be pronounced on January 18 by a Sealdah court.

The parents of the victim had moved the Calcutta HC in December last year, seeking a fresh probe. Their counsel told the court that they "do not have confidence" in the current probe, being led by the CBI. The agency's lawyer Partho Sarathi Dutta said on Thursday, "The CBI has asked for the maximum punishment... The investigation is still on."

The lawyer of the victim's parents said, "We have just one demand that whoever or all who are involved in the case should be brought forward, they should get the maximum punishment. We

want justice. The supplementary chargesheet has still not been submitted. The investigation is not yet over... We are hoping that the truth will come out. The CBI and we have demanded for the maximum punishment (for the accused, Sanjay Roy)," he said.

The victim's father said, "We are not happy with the investigation, which is why there should be a further probe into the case. We have asked for the maximum punishment."

"What the police had done in five days, the CBI has done in five months," said the victim's mother, adding, "There will be further investigation, we are not happy with the probe. We know that Sanjoy Roy is the culprit but he alone could not have committed such a crime in a 24x7 hospital. When all involved are punished, we will be satisfied. We did not want a CBI investigation... It was the court that decided that the CBI would probe the case."

director A Vincent, who gave him an opportunity to sing in cinema.

Jayachandran's debut into playback singing was in 1966 for Malayalam movie *Kalithozhan*. The song '*Manjalayil Mungi thorathi*', delivered by a combination of Jayachadran, composer G Devarajan and lyricist P Bhaskaran, remains an evergreen song even after six decades. Since then, he has worked with leading composers and renowned lyricists in South Indian languages, mainly in Malayalam and Tamil.

In 1972, he got the first state award for a hit song '*Neelagiriyude*' in the movie *Panitheeratha Veedu*. He created a wave in Tamil film music with the song '*Raasaathi umma*' in the 1984 film *Vaidehi Kaathirunal*.

Jayachandran has left behind songs for all ages from young to old, for all emotional moments in life.

He is survived by wife Lalitha, daughter Lakshmi and son Dinanathan, who is also a singer. The funeral will be held later.

Kerala Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar and Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan condoled the demise of Jayachandran.

The Governor said, "His endearing voice that charmed audience for six decades will go on to soothe people's hearts."

Vijayan said the journey of the song that transcended time and space has come to a halt. "The curtain falls here on a melodic wonder that has captured the hearts of generations," the CM said.



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Drift towards normal relations with Kabul points to enduring geopolitical realities. But Delhi must underline concerns

GOVERNMENTS MIGHT COME and go in Kabul, but India's ties with Afghanistan have largely retained their strategic character. India's stepped-up engagement with the Taliban — marked by the recent meeting of Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri with the acting Foreign Minister of Afghanistan Amir Khan Muttaqi in Dubai — underlines this basic geopolitical reality of the Subcontinent. When the Taliban stormed back into power in August 2021, it was widely lamented as a major setback to India's regional policy. After all, India had been a strong partner for the government led by anti-Taliban forces. The return of the Taliban was also viewed as a major gain for Pakistan, which was deeply hostile to the regime that fell in Kabul. Yet, since its return, the Taliban consistently signaled its eagerness to improve relations with India. Delhi has been cautious in its interaction with the Taliban. That policy has changed now with the elevation of the engagement to the level of foreign secretary. Delhi has responded to requests from Kabul for Indian support for humanitarian assistance and developmental cooperation.

The slow but certain drift in Delhi towards normal relations with Kabul underlines an enduring geopolitical reality of the Subcontinent. Irrespective of the nature of the regime in Kabul — monarchical, communist or Islamist of different kinds — there has been a natural warmth between Delhi and Kabul. That India and Afghanistan do not have any bilateral dispute is one factor; that they share cross-border problems from Pakistan is another. Kabul has long resented the Pakistan army's brazen meddling in its internal affairs and its treating Afghanistan as its backyard. Kabul has looked to Delhi to balance the pressures from Rawalpindi. Pakistan has sought to break this paradigm by conscious efforts to promote radical Islam in Afghanistan and groom the Taliban as an anti-Indian force. That policy has failed one more time. The tensions between Kabul and Rawalpindi have not disappeared.

Although the logic of geopolitics is moving Delhi closer to Kabul, there are two issues of concern for India. One, the domestic orientation of the Taliban regime — its repression of the population and intolerable oppression of women in particular, who are being denied basic rights such as education and minimal personal freedoms. To be sure, India does not have the power to alter the internal politics of Afghanistan; realism suggests that Delhi must deal with whichever government is in power in Kabul. Yet, India cannot give up its core values, it must nudge the Taliban towards political and social moderation. That the meeting with the Taliban officials took place in Dubai is a reminder that India can work with the United Arab Emirates and other moderate Arab states in promoting positive changes inside Afghanistan. The second issue is Delhi's unfortunate abandonment of its previous allies in Afghanistan since the Taliban returned to power. This included a heart-breaking refusal to give visas to many Afghans who had actively supported India over the decades. Winning new friends in Kabul might be smart; but losing old friends is not wise.

MUSK AND ZUCKERBERG

As Meta follows the X model on free speech, growing alignment between two Big Tech leaders sparks questions beyond US

LOOK TO SILICON Valley to see how the winds have shifted in the United States since the re-election of Donald Trump. On January 7, two weeks before the inauguration of the second Trump presidency, Meta, which owns Facebook and Instagram, announced sweeping changes to its fact-checking programme, starting with the US. Describing the recent elections as a "cultural tipping point towards once again prioritising speech", CEO Mark Zuckerberg said in a five-minute video that the company's platforms would switch to a Community Notes model, along the lines of X and would be less restrictive on topics like immigration and gender. This was, he said, a step towards greater freedom of expression — a reiteration of the "anti-censorship" argument frequently made by Elon Musk, owner of X, and a key figure in the incoming administration. Notwithstanding Musk's monosyllabic response to Zuckerberg's announcement — "cool" — what is clear is a growing alignment between two of the most influential tech leaders in the world.

This has huge implications, not only for the US, where an antitrust case against Google has shaken Silicon Valley, but also for the rest of the world. Any changes to user experience and safety in Big Tech, which may emerge as a response to the politics and policies of the new regime in Washington DC, are bound to ripple beyond the borders of the US, thanks to the global nature of the platforms that they've built. Facebook, for example, has over 3 billion users, most of whom are outside the US, in countries like India, Brazil and Indonesia. For many users, these platforms don't just serve as a way to connect with other people; they're sources of news and information, shaping their world views. The danger posed by mis/disinformation cannot be overstated, as seen during the Covid-19 pandemic when rumours about vaccines being used by governments to track people contributed to vaccine hesitancy. Musk and his use of X perhaps best exemplify the far-reaching impact of a social media post today: Raking up the years-long "grooming gangs" scandal and calling for the removal of Prime Minister Keir Starmer in the UK and throwing his weight behind a right-wing party in Germany, where snap polls are to take place soon, Musk has caused much disquiet across the Atlantic in the first week of 2025 alone.

If there is a solution to the challenges of the present moment, it lies in strengthening institutional media. The tech business is, first and foremost, a business — regardless of its larger role in global politics and policymaking. What is clear, as Silicon Valley scrambles to adjust to life under a new president, is that Big Tech cannot be trusted to be the sole and accurate source of news and information.

OLD AND WHOLE

In Demi Moore's Golden Globes win, hope and the assurance of fuller representation

CAN A WOMAN, successful or otherwise, ever be enough? At the Golden Globes Award ceremony, receiving the best actress award for her turn as the fading protagonist of Coralie Fargeat's *The Substance*, actor Demi Moore revealed the self-doubt and the male gaze that has framed her life and choices. They fetched her success, but never an acknowledgement of her talent. In a career of nearly five decades, the Golden Globe was her first award. "In those moments when we don't think we're smart enough or pretty enough or skinny enough or successful enough or basically just not enough, I had a woman say to me, 'Just know you will never be enough, but you can know the value of your worth if you just put down the measuring stick,'" the 62-year-old said.

Moore's career — from her breakout role in *Blame It on Rio* (1984) to *Ghost* (1990) to *Indecent Proposal* (1993) to her photo shoots, pregnant and in the nude for *Vanity Fair* — has built up to this inflection point. But it could not have come at a more exciting time or with a more interesting project. *The Substance* is a hard look at Hollywood's veneration of youth and the body dysmorphia that afflicts women such as Moore, made to believe that in show business that is the capital they have to live off. But it is only one of a series of layered stories that women, older and ageing, are telling about themselves. From Jodie Foster in *True Detectives* to Jean Smart in *Hacks* to Nicole Kidman in the erotic thriller *Babygirl*, new shows and films are making a case for better representation, not as accessories in a male-dominated industry but as "markers of wholeness", wrinkles and sagging skin firmly in the spotlight.

Yet, power asymmetry still exists, some of the gains of MeToo have been undone and pay disparity continues to be a barrier. Women still have a long way to go but the journey might just be a little less intimidating. Hope is a powerful elixir, especially when one is not alone.



SUJAN CHINOY

INDIAN FOREIGN SECRETARY Vikram Misri's meeting with the Taliban's acting foreign minister Amir Khan Muttaqi in Dubai on January 8 is not just part of the engagement of the regime in Kabul but a significant elevation in the level of dialogue. India, like the rest of the international community, has yet to accord formal recognition to the Taliban regime which saw off US forces from Kabul in August 2021 amidst chaotic scenes reminiscent of the helicopter evacuation of thousands from Saigon in 1975, only much worse.

Since the transition in Kabul, India has kept alive channels of communication with the Taliban at the functional level. Misri's meeting took place against the backdrop of considerable geopolitical ferment. Two days earlier, the Indian foreign ministry spokesman had roundly condemned the Pakistani airstrikes against Afghanistan that resulted in the loss of "several precious lives", including women and children.

Pakistan's claim that the target was the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) camps has not cut ice with Kabul, which has labelled these brazen acts as "aggression against Afghanistan". The TTP is fighting to evict all Pakistani forces from Pashtun tribal lands across the so-called Durand Line. Mortimer Durand's eponymous line of 1893, a colonial cartographic caper, is regarded as an "imaginary line" by the Taliban, whose sympathy for the TTP's pan-Pashtun ambitions has set Pakistan's teeth on edge. In February 2024, Sher Mohammad Abbas Stanikzai, Taliban's acting deputy minister of foreign affairs, categorically stated that Afghanistan will never recognise the Durand Line. Pakistani demands for "border" crossings using consular documents have also been dismissed.

In Pakistan's case, there are some ironies. First, Pakistan has always considered Afghanistan to be a weak and vulnerable hinterland to be exploited and dominated in order to achieve "strategic depth" against India. Now, an emboldened Taliban is threatening Pakistan's western flank, which it has always taken for granted. According to a UN Security Council report, there are an estimated 6,000-6,500 TTP fighters waging war against

A reason to talk

India's dialogue with the Taliban is based on realism, set in a complex geopolitical situation

Following the Misri-Muttaqi tête-à-tête, India has committed to 'provide further material support in the first instance to the health sector and for the rehabilitation of refugees' by way of humanitarian assistance. Pakistan has expelled more than 5,00,000 refugees, creating a humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan. Given that Iran too has had border skirmishes with Pakistan on account of the latter providing sanctuaries to separatists, this is an opportune moment to work in tandem with Iran, using Chabahar Port to expand trade and send assistance to the refugees.

Pakistan, operating from Afghanistan. The Taliban's support for the TTP remains strong amidst mounting instances of TTP attacks against Pakistan.

Second, as the saying goes "as you sow, so shall you reap". Pakistan has harboured many terrorist groups as part of its insidious policy towards India. It was a key progenitor of the Taliban during the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. Now, the chickens have come home to roost. The TTP's Pashtun nationalism haunts Islamabad.

Links between the Taliban, TTP and al-Qaeda remain resilient. The Taliban and al-Qaeda make common cause in dealing with the virulent Islamic State (Khorasan Province). Just as the Taliban's return had proved a boost for terrorist networks, not far away, Syria has recently been overrun by the Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), still regarded by the UN and US as a terrorist organisation. The revocation of the \$10 million bounty on the head of HTS leader Ahmed Hussein al-Sharaa on grounds of expediency gives rise to the question of whether there is scope for similar rehabilitation of the current regime in Afghanistan.

Top UN, US, EU, Turkish and Jordanian diplomats, as well as the foreign ministers of Germany and France, are dealing with the new regime in Damascus but not with the Taliban. This is despite the fact that the Syrian groups that have come together under the HTS umbrella have also been egregious in their violation of human rights and the treatment of minorities.

India has done well to engage the Taliban at a senior level. China and others such as Russia, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Iran and Pakistan were quick to interact with Taliban 2.0 including through their local diplomatic missions. After the Taliban's takeover, India had recalled all its personnel but later restituted its presence in Kabul by dispatching a "technical team" to its embassy in 2022.

The "Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan" yearns for recognition. The UN Credentials Committee has turned down its request for the fourth consecutive year. However, the current situation does provide an opportunity for India to deploy a new *modus vivendi* in its

dealings with the Taliban even if international recognition, for now, remains a chimera. The Afghan cricket team's dizzying rise has led to players like Rashid Khan being auctioned for hefty sums in the Indian Premier League (IPL). It augurs well that India has also offered to strengthen bilateral cooperation in the popular game of cricket, which is a way of reaching out to the Afghan youth.

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India has supplied essential medicines, Covid and polio vaccines, anti-tuberculosis medicines, surgical items, drug de-addiction hygiene kits, blankets, winter clothing, pesticides, stationery for students as well as large consignments of wheat to Afghanistan. In the Union Budget for 2024-25, India allocated assistance for Afghanistan to the tune of Rs 200 crore.

Keeping in mind the complex geopolitical chessboard, India should enhance humanitarian assistance and resume development projects in Afghanistan. Capitalising on traditional friendship, there is scope for Afghanistan to figure even more prominently in India's "Act West" policy. The Taliban, after all, is here to stay.

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SUDHIR MISHRA

IMAGINE YOU HAVE to write a film script on the life of Pritish Nandy.

Where do you begin? Anyone who knew him even slightly knows that he would've hated a hagiography. How would you approach it? How would you market it? What would be the poster? He could be sitting at the desk writing an opinion piece.

Many times, I sat in his office, sipping a cup of tea as he finished an article. I can still picture him at the peak of his concentration, pausing now and then and suddenly typing furiously. Or, the poster could be a picture of him looking at the sunset through a window as if a poem was wafting through the air and entering his head: *A thousand desires such as these/A thousand moments to set this night on fire/ Reach out and you can touch them/ You can touch them with your silences/ You can reach them with your lust/ Rivers, mountains, rain/ Rain against the torrid hill's cape/ A thousand/ A thousand desires such as these.*

Or, he could be with his gloves on banging away at a sandbag, totally focused. He was, in a sense, one of the last of the breed of men who could be soft and macho at the same time, a poet and a boxer.

Suddenly, another image comes to my mind: A graceful man who sat and listened to you and made a couple of really sharp observations. He could encapsulate an entire argument into a couple of perfectly structured lines. That's the hallmark of a poet.

Now, for a moment, let's forget the marketing and the poster. First, you have to

FIRST CAME THE POET

Pritish Nandy — journalist, writer, curator — kept his creative honesty throughout

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He was born in Bihar. The son of a middle-class official, he had two other siblings. He was the middle one, I think. The elder one is the great Ashis Nandy. Pritish Da adored his mother. I heard him speaking about her very warmly at times. They shifted to Calcutta with his family, and this is where the poet Pritish was born. Was his mother, the first Indian vice principal of La Martiniere College, Calcutta, who turned him towards literature?

What turns a man into a poet is too difficult to capture in a few lines. But the fact remains that the young Nandy burst into the Kolkata literary scene and took it by storm. However, he didn't just want to be a poet. In that sense, he was like the Latin American literary figures who wanted to be more than just novelists and poets. They wanted to influence their world more directly, sometimes even politically.

He might have also wanted to be some kind of a facilitator for other poets, filmmakers and all artists. Suddenly, he became one of the most powerful people in Mumbai, the publishing editor of the Times of India group and the editor of the *Illustrated Weekly*. It was a tough role as he stepped into the shoes of Khushwant Singh. A lot of people remember his interviews from those days. The poet became a journalist, an editor, a man whose opinion on all things mattered.

This is the Pritish Nandy I first met: The journalistic powerhouse, the art curator and the poet all rolled into one.

He could see through people. He knew the man you were. Often, he would tell you some of your flaws. He could be very critical in a strangely positive way. He told me many things about myself, which were not always very pleasant to hear. But they were brilliant, and I was grateful that somebody thought about me in such great depth. There were many people who liked *Hazaaroon Khwaishein Aisi*, but I felt content when he approved the film. It's also because he knew about that time in Kolkata when radicalism was at its peak.

Perhaps it was one of the reasons why he left Calcutta: He saw the best of his generation killed, destroyed, exiled, or merging into the crowds. He chose to step away and found them again in various places around the world. I think that's how he rediscovered himself.

Some decisions in his life earned him a lot of criticism. However, I know that even though he was very close to power, he was never its slave.

That sharp mind never gave up. He refused to submit to the notion that others had about him. He went into film directions that neither got popularity among people nor amongst us. He dared to leave his admirers behind and walked towards another path. There was nobody like him.

It's difficult to imagine a Mumbai where Pritish Nandy isn't there.

The writer is a filmmaker

JANUARY 10 1985, FORTY YEARS AGO

BHAJAN LAL ON SIKHS

HARYANA CHIEF MINISTER Bhajan Lal said the government had always protected Sikhs and would continue to do so. Property worth Rs 2 crore was estimated to have been destroyed in the violence in Haryana. Answering a question about his resolve to end corruption, Lal said district-level meetings would be held to ensure a clean administration.

PROPOSAL REJECTED

COMMENTING ON THE proposal made by the Akali leader, Surjan Singh Thekedar, the AICC (I) general secretary Srikanth Verma said the

people had already given a verdict on the secessionist nature of the demand. Verma said that in any case, courts were not the forum to decide such issues.

CARTOON ON PM

IN RESPONSE TO a report in *The Indian Express*, January 9, 1985 edition, Rajiv's guidelines on administrative reforms, cartoonist Ravi Shankar created a graphic. On the left is a speech bubble drawn, words being said by the government, that says, "Sahib is in a meeting." Lined up outside are the Indian people who spell out the word "Grievances," which has been capitalised. On the top of the graphic are

cut-outs of the report's headlines and sub-headlines that read "guidelines on administrative reforms" and "ministries reorganised."

MOB BURNS BUS

A HARYANA ROADWAYS bus was burnt, and its driver was severely beaten up by a mob outraged at the death of a middle-aged man in an accident near Majnu Ka Tila on the outer ring road. The bus was coming to ISBT from Hisar and a middle-aged man was crushed under the fast-moving vehicle. Soon, a crowd collected there from nearby slum dwellings. First, they beat up driver Ram Gopal, and then they burnt the vehicle.

THE IDEAS PAGE

DIS/AGREE
THE BEST OF BOTH SIDES

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



C R Sasikumar

Protesting farmers are demanding a legal guarantee for MSP. Will price assurance give an impetus to farmers to diversify crops or does it go against a liberalising economy?

Add a new layer to MSP: PDP

A price assurance mechanism, just like GST, will spur formalisation and digitisation of farm trade



HARISH DAMODARAN

SHOULD THERE BE a minimum support price (MSP) guarantee, legal or otherwise, for crops produced by farmers? Two decades or less from now, we wouldn't be debating this at all! The reason is simple: Agriculture is seeing a haemorrhaging of the best lands as well as human resources.

The most fertile farmlands — be it on both sides of the Grand Trunk Road, the Ganga-Yamuna Doab riverine plains or the Krishna-Godavari, Cauvery and Mahanadi alluvial delta basins — are getting diverted for real estate development, if not for building infrastructure, factories and smart cities. Andhra Pradesh's capital, Amaravati, is coming up on 33,000-odd acres of what used to be lush paddy, banana and turmeric-growing fields on the right bank of the Krishna.

The same goes for farmers. India officially has 146.5 million "operational holdings" (2015-16 Agriculture Census) and 105-115 million beneficiaries under the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi income support scheme. But the actual "serious" farmer population — households deriving at least half of their income from agriculture — may not be more than 40 million, as Samridhi Agarwal and I have estimated ("Counting the Kisan", IE, October 4, 2021). And those numbers are probably dwindling faster than we think.

The challenge before Indian agriculture isn't just one of feeding 1.7 billion mouths by the early-2060s. It's about retaining the best available agricultural lands and human talent in farming. How do we ensure that farmers remain in business, rather than look to exit and sell their land for converting acres into square yards and feet?

It is instructive to note that agricultural growth during the first two decades post the economic reforms was primarily driven by improved terms of trade for farmers and new technologies — from hybrid seeds in vegetables and maize, genetically-modified Bt cotton, tissue-culture and high-density planting in fruit crops, drip irrigation and laser levelling, to fast-growing broiler chicken and commercial layer breeder birds.

The last decade, however, has witnessed a reversal of sorts. The official farmers' terms of trade index (base: triennium ended 2011-12=100), which rose from 87.82 in 2004-05 to 102.95 in 2010-11, has fallen to 97.21 in 2022-23. Also, the flow of innovations has slowed, with more promotion of traditional *paramparagat krishi* than cutting-edge agricultural research.

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It would be a folly

How much government can buy, for how many commodities, and at how many places, is a question that needs serious analysis



ASHOK GULATI

LET ME START by saying that my heart bleeds when I see farmers agitating over prices for their produce. I have spent my entire professional life working for the betterment of agriculturists. But rational policy-making requires much more than compassion. It requires a better understanding of how the economy functions, especially the market economy. Having worked on the agriculture of various Asian and African countries, I can confidently say that legalising minimum support prices (MSPs) would be a folly — it would throw a spanner in the working of the economy. Making MSPs effective is different from making MSPs legal. Let me elaborate.

In a market economy, the price of any product is decided by the forces of demand and supply. Suppose the production of a commodity in any year is 100 units and its demand is 75 units. In such a situation, the price of that commodity would fall. With

and market prices, they are likely to push market prices even lower, and there is a high probability that farmers and traders will collude in showing market prices much lower than the MSP. That would make it very difficult to estimate the hit to the financial exchequer. The price deficiency mechanism was tried earnestly in Madhya Pradesh, and just after one season, the government had to give it up precisely because of this reason. If the government wants to make MSP more effective (not legal), it can create a stabilisation fund of about Rs 25,000 crore, especially focused on pulses and oilseeds of which India is a net importer.

It may be worth noting that the 23 MSP crops constitute roughly 30 per cent of the value of agriculture. Within these 23 crops, MSP is properly implemented in the case of rice and wheat, that too in a few states. The Centre's latest Situation Assessment Survey revealed that not more than 10 per cent of farmers sold their produce at MSP. It may also be noted that this MSP policy is an offshoot of the acute grain deficit in the mid-1960s. It won't be economically prudent if the same policy is applied when India is surplus in basic staples.

Now, let us turn to the non-MSP segment of agriculture which is facing free markets. During 2010-11 to 2022-23, for which we have the latest data, fishery has been growing at 8.2 per cent per annum, meat at

7.3 per cent, eggs at 6 per cent, milk at 5.3 per cent, and horticulture at 4.7 per cent per annum. None of these agri-commodities have MSP, and they are more perishable than wheat and rice. But wheat has grown at 2.5 per cent and paddy at 3.2 per cent over the same period. This clearly shows that market-based systems have performed much better than the government-controlled MSP regime for wheat and rice.

However, this does not mean that markets are perfect. They are often distorted by the government through export bans, stocking limits on private trade, suspension of futures and options at the drop of a hat, and so on. All this is done in the name of keeping agri-inflation low for consumers. So, there is an inherent consumer bias in the agri-price policy, which implicitly becomes anti-farmer. Amongst the G20 countries, as per OECD, India is the only country that has negative Producer Support Estimates (PSEs), meaning that India implicitly taxes its agriculture by suppressing market prices. What Indian farmers need is freer markets, building of agri-value chains — like the AMUL model in milk — where farmers can get 75 to 80 per cent of what consumer pays. Making MSP legal will be going backwards, which is not in line with the liberalisation of the economy.

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Some activists suggest price deficiency payments. Several cost estimates of such a scheme are being floated. The problem with such a scheme is that if MSP is declared legal, then there would be no real market price below MSP. Then the government becomes the open-ended buyer of all commodities for which MSPs are declared, which are 23 as on day. If one argues that MSP is not legal, and agri-markets do exist and price discovery is possible, but farmers need to be compensated for the difference between MSP and lower market prices as price deficiency payments to farmers, we are talking about a different policy — making MSP more of an income instrument. The downside of such a policy is that the moment traders know that the government will compensate the farmers by the difference in MSP

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Whether in terms of investment, trade, or supply chain integration, the highly complementary economies of China and the US require mutual dependence and coexistence, with significant potential for collaboration in the tech sector. These cannot simply be 'blocked' by a Pentagon mandate." — GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

A more empathetic justice

Treatment of survivors of sexual and gender based violence lacks sensitivity, denies dignity. Delhi HC verdict is a welcome intervention



PRATIKSHA BAXI

IN *S V v State*, Justice Pratibha M Singh and Justice Amit Sharma (December 10, 2024) held that all hospitals are required by law to provide free medical treatment for victims of rape, child sexual abuse and acid attacks. The Delhi High Court reiterated that Section 397, BNSS, and Section 357C, CrPC makes it mandatory for all hospitals, public or private, whether under the jurisdiction of the central government, state government, local bodies or persons to provide free first-aid and medical treatment. Further, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Guidelines (2014) also directs that survivors of rape must receive all services such as OPD/inpatient registration, pathology tests, radiology investigations and medicines for free.

In an important act of co-governance, the court issued guidelines to all hospitals and medical establishments to sensitise doctors, nurses, paramedics, and administrative staff that denying free medical treatment to survivors of rape, child sexual abuse and acid attack is a criminal offence. It directed that prominent signs be put up stating that free medical treatment to survivors shall be provided. Denial of free medical treatment is punishable by imprisonment for one year or with fine or both.

This order is critical to the development of "therapeutic jurisprudence" because it focuses on providing medical care and the statutory right to therapeutic access. Importantly, the court explicitly states that "the word 'treatment' would include first aid, diagnosis, in-patient admission, continued out-patient assistance, diagnostic tests, lab tests, surgery if required, physical and mental counselling, psychological help, family counselling, etc". And when brought to the emergency, the hospital shall not insist on ID proof in order to admit the victim, but first provide immediate treatment to the victim.

The Delhi High Court's (HC) order when read from the right to health, dignity, privacy and life perspective allows us to think about the right to "therapeutic access" for all survivors of sexual and gender based violence. Surely, the medical profession can also ensure free treatment for survivors of domestic violence, or women raped or beaten in marriage?

Doctors and judges have much to learn from the recent French court verdict punishing mass rape of Gisèle Pelicot who shifted the shame to the husband who raped her. Her husband drugged her, engaged 70 men over a decade to rape his drugged wife, and filmed other men raping his wife after he put her in a chemically induced sleep.

Adopting a right to health perspective, one hopes that doctors and judges will learn from Gisèle Pelicot's testimony to develop systems that allow therapeutic access, recognise the harm of sexual violence and enable medical care to women raped and beaten in marriage, irrespective of

whether marital rape is criminalised or not. Marriage does not give men the license to rape their wives.

Gisèle Pelicot's case is important for the medical profession to root out bias against women patients and end medical gaslighting. By blaming women patients and making them doubt their experience, symptoms of trauma are misrecognised and wrongly labelled as malingering.

The Delhi HC by noting that hospitals continue to deny free treatment while courts hear rape and child sexual abuse cases "routinely", and "in large numbers", points our attention to a grave crisis of governance. However, the political class is not interested in thinking of sexual violence as a public health issue.

There is scarce rage over victims being denied medical treatment, or the fact that victims are often forced to borrow clothes from relatives, or wear dirty blankets loaned by the police or flimsy hospital gowns after the medico-legal examination. Or that the costs of labs to purchase containers to conserve evidence (such as foetal matter) may be passed to the victim's family.

It is a scandal that women and children are still not given clothes kits in hospitals and police stations. In each rape case, clothes which include undergarments, sanitary napkins, dress, socks, and other personal items such as shoes, or spectacles are seized by the police for forensic analysis. However, these clothes and items are not replaced by the state. In light of earlier orders and circulars, the court's reasoning must be extended to argue that the state has an obligation to provide a new pair of clothes (and other personal items) to rape survivors, when such things are collected for forensic analysis.

Clothes may be seized at police stations or hospitals. Often victims are made to wait in blood soaked clothes for hours, before medico-legal procedures start. These procedures are highly intrusive, and often re-traumatise. And then stripped of their clothes, the victims borrow clothes from relatives, policemen or wear hospital gowns. And in this state of trauma, they navigate public spaces to return home, be this a house, hut, shelter or a street.

Vasudha Dhagamwar, eminent feminist law teacher and one of the signatories of the Mathura Open Letter had first raised this issue in the 1980s, in an essay in *Mainstream*. Dhagamwar wrote about the case of a working class rape survivor who owned only one sari — and this too was seized as evidence. Surely the state is liable to replace such items, without passing on the costs to the victim.

The state has an obligation to provide a new pair of clothes (and other personal items) to rape survivors, when such things are collected for forensic analysis. By not providing clothes, rape survivors are stripped and made unsafe yet again. It amounts to state sanctioned violence to take the clothes of a victim (stripping is an offence in the BNS and IPC). Under the constitutional schema, this is a specifically gendered harm done to rape survivors. Surely, law, state and society can make provisions to provide clothes kits to rape survivors.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HMPV CHALLENGE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, "Precaution is key" (IE, January 9). The HMPV virus poses significant health challenges. India has ramped up surveillance. Laboratories are now better equipped to test for HMPV. Three of the cases in India involve infants with no travel history, underscoring that the virus could already be in local circulation. We lack the vaccines for HMPV, making supportive care and preventive measures essential. Inexpensive, accessible diagnostic tests are still unavailable, limiting early detection in vulnerable populations. Vigilance, preparedness and public cooperation are imperative to curb HMPV's impact.

Sankar Paul, Nadia

RETHINKING GROWTH

THIS REFERS TO the article, "Spending and growing" (IE, January 9). The present government's ambitious goal of Viksit Bharat demands a coherent plan aligned with India's demographic reality. Our country's massive population means there is scope for economic growth. We need to empower our low-skilled labour, instead of putting all the focus on high-skilled capital-intensive sectors like semiconductors — the workforce and technology of which is yet to be fully developed. For a credible path, a rethink of India's growth strategy is essential.

Vaibhav Goyal, Chandigarh

AAP-BJP FACE-OFF

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, "Fight for capital" (IE, January 9). The AAP came to power in the backdrop of the anti-corruption campaign launched by Anna Hazare. Arvind Kejriwal became popular for his simplicity and clean image. But his arrest and that of other top AAP leaders in corruption cases have disillusioned the people. The BJP won't lose any chances to corner and discredit the AAP. Indeed, the election will be a popularity contest between PM Narendra Modi and Arvind Kejriwal, and the latter's future may hinge on Delhi Election 2025.

Atul Thakre, Nagpur

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, "Fight for capital" (IE, January 9). Ahead of the elections, there is intense political drama around the "sheesh mahal" of the former Delhi CM. It is, however, important that the contenders are grilled about the feasibility of their electoral promises. Specifically, whether plans on women's safety, pollution control and cash transfers are well-planned or mere words on manifestos to be forgotten once the elections are over. Parties must also keep in mind the status of New Delhi as the national capital, and must not engage in any campaigning that erodes its dignity.

Anany Mishra, Bhlai

**बिहार सरकार**

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आवश्यक सूचना

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि "अनुसूचित जाति प्रवेशिकोत्तर छात्रवृत्ति योजना" एवं "अनुसूचित जनजाति प्रवेशिकोत्तर छात्रवृत्ति योजना", "मुख्यमंत्री अनुसूचित जाति एवं अनुसूचित जनजाति प्रवेशिकोत्तर छात्रवृत्ति योजना" एवं "मुख्यमंत्री पिछड़ा वर्ग एवं अति पिछड़ा वर्ग प्रवेशिकोत्तर छात्रवृत्ति योजना-2024" के अन्तर्गत शैक्षणिक वर्ष 2024-25 हेतु PMS पोर्टल (अनुसूचित जाति एवं अनुसूचित जनजाति वर्ग के छात्र/छात्राओं के लिए <https://scstpmsonline.bihar.gov.in>, पिछड़ा वर्ग एवं अति पिछड़ा वर्ग के छात्र/छात्राओं के लिए <https://pmsonline.bihar.gov.in> एवं संबंधित शैक्षणिक संस्थानों के लिए <https://instpmsonline.bihar.gov.in>) के माध्यम से ऑनलाईन आवेदन आमंत्रित करने हेतु दिनांक-07.01.2025 से 10.03.2025 तक की तिथि निर्धारित है।

नोट:- वर्तमान में ई-शिक्षाकोष पोर्टल पर आधार पंजीकृत इण्टरमीडिएट एवं समकक्ष कोर्स में अध्ययनरत छात्र/छात्राओं के लिए PMS पोर्टल खोला गया है, शेष छात्र/छात्राओं के लिए पंजीकरण हेतु शीघ्र ही सूचित किया जायेगा।

ऑनलाईन आवेदन करने से संबंधित विस्तृत दिशा-निर्देश PMS पोर्टल पर उपलब्ध है।

निदेशक (माध्यमिक शिक्षा),
PR. No. 016681 (Education) 2024-25
बिहार, पटना

उक्त सूचना www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar पर भी देखी जा सकती है।

गर्मावस्था की पहली तिमाही में माँ की एच.आई.वी. और सिफलिस की जाँच जरूर करायें।

**कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय**
पूर्वी कोशी तटबंध प्रमण्डल, चंद्रायण
शुद्धि पत्र
पत्रांक-11/चंद्रायण

जल संसाधन विभाग, बिहार अन्तर्गत कार्यपालक अभियंता पूर्वी कोशी तटबंध प्रमण्डल, चंद्रायण के पत्रांक 1166 दिनांक 26.12.2024 द्वारा निर्गत अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या 01SBD/2024-25 जिसका पीओआर सं-15707 (WRD) 2024-25 है, में निम्नांकित संशोधन किया जाता है।

विवरण	निर्गत निविदा अनुसार	सुधारोपरांत
निर्गत निविदा के अंशेजी में क्रमांक 37	According to the letter No-2175 Dt-06.06.2019 of Joint Secretary Engineering W.R.D, Patna- (i)It is mandatory for the bidder to protect and control the work site of A.E. work /Flood protection work during flood-2024 by flood fighting work, in case of erosion (ii)The bidder will liable to storage of sand, filter material and sand filled E.C. Bag/ Geo-bags/Mega Geo-bags in different points of said reach as per instruction of concerned C.E/S.E/E.E during flood period-2024 for flood fighting works (iii) Related to the above Para-37 (i) & (ii) the bidder have submit an Affidavit regarding above consent as-	According to the letter No-2175 Dt-06.06.2019 of Joint Secretary Engineering W.R.D, Patna- (i)It is mandatory for the bidder to protect and control the work site of A.E. work /Flood protection work during flood-2025 by flood fighting work, in case of erosion (ii)The bidder will liable to storage of sand, filter material and sand filled E.C. Bag/ Geo-bags/Mega Geo-bags in different points of said reach as per instruction of concerned C.E/S.E/E.E during flood period-2025 for flood fighting works (iii) Related to the above Para-37 (i) & (ii) the bidder have submit an Affidavit regarding above consent as-
निर्गत निविदा के हिस्से में क्रमांक 37	(i) मेरे द्वारा करायें गए कटाव निरोधक/बाढ़ सुरक्षात्मक कार्यस्थलों पर बाढ़ अवधि-2024 में कटाव की स्थिति में कटाव को नियंत्रित करने/स्थल के सुरक्षाई बाढ़ संचर्षालम कार्य कराने की जिम्मेवारी मेरी होगी। (ii)बाढ़ अवधि-2024 में बाढ़ संचर्षालम कार्य हेतु संबंधित मध्य अभियन्ता/अधीक्षक अभियंता/कार्यपालक अभियंता के निर्देशानुसार उक्त Reach के विभिन्न स्थलों पर बाढ़ संचर्षालमक सामग्रीयें, यथा -बालू, फिल्टर मटेरियल, ईंठरीबैग, जीओओ बैग, मेगा जीओओ बैग, इत्यादि में बालू भरने तथा इसके भंडारण किये जाने की जिम्मेवारी मेरी होगी।	(i)मेरे द्वारा करायें गए कटाव निरोधक/बाढ़ सुरक्षात्मक कार्यस्थलों पर बाढ़ अवधि-2025 में कटाव की स्थिति में कटाव को नियंत्रित करने/स्थल के सुरक्षाई बाढ़ संचर्षालम कार्य कराने की जिम्मेवारी मेरी होगी। (ii)बाढ़ अवधि-2025 में बाढ़ संचर्षालम कार्य हेतु संबंधित मध्य अभियन्ता/अधीक्षक अभियंता/कार्यपालक अभियंता के निर्देशानुसार उक्त Reach के विभिन्न स्थलों पर बाढ़ संचर्षालमक सामग्रीयें, यथा -बालू, फिल्टर मटेरियल, ईंठरीबैग, जीओओ बैग, मेगा जीओओ बैग, इत्यादि में बालू भरने तथा इसके भंडारण किये जाने की जिम्मेवारी मेरी होगी।

निविदा की अन्य सभी सूचनाएँ एवं शर्तें यथावत् होंगें।

PR. No.16714 (WRD) 2024-25

कार्यपालक अभियंता,
पूर्वी कोशी तटबंध प्रमण्डल,
चन्द्रायण

**OFFICE OF THE CERTIFICATE OFFICER-CUM-SPECIAL OFFICER RATIONING, PATNA**
(Government of Bihar)
Room no. 308, 3rd Floor, Patna Collectorate, Patna-800001
Email Id: rationingpatna@gmail.com
Ref No: E-auction Advertisement No. 02/2024
Important Notice for Bidders regarding E-Auction of land situated in Patna.
(Through e-Procurement mode over <http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in>)
In the light of the public demand requisitions (due to non-allotment of flats/plots/and non-refund by the promoter to the allottees) received from the Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Bihar, the auction order has been passed by the Certificate Officer-cum-Special Officer Rationing, Patna under Bihar & Orissa Public Demand Recovery Act, 1914 for the property of certificate debtor M/s Agrani Homes Private Limited (Director- Shri Alok Kumar, Address- Yogipur Chitragupt Nagar, P.S.- Patrakar Nagar, Post Office- Lohiya Nagar, Kankarbagh, Dist.-Patna. 800020 which is situated under Mauza-Dhawalpur (South from NH) Survey Thana- Patna City, P.S.- Chowk, Mauza/Thana no.- Dhawalpura 21, Khata-903, Plot- 1455 & 1459, Total Area- 86.253 Decimal, Jamabandi no.- 2115, Online Jamabandi no.- V-27, Page-2115 (Jamabandi Raiyat- Agrani Homes Real Marketing Pvt. Ltd., C/O- Alok Kumar) in Patna district. Further this property has already been attached by the Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Bihar and RERA has authorized the Collector/Certificate Officer, Patna to auction it.
For complete transparency, efficiency and maximum participation, it has been decided to auction the above-mentioned land through e-auction process on e-proc platform of Govt. of Bihar. The Certificate Officer is empowered to auction the immovable property of the certificate debtor under section 15 of the Bihar and Orissa Public Demand Recovery Act, 1914.
The Certificate Officer has ordered to auction the attached land via E-Auction process. Therefore, e-Auction is being introduced in association with Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation (BSDEC-BELTRON, Patna. The following are details regarding e-Auction :-

Sl No.	Information	Details
1	Name of the Assignment	Disposal of residential plot situated at Mauza-Dhawalpur (South from NH) Survey Thana- Patna City, P.S.- Chowk, Dist. Patna through online auction mode.
2	Procurement Category	E-Auction of land in context of Certificate Cases (under Bihar & Orissa Public Demand Recovery Act.)
3	Land in auction	Mauza- Dhawalpura (South from NH) Survey Thana - Patna City, P.S. - Chowk, Mauza/Thana no.- Dhawalpura 21, Khata-903, Plot- 1455 & 1459, Total Area - 86.253 Decimal, Jamabandi no.- 2115, Online Jamabandi no. - V-27, Page-2115 (Jamabandi Raiyat- Agrani Homes Real Marketing Pvt. Ltd., C/O- Alok Kumar)
4	E-auction Processing Fee/Cost (Non Refundable)	Rs 5900.00 (Rupees Five Thousand Nine Hundred) (Inclusive of GST) Payable online through e-payment mode i.e. NEFT/RTGS/Credit Card on following website: https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in
5	E-auction Fee/Cost (Non - Refundable)	Rs 2000.00 (Rupees Two Thousand) Payable online through e-payment mode i.e. NEFT/RTGS/Credit Card on following website: https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in
6	Minimum Bid Price	Rs 8.00 Crore (Rupees Eight Crore Only)
7	EMD	Rs 80.00 Lakh (Rupees Eighty Lakh Only) Payable online through e-payment mode i.e. NEFT/RTGS/Credit Card on following website: https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in
8	Tender & Bidding Currency	INR
9	Date of Issue of Notice Inviting E-auction	From date of Publication of e-auction notice.
10	Date of Training	14.01.2025 (03.00 PM to 04.00 PM) at the official chamber of Certificate Officer -cum-Special Officer Rationing, Patna.
11	Period of submission of necessary documents and fee/EMD.	15.01.2025 to 10.02.2025 (3:00 PM)
12	Date of scrutiny of documents submitted by participating registered bidders.	10.02.2025 (4:00 PM)
13	E-auction schedule	17.02.2025 (11.00 AM to 02.00 PM)

1. Detailed descriptions of the item and instruction for submitting offer can be downloaded from e-Proc website (<https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>).

2. For support related to e-tendering process, bidders may contact at "eProc 2.0 Help Desk Address: **mjunction services limited** RJ Complex, 2nd Floor, Canara Bank Campus, Khajipura, Ashiyana Road, P.S. Shastrinagar, Patna 800014, Bihar. Toll Free Number: 1800 572 6571 or <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>

3. Bidder should be registered on e-Procurement Portal (<https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>) and have the Class III Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) with signing encryption and User-id of the e-Procurement website (<https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>) before participating in the e-tendering process. The Certificate Officer -cum- Special Officer Rationing and the tender committee reserves the right to reject or cancel the tender or modify any part thereof without assigning any reasons. Corrigendum/Addendum, if any, will be published on the Patna District website (<https://patna.nic.in>) and e-Procurement, Bihar website (<https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>)

For further details please visit : www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar Certificate Officer-Cum-Special Officer Rationing, Patna-016774 (District) 2024-25

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

**म.प्र. राज्य पर्यटन विकास निगम मर्या.**
पर्यटन भवन, भदभदा रोड, भोपाल-462003
फोन नं. : +91-755-4027100, 2774340/42, www.mpstdc.com
क्रमांक 001/यांत्रिकी/पविनि/25 दिनांक : 09.01.2025

निविदा सूचना 01/2025_STDC_394450_1


मध्यप्रदेश राज्य पर्यटन विकास निगम भोपाल द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु ऑनलाइन (Online) निविदा प्रपत्र APPENDIX 2.10 पर म.प्र. लोक निर्माण विभाग में उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से आमंत्रित की जाती है।

कार्य का नाम:- रामपायली जिला बालाघाट में म्यूजियम का निर्माण एवं अन्य विकास कार्य (आंतरिक एवं बाहरी विद्युतीकरण सहित) (24 माह)।

कार्य की अनुमानित लागत राशि रु. 1332.61 लाख।

वेबसाइट पर ऑनलाइन भुगतान कर निविदा प्रपत्र (टेण्डर डाक्युमेंट) वेबसाइट के माध्यम से क्रय किये जा सकते हैं। निविदा प्रपत्र ऑनलाइन क्रय करने की अंतिम तिथि 29.01.2025 समय सायं 05:00 बजे तक निर्धारित है। कार्य का विस्तृत विवरण वेबसाइट <https://mptenders.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।

म.प्र. माध्यम/118224/2025 **कार्यपालन यंत्री**

**OREDA LIMITED**
(Under the Department of Energy Government of Odisha)
(CIN No: U35105OD2024SGC045786)
(ISO 9001:2008 / ISO 14001:2004)
S/59, RAMPAWAR INDUSTRIAL ESTATE
BHUBANESWAR 751010, ODISHA
Website: www.oredaodisha.com, E-mail: ceoreda@oredaorissa.com
e-Tender Call Notice

No: 55/Oreda Limited Date: 08/01/2025

Request for Empanelment (RfE) is invited through e-tender portal from eligible bidders for Design, Manufacture, Supply, Transport, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Off-Grid Solar Photovoltaic Water Pumping Systems (SPWPS) of 1-7.5 HP capacities in the State of Odisha including complete system warranty and its repair and maintenance for 5 Years under Component-B of PM-KUSUM scheme of MNRE, GoI.

1. Date of publication of NIT on E-procurement website and OREDA Limited website	08.01.2025
2. Due date of pre bid query submission as per format of NIT	15.01.2025, Time: 5:00 PM
3. Date and time of pre-bid meeting through virtual mode https://meet.google.com/ziv-xxrz-dbb	17.01.2025, Time: 11:30 AM
4. Due date and time for submission of online copies of Technical Bid and price bid.	10.02.2025, Time: 5:00 PM
5. Due date and time for submission of hard copies of Technical Bid for select Bid Forms only Bidders must submit the COST OF BID, BIDSECURITY, AND POWER OF ATTORNEY ONLY in hard copy along with JV agreement/Consortium copy (if applicable), as specified in the tender documents. Submitting any additional documents in hard copy,	13.02.2025, Time: 5:00 PM
6. Tentative date and time for the opening of Technical Bid for both online copies and hard copies, except price bid.	15.02.2025, Time: 12:00 PM
7. Due date and time for the opening of online price bid applicable only for the bidders whose Technical bids shall be responsive	To be intimated later

Details can be seen from the website <https://www.tenderwizard.com/OREDA> or www.oredaorissa.com. Further corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded in these websites only.

Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer

OIPR-04065/11/0031/2425

Sl. No.	File No.	Borrower's & Co-Borrower Name and Address	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Total Outstanding
1	DHDL DEAO0126	1. M/s Digital Dreamz2t Engineers Private Limited (Borrower), Through its Director(s) Shop No. KG-1411, Vikas Puri, New Delhi-110018. 2. Mr. Dushyant Tandon (Co-Borrower), S/o Mr. Giridhar Gopal Tandon, Flat No. 47, F Block, Vaishali Apartment, Vikas Puri, Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018.	19.09.2024	6th January 2025	Rs. 82,99,114/- (Rupees Eighty Two Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand One Hundred and Fourteen only) as on 15.09.2024
2	DHDL DEAO0127	3. Mrs. Parul Tandon (Co-Borrower), W/o Mr. Dushyant Tandon Flat No. 47, F Block, Vaishali Apartment, Vikas Puri, Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018. 4. Mrs. Sushma Tandon (Co-Borrower), W/o Mr. Giridhar Gopal Tandon B-452, B Block, Meera Bagh, Paschim Puri, Punjabi Bagh, Delhi-110063.	19.09.2024	6th January 2025	Rs. 14,87,043/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand and Forty Three only) as on 15.09.2024

DESCRIPTION AND SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY: Entire Third Floor with Roof Rights at Plot bearing No. C-446, area measuring 160 sq. mts. Block-C, Vikas Puri, Delhi-110018. **Boundaries:** East: Property No. C-445, South: Property No. C-436-437, West: Property No. C-447, North: Road 9 Mts. wide.

Dated: 06-01-2025
Place: Delhi

for M/S. HINDUJA LEYLAND FINANCE LTD. (HLF),
Authorised officer

Press Notice (RE-TENDER 2)
No. 525638/31
The Chief Engineer, P.W.D. Building (Health & Education), Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati- 3 on behalf of the Governor of Assam, invites bids in electronic tendering system (e-tenders) through Engineering, Procurement and Construction, (EPC-I) mode of contract (Single stage two-part bidding system) from eligible contractors registered with Assam Public Works Department (Building & NH) or Contractors registered with other State/ Central Government Departments, Institutions, Undertaking and Authorities having experience in similar nature of work, for the following works (including Routine Maintenance for four years from the completion of defect liability period):

Sl. No	Group No.	Name of work	District	Estimated value		Total Bid Value (including GST @18%) (Rs. in Lakhs)	Completion Period (Months)	Bid Security	Cost of Bid (In Rs.)
				Construction (Rs. in Lakhs)	Maintenance (Rs. in Lakhs)				
1	Gr-10	Infrastructure Development of 65 Secondary Schools for construction of new school buildings under NESID-OTRI Scheme in Dhemaji District i) Sissimukh Higher Secondary School. (ii) Chimenmukh tribal Higher Secondary School	Dhemaji	1320.38013	25.54976	1345.92989	14	2% of Bid value for General category and 1% of Bid Valuefor reserved Category	20,000
2	Gr-11	Infrastructure Development of 65 Secondary Schools for construction of new school buildings under NESID-OTRI Scheme in Dibrugarh District (i) Pathalibam H.E.S (ii) Govt. Girls H.S. & M.P. School	Dibrugarh	1317.08522	26.89759	1343.98281	14	2% of Bid value for General category and 1% of Bid Valuefor reserved Category	20,000
3	Gr-16	Infrastructure Development of 65 Secondary Schools for construction of new school buildings under NESID-OTRI Scheme in Golaghat District i) Rajabari H.S. School (ii) Chungajan High School	Golaghat	1312.20573	27.02961	1339.23534	14	2% of Bid value for General category and 1% of Bid Valuefor reserved Category	20,000
4	Gr-29	Infrastructure Development of 65 Secondary Schools for construction of new school buildings under NESID-OTRI Scheme in Majuli District (i) Jengraimukh H.S. School	Majuli	579.03555	13.51482	592.55037	12	2% of Bid value for General category and 1% of Bid Valuefor reserved Category	11,900
5	Gr-33	Infrastructure Development of 65 Secondary Schools for construction of new school buildings under NESID-OTRI Scheme in Tinsukia District (i) Panitola Higher Secondary School	Tinsukia	658.39423	13.44883	671.84306	12	2% of Bid value for General category and 1% of Bid Valuefor reserved Category	13,400

The Bid price may vary at the time of detail tendering for which no claim will be admissible. All terms and conditions will be as per the Bidding Documents. The Press Notice will be a part of the Bidding Documents. The Work will be allotted only after receiving Government approval. Details of the bid may be seen at website i.e. <https://www.assamtenders.gov.in> from 13-01-2025, 10:00 am onwards.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (Building), Assam, Health & Education Chandmari, Guwahati-3

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**जल संसाधन विभाग**
कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
पुनपुन बाढ़ सुरक्षा प्रमण्डल अनिसाबाद पटना
E-RFP INVITING NOTICE No- 03/2024-25
शुद्धि-पत्र

इस कार्यालय का पत्रांक-2169 दिनांक-20.12.2024 द्वारा RFP INVITING NOTICE No- PFPDA/RFP/03, जो पीओआर सं- 15412(WRD)2024-25 द्वारा दैनिक समाचार में प्रकाशित है, के कंडिका 4 में अंकित Hiring of communications management system and Social Media agency for WRD, Govt. of Bihar के स्थान पर Hiring of communications management system & public outreach for the Water Resources Department पढ़ा जाय।

उक्त सूचना state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar पर भी देखी जा सकती है।
PR- 016633 (WRD) 2024-25

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**जल संसाधन विभाग**
प्रेस विज्ञापित


सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि जल संसाधन विभाग, बिहार, पटना के अंतर्गत संवेदकों/ आपूर्तिकर्ताओं/ सेवा प्रदाताओं के निबंधन की प्रक्रिया दिनांक-27.06.2024 से Online हो रहा है। दिनांक-27.06.2024 को प्रकाशित प्रेस विज्ञापित में वेसे संवेदकों आपूर्तिकर्ताओं/ सेवा प्रदाताओं जो वर्तमान में जल संसाधन विभाग, बिहार, पटना के अंशेन Offline प्रक्रिया के अंतर्गत निबंधित हैं, को दिनांक-31.08.2024 तक अनिवार्य रूप से Online प्रक्रिया के अंतर्गत अपना निबंधन परिवर्तित कराने संबंधी सूचना प्रकाशित की गयी थी। जिसे पुनः दिनांक-30.11.2024 तक विस्तारित किया गया। परन्तु अभी तक कतिपय संवेदकों द्वारा अपने निबंधन को Online प्रक्रिया में परिवर्तित नहीं कराया गया है। अतः वेसे संवेदकों जिनके द्वारा अभी तक अपने निबंधन को Online प्रक्रिया में परिवर्तित नहीं किया गया है, को सूचित किया जाता है कि दिनांक-31.03.2025 तक अनिवार्य रूप से Online प्रक्रिया के अंतर्गत अपना निबंधन परिवर्तित करा लेंगे। दिनांक-31.03.2025 तक निबंधन को Online प्रक्रिया के अंतर्गत परिवर्तित नहीं कराने की स्थिति में निबंधन की वैधता समाप्त मानी जायेगी।

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(मिथिलेश कुमार दिनकर)
अभियंता प्रमुख (मुख्यालय)

**HINDUJA LEYLAND FINANCE**
Corporate Office: 27 A, Developed Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600032.
Branch Office: A-35, FIEE Complex, Upper Ground Floor, Okhla Phase II, Near C Lal Chowk, New Delhi - 110 020.
Website: www.hindujaleylandfinance.com, CIN:U65993MH2008PLC384221

POSSESSION NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(2) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES,2002

Whereas the authorized officer of M/s. Hinduja Leyland Finance Ltd (HLF) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices dated 19.09.2024 calling upon the Borrower and the Co-Borrower to repay the amount mentioned in the notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of the notices. The Borrower and the Co-Borrower having failed to repay the amount in full, notice is hereby given to the Borrower, Co-Borrower and the public in general that the Authorized Officer had taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with Rule 8 of the said Rules. The borrower's attention is invited to provision of subsection (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The Borrower and the Co-Borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of M/s. Hinduja Leyland Finance Ltd (HLF).

Sl. No.	File No.	Borrower's & Co-Borrower Name and Address	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Total Outstanding
1	DHDL DEAO0126	1. M/s Digital Dreamz2t Engineers Private Limited (Borrower), Through its Director(s) Shop No. KG-1411, Vikas Puri, New Delhi-110018. 2. Mr. Dushyant Tandon (Co-Borrower), S/o Mr. Giridhar Gopal Tandon, Flat No. 47, F Block, Vaishali Apartment, Vikas Puri, Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018.	19.09.2024	6th January 2025	Rs. 82,99,114/- (Rupees Eighty Two Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand One Hundred and Fourteen only) as on 15.09.2024
2	DHDL DEAO0127	3. Mrs. Parul Tandon (Co-Borrower), W/o Mr. Dushyant Tandon Flat No. 47, F Block, Vaishali Apartment, Vikas Puri, Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018. 4. Mrs. Sushma Tandon (Co-Borrower), W/o Mr. Giridhar Gopal Tandon B-452, B Block, Meera Bagh, Paschim Puri, Punjabi Bagh, Delhi-110063.	19.09.2024	6th January 2025	Rs. 14,87,043/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand and Forty Three only) as on 15.09.2024

DESCRIPTION AND SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY: Entire Third Floor with Roof Rights at Plot bearing No. C-446, area measuring 160 sq. mts. Block-C, Vikas Puri, Delhi-110018. **Boundaries:** East: Property No. C-445, South: Property No. C-436-437, West: Property No. C-447, North: Road 9 Mts. wide.

Dated: 06-01-2025
Place: Delhi

for M/S. HINDUJA LEYLAND FINANCE LTD. (HLF),
Authorised officer

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

Divisional Railway Manager/Engg., Chakradharpur acting For & On behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Open Tender. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Sl. No., Tender Notice No. & Name of work are as follows : 1. CKP- WEST-24-25-42: Repairing of existing concrete FOB at Rourkela West Yard under ADEN/Rourkela. **Tender Value** : ₹ 40,41,198.90. **EMD** : ₹ 40,41,198.90. **Tender** : ₹ 80,800/- 2. CKP- WEST-24-25-43: Replacement of old dilapidated and overaged steel tank by RCC Over Head Tank at Rourkela, Jharsuguda and Raigangpur station (Capacity 3,50,000 liter each station). **Tender Value** : ₹ 6,97,95,162.18. **EMD** : ₹ 4,99,000/- 3. CKP-EAST-24-25-38: Manufacturing, supply and stacking of machine crushed Track Ballast conforming to RDSO Specification (IRIS-G-E-1) with latest correction slips issued up to date of inviting of tender at all yard/Bridge approaches/nominated places for section of ADEN/UTATA as per direction of Engineer in charge under the jurisdiction of Sr. DEN/East/Chakradharpur. **Tender Value** : ₹ 2,11,69,872.60. **EMD** : ₹ 2,55,800/- **Cost of Tender form** : ₹ 0 for each. **Date of opening** : 31.01.2025 for each. The tender can be viewed at Website <http://www.irops.gov.in> The tenderer/ bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate & must be registered under on IREPS Portal. Only registered tenderer/ bidder can participate on e-tendering. All relevant paper must be uploaded at the time of participating in e-tendering. **Note** : e-Tender Forms shall be issued free of cost to all tenderers. (Authority-Rly. Bd.'s letter No. 2020/CE-I /CT/3E/GCC/Policy dtd. 16.07.2020).
(PR-999)

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE ENGINEER DELHI WATER SUPPLY MAINTENANCE UNIT U.P. JAL NIGAM (URBAN)
ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING 245 M.L.D. GANGAJAL WTP CAMPUS SIDHARTH VIHAR, GHAZIABAD-201009
E-MAIL: dwsupjn@gmail.com

Letter No. : 24/ Nivida /08
Dated : 07.01.2025

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE
On behalf of U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban) online e-tenders for execution of "Protective Epoxy coating on settling tanks under 200 Cusec and 270 Cusec Delhi Water Supply Maintenance Scheme" under Deposit Program are invited in two bid system on percentage rate basis from eligible, reputed and experienced bidders. E-tender documents will be available for download from 10.01.2025 at 18.00 Hrs. onwards. E-bid can be submitted till 25.01.2025 up to 15:00 Hrs. and technical bid shall be opened on 25.01.2025 at 15:30 Hrs. in the office of the Executive Engineer, Delhi Water Supply Maintenance Unit, U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban), Ghaziabad in presence of contractor or their authorized representative. E-tender Cost is Rs. 5000.00+GST@18%. Details are available on U.P. Government e-procurement portal <http://etender.up.nic.in> & U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban) website www.jn.upscd.gov.in.

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I Neha Gupta W/o Saurabh Singhal R/o 716/21, Joshi Road Karol Bagh Delhi-5 have changed my name to Neha Singhal. 0040767928-5

I Naresh Sharma alias Babbu alias Naresh Kumar Sharma S/o Late Sh. Jagat Ram R/o 4/438/1B, Street No.11, Bholanath Nagar, Shahdara, PO:Shahdara, North East Delhi, Delhi-110032 have changed my name to Naresh Kumar Sharma for all purposes. 0040767807-3

I Naresh Kumar S/O, Balwant Rai R/o Flat No -F-27 Navyug Apartments -B block, Vikas Puri, New Delhi: 110018 have changed my name to Naresh Kumar Kaila. 0040767904-1

I,Parul Chowdhery,D/o Late Onkar Singh,R/o-7C Laxmi Road,Dalanwala, Dehradun, Uttarakhand-248001, have changed my name to Parul Chaudhary for all purposes. 0040767911-4

I,Naveen Solanki,S/O,Umed Singh,R/O,H.No.315, Pooth kalan,Delhi-110086,have changed my name from Naveen Solanki to Naveen. 0040767929-3

I,Meenakshi Solanki, W/O,Naveen R/O,H.No.315 Pooth kalan,Delhi-110086,have changed my name from Meenakshi Solanki to Meenakshi. 0040767929-4

I,Lakshbir Singh S/o Baljeet Singh R/o D-17/364, Third-Floor Sector-3,Rohini Delhi-110085 have Changed my name to Lakhbir Singh Soni. 0040767919-3

My name is kanwal singh, my present address is 551/2,Devli village,New Delhi-110080,In my P.P.O,my spouse name is mentioned as "ASPRI DEVI",I would like to rectify it as "ASARPI DEVI", and also want's to mentioned her date-of-birth of 01-01-1957. 0040767911-8

It is for general information that I, Santosh Singh, S/O,Chaturbuj Singh,R/O C25,Delhi Police Apartments Suraj-Vihar Phase-1,Delhi-110091,Declare That The Name Of My Minor Daughter Has Been Wrongly Written As Manya Kabir Singh Aged-12- Years 8-Months In Her School Record.The Actual Name Of My Minor Daughter Is Manyata Singh,Which May Be Amended Accordingly. 0040767932-3

It is for general information that I, JC-588350P Ex. Sub Mr.Sonam Dorjay S/O Mr.Sonam Tashi R/O Village Nimoo, Tehsil Leh District Leh,State Ut Ladakh, &K-194101 (UID NO:97732906444) do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:- That due to wrongly and mistakenly the name and DOB of my wife has been entered as SONAM CHHONDOL, DOB 13.08.1967 in the service records while as the actual name of my wife is SONAM CHONDOL & her DOB is 03.02.1968, which is true & correct for all practical purposes based on documentary proof. 0040767807-5

I,hitherto known as SHILA DAS,W/O-SUSHIL DAS,R/O-F-1/32, F-BLOCK, STREET.NO-1,DAYAL PUR,KARAWAL-NAGAR,NORTH EAST-DELHI,DELHI-110094,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as TRIPTI BAIRAGGYA. 0040767911-10

I,Vipin Kumar Sharma,S/O-Suresh Chand Sharma, Address-A-559/4,New Ashok-Nagar Vasundhara enclave Delhi-110096,changed my name to Vipin Sharma. 0040767915-2

I, MANPREET KAUR,D/o Late Sarabjeet Singh,R/o W-2-51B, Gali-No.27, Shiv-Nagar, South-West Delhi,New Delhi-110058, my nickname is JASICA and correct name is MANPREET KAUR, and both names belongs to me only not with anyone else. 0040767804-1

I,VIVEKTA S/O,JASMER SINGH,R/O-S-596,JALVAYU-VIHAR,POCKET-P4,BUILDERS AREA, NEAR A WHOLE, SECTOR-8, GATE-1, GURJINDER VIHAR, GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR,UTTAR PRADESH-201315,have changed my name to VIVEKTA SINGH. 0040767915-4

I,Tajendera Singh Chhabra R/o Unit.S-1004, Omxah Twin-Towers, F-Block, Sector-50, Noida(U.P.) have changed my daughter's name from Anahat Chhabra to Anaahat Chhabra for all purposes. 0040767827-2

I,Srishti D/o Sanjay Sehgal R/o Flat.No-84, Sector-28, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar U.P.-201303, have changed my name from Srishti to Srishti Sehgal. Henceforth I would be known by the name of Srishti Sehgal for all future purposes. 0040767827-3

I,Sqn Ldr Priyanka,D/o-Kamal Kumar Saxena, House.No.192,Hari Enclave,Bulandshahr,Uttar Pradesh-203001, have changed my name to Priyanka Saxena,for all purposes. 0040767911-6

I, Ashok Goyal S/o Ram Kumar R/O C-2/163, West Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi -110034 have changed my name from Ashok Goyal to Ashok Kumar permanently 0040767908-1

I,Harsh S/o Rajender Kumar R/O 21E, PD Block, Pitampura, PO: Saraswati Vihar, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Harsh Kumar. 0040767928-4

I,Hans Kumar Sharma,S/o-Pyare Lal,R/o-119,Gali No-5,Sai Nagar,Mithapur Extn,Jaitpur Badarpur,New Delhi-110044,have changed my name to Hans Kumar,for all purposes. 0040767911-3

I,Gaurav Singhal,son of Nanak Chandresind of F-3,Harkesh Nagar,Okhla,Phase-2,Delhi-110020, have changed my,name as Gaurav Singhal in place of my previous name Gaurav,for all,future purposes. 0040767911-9

I,Saloni Bansal,W/o Ketan Jindal,D/o Surender Bansal,R/o-K-P-15, Pitampura,Saraswati Vihar,Delhi-110034,have changed my name from Saloni Bansal to Saloni Jindal in all purposes. 0040767932-1

I,SURDARSHAN KUMAR JAIN,S/O-ROSHAN LAL JAIN R/O KD-51/B,ASHOK-VIHAR PHASE-1,NORTH WEST DELHI-110052,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SUDERSHAN KUMAR JAIN,FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040767928-1

I,SUNNY KHANNA alias RAJINDER KAUR,D/O NARROTAM SINGH,W/O RAJEEV KHANNA,R/o BB-80D,West Shalimar Bagh,Delhi-110088,have changed my name to RAJINDER KAUR. 0040767932-2

I,Rinku Garg,W/O Sudhir Kumar,H.No.35,Upper Ground Floor,Pocket 4&5,Sector-23, Rohini, North West Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Rinku Goyal. 0040767928-7

I,Priyanka Saxena,D/o-Kamal Kumar Saxena House.No.192,Hari Enclave,Bulandshahr,Uttar Pradesh-203001, have my daughter's name changed,from Vanshika to Vanshika Sinha for all purposas. 0040767911-7

I,Pradosh Shukla,S/o Ravi Chandra Shukla,R/O,A-1216,GD-Colony,Mayur-Vihar Ph-3,Delhi-110096,have changed my name,from P K Shukla to Pradosh Shukla,for all,future purposes. 0040767911-2

I,Poonam Rani W/o Pardeep Kumar Sharma R/o-G-183,Prashant Vihar Rohini Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Poonam Sharma. 0040767919-4

I,Pardeep Kumar alies Pardeep Sharma S/o Hari Ram Sharma R/o-G-183,Prashant Vihar Rohini Delhi-110085,have change my name to Pardeep Kumar Sharma. 0040767919-2

I,Nilima Gupta,w/o-Pardeep Gupta,R/o,RZ-61/B,Gali.No.2 Kailash-Puri ext., Palam-Colony, New Delhi-110045,have changed my name to Neelam Gupta permanently. 0040767919-7

I,Mohd Talib,S/o Azad Ahmed Khan R/o-14 Pratap Khand, Vishwakarma Nagar, Jhilmil-Colony,Delhi-110095,Changed my name to Mohd Talib Khan. 0040767915-3

I,VIJAY KUMAR S/O RAJENDRA NATH SALUJA R/o-J-34 KIRTI NAGAR DELHI-110015 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO VIJAY KUMAR SALUJA 0040767919-8

I,MIRA SALUJA W/O VIJAY KUMAR SALUJA R/O-J-34 KIRTI NAGAR DELHI-110015 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MEERA SALUJA 0040767919-9

I,Mohd Talib,S/o Azad Ahmed Khan R/o-14 Pratap Khand, Vishwakarma Nagar, Jhilmil-Colony,Delhi-110095,Changed my name to Mohd Talib Khan. 0040767915-3

I,VIJAY KUMAR S/O RAJENDRA NATH SALUJA R/o-J-34 KIRTI NAGAR DELHI-110015 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO VIJAY KUMAR SALUJA 0040767919-8

I,MIRA SALUJA W/O VIJAY KUMAR SALUJA R/O-J-34 KIRTI NAGAR DELHI-110015 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MEERA SALUJA 0040767919-9

I,MEETA RANI W/O NARESH KUMAR R/O C-5/85,UPPER-GROUND,SECTOR-11,ROHINI,DELHI-110085,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MEETA DEVI. 0040767911-10

I,MAHESH CHAUDHARY S/O JODH SINGH R/O HNO.409, GALINO-9,JAGATPUR,BURARI, DELHI-110084,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MAHESH KUMAR. 0040767928-3

I,Kunal Rajesh Kapur,S/o-Rajesh Kapur,R/o ICON 905 BT-02,Omaxe Heights,Near-Sai Dham, Sector-86, Faridabad (Haryana)-121002,have Changed My Name to Kunal Kapur. 0040767928-8

I,KUMARI KUSUM MADAN alias KUSUM MADAN alias KIRTI GOGIA D/o Dayanand Madan W/o Dharan Pal Gogia R/o-HD-32 Upper-Ground Floor Pitampura,Delhi-110034 have changed my name to KIRTI GOGIA 0040767919-10

I,KM.KALPANA SINGH,W/O Sachin Tondak,R/O F-342,Gali No.85,Mahavir-Enclave-3,Uttam Nagar,Delhi-110059,have Changed my name after-marriage is KALPANA. 0040767919-5

I,Inder Mohan,S/o-Praveen Kumar,R/o CGT-041,DLF Capital Greens Phase-2,Near CTC Mall Moti-Nagar Ramesh-Nagar,Delhi-15,have changed my name to Inder Mohan Goyal. 0040767919-6

I,ISHITA MUDHAR, D/o,PARMINDER SINGH MUDHAR, W/o,GUNJAN SINGH BALI,R/O,S-386 GREATER-KAILASH PART-2 NEW DELHI HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ISHITA BALI. 0040767929-2

I,IMRAN FAROOQI,S/O-SALEEM FAROOQI,R/O-7814/2,NEW BASTI, BARA HINDU RAO,DELHI-110066,have changed my name to IMRAN FAROOQI,S/O-SALEEM FAROOQUI,for all,future Purposes. 0040767915-1

I,Ashish Mishra S/O Atma Ram Mishra, R/o Plot NO-25, Kh. No-9/19, Ground Floor, Street No-13, Sindhi Colony Saroop Nagar, Badli, Samai Pur, Narela, North West Delhi, Delhi-110042I have changed the name of my minor Son Ivan Mishra aged about 6 Years and He shall hereafter be known as Ivaan Mishra 0070944309-1

I,Arti mauriya W/o Rampratap Singh R/o 221/06 Air Force, Station Arjangarh, South West Delhi-110047 Have changed my name to Arti Maurya for all future purposes 0070944289-1

I, ASHOK JAIN, S/O VIKRAM KUMAR JAIN, R/O, H. No.-1 MADHUBAN, VIKAS MARG, EAST DELHI, DELHI-110092, have changed my name to ASHOK KUMAR JAIN For all future purposes. 0070944292-1

I,Sunny Chawla S/o Gopal Kishan R/o KP-304, First Floor, Pitampura, VTC, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 have changed the name of my minor daughter from Jiyanshi to Jiyanshi Chawla for all purposes. 0040767807-2

I Subha Raj Misra D/o Late Bhagwati Shankar Misra W/o Raj Kamal age 68 R/O A 11 A 2nd floor Green Park Main, South Delhi-110060 do hereby declare & confirm that In my school & college record my name is Subha Misra I have change my name from Subha Misra to Subha Raj Misra and Subha Misra is same and single Person in future known me Subha Raj Misra for all purposes. 0040767651-1

I Sandeep Kalra S/O, Satyapal Kalra R/o House No.199, 1st Floor, State Bank Nagar, Paschim Vihar, West Delhi, Delhi-110063 have changed my name to Sandeep Kumar Kalra. 0070944324-1

I Reena Chaudhary W/o Raman Deepak Bhargu, R/O Flat No.G-70, Block-I, Gaur Case Cades, Raj Nagar Extension, Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh-201017, I have add the surname of my minor son from Rushil Deep to Rushil Deep Kumar for all purposes. 0040767807-4

I Pranay Seth S/o Late Shri Prem Narain Seth R/o B-3/49C, Lawrence Road, Keshav Puram, Delhi-110035 is also known as Pranaya Seth S/O Late Shri P.N.Seth. Both names are of one and the same person. 0040767807-1

PERSONAL

I, Bippan Kumar Goyal S/O. Bhagwan Dass Goyal R/o. 251-252, D-15, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-110085 declare that I have changed my minor son name from Himakash Goyal (हिमाकश गोयल) to Himaksh Goyal (हिमाक्ष गोयल). 20486871-1

LOST & FOUND

I, Smt Rakesh,w/o shri BILLE PROPERTY NO.FLAT NO-C-27 BLOCK.NO.C,NAND GRAM GHAZIABAD,HAVE A LOST MY PROPERTY ORIGINAL DOCUMENT SALE DEED CHHIDA SINGH IN FAVOUR VED PRAKASH & SMT RAJ KUMARI VERMA DOCUMENT NO.5537 DATED-8.6.2004 & WILL-ATS DURG PRASAD IN FAVOR CHHIDA SINGH,CON NO.8851832893. 0040767915-9

Lost Share Certificate of MN.O. 222-9 of Ganga Triveni CGHS Ltd, Sector-9 Rohini. Return If found Puneett 8700275183. 0130047991-1

LOST AND FOUND
The general public is hereby informed that **Mrs. Anjali Singh** w/o Rakesh Singh and residing at Flat No.219, FF-1, Sector-11, Vasundhara, District Ghazabad the owners, of Flat Bearing No.1308 on 13th Floor, having super area 830 sq. ft., in Tower-85, in the "Supertech Eco Village-I", situated at Plot No.GH-08, Sector-1, Greater Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P. have lost the Original Builder Buyer Agreement, Original Deed, Letter dated 07.06.2013, Original Transfer Memorandum and Original Sub-Lease Deed dated 04.10.2015 having Doc. No. 26897. Any person who has found this document or is in its possession or is claiming to have any rights, title, interest in respect of the said Property, is/are requested to return the original deed or intimate the objection/claim in writing to the undersigned with supporting documents within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice to Adv. Ram Prakash Pandey, Office Address- 2E/23, Office No. 302, on Third Floor, Jhandewalan Ext. New Delhi-110055, Mobile No.- 9871308952, or email at vikshalegal@gmail.com within 07 days from the publication of this notice. Viksha Legal

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Narinder Kapoor S/o Tilak Raj have lost my property Original Documents DDA Demand Letter, DDA POSSESSION LETTER, WATER AND ELECTRICITY NOC, of Property No. J-4/67A, DDA Flats Kalkaji New Delhi-110019, and also my Daughter Aadhar Card

Findner Contact-
+919650492158, 01126028915.

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general public that my client Shri Deepak Agarwal S/o Shri G.C. Agarwal, R/o Re-673, Gali No.3, Main Sagarpur, Nangal Raya S.O, South West Delhi-110048, has severed all his relations from his son Sh. Shivam Agarwal R/o Re-673, Gali No.3, Main Sagarpur, Nangal Raya S.O, South West Delhi-110046, due to his illegal activities, misdeed & misconduct and my client has no concern whatsoever with him in any manner. My client has also debarred him from all his movable and immovable properties. My client shall not be liable for any acts & omission of his above named son & whoever deals with him shall do so at his own risk and responsibility. **Mukul (Advocate)**
Enrl. No:03188/2022, Ch. No.880 Lawyers Chamber Block, Dwarka Courts, New Delhi-110075 Mob.-9958411415

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This is to inform the general public that my client Sh. ASHOK KUMAR KALRA S/O SH. NIRAJAN DUTT KALRA R/o C-3/110-C, MIG Flats, KESHAV PURAM, DELHI-110035, has debarred & disowned his son Sh. Prateek Kalra & his wife Smt. Katie Pezzot Kalra & Lly, from all his movable & immovable properties, assets and relations. My client is not responsible or concerned for any of his actions. **Dinesh Dua (Advocate)**
Enrol no.- D/834/91; M: 9810322720

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Public at large is hereby informed that Flat No. F-406, Fourth Floor, Paraswathi Prestige, Flat No. 002, Sector-93A, Noida, District Gurgaon, Haryana, India, Branch- HAPCE, Bugh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, presently owned and possessed by Shri Ramnath Namont Pabhu & Smt. Anshu Ashani by virtue of Noida District Court Case No. 100/2015 (15 version) the said property is/are free from all sorts of encumbrance. The (1) ORIGINAL Transfer Letter dated 19.02.2015 issued by Noida Authority in favour of Shri Ramnath (2) ORIGINAL Will executed by Smt. Swaran Lata Kapoor wife of Late Shri Gusharan Lal Kapoor in favor of his son Shri Nara Kumar Kapoor in respect of her share undivided share (Copy Not Available) (3) ORIGINAL Death Certificate of Late Smt Swaran Lata Kapoor wife of Late Shri Gusharan Lal Kapoor dated 18.01.2015, as/are reported as lost vide LR No. 747807/2025, dated 09.01.2025 with P.S. Come Branch, Delhi. It is hereby notified that any person and/or Bank financial institution having any claim, any charge, interest or lien or claim and/or objection to the same, if they may be lodged within the time as the undersigned with documentary proof/court judgment within 15 days from the day of publication of this public notice, failing which any further future claim or objection(s) shall be treated as null and void. prospective purchaser(s) as a bona-fide purchaser conclude the title/Sale Deed proposed to be executed in favor of my client and the name of his/her/ their nominees shall be deemed to be clear and marketable without any defect, encumbrance, flaw and impediment.

SATYENDER YADAV (ADVOCATE)
Chamber No. 361, 3rd Floor, Saket Courts, New Delhi; Mob.: 9711212421
E-mail: syadav7887@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE
To be known to all that I, **Shashi Jain S/o Shri Bishnu Jain** owner of A-1222, Grand Flats, LIG Flats, Lawrence Road, Delhi-110035, has applied for certified paper of the above said flat such as original Demand Letter, Possession Letter, NOC, of Electricity and Water Connection has been lost. File No. 2611448473/198, An F.I.R (LR No.247787/2025) to this effect has been lodged in the police station crime branch Delhi on dated 09/01/2025. Any person claiming any right, interest, having objection or fraud in the original documents may write/contact with the above named person at above address: **Phone 9868714240 or Dr. Director (LAB) Housing or Director (Housing), DDA Office Vasant Sadan, New Delhi, within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.**

PUBLIC NOTICE
I would like to inform the General Public on behalf of my client Gaurav Sethi S/o Darshan Sethi R/o B-3, Central Greens, NIT, Faridabad, Haryana-121001 that Original Sale deed dated 10/07/1974 of 'Immovable Property' bearing Property/Municipal No. 153/1, Chakrata Road, Dehradun, Uttarakhand measuring 408.9 sq. mtrs. bounded as under:-
Email ID: ajeetkadian@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE
My Clients Sh. Moolchan So Late Sh. Panna Lal and Smt. Rameshwari W/o Sh. Moolchan both R/o T-627, Near Baba Ram Dev Mandir, Badli Nagar, Patel Nagar, Delhi-110048, have severed all relations with their son namely, Divinder Kumar @ Babu and his wife Smt. Pinki and Dalip Kumar and his wife Smt. Usha Kaur, further disassociated them from all their movable and immovable properties whatsoever. My clients shall have no concern with them any body dealing with them from now onwards, loss and peril and my clients shall in no way be responsible for the same in any manner whatsoever.

CHANDER SHEKHAR
Advocate
office at: MHR-1482, Meer Bakht Singh, New Delhi-110081
Dabas, Delhi-110081

PUBLIC NOTICE
Information is given to the general public at large that my client Mrs. Panna Bhatia and Mrs. Usha Jain who is the owner of Property Sub-Division No. L & Sub-Division No. 2, area measuring 246 sq. mtrs., situated in Block No. C, NH-1 NIT Faridabad, by virtue of Sale Deed dated 19.06.2024 executed by Ajeet, Rashid (Doc. No.2059). Any person(s), institution (s) having any claim and/or objection in respect of the said property shall communicate the same to the undersigned at my address within 07 days from the publication of this notice with documentary evidence in support thereof, failing which all the claim, of such person(s)/institution(s) shall not be binding upon the said property or purchase.

Chirag Juneja(Advocate)
125/12, Mohit Nagar, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the public at large that my client Sh. Ram Avtar S/o Sh. Chander Bhan R/o RZ-12 A and B block Near Gopal Nagar, Okhla Road, Najafgarh South West Delhi 110043 have severed all their relations with their son Sh. Deepak Malhan and his daughter-in-law Annu & Smt. Anita Chakravarti w/o Deepak Malhan as they are not under control of my client, therefore, my client debar them from his all movable and immovable properties' obligations. Anyone dealing with them in future in any manner shall do so at their own risk and consequences and my client shall not be responsible for any acts, deeds and things done by them.
Shyamvir (Adv.), En. No. D/744/2000
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The Directorate of Knowledge Management in Agriculture (DKMA), ICAR, KAB-I, Pusa, New Delhi invites online bids under two-bid system (technical and financial) from eligible reputed firms/agencies for “Empanlement of Offset Printers, Laser-typesetters and Graphic Designers for ICAR’s publications and other printing jobs” vide Tender No. F.No. DKMA/25-4/2024-GAS (Tender ID: 2024_DARF_840535_1)

For details and tender document, please visit website: www.icar.org.in and <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>. The last date for submission of online bids is 18.01.2025 (05.00 PM).

Sd/
(Elizabeth Minz)
Under Secretary,
ICAR-DKMA
CBC-013021/10088/2425

Metro Railway, Kolkata				
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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.	
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1.	ग्रेटर नौएडा में शहीद बिजय सिंह पब्लिक कॉम्लेक्स में टेनिस कोर्ट का नवीनीकरण का कार्य। (वर्क सॉर्किल-स्पोर्ट कॉम्लेक्स)	रु. 46.10 लाख

क्रम सं-०१ पर अंकित कार्यो को दिनांक-10.01.2025 से 20.01.2025 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोक किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई निविदाओं की प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन दिनांक 22.01.2025 को 11:00 बजे खोली जाएगी।

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TOP OF THE WORLD



Site of an Israeli strike in Nuseirat, Thursday

Mediators make some progress in Gaza talks

Cairo: U.S. and Arab mediators have made some progress in their efforts to reach a ceasefire accord between Israel and Hamas in Gaza, but not enough to seal a deal, Palestinian sources close to the talks said on Thursday. The Israeli military carried out strikes across the enclave, killing at least 23 Thursday, medics said. A Palestinian official confirmed progress had been made during the talks but cited a new Israeli condition that could undermine reaching a deal: "Israel still insists on keeping a 1 km landscape along the eastern and northern borders of the Gaza Strip, which will restrict the return of residents to their homes." **REUTERS**

UKRAINE
Russian strike kills 13, injures 113 in southeast

Kyiv: A Russian guided bomb attack on Wednesday killed at least 13 people and injured 113 in Ukraine's southeastern city of Zaporizhzhia, authorities said. The blast left bodies strewn across a road alongside injured residents. Public transport was also damaged in the strike. Prosecutors increased the injury toll from 63 to 113 people on Thursday morning. Russian troops had used two guided bombs to hit a residential area, the regional governor Ivan Fedorov told reporters. Ten of the injured remain serious, he said. **REUTERS**

SRI LANKA
Buddhist monk sentenced for hate speech

Colombo: A firebrand Sri Lankan Buddhist majority hardliner monk was on Thursday sentenced to nine months imprisonment by the Colombo Magistrate's Court for his Islamophobic comments made in 2016. Galagoda Aththe Gnanasara, 49, was additionally fined Rs 1,500 by Colombo Additional Magistrate Pasan Amarasena. In March last year, Gnanasara was sentenced to four years of rigorous imprisonment by the High Court and had won release through the Appeal Court five months later. **PTI**

TOLL RISES TO FIVE; THREE OF SIX FIRES '0% CONTROLLED'

Hollywood hills burn in worst LA fires, more than a lakh ordered to evacuate

Firefighters from six states rush to California as blaze spreads

ROLLO ROSS & JACKIE LUNA
LOS ANGELES, JANUARY 9

THE HOLLYWOOD Hills blazed uncontrollably on Thursday morning as the worst wildfires in the history of Los Angeles raged across the city and deep into the storied heartland of the American film industry. A crescent of flame squeezed Los Angeles in a huge pincer visible from space. More than 100,000 people were ordered to evacuate as dry, hurricane-force winds spread flames across parched ground that has seen no rain for months. At least five people have died since the fires erupted on Tuesday. The homes of movie stars and celebrities were among those consumed by flames, which tore through some of the world's most lavish real estate and above showbiz landmarks instantly recognizable around the world. "This firestorm is the big one," Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass told a press conference after rushing back to the city, cutting short an official trip to Ghana. At least six separate wildfires were burning in Los Angeles County. Three of them were listed as "0% controlled", including a pair of huge conflagrations on the city's eastern and western



Firefighters try to douse a fire in Pacific Palisades in Los Angeles, Wednesday. Reuters

flanks and the smaller Sunset Fire raging in Hollywood Hills just above Hollywood Boulevard and its Walk of Fame. The L.A. Fire Department issued an evacuation order for people in an area within Hollywood Boulevard to the south, Mulholland Drive to the north, the 101 Freeway to the east and Laurel Canyon Boulevard to the west - all iconic addresses for film, TV and music. On the west side of Los

Angeles, the Palisades fire consumed 15,832 acres and hundreds of structures in the hills between Santa Monica and Malibu. "We are heartbroken of course, but with the love of children and friends we will get through this," said film star Billy Crystal and his wife Janice, announcing the Pacific Palisades home where they had lived since 1979 had been destroyed. Thousands of Los Angelenos fleeing the flames sought refuge

in temporary shelters. Foad Farid found refuge in the gym of the Westwood Recreation Center with nothing but his car and his phone. Neighbors dropped off blankets, clothing, water, pizza and pet food. Th so-called red flag conditions were expected to remain until Friday. The scale and spread of the blazes stretched exhausted firefighting crews beyond their capacity. Firefighters from six other U.S.

states were being rushed to California, while an additional 250 engine companies with 1,000 personnel were being moved from Northern California to Southern California. Los Angeles County Fire Chief Anthony Marrone told a press conference. "We pushed the system to the extreme. We're fighting a wildfire with urban water systems," Janisse Quinones, chief executive of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, told reporters. **REUTERS**



The photo provided by the Arakan Army shows the Kyauk Ni Maw village in Rakhine state after an airstrike by the ruling military on Wednesday. AP

At least 40 killed in Myanmar army strike on Rakhine village

ASSOCIATED PRESS
BANGKOK, JANUARY 9

AN AIRSTRIKE by Myanmar's army on a village under the control of an armed ethnic minority group killed about 40 people and injured at least 20 others, officials of the group and a local charity said Thursday. They said hundreds of houses burned in a fire triggered by the bombing. The attack occurred Wednesday in Kyauk Ni Maw village on Ramree island, an area controlled by the ethnic Arakan Army in western Rakhine state, they said. The military has not announced any attack in the area. The situation in the village

could not be independently confirmed, with access to the internet and cellphone service in the area mostly cut off. Khaing Thukha, a spokesperson for the Arakan Army, told AP that a jet fighter bombed the village on Wednesday afternoon, killing 40 civilians and injuring more than 20 others. "All the dead were civilians. Among the dead and injured are women and children," Khaing Thukha said. A fire started by the airstrike spread through the village, destroying more than 500 houses, Khaing Thukha added. It was unclear why the village was targeted. The leader of a local charity group and independent media also reported the airstrike and casualties.



A RARE MEETUP: (Clockwise from left) Former Presidents Bill Clinton, George Bush, Barack Obama, President-elect Donald Trump along with Vice President Kamala Harris and President Joe Biden, at the state funeral of Jimmy Carter in Washington on Friday. AP

Jimmy Carter, 39th US President, gets state funeral ahead of burial

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, JANUARY 9

JIMMY CARTER, a U.S. president who struggled with a bad economy and a hostage crisis but was widely admired in his post-White House career, was remembered during his state funeral on Thursday as a man who put honesty and kindness above politics. Hundreds of mourners including all five living current and former US presidents packed the Washington National Cathedral. Fellow Democratic President Joe Biden was due to eulogize the

39th president, who died on Dec. 29 at the age of 100. Republican President-elect Donald Trump was among the luminaries at the funeral, before Carter's body is returned to Georgia, where Carter was raised as a peanut farmer. Carter won the White House by defeating Republican President Gerald Ford in the 1976 U.S. election, in the years following Richard Nixon's Watergate scandal. The one-time political rivals went on to form a lasting friendship, and Carter eulogized Ford following his 2006 death. Ford's son, Steven, read a eulogy on Thursday that has father

had written for Carter, who served from 1977 to 1981 and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002. "Jimmy and I respected each other as adversaries even before we cherished one another as dear friends," Ford said in his father's words. Canadian PM Justin Trudeau, Vice President-elect JD Vance and Biden's son Hunter were also among the mourners. Former vice presidents Al Gore and Pence sat side by side. Tens of thousands over the past two days filed through the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol to pay their respects to Carter.



One British soldier said the troops appeared to be 'beyond reproach' during the long years of combat. Reuters file

February 2011, a soldier told a senior officer of a raid in which a lone Afghan fighter, ordered to go back inside a building, returned with a weapon, even though he was heavily outnumbered. The soldier questioned whether the SAS units were ordering Afghans to fetch their weapons, "thereby setting the conditions for their execution?" "A good point," his superior replied. "There appears to be a casual disregard for life, COIN principles and credible reporting." Among other concerns, the wanton killing of Afghan fighters and civilians was viewed as destroying trust between foreign

Hush money case: NY's highest court declines to block Trump sentencing

ASSOCIATED PRESS
ALBANY, JANUARY 9

NEW YORK'S highest court on Thursday declined to block Donald Trump's upcoming sentencing in his hush money case, leaving the US Supreme Court as the president-elect's likely last option to prevent the hearing from taking place Friday. One judge of the New York Court of Appeals issued a brief order declining to grant a hearing to Trump's legal team. Trump has asked the Supreme Court to call off Friday's sentencing. His lawyers turned to the nation's highest court Wednesday after New York courts refused to postpone the sentencing by Judge Juan M Merchan, who presided over Trump's trial and conviction last May on 34 felony counts of falsifying business records. Trump has denied wrongdoing. In a filing to the top New York court, Trump's attorneys had said Merchan and the state's mid-level appellate court both "erroneously failed" to stop the sentencing, arguing that the Constitution requires an automatic pause as they appeal the judge's ruling upholding the verdict. While Merchan has indicated he will not impose jail time, fines or probation, Trump's lawyers argued a conviction would still have intolerable side effects, including distracting him as he prepares to take office. Trump's attorneys have argued that the Manhattan trial violated last summer's Supreme

'TRUMP'S TALK OF CANADA JOINING U.S. NOT FUNNY ANYMORE'

Toronto: US President-elect Donald Trump's comments that Canada should become the 51st state are no longer a joke and are meant to undermine America's closest ally, Canada's finance minister said Wednesday. Dominic LeBlanc, the country's point person for U.S.-Canada relations said: "The joke is over... "It's a way for him, I think, to sow confusion, to agitate people, to create chaos knowing this will never happen." **AP**

Court ruling giving Trump broad immunity from prosecution over acts he took as president. At the least, they have said, the sentencing should be delayed while their appeals play out on the immunity issue. Judges in New York have found that Trump's convictions related to personal matters rather than official acts. Trump's attorneys called the case politically motivated, and said that the sentencing threatens to disrupt the Republican's presidential transition as he prepares to return to the presidency on January 20. Sentencing Trump now would be a "grave injustice," his attorney D John Sauer wrote. Sauer is also Trump's pick to be solicitor general.

Lebanon army chief elected President as Hezbollah weakens, power balance shifts

REUTERS
BEIRUT, JANUARY 9

LEBANON'S PARLIAMENT elected army chief Joseph Aoun head of state on Thursday, filling the vacant presidency with a general who has U.S. support and showing the weakened sway of the Iran-backed Hezbollah group after its devastating war with Israel. In a speech to the chamber, Aoun, 60, vowed to work to ensure the state has the exclusive right to carry arms, drawing loud applause as lawmakers from Hezbollah sat still. He promised to rebuild south Lebanon and other parts of the country he said had been destroyed by Israel, and also to prevent Israeli attacks on Lebanon, which was mired in deep economic and political crises even before the latest conflict. "Today, a new phase in the history of Lebanon begins," he said. His election reflected shifts in the power balance in Lebanon and the wider Middle East, with Hezbollah badly pummeled from last year's war, and its ally Bashar al-Assad toppled in December. It also indicated a revival of Saudi influence in a country where Riyadh's role was eclipsed by Iran and Hezbollah long ago.



President-elect Joseph Aoun

Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar congratulated Lebanon, saying on X he hoped Aoun's election would contribute towards stability and good neighbourly relations. US Ambassador Lisa Johnson said she was "very happy" with Aoun's election. The presidency, reserved for a Maronite Christian in Lebanon's sectarian power-sharing system, has been vacant since Michel Aoun's term ended in October 2022, with deeply divided factions unable to agree on a candidate able to win enough votes. Joseph Aoun fell short of the 86 votes needed in a first round vote, but crossed the threshold with 99 votes in a second round, after lawmakers from Hezbollah and its ally Amal Movement backed him.

HUNDREDS OF PAGES OF EVIDENCE RELEASED WEDNESDAY REVEAL DISCUSSIONS OVER TACTICS USED AGAINST MILITANTS, CIVILIANS IN WAR

UK spl forces got 'golden pass to get away with murder' in Afghanistan, inquiry told

MARK LANDLER
JANUARY 9

BRITISH SPECIAL forces soldiers used extreme methods against militants in Afghanistan, including covering a man with a pillow before shooting him with a pistol, as well as killing unarmed people, according to testimony released Wednesday by an inquiry into the actions of British troops during the war there. "During these operations it was said that 'all fighting-age males are killed' on target regardless of the threat they posed, this included those not holding

weapons," one officer said in a conversation with a fellow soldier in March 2011 that he confirmed in testimony given during a closed-door hearing. Britain's Ministry of Defense announced in 2022 that it would investigate allegations of war crimes by British armed forces in Afghanistan between 2010 and 2013. In 2023, it confirmed that the allegations related to special forces troops. The hundreds of pages of evidence released Wednesday, which includes email exchanges, letters and witness statements by senior officers and rank-and-file soldiers, painted a disturbing portrait of

an elite fighting force with a culture of impunity, which placed body counts above all other benchmarks. One member of a British unit said that the troops appeared to be "beyond reproach" during the long years of combat in Afghanistan, which amounted to "a golden pass allowing them to get away with murder." His identity was not revealed. But even with much details withheld, there were revealing descriptions of junior officers raising concerns with their superiors about tactics used during nighttime raids on militants. In an email exchange from



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TOP 10 TRENDS IN THE US, CHINA, INDIA

Economy 2025: Here's what to expect

Investor and author Ruchir Sharma speaks to economist and psephologist Prannoy Roy — connecting the dots, looking at the year ahead

Prannoy Roy: Hello and welcome to *deKoder.com*. If there's one show on the economy and what lies ahead, it is this annual program with investor and writer Ruchir Sharma. We will look at the 10 major factors that will affect each one of us in 2025, the research and insights for which are those of Ruchir and his team.

You start with the biggest trend — that there's going to be a reversal in the recent pattern of American dominance. America is said to underperform the rest of the world. It's overperformed the rest of the world by 6.6% per year for the last 15 years.

Ruchir Sharma: This trend is very extended. The American stock market's out-performance has been going on really on a trend basis for 15 years. If you look at the historical pattern, typically when the American stock market does well in one decade, then in the subsequent decade, it at least gives back some of the gains.

We're halfway through this decade, the American stock market has been way outperforming the rest of the world. The American economy today is just under 30% of the global economy. But the share of the American stock market in global indices, like the MSCI Global Index, is now approaching 70%.

It's almost suggesting there's no other country worth investing in. And this has been boosted a lot with the fact that the dollar has been so strong, and that you've had tech companies in America earning extraordinary profits. Donald Trump's victory has given a further boost to this because there's a feeling that if he imposes tariffs, it's going to be good for America and bad for the rest of the world.

But this has become such a group-think and I'm very wary... In my 30-odd years of watching markets and investing, I've never seen such a strong group-think, which is that everyone expects America to be the only place to invest. This trend could reverse itself for reasons including America's fatal flaw, its fiscal deficit, and also this economic concept of creative destruction...

Roy: Could you expand on this TINA — there is no alternative — factor that investors are mesmerized by?

Sharma: There is a feeling among investors that Europe is in bad shape, Japan is still facing such a big demographic challenge. Emerging markets in general are too small or too insignificant to invest in. China has not been doing well. There's so much money sloshing around and if there's any place we want to put this capital in, it's only America.

Roy: If you look at the top 10 firms in the world, there's been massive churn for decades. But there's been no churn in the first five years of this decade. It is dominated by American companies. Now you're saying there's going to be a churn and American companies will not dominate as much.

Sharma: This domination seems to have reached a peak. These companies have now become household names and they're in a way basic essentials, whether it's Apple, Amazon or even Google, Facebook.

But there are the laws of creative destruction, which is that new companies are supposed to come and take the place of old companies. Otherwise, the same companies will keep dominating, which is not the way capitalism is supposed to function.

In the last five years, the same companies that ended the decade dominating are still at the top; in fact, their dominance has only increased in the last couple of years.

But I feel they're sowing the seeds of their own demise by spending so much on AI, and the returns may not be commensurate. I see the trend of group-think shifting this year.

Roy: Fiscal deficit is in a league of its own in America. It's been 8% of GDP for this decade on average. It's twice as high as Europe, higher than India, and almost twice as high as other emerging markets. That is a fatal flaw.

Sharma: In the last three to four years, America seems to have just blown past all historical records on fiscal deficit. It's been able to get away because it has the world's reserve currency. It's able to print as many dollars as it takes. And because of the AI mania, people are willing to fund these deficits, saying that they have no other place to go.

Roy: The US debt is highly inefficient. It uses more and more public debt to achieve just one dollar of GDP growth. It used to be 70 cents to get one dollar growth. Now it's 1.8 dollars to get one dollar.

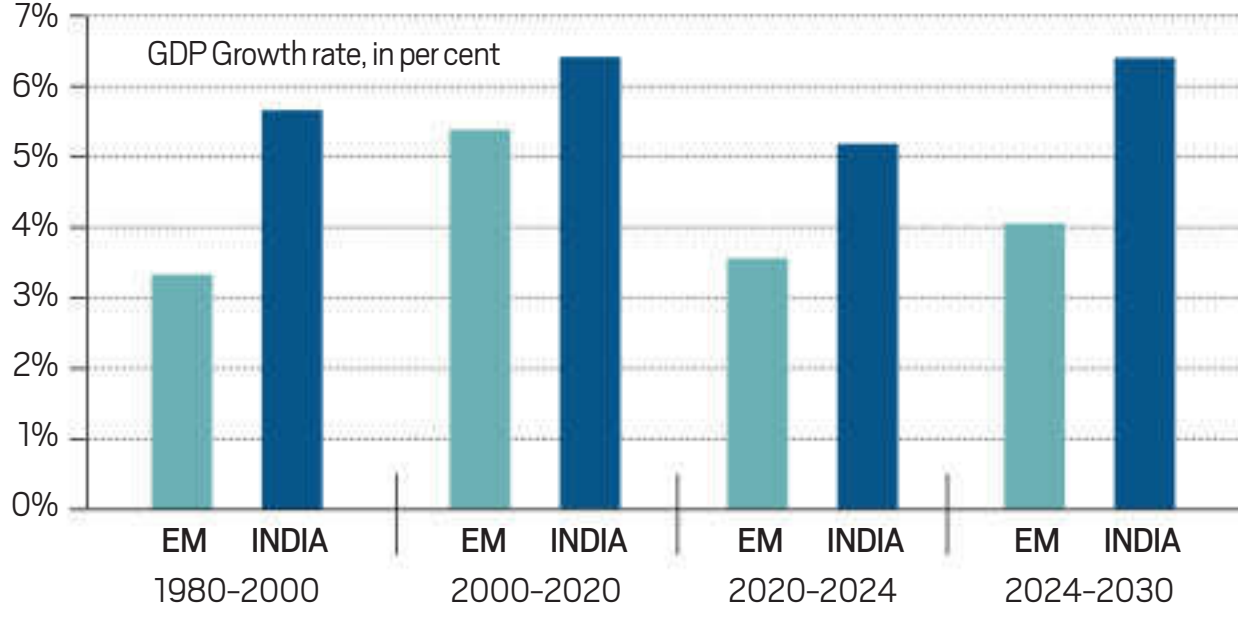
Sharma: Yeah, the American economy has done so much better also because of the amount of debt it's taken up. What is public debt? It's the government which is spending a lot. Just look at the number of jobs now being created by the government in America. This is supposed to be a capitalist economy and now nearly 20% of all jobs being created in America are being created by the government.

It shows you the role of government, how it's increased... More than 50% of the countries in America are now reliant much more on transfer payments from the government. That number used to be not even 25% a decade or two ago.

Roy: So now Trump and Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy will change all this and cut down government jobs?

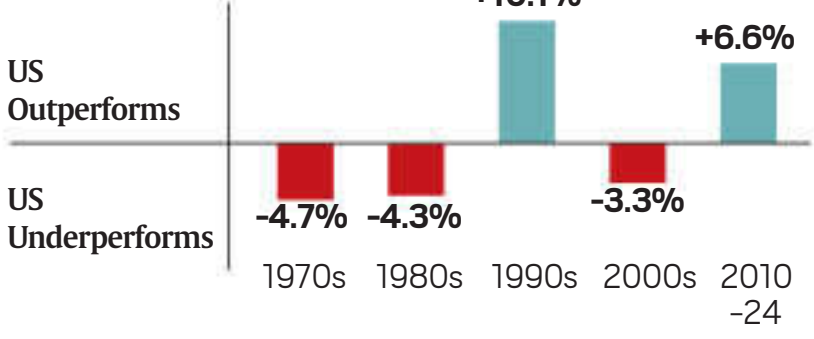
Sharma: We don't know how much they'll succeed. A lot of this government spending is on very sensitive areas like

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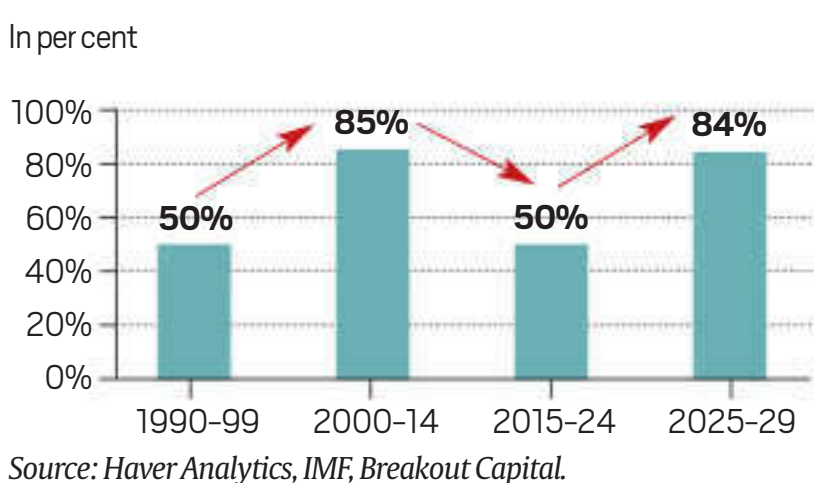
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REVERSAL OF RECENT PATTERN OF US DOMINANCE



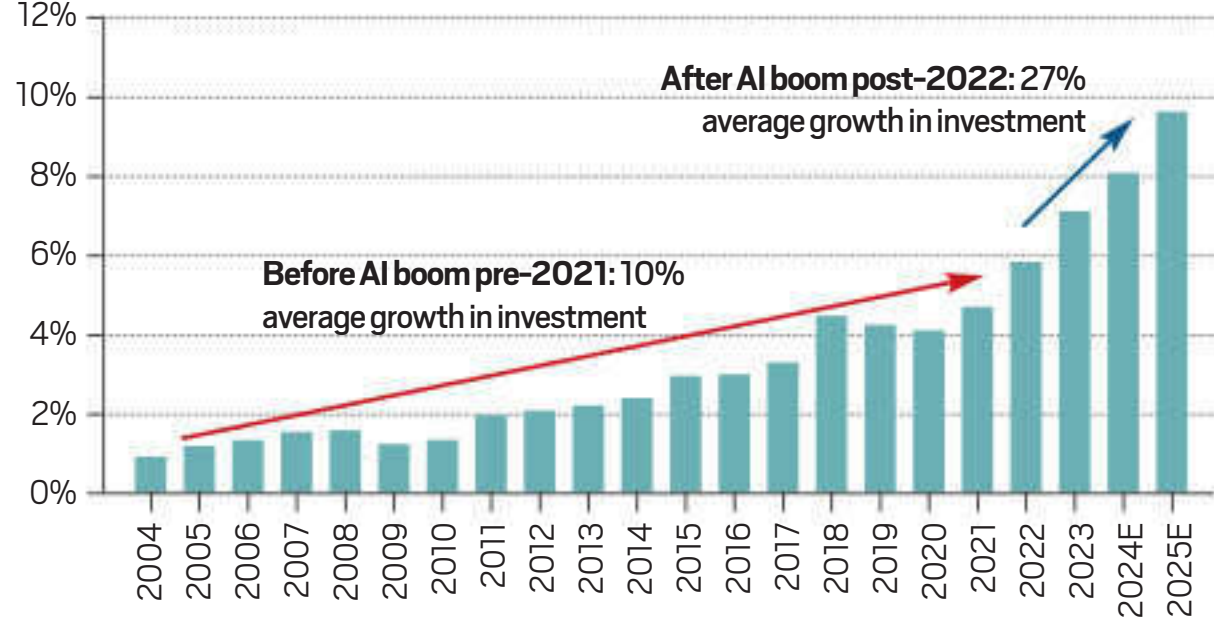
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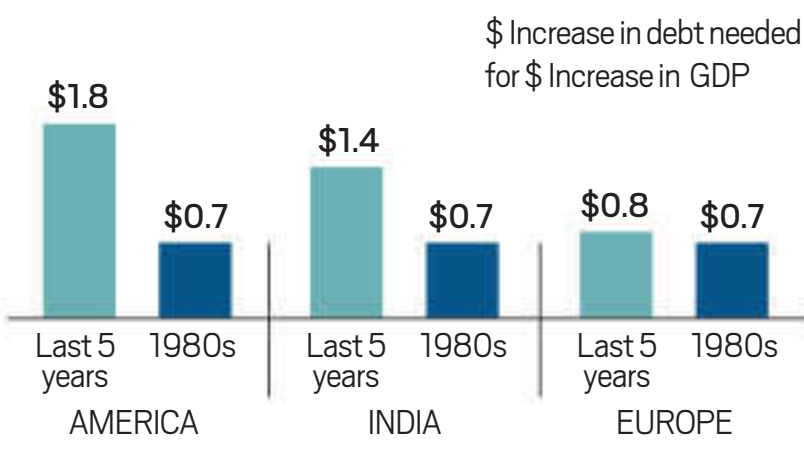
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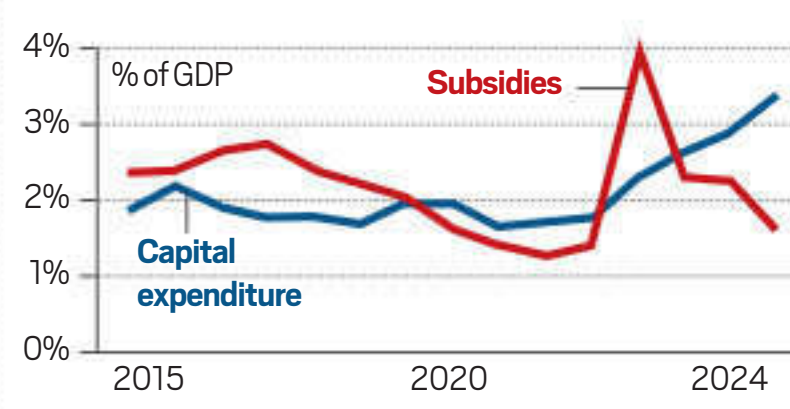
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INEFFICIENT US DEBT: MORE & MORE PUBLIC DEBT NEEDED FOR A \$ OF GDP GROWTH



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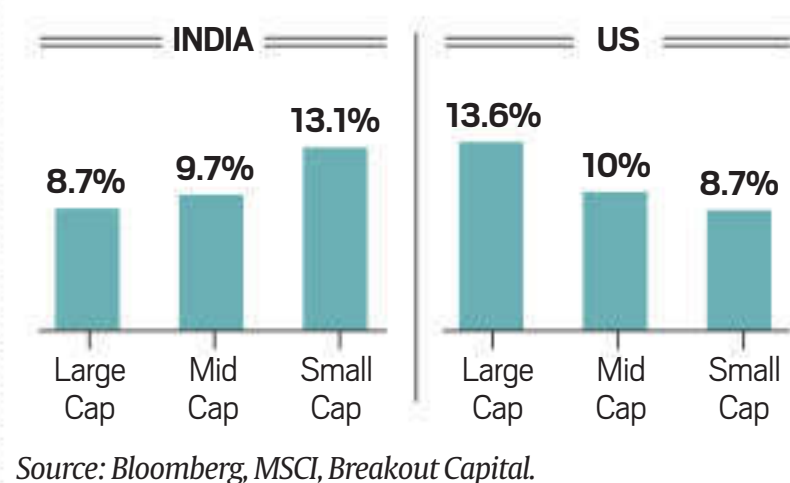
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CHINA IS NOW CHEAP & ATTRACTIVE FOR INVESTMENT



Source: Bloomberg, MSCI, Breakout Capital. * Next 12 months earnings

IN INDIA, SMALL WILL NO LONGER BE BEAUTIFUL 2014-2024



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PREDICTIONS SUMMARY

1 REVERSAL IN RECENT PATTERN OF US DOMINANCE: American stock market could have the first year of underperformance in a long time.

2 FISCAL DEFICIT IS AMERICA'S FATAL FLAW: Politicians are not focused on cutting back; market may put more pressure on them.

3 AMERICA WILL LOOK LESS EXCEPTIONAL: Growth rates will come off the boil rather than remain close to 3% like it's been for the last couple of years.

4 NEW STARS ARE GOING TO EMERGE: If something goes down, something else will come up. There are many large economies with minuscule investment weights.

5 CHINA IS BECOMING INVESTABLE AGAIN: Its economy may not be booming or even doing fine, but it's become so cheap that it's investable. Several 'diamonds in the rough' there.

6 IN INDIA, SMALL WILL NO LONGER BE BEAUTIFUL: Small and mid-cap stocks have had a

great run. The performance-valuation gap will narrow between the small- and mid-cap companies and the large caps.

7 OVERSPENDING ON AI WILL HURT BIG TECH FIRMS: They're overdoing it; returns may not be commensurate with spend on AI. Valuations may be questioned if profits don't grow as significantly.

8 GLOBAL TRADE WILL GROW WITHOUT AMERICA: It's already been happening, but with Donald Trump's election, it's likely to accelerate. India and others are signing more bilateral trade agreements.

9 PRIVATE FUNDING WILL SLOW DOWN GLOBALLY: Public funding will increase again, mainly led by the US. India is still at a nascent stage; private funding may or may not slow down.

10 NO MAGIC SOLUTION TO OBESITY EPIDEMIC: There are many benefits to drugs like Ozempic. But there are side effects too, and the idea that it is a magic pill will be questioned.

Sharma: That's because our base is lower. The per capita income at \$3,000 is much lower than other emerging markets on average, which is closer to about \$8,000 to \$10,000. But India's growth lead will continue. There's a very old formula I've used for the last 30 years — that whatever the emerging market average, we typically tend to grow about one and a half to two points faster. I expect that growth lead to remain intact in 2025.

Roy: Your fifth forecast is China is investable again. China is now cheap and attractive for investment. The price-earning ratio in China is 10 compared to India and the US, which are 23 and 22. We are twice as expensive as them.

Sharma: I remain structurally bearish on the Chinese economy. The debt and demographic factor haven't been resolved. I still expect those to be a headwind.

On China's growth rate, I'm always con-

cerned when views become too one-sided. Everybody has become very bearish on China. Everyone is telling you the same theories... I'm trying to say that, it's still the world's second largest economy, still the second largest stock market, if you look at China, Hong Kong combined. And there are some companies there, what we call diamonds in the rough. If you objectively look at some of the companies in China, they are doing relatively OK. They have some cutting edge technology.

Roy: One company that you pointed out, that's BYD. Basically, you're saying China's investable and some Chinese companies are very undervalued. The number of cars BYD has sold is 4 million compared to Tesla's 1.8 million. And their market value is 100 billion and Tesla's 1.2 trillion, that's 12 times higher.

Sharma: This is just an example that there are cheap companies in China with good quality products. And you look at these stock prices, which have been pummeled. Some stocks, especially in the tech space, are down 70%, 80% in dollar terms. That's my point, that there are diamonds to be found in the rough in China, even if you're structurally bearish on the economy as I am.

Roy: You're saying there's overspending on AI, and that'll hurt big tech firms. They used to spend an average of 10% a year for many years; now they're spending an average of 27% investment in AI.

Sharma: There's a massive amount of spend which is going on. Some of these companies, they're called the hyperscalers in America — the Microsofts and the Alphabets and Facebook, etc., even Tesla — the amount they're investing in this is quite incredible. These big tech firms in America have been making extraordinarily high profits, but if they're going to spend so much on AI, some of those profits are going to come down. And investors and other people are going to ask, who's going to benefit from this?

If you look at past such revolutions, whether it was the Internet revolution that took place in the 2000s, or the shale oil revolution, the established firms were never the big winners. In fact, the established firms ended up spending a lot, but the consumer, or some new firms benefited.

Again, I think that AI is the future. It's here to stay. I'm not debating that. I think it's this entire triangulation, which is that you have a lot of hype being created by these hyperscalers who are spending so much on AI. And then you have expectations, which are very high. And yet, in terms of what the product is being able to deliver, that's still taking a lot of time to materialise.

So therefore, I think that this could be something which could hurt the profitability of these big tech firms that are spending so much on AI.

Roy: You're saying in eight out of 10 fore-

casts that trade will grow without America now. Eight out of the 10 hottest trade corridors currently do not include the US.

Sharma: There are signs that this trend is likely to accelerate. We just saw the European Union signed a deal with a bunch of Latin American countries to bring tariffs down by 90%. Regional trade agreements are accelerating; bilateral trade agreements are accelerating.

If you look at the trade corridors around the world, the maximum growth is taking place between countries which don't involve America. In fact, eight out of these 10 don't involve America.

So the world is moving on — and when someone asks me how the world should adapt to a Trump world, my point is, start thinking about how to do things outside of America.

Roy: India has also signed, is signing, more regional trade agreements than before.

Sharma: There was a big hiatus. Last decade, India barely signed any new trade agreements. But in the last three to four years, that pace has accelerated. And these are trade agreements without America. With countries like the UK, Oman, trade agreements are being currently negotiated.

I wish we'd do more to trade with our neighbours, though. That remains one of India's weaknesses — if you look at the big success stories around the world, including China, they have very good trading relationships with their immediate neighbours. Cost of transport is so much less, regional hubs are much easier to create, the synergies are much easier to create...

Roy: You're also saying that private funding is going to slow down globally. Between 2000 and 2019, it grew from 1 trillion to 7 [trillion]. And from 2019 to 2024, in the last five years, it's gone from 7 to 14.

Sharma: We were sort of conditioned to think about all funding mainly happening through public markets. But in the last 10-15 years, particularly after the global financial crisis, you've seen a big explosion take place in the private markets. One is private equity, which is where people take a stake in companies that are not listed on the stock market. Or even when lending happens, it takes place outside of the traditional banking system, on a private basis.

Roy: Your graph says private equity, from being well below public funding, has now overtaken public funding. Public capital is ~ 5% growth, private equity + 10%, and private equity from being way behind public is now ahead of public.

Sharma: I'm trying to say that a strength taken too far becomes a weakness, which is that this may have gotten a bit too far and now you're seeing a lot of retail people wanting to participate in this. At the end of the day, if you throw too much money at something indiscriminately, there are negative consequences.

Roy: In India, private funding is growing fast, but still at an early stage. It's only 120 billion right now.

Sharma: Very small. The global number runs in trillions of dollars. We are still not even running in hundreds of billions of dollars. Whether it's private lending, private equity, whether it's got to do with public markets in terms of their domination, it's very US centric. I'm not that concerned about what's happening in India as yet. But globally, I do expect the growth in private credit, in private lending and in private equity to slow down particularly in the US.

Roy: Your final forecast is about obesity — that there is no magic solution. America is at a different level of obesity — 44% — about the highest in the world for any major country.

Sharma: And like nearly three times the global average. That's why in America there's also this big craze for finding a magic solution to this. Some of these weight loss drugs, for some people, are beneficial. But the whole idea [seems to be] that you can just sit there and pop Ozempic and keep popping ice cream as well. And watch television and don't do any exercise.

Roy: Look at the massive increase in sales of obesity drugs, GLP-1, Ozempic and various others. From \$13 billion four years ago to \$124 billion now.

Sharma: My point is that there is no magic solution to this, it can't be so simple. And how long can you sustain this and what side effects will you have?


Roy: You've got this interesting graph of the side effects. People who have side effects of various types are searching on Google what to do about it, and they've gone up by 300%.

Sharma: These drugs, for curing diabetes and other stuff, they're very beneficial. But to expect that we have found the magic drug, I'm very suspicious of that.

Studies show that when you are on these drugs for over a year or so, you can expect your weight to come down possibly on average of around 18%. But the moment you give it up, then your weight starts to go back up and your net weight loss is closer to 5-6%. Not 18-20%.

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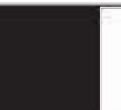
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The Auction catalogue has already been uploaded on 03-01-2025 on REPS website.		

SALUTE THE SOLDIER

**Shaheed SI Banta Ram**
01-02-1937 To 10-01-1987
48 Bn

**Shaheed Naik B.K. Roy**
15-08-1946 To 10-01-1987
48 Bn

CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE
10 January 1987
In the mid-80s, 48 Battalion of CRPF was deployed in Punjab for anti-terrorist operations. On 10 January 1987, a platoon led by SI Banta Ram came under terrorist fire while patrolling in Tarn Taran. The troops retaliated fiercely, with Nk B.K. Roy eliminating a dreaded terrorist. Both SI Banta Ram and Nk B.K. Rai sustained severe injuries and made the supreme sacrifice. Nk B.K. Roy was posthumously awarded the President's Police Medal for Gallantry for his exemplary valour and devotion to duty.

**Shaheed Head Constable Kameshwar Choudhary**
16-09-1943 To 10-01-1990
24 Bn

10 January 1990
In the early days of militancy, 24 Battalion of CRPF was deployed in Srinagar for law and order duties. On 10 January 1990, militants fired at a party stationed in Chota Bazar, Gaw Kadal. To avoid civilian casualties in the crowded area, the troops refrained from retaliating. HC Kameshwar Choudhary sustained bullet injuries and made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty.

**Shaheed C/Dvr Lopaj Mathew**
28-05-1959 To 10-01-2000
121 Bn

10 January 2000
121 Battalion of CRPF was deployed in Manipur to maintain law and order. On 10 January 2000, Constable/Dvr Lopaj Mathew was on convoy duty when an IED blast damaged the vehicle and injured him. Despite his injuries, he bravely retaliated, forcing the insurgents to retreat. He later succumbed to his injuries, making the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty.

**SOUTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF TELANGANA LTD.**
(A Govt. of Telangana Undertaking)
(Formerly Central Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Ltd.)
Corporate Office, 6-1-50, Mint Compound :: Hyderabad-63(Telangana State, India)
CIN U40109TG28005SG034116

e-Procurement Tender Notice (Paper Notification)
TGSPDCL intends to float tenders for Telecom service provider for setting up VPN based MPLS WAN connectivity for TGSPDCL SCADA, Smartgrid, RTDAS Projects on e-procurement platform.
For further details of above, please visit <https://gsoh.southernpower.org> and www.tender.telangana.gov.in. Phone: 040-23431321 Sd/-
R.O. No.: 870-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2024-25 **CHIEF ENGINEER (PROJECTS)**

Rajasthan State Road Development And Construction Corporation Ltd., JAIPUR
No. NIT/2024-25/2408-16 अल्यकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 436/2024-25 Date: 09.01.2025

निम्नलिखित कार्य के लिये योग्य एवं अनुभवी कन्सल्टेंट/कन्सल्टेंट्स को से विधिवत प्रत्येक में ई-प्रोक्यूरमेंट प्रक्रिया हेतु अनिवार्य निम्नलिखित आमंत्रित की जाती है:

कार्य का विवरण	कार्य की कुल अनुमानित लागत (रु०)
Consultancy for Preparation of DPR for "Upgradation and Construction work of Nasirabad (Sarwar-Keki-Deoli Road, (SH-26) from 2 lane to 4 lane. UBN: RRC2425SLR080834	192.00 Lakh

निविदा से सम्बन्धित कार्य में निविदा सूचना, खरीद नीति, डाकनोटिफिकेशन में अंतर्गत की गई सभी शर्तें शामिल एवं संपूर्ण वेबसाइट <http://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.rajjasthan.in> तथा <http://roads.rajjasthan.gov.in/rsrddc> पर देखा जा सकता है।
लूकम कोलैबोरी को अपने निविदा प्रस्ताव के माध्यम से वेबसाइट <http://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in> पर रिजल्ट करना आवश्यक है।
महानियन्त्रक

**The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking**
(OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)

TENDER NOTICE
E-tenders are Re-invited for the supply of following items.
(1) 79439 (2) 79478, (3) 79614 (Corrigendum).
Note: For more details, log on to website <https://mahatenders.gov.in>
PRO/DM/102/2025 **GENERAL MANAGER**

**ANDHRA PRADESH TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED**
#55-17-2 to 4, 5th Floor, Stalin Building, Autonagar, VIJAYAWADA-7 E-mail : engg@aptcd.in

"e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE
Tender Notice No. 08/SE/Engg/APTCD/2024-25, Dt: 09-01-2025
Name of the work : APTCD Limited is inviting bids for the following works."1. Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure in Annavaram Temple Town in Kakinada District" with estimate contract value of Rs. 18,97,93,067/- and 2. Expression of Interest (EoI) Epanelment of reputed Architectural, Design and Engineering Consulting Agencies for Design & Development of Tourism Projects. The details can be seen at 'e' procurement market place. i.e www.approcurement.gov.in, for further clarification please contact on 9848306437.
Sd/- Smt. K. Amrapali, IAS, Managing Director.

**Rajasthan State Mines & Minerals Limited**
(A Government of Rajasthan Enterprise), Corporate Office-4, Meera Marg, Udaipur (Raj)-313001
Phone - 6294-2428766, 2428763-67, Fax-6294-2428766, 2428770

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
Date - 08/01/2025

NIT No. & Date	Description of Work
e - NIT No.12/2024-25 UBN No. MML2425GLRC00172	Supply of Ammonium Nitrate for making of ANFO on Rate Contract basic. Approx Qty As per tender, Bid Security Rs. 10,00,000/-, Tender Document Fee Rs. 1180/-

Other terms & conditions have been given in detailed tender for which please visit us at our website www.rsmm.com or www.sppp.rajjasthan.gov.in or www.eproc.gov.in or DGM(MM) on above address.
Raj.Samwadi/C/24/10055 **DGM (Admin)**

**MUMBAI RAILWAY VIKAS CORPORATION LTD.**

INVITATION FOR TENDER: MRVC/W/241
(Two Envelope IREPS Tender Process)
Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Ltd. (MRVC) having its corporate office at Second Floor, Churchgate Station Building, Mumbai - 400020, invites e-Tenders for the "Design, Supply, Construction, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 1X25 kV 100/110/125 kV TSS, SP & SSPs with 40/56 MVA traction transformers & associated work for 5th & 6th line between Borivali-Virar Section (27 Route Km) of Western Railway under MUTP-IIIA". Details of Tender and Tender document are available on IREPS website <https://www.ireps.gov.in>. The last date for completed e-Tender submission at website <https://www.ireps.gov.in> is 14.02.2025 up to 12:00 hours. Corrigendum, if any, will be posted on the website only.

**ADITYA BIRLA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED**
Registered Office- Indian Rayon Compound, Varanasi, Gujarat-362266 Branch Office- Unit No. 710 A/ 7th Floor | Corporate Park | B-109 | Sanjay Place | Agra -282002.

APPENDIX IV
[See Rule 8 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]
Possession Notice (For Immovable Property)
Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 has issued a demand notice dated 21-12-2023 calling upon the borrowers Rinku Sharma , Omvati Sharma, M/S S.R.D.R. Chains mentioned in the notice being of Rs. 39,25,499.98/- (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Nine and Ninety Eight Paise Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and to the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act. read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 06th day of January of the year, 2025.
The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited for an amount of Rs. 39,25,499.98/- (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Nine and Ninety Eight Paise Only) and interest thereon. Borrowers attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section 8 of Section 13 of the Act., in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
All That Piece And Parcel Of House On Plot No. 17, Admeasuring Area 148.64 Sq. Mtrs., Minjumala Kharsa No. 931, Situated At Basant Kunj, Near Lord Khirshina Public School, Awadhपुरi Road, Mauza Bodla, Lohamandi Ward, Tehsil & District: Agra, Uttar Pradesh-282007, And Bounded As:- East: Plot No. 16 West: Plot No. 18 North: Road 25 Ft. Wide South: Plot No. 19.
Date: 06/01/2025 **Authorised Officer**
Place: Agra **Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited**

**GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION**
IT CELL

I.T.C.C.No.C1/2435/2024
ERRATA
Following errata is made to the tender notice of IT Cell, Greater Chennai Corporation published in New Indian Express dated : 28.12.2024

AS PUBLISHED	TO BE READ AS
The Last Date and time for e-submission of bid document and for payment of EMD submitted through online - 09.01.2025 upto 3.00 PM Tenders will be opened on 10.01.2025 at 3.15 PM in the chamber of Senior System Manager, IT Cell, Greater Chennai Corporation	The Last Date and time for e-submission of bid document and for payment of EMD submitted through online - 23.01.2025 upto 3.00 PM Tenders will be opened on 24.01.2025 at 3.15 PM in the chamber of Senior System Manager, IT Cell, Greater Chennai Corporation

SENIOR SYSTEM MANAGER
DIPR / 124 / Tender / 2025

**उत्तर प्रदेश पावर कॉर्पोरेशन कार्पोरेशन लिमिटेड**

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना (2024-25)
विद्युत जानपद पारंपरण मण्डल आगरा

1. अति अल्यकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या-47 / विजोआपाम0/ आगरा / 2024-25- 132 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र सादाबाद जनपद हाथरस पर 01 अद 33 के0वी0 गुतहरा 'बे' के जानपदीय निर्माण कार्य। समय अवधि 02 माह, धरोहर धनराशि रु0 14,000.00 निविदा मूल्य रु0 1000+180=1180.00 अन्तिम तिथि 16.01.2025। निविदा का विस्तृत विवरण, विस्तारीकरण शुद्धिकरण इत्यादि की सूचना ई-टेंडर की वेबसाइट <http://etender.up.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध है, जिसको वेबसाइट के माध्यम से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। बैंक खाता अधिशासी अभियन्ता (जानपद) आगरा A/C No.-30065294923, IFSC Code-SBIN0005717 Payable at S.B.I. Foundry Nagar (Agra). अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत जानपद पारंपरण मण्डल, उग्रप्र पावर ट्रान्समिशन कार्पोरेशन लिमिटेड, 220 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र सिकन्दर आगरा। "राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचाये" पत्रांक: 38-विजोआपाम0आ0 / दिनांक:09.01.2025

Superintending Engineer
Bulandshahr Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahr
No. 9298/96M/E-Tender/BSR CIRCLE/2024-25 Dated: 28.12.2024
E-Procurement Tender Notice

On behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Superintending Engineer Bulandshahr Circle, U.P.P.W.D., Bulandshahr invites following percentage rate bid online through <http://etender.up.nic.in> from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with P.W.D. class as per column no. 10 below Building Work Category as applied from Date 24.01.2025 to 31.01.2025 upto 12:00 Noon as per the prescribed T-2 of Govt. of U.P. The technical bids will be opened online on dated 31.01.2025 at 12:30 P.M. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened online on the next working day, at the same time any validity of bid will be considered from the original date. The date and time of opening of the financial bid shall be notified on the website.

Sl. No	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs. in Lakh)	Bid Security (Rs.in Lakh)	Time of Completion work including rainy season	Tender document fee including GST (In Rs.)	Address of Executive Engineer executing the work	Address of Superintending Engineer	Address of Chief Engineer	Category
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
In anticipation of Sanction									
1	Supply and fixing of furniture etc. in Family Court Building of District Court Campus Bulandshahr.	150.00	9.50	02 Months	Tender Cost Rs. 300+2000 +18% GST.T.Rs. 4140+ 2714.00	Executive Engineer Provincial Division, P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Superintending Engineer Bulandshahr Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Chief Engineer Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	A, B (Building work)
1. Time allowed for completion of Whole work is mention in col. No. 5 with including rainy season.					2. The Tender Document fee must be deposited through Internet Banking only.				
3. All registered contractors have to upload Turnover certified by C.A. of last 5 years and details of maximum cost of work satisfactorily completed in last 5 years on Chanakya Software before submission of tender.					Details of e-tender uploaded on http://etender.up.nic.in shall also be uploaded on UP PWD Chanakya software, before last date & time of submission of bid.				
4. Terms & other conditions related to bid are available on http://etender.up.nic.in					5. During execution of work contractor should ensure the all safety Measures for COVID-19 issued by the Uttar Pradesh government..				
6. In PWD technical evaluation of tenders is to be done by Prahari Software URL for Prahari is http://wms.uppwd.gov.in/Prahari/ .					(Manesh Verma) Superintending Engineer Bulandshahr circle, PWD Bulandshahr				
Executive Engineer P.D., P.W.D., Bulandshahr		UPID-225471 Dt. 06.01.2025 www.upidadv.gov.in							

**KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD**
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan Race Course Road Bengaluru – 560 001. Phone No. 080-22265383 website : www.kiadb.in

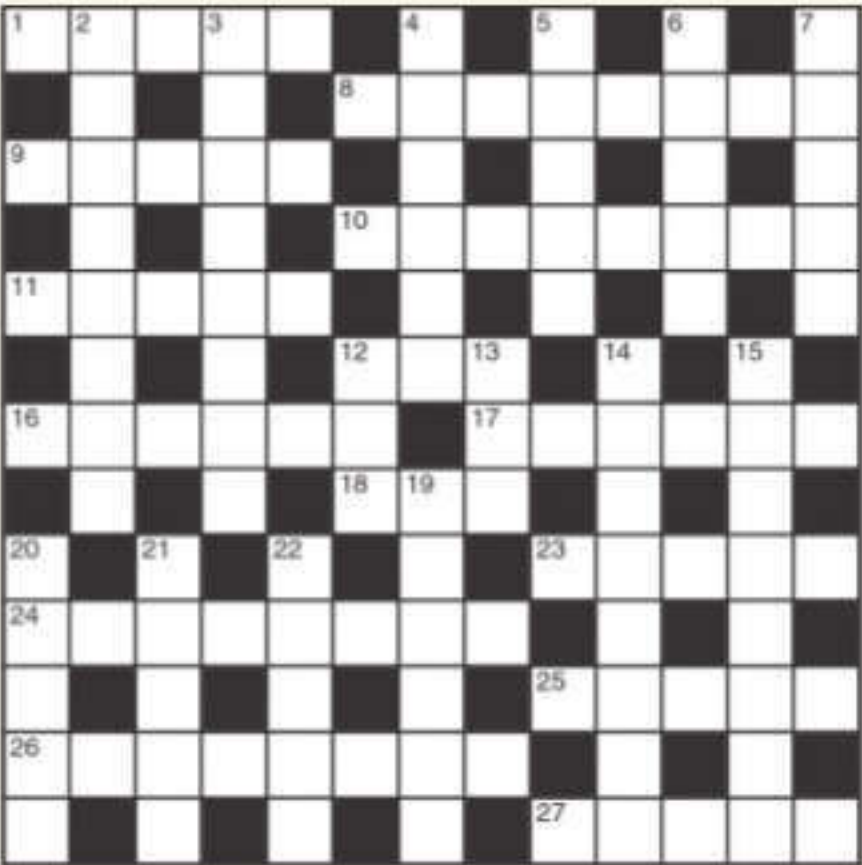
No.IADB/ENGG/PMC/ETND-EP-14/753/2024-25 **Date: 09.01.2025**
SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

KIADB is inviting tender under Quality-and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Consulting Firms under two cover system for the following work:
Name of the work : Providing project management Consultancy Service for the work of Establishment of Electronics Manufacturing Cluster under Electronics Manufacturing Clusters (EMC-2.0) Scheme at Kochanahalli Industrial Area, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District.
The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **27.01.2025 upto 4.30 pm.**
Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>.
Sd/-
DIPR/CP/4261/Zen/2024-25 **Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru**

**BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA**

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
Tender No. FB/P/1001 Dated 09.01.2025
(Tender ID : 2025_MCGM_1135757_1)
The Municipal Commissioner of BRIHANMUMBAI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, invites the following online tender. The tender copy can be downloaded from NICs portal (<https://mahatenders.gov.in>) under "Tender section. All interested vendors, whether already registered or not registered in BMC, are mandated to get registered with BMC for E-Tendering process. Login credentials to participate in the online bidding process on the above mentioned portal under "e-Tender".
For registration, enrollment for digital signature certificated & user manual, please refer to respective

CROSSWORD 5570



- ACROSS
- 1 Strange how millrace ends in the lake (5)
- 8 Party policy won't be one's main interest (8)
- 9 Being underground makes men go wild (5)
- 10 Display skill in flying machines (8)
- 11 Dusty sort of room (5)
- 12 A bird cage (3)
- 16 Engine gives out before the Spanish final (6)
- 17 How to tell it's playing well? (6)
- 18 Wages in retirement? Just talk (3)
- 23 Names new source of funds (5)
- 24 Shot by firing squad and carried out (8)
- 25 One kitchen container as put in another (5)
- 26 Braids in newest design (8)
- 27 Wide awake to a siren call (5)
- DOWN
- 2 Nobel prize winner of the naughty nineties? (8)
- 3 Swirling mist hides the way forward (8)
- 4 Do this in arithmetic to rule (6)
- 5 Chewed up cheap fruit (5)
- 6 I'd lifted the front part of a seat (5)
- 7 Slow movement produced no advance (5)
- 12 Manipulate thickness (3)
- 13 Drink spirits for severe cold (3)
- 14 Last despite great efforts (5,3)
- 15 Countries may share it between them (8)
- 19 Fish cooked inside and covered in oil (6)
- 20 Drive off quietly during dance (5)
- 21 Yet I'd be converted to God (5)
- 22 Finch though still game (5)

Solutions Crossword 5569 Across: 1 Earthbound, 6 Blow, 10 Hover, 11 Ululation, 12 Brandish, 13 Eagle, 15 Alimint, 17 Special, 19 Sweater, 21 Desists, 22 Robin, 24 Preamble, 27 Discloses, 28 Cleft, 29 Eden, 30 Head water Down: 1 Echo, 2 Riverside, 3 Heron, 4 Oculist, 5 Noughts, 7 Lying, 8 Wanderlust, 9 Nameless, 14 Cat's cradle, 16 Entangle, 18 Insolvent, 20 Riposte, 21 Dressed, 23 Baste, 25 Mocha, 26 Stir

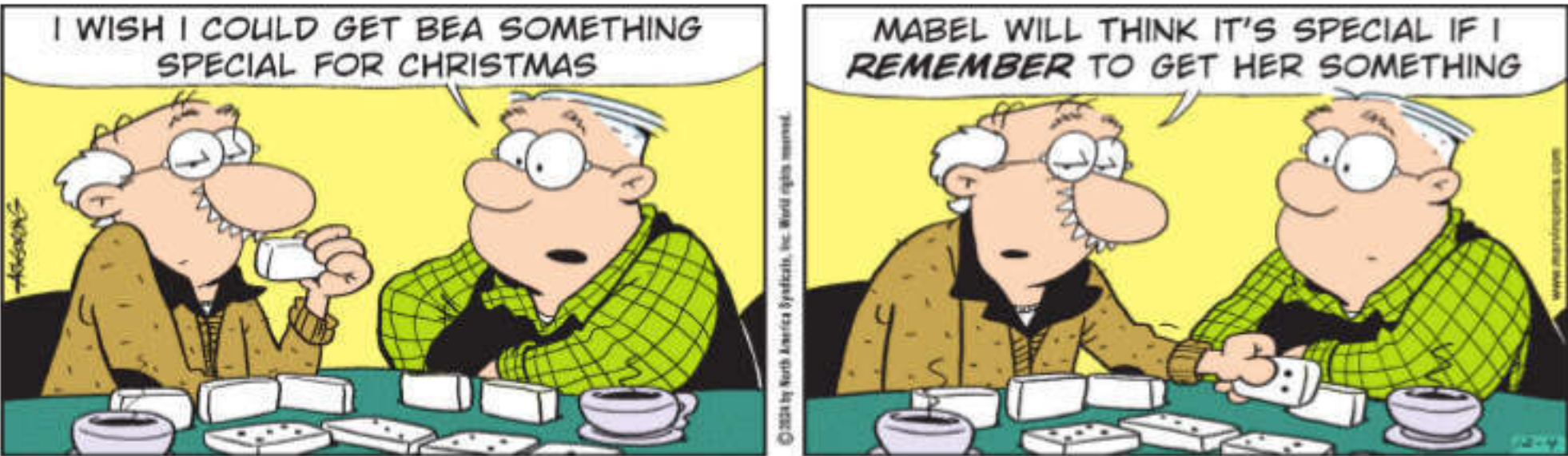
OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

Death will be a great relief. No more _____. - Katharine Hepburn (10)

DLEER

EILLNT

TVIIS

VOWELS

Solution: ELDER, VISIT, LINTLE, LENTIL, WOLVES. Answer: Death will be a great relief. No more interviews. - Katharine Hepburn

SUDOKU 5831

Difficulty Level 4s

Instructions

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level

1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

SOLUTION SUDOKU 5830

8 7 3 6 4 2 9 1 5

2 4 9 8 5 1 3 7 6

5 6 1 7 3 9 2 4 8

3 8 2 4 7 5 6 9 1

4 5 7 9 1 6 8 3 2

9 1 6 2 8 3 4 5 7

1 3 8 5 2 4 7 6 9

6 2 4 1 9 7 5 8 3

7 9 5 3 6 8 1 2 4

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C./84 BNSS)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused (1) Geeta W/o Kishor R/o Village Dadhola District Panipat, Haryana (2) Beeta W/o Vasant R/o Wazid District Charkhi Dadri Haryana (3) Mukesh S/o Late Mai Chand (4) Sonu @ Lala S/o Late Mai Chand (5) Mahendri Devi w/o Late Mai Chand R/o Village Rai Balmiki Mohalla District Sonipat Haryana has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in FIR No. 111/2017 U/s 498A/406/34IPC P.S. Nangloi, Delhi and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused (1) Geeta (2) Beeta (3) Mukesh (4) Sonu @ lala (5) Mahendri Devi cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused (1) Geeta (2) Beeta (3) Mukesh (4) Sonu @ lala (5) Mahendri Devi has absconded (or is concealing themselves to avoid the service of said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that (1) Geeta (2) Beeta (3) Mukesh (4) Sonu @ lala (5) Mahendri Devi in FIR 111/2017 U/s 498A/406/34IPC P.S. Nangloi, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 24.02.2025.

By order

Ms. Deepika Goyal Shokeen

Judicial Magistrate First class Mahilla Court-03, Room No.245

Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/192/OD/2025

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 CrPC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Md. Qamar S/o Jafar Ahmed R/o: L-314, Janta Colony, Welcome Delhi, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in FIR No. 05/2018, U/S 129/55 G. Act, P.S. Welcome, North-East Distt., Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Md. Qamar cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Md. Qamar has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant);

Proclamation is hereby made that Md. Qamar the said accused of FIR No. 05/2018, U/S 129/55 G. Act, P.S. Welcome, North-East Distt., Delhi, is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 21.02.2025.

By Order

Ms. Deepakshi Rana

Judicial Magistrate First Class-03, Shahdara Distt., Room No. -19, 1st Floor, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

DP/341/NE/2025 (Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person(s) Imran S/o Nabab R/o B-215, G.No. 05, Janta Majdoor Colony, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 157/2019, U/s 324/506 IPC, PS Welcome, North East Distt., Delhi and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person(s) Imran can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) Imran has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person(s) Imran of case FIR No. 157/2019, U/s 324/506 IPC, PS Welcome, North East Distt., Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated 19.02.2025 at 10:00 AM.

By Order

Ms. Deepakshi Rana

Metropolitan Magistrate-03 Shahdara, Court No. 19 Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

DP/344/NE/2025 (Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely Mr. Ramesh Kumar Kayan Director of M/s Ramesh Sales Corporation Pvt. Ltd. At: House No.: 915, Near Anand Farm House Sec-22B, Molahera (65), Palam Road, Gurugram-122015 Haryana has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case CC No. 6139/19 U/s 138 NI Act at P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Mr. Ramesh Kumar Kayan cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Mr. Ramesh Kumar Kayan have absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Mr. Ramesh Kumar Kayan of CC No. 6139/19 U/s 138 NI Act of P.S.: Karol Bagh, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 19.02.2025.

By order

Shreya Singh

Judicial Magistrate First Class-05 (NI Act) Central Distt Room No.02, Court Building Annexe-01 Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/379/CD/2025

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely Jai Prakash S/O Hari Ram R/o JB-6/185, Welcome, Seelampur, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 489/2020 U/s 33 D EX. Act at PS: Welcome, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Jai Prakash can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Jai Prakash has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Jai Prakash of FIR No. 489/2020 U/s 33 D EX. Act of PS: Welcome, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 10.02.2025.

By order

Deepakshi Rana

Judicial Magistrate First Class-03 Room No.19, First Floor, Shahdara District Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

DP/347/NE/2025

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section U/S 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Shivam S/o Shankar R/o H.No. 76 SLF, Ved Vihar, Loni, District Ghaziabad, U.P. has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 32/2019 U/s 279/337/338 IPC, P.S. Darya Ganj, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Shivam cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Shivam has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Shivam of case FIR No. 32/2019 U/s 279/337/338 IPC, P.S. Darya Ganj, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 18.02.2025.

By Order

Dr. Raj Kumar Singh

Judicial Magistrate First Class-05 (Central) Room No. 241 Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/179/CD/2025(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 (2) (ii) CrPC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Namely: Nitin @ Shankar @ Chikna, S/o. Dinesh Gupta, R/o. Vegbond, Hanuman Mandir, Yamuna Bazar, Kashmere Gate, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in a case vide FIR No.657/2021 U/S 392/411/34 IPC registered at P.S Kashmere Gate, Delhi and it has been returned on a warrant of arrest thereupon issued stating that the said Nitin @ Shankar @ Chikna could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that accused Nitin @ Shankar @ Chikna is absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Nitin @ Shankar @ Chikna is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before 21.02.2025.

By Order

VAIBHAV GARG

Judicial Magistrate First Class-11, Central District, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/403/N/2025

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section U/S 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Pankaj Singh S/o Balveer Singh Prop. of Gharwal Shoe House, 14 Bigha, near New Bus Stand, New Bridge, Rishikesh, Uttarakhand also at: near Vimal Factory, Dhalwala Munikireti, Munikireti, Tehri Garhwal, Narendra Nagar, Uttarakhand-248137 has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case CC No. 18956/2018 U/s 138 NI Act, PS Kotwali, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Pankaj Singh cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Pankaj Singh has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Pankaj Singh of case CC No. 18956/2018 U/s 138 NI Act, PS Kotwali, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 12.02.2025.

By Order

Ms. Shreya Singh

Judicial Magistrate First Class-05 Central District, Room No. 2 Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/322/N/2025(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Amit Rao S/o Upender Rao R/o H. No. 791, Tahirpur, Delhi-110095 has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence FIR No. 1119/2014 u/s 509 IPC at P.S. Seemapuri, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Amit Rao cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Amit Rao has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proceeding u/s 82 Cr.P.C. has been initiated in the case. Proclamation is hereby made that the said Amit Rao accused of FIR No. 1119/2014 u/s 509 IPC at P.S. Seemapuri, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on 18.02.2025.

By Order: Ms. Aishwarya Singh Kashyap,

Judicial Magistrate First Class-06, Room No. 25, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

DP/284/SHD/2025

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section U/S 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Rahul @ Rahul Soni S/o Bhag Narayan R/o H.No. 1, Gali No. 5, near Shiv Mandir, Kangar Mohalla, Tuglakabad, New Delhi has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 44/2021 U/s 323/342/509 IPC, PS Sarojini Nagar, New Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Rahul @ Rahul Soni cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Rahul @ Rahul Soni has absconded (or are concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Rahul @ Rahul Soni of case FIR No. 44/2021 U/s 323/342/509 IPC, PS Sarojini Nagar, New Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 14.02.2025.

By Order

Sh. Vaibhav Kumar

Judicial Magistrate First Class-05 Room No. 13, First Floor Patiala House Court, Delhi

DP/274/SW/2025(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 CrPC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Md. Jawed Siddiqui S/o Md. Jamil Ahmed R/o: H.No. A-B/59, Kashi Ram Dairy, Kabir Nagar, Gokalpur, Delhi, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in CT No. 2549/2018, U/S 138 NI Act, P.S. Mansarovar Park, Shahdara Distt., Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Md. Jawed Siddiqui cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Md. Jawed Siddiqui has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant);

Proclamation is hereby made that Md. Jawed Siddiqui the said accused of CT No. 2549/2018, U/S 138 NI Act, P.S. Mansarovar Park, Shahdara Distt., Delhi, is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 10.03.2025.

By Order

Ms. Deepakshi Rana

Judicial Magistrate First Class-03, Shahdara Distt., Room No. -19, 1st Floor, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

DP/373/SHD/2025 (Court Matter)

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

The Head, Engineering Cell, FRI, Dehradun invites on behalf of Director, Forest Research Institute Dehradun invites online E-Tender from approved and eligible contractors of CPWD, MES, Railways, P&T, State PWD and other Govt. and Semi. Govt. Department including local bodies etc.

1. Tender No.: 43-35/2025-26/HOD/Engg. Cell/Electrical

2. Tender ID No.: 2025 ICFRE_843388_1

3. Name of Work: Annual Rate Contract (ARC) of Electrical Items 2025-26.

4. Earnest money: Rs. 30,000/-

5. Tender Fee: 590/- (Including GST)

6. Time of Contract: 90 Days

7. Last Date and Time of online submission of the Bid 07-02-2025, upto 11:00 AM

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