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PM MODI, DEFENCE MINISTER RAJNATH SINGH CONDOLE LOSS OF LIVES

15 feared dead in stampede at Delhi





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Munich meet: Jaishankar and Ukraine Foreign Minister discuss conflict, ties



S Jaishankar with Ukraine Foreign Minister Andrii **Sybiha in Munich.** PTI

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 15

A DAY after Prime Minister Narendra Modi met US President Donald Trump at the White House and said that India is on the side of peace in the Russia-Ukraine war, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met Ukrainian Minister of Foreign Affairs Andrii Sybiha in Munich and discussed efforts towards resolving the conflict.

Jaishankar posted on X, "Good to meet FM @andrii_sybiha of Ukraine on sidelines of #MSC2025 today. Discussed ongoing efforts towards resolution

"Also spoke about further advancement of our bilateral cooperation." The Ukrainian Foreign minister expressed gratitude to Jaishankar for their "meaningful meeting," and emphasised a shared interest in advancing cooperation with India across various sectors, including trade, technology, agriculture, and security. Jaishankar held a meeting with **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

US flight with 119 illegal immigrants lands in Amritsar, more likely today

DIVYA A AMRITSAR, FEBRUARY 15

TEN DAYS after the United States deported 104 illegal Indian immigrants in a military plane, 119 more illegal immigrants — the second batch under the current US administration — landed in Amritsar at close to midnight on

Saturday. Sources said a third batch of another 157 deportees is expected to land in Amritsar on Sunday night.

On Saturday, the C17 Globemaster III carrying 119 illegal immigrants landed at the Amritsar airport at 11.40 pm. Among the 119, 100 are from Punjab and Haryana. While 67

are from Punjab, 33 are from Haryana, eight from Gujarat, three from Uttar Pradesh, two each from Goa, Maharashtra and Rajasthan, and one each from Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir.

The deportees include four women and two minors, including a six-year-old girl, sources said, adding that most of the deportees are in the age group of 18 to 30 years.

In the earlier batch of deportees who landed on February 5. 33 each were from Haryana and Gujarat, and 30 from Punjab.

Speaking to *The Indian* Express earlier, sources said that after security clearance, the deportees would be offered food CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Uncontrollable

crowd on Prayagraj Express platform, delay of two trains added to chaos: DCP, Railways

ANKITA UPADHYAY & SAKSHI CHAND NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 15

FIFTEEN PEOPLE were feared dead in a stampede at the New Delhi Railway Station on Saturday evening.

Officials from the fire department said distress calls about a stampede on platforms 14 and 15 were first received around 9:55 pm and four fire tenders were rushed to the spot.

The injured were taken to Delhi's Lok Nayak Hospital, where a senior official told The Indian



Ambulances outside the New Delhi railway station on Saturday. Gajendra Yadav

Express that 15 people had died. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said a final list of the dead and injured would be compiled and issued later.

In a post on X, Prime Minister Narendra Modi wrote, "Distressed by the stampede at New Delhi Railway Station. My thoughts are with all those who

have lost their loved ones. I pray that the injured have a speedy recovery. The authorities are assisting all those who have been affected by this stampede."

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh wrote, "Devastating news from New Delhi Railway Station. I am extremely pained by the loss of lives due to a stampede on the platform."

Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw told The Indian Express that the "situation is under control." "Delhi police and RPF have reached and the injured have been taken to the hospital. Four special trains are being run to evacuate the sudden rush. The rush has reduced now. I am in the war room," he said.

In a post on X later, Vaishnaw wrote, "Deeply saddened by the unfortunate stampede that occurred at New Delhi Railway Station. My prayers are with al those who have lost their loved ones."

In an official statement, the Railways said, "An unprecedented rush situation developed today at approximately 9:30 pm at New Delhi Railway Station **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

NIA team ready to go to US for custody of Rana, awaits final nod

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 15

A DAY after US President Donald (NIA) team has been kept on standby, ready to leave for the US to get his custody.

According to sources, the Indian government has sent a fresh set of documents to the US administration, and has been informed that the US State department is coordinating with the CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



Tahawwur Rana is wanted for the 26/11 Mumbai

TAHAWWUR RANA'S in-Mumbai attacks stems from his assistance to David Headley, who conducted reconnaissance of prominent sites in Mumbai ahead of the terror attacks.



The 6, Flagstaff Road house was occupied by Arvind Kejriwal as Delhi CM. File

Central vigilance seeks probe into 'Sheesh Mahal'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI. FEBRUARY 15

IN MOUNTING trouble for former Delhi chief minister Arvind Keiriwal, the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has asked the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) to conduct an inquiry into allegations of irregularities in the construction and renovation of 6, Flagstaff Road, the official residence occupied by the AAP Convenor during his tenure in office.

Trump said his administration attacks has approved the extradition of EXPLAINED Tahawwur Rana, wanted by India for his involvement in the After CBI, now 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, *The* of the Ukraine conflict". His role *Indian Express* has learnt that a ■● in 26/11 **National Investigation Agency**

volvement in the 2008

3 months after Sambhal clashes, many homes locked as crackdown still on

MANISH SAHU

LUCKNOW, FEBRUARY 15

ALMOST THREE months after violent protests erupted near Sambhal's Shahi Jama Masjid over a court-ordered survey of the 16th-century mosque, around 1,000 houses remain locked as residents have fled, ostensibly fearing arrest or retribution, officials say.

Clashes broke out on November 24 when a large



where clashes broke out on **November 24.** Express



A locked house in Sambhal,

crowd gathered and confronted the police, leaving four people dead and several others, including policemen, injured.

Despite repeated assurances from senior police officers that action will be taken only against those involved in the violence, many families have left the area.

Fearing action, some locals have even placed letters outside their locked homes explaining why they are away. One resident has displayed a radiology report CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

The BJP refers to the Civil Lines bungalow as "Sheesh Mahal" and both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah frequently raised the issue in the recent Delhi Assembly election campaign following which the BIP is set to form the government after 27 years. The bungalow was allotted **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Olympic medallist German shot-putter reels in AI to coach Indian beginners — in Hindi

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MIHIR VASAVDA MUMBAL FEBRUARY 15

DAVID STORL's friends were convinced he had been a victim of a

deepfake. Last Tuesday, out of the blue, the former German world champion and Olympic silver medallist shot putter popped up on

their mobile screens. In a minute-

and-a-half-long Instagram reel,

Storl was seen sitting at an indoor athletics arena, his lips-syncing to every word uttered in an "unrecognisable language", with captions in a "foreign" text and India's flag next to it. "Some of my friends called

me to say my profile was hacked... I was speaking in another language," Storl laughs. "It was funny." All along, though, Storl was

simply reaching out to one of his biggest fan bases — hundreds of wannabe shot putters across towns and villages in India. And the video was an of-



A screenshot from David **Storl's Insta reel.** @Shotputdevil

fer to provide them lessons in Hindi, with the help of artificial intelligence (AI).

From his office overlooking the Leipzig railway station in Germany, Storl — who works there as a police official — saw the video go viral. Olympic gold medallist Neeraj Chopra recently shared it, hailing Storl's initiative. By Friday, the reel had more than 7 lakh views, he says.

"Last year, I started analysing shot put techniques of athletes from all over the world," Storl, who retired in February 2024,

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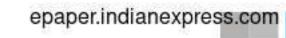
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Al-Qaeda operative from UP lodged in Pak jail: Cops

MANISH SAHU

LUCKNOW, FEBRUARY 15

AN ALLEGED operative of terror outfit Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) and wanted by the Delhi Police, is now lodged in Pakistan's Lahore Central Jail, the UP police said Saturday. An officer identified the person as Mohammad Usman, from Sambhal.

The matter came to light when a team of Sambhal police

visited Usman's house in Deepa Sarai, Sambhal, following a request from a central agency to verify his address, said SP

yet confirmed how long he has been in jail or the charges against him. However, the SP said that Usman was granted consular ac-

His family claimed to the UP Police that Usman has been missing since 2012 as he has not returned home since then.

NIA team ready to go to US for custody of Rana, awaits final nod

Secretary of State to facilitate the issuance of a 'surrender warrant' — that requires a fugitive criminal to be surrendered to a foreign

A three-member NIA team, turn immediately," said a source.

Rana (63), who is of Pakistani origin, is currently lodged in a jail in Los Angeles. He is known to be associated with Pakistani-American Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist David Coleman Headley, one of the main conspirators of the 2008 Mumbai attacks which

claimed 166 lives. Paving the way for his extradition, the US Supreme Court, on January 21, had rejected a review petition filed by Rana. It is learnt that after the US Supreme Court's decision, an NIA team was initially called to the US in January-end, but officials there later sought more time to review all the docu-

"Senior officials of the Ministry of External Affairs, along with officials of the Home Ministry and the NIA, were in constant touch with US officials. They were informed that the US State department was also coordinating with the Secretary of State for issuing the 'surrender warrant' for Rana.'

a source in the MHA said.

Meanwhile, although the Indian government had submitted multiple assurance letters earlier, it was asked to provide some more assurances, said a source. "In one such assurance letter, the Indian government was asked for details about security arrangements and facilities in the jail where Rana will be kept. The Indian authorities had responded to four queries from US officials -- about apprehension of torture in police custody, legal aid, security arrangements and facilities in the

Tihar Jail," the source said. According to sources, once Rana is extradited, the NIA is expected to question him at its headquarters in Delhi, where security will be stepped up. "There is no formal communication to the Tihar Jail administration, but they have also started a security assessment of his cell; they are likely to lodge him in a high-security ward. His cell will have CCTV cameras, with in-built bathroom facility, and they will monitor his activi-

ties 24×7," the source said. Following his meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Washington DC early Friday (India time), Trump had said: "I am pleased to announce that my administration has approved the extradition of one of the plotters, and one of the very evil people of the world... of the horrific 2008 Mumbai terrorist attack to face justice in India. So he's going to be going back to India to face justice... We are giving a very violent man... We are giving him back to India immediately, and there are more

to follow, because we have quite

Sambhal, Krishan Kumar.

The Sambhal police have not cess in December last year.

a few requests. So we work with

India on crime, and we want to

make it good for India, and it's very

important. So that kind of a rela-

tionship is very important to us."

would stand together in the fight

against terrorism, Modi had said

he was "very grateful to President

Trump" for handing over some-

body "who carried out genocide

in India". "That criminal is now go-

ing to be handed over to India, and

I am grateful to President Trump

for this, and appropriate action

will be taken in the court in India,'

he had said.

Saying that India and the US

led by an Inspector General-rank officer and including a Deputy Inspector General-rank officer, along with three more officials from other Intelligence agencies, will leave for the US on getting confirmation of the 'surrender warrant', said sources. "As per the discussion, they will get Rana's custody at the airport and will re-

Stepping up the efforts to get Rana's custody over the last seven months, Indian officials, including from central investigative agencies and legal departments, are learnt to have held a meeting with their US counterparts at the US Embassy in Delhi too.

In 2011, the NIA had filed a chargesheet against nine persons, including Rana, for plotting and executing the Mumbai attacks. In 2014, a Sessions Court in Delhi had issued fresh non-bailable warrants against the nine, who the NIA had listed as absconders. In US courts, Rana had argued

that the US extradition treaty with India protected him from extradition because of its non bis in idem (double jeopardy) provision. He had also argued that India did not provide sufficient evidence to demonstrate probable cause that he had committed the charged

In August last year, a US court in California ruled that Rana could be extradited to India under the extradition treaty between the two countries.

Last November, Rana filed a "petition for a writ of certiorari" -- essentially a process to seek review of a lower court order -- before the US Supreme Court. In his plea, he argued that he was tried and acquitted in a federal court in the Northern District of Illinois on charges related to the Mumbai attacks. But the US Supreme Court rejected his review petition in January this year.

Rana studied at the Hasan Abdal Cadet School in Pakistan, which Headley too attended for five years. After a stint as a doctor in the Pakistan Army, Rana moved to Canada and was eventually granted Canadian citizenship. He later established a consultancy firm called First World Immigration Services in Chicago. It was a branch of this business in Mumbai that provided Headley with the perfect cover to identify and surveil potential targets for the LeT.

Headley, a US citizen who was born to an American mother and a Pakistani father, was arrested in October 2009 by US authorities and sentenced to 35 years in prison for his involvement in the Mumbai attacks. Rana was ar-

rested in the US soon after. In 2011, Rana was convicted of providing material support to LeT and for supporting a plot to attack a Danish newspaper, Jyllands-*Posten*, which printed cartoons of the Prophet in 2005. However, jurors in US cleared Rana of the more serious charge of providing

support for the Mumbai attacks.

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15 feared dead in stampede

near platforms 13 and 14. Due to the sudden surge in passengers, some individuals fainted, which led to rumours of a stampedelike situation, causing panic among travellers. The situation was later brought under control by easing the congestion."

"The fainted and injured passengers were immediately taken to nearby hospitals by the Railway Protection Force and Delhi Police," it said, adding that a high-level inquiry has been ordered.

DCP, Railways, KPS Malhotra elaborated, "When Prayagraj Express was on platform number 14, a lot of people had gathered... Swatantrata Senani Express and Bhubaneshwar Rajdhani were delayed, and passengers of these trains were also present at platforms 12, 13 and 14. As per our information, 1,500

and then transported to their

home districts. "Those from Goa,

Gujarat and Maharashtra will be

transported via early morning

flights being coordinated by the

central government authorities,

while vehicles have been kept

ready for those from within

Punjab and neighbouring

Haryana," a senior official posted

and videos of Indian deportees

Earlier this month, photos

at the Amritsar airport said.

general tickets were sold, which is why the crowd became uncontrollable. There was a stampede-like situation at platform number 14 and near an escalator near platform number 1." In a post on X, the Congress

said the "news of the death of many devotees going to Maha Kumbh is extremely painful."

It said the "Modi government should hand over the bodies of the deceased to their families and make arrangements to send them to their homes." It also asked: "If the government knew that Maha Kumbh was going on, then why were more trains not run during that time?" and "Why were no arrangements made to control the crowd at the railway station?"

Delhi's outgoing Chief Minister, Atishi, posted on X, "Such an incident involving

Another 119 illegal Indian immigrants deported from US

the Centre, the Opposition ar-

gued that the Indian govern-

ment should have sent its own

aircraft to bring back its citizens

deportees on Sunday will be sent

will be more flights returning

undocumented Indian citizens,

in line with several statements

made by US President Donald

on a military plane too.

It is not clear yet whether the

However, sources said there

with dignity.

devotees going for Maha Kumbh is very sad. Neither the central government nor the UP government is concerned about the safety of the people."

At the Lok Nayak Hospital, where the injured were taken, police deployment was increased around midnight and access to the morgue was lim-

Around midnight, the railway station bore testimony to the chaos from hours earlier as the belongings of the injured were kept in piles in a corner. These included footwear, bottles, belts, bags and shirts.

Gurgaon resident Kamlesh Kumari (24), who was supposed to head to Jhansi, recalled, "I was on the stairs, and everyone just started falling on each other. I don't know what happened." She said she hurt her back and

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri

ence with Trump at the White

House on Thursday, Prime

Minister Narendra Modi had

said that India was "fully pre-

pared" to take back any verified

Indian who was in the US ille-

gally. "We are of the opinion that

anybody who enters and lives in

another country illegally, they

have absolutely no legal right or

During a joint press confer-

had said earlier.

lost her bag containing cash in the commotion. Manoj Shah, who lost his

daughter, father-in-law and mother-in-law in the stampede, said, "My brother-in-law Mukesh called me and said 'bhagdad ho gayi, log ek dusre par chad gaye (there has been a stampede)'." The deceased were heading to Kumbh, he said, adding that his daughter studied in class 5.

Aman Giri, 22, who lost his mother Seelam in the stampede, said the family was going to catch a train to the Kumbh Mela. "Maine mana kiya tha mat jao (I told her not to go,)" he told The Indian Express. His father suffered a leg injury.

"My mother was a bit heavy so she couldn't climb up as everyone ran towards the stairs to escape the stampede," he said.

that those who are verified and

are truly the citizens of India -- if

they live in the US illegally, India

is ready to take them back,'

Modi said. He said this issue was

not limited to India alone, and

the "bigger fight" was on ending

this "ecosystem" which is in-

volved in "human-trafficking".

Minister Bhagwant Mann on

Saturday criticised the Centre's

decision to land the flights car-

Meanwhile, Punjab Chief

Munich conference

Sybiha on the sidelines of the Munich Security Conference (MSC) Friday.

Sharing a post on X, Sybiha said, "I thank @DrSJaishankar for our meaningful meeting. We are interested in developing relations with India and advancing cooperation in trade, technology, agriculture, security, and other areas. We also rely on India's strong global voice to bring a just and lasting peace closer."

This exchange came against the backdrop of a controversial address by US Vice President J D Vance at the conference on free speech and immigration which riled many European leaders, "The threat that I worry the most about vis-à-vis Europe is not Russia. It's not China. It's not any other external actor," Vance said. "What I worry about is the threat from within — the retreat of Europe from some of its most fundamental values, values shared with the United States of America."

This echoed at many a session including one where Jaishankar was on the panel along with Rafal Trzaskowski, Mayor of Warsaw; Elissa Slotkin, US Democrat Senator and Norway Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store.

Speaking at the discussion titled 'Live to Vote Another Day: Fortifying Democratic Resilience, Jaishankar said, "There was a time, I've to say this in all honesty, where the West treated democracy as a Western characteristic and was busy encouraging non-democratic forces in the Global South. It still does. Everything you value at

home, you don't practice abroad." Calling himself an "optimist" in a possible room of pessimists, he reflected on the vibrancy of India's elections and how democracy had delivered in India on economic well-being, too, a point Slotkin had flagged when she said in the US, the middle class felt letdown by democracy because it had lost social mobility. "The mark on my index finger

is a mark of a person who just

livered."

voted," Jaishankar said. "We just had an election in my state. Last year, we had a national election. In Indian elections, 2/3rd of national voters vote. We count the votes in a single day and nobody disputes the results after it is announced. Today, in the modern era, 20 per cent more voters vote than they did decades ago," he said. "The message is that somehow democracy is in trouble globally, and I will have to disagree with it. We are voting well, we are optimistic about democracy and for us, democracy has actually de-

Jaishankar defended India's democratic model, noting that the country's choice to adopt democracy after Independence was rooted in its basic consultative and pluralistic society. "India chose a democratic model after Independence, it chose that model because we had fundamentally a consultative, pluralistic society," he said.

Earlier, US President Donald Trump held a phone call with Russian President Vladimir Putin this week in which he said the two leaders would likely meet soon to negotiate a peace deal. Trump later assured Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy that he, too, would have a seat at the table.

The war was sparked by Russia's invasion of Ukraine three vears ago. The Ukrainian President said his country wants "security guarantees" before any talks with Russia. Zelenskyy said he will only agree to meet in-person with Putin after a common plan is negotiated with Trump. After a 40-minute meeting with Zelenskyy, Vance said the Trump administration is committed to finding lasting peace between Ukraine and Russia.

handcuffed and shackled as they Trump. "We've been told there authority to live in that country... rying deportees in Amritsar, callboarded the US military plane are 487 presumed Indian citi-As far as India and the US are ing it a conspiracy to malign had triggered outrage. Targeting zens with final removal orders," concerned, we have always said Punjab and Punjabis.

After CBI, now Central vigilance seeks probe into 'Sheesh Mahal'

to Kejriwal in 2015 and is owned by the Delhi government's Public Works Department.

On October 14, 2024, incoming Rohini BJP MLA Vijender Gupta, who was the Leader of the Opposition in the Delhi Legislative Assembly then, had filed a complaint with the CVC alleging illegal construction at the property.

On October 16, the CVC registered the complaint and forwarded it to the CPWD for further investigation. In December a report based on Gupta's complaint was submitted to the CVC by the Chief Vigilance Officer,

CPWD. Earlier this week, on Thursday, the CVC, Gupta said, apprised him that after examining the report, the CVO of CPWD has been "advised to conduct a detailed investigation into the matter", assuring him that "suitable action based on the findings of the investigation report" will be taken.

As first reported by *The Indian* Express on January 5, the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) report in the case detailing the audit of the house's repair and renovation showed that

from a preliminary estimate of Rs 7.91 crore in 2020, the total cost of the work at the property shot up to Rs 33.66 crore by the time it ended in 2022.

The CAG report, yet to be tabled in the Delhi Assembly, is said to have stated that of the Rs 33.66 crore in expenses, Rs 18.88 crore was spent on "items of superior specification, artistic, antique and ornamental items," which were all executed by the PWD as "extra items."

The CAG report, said to have annexures with lists of 198 civil "extra" components as well as 40 "extra" electrical components, is learnt to show how, from September 2020 to June 2022, five revised estimates were provided, the fifth showing there was an increase in scope of work such as artistic and ornamental work (Rs 5.07 crore), designer accessories and fittings (Rs 48.27 lakh) and marble work (Rs 1.97 crore) over and above the third provisional estimate given in October 2021.

Speaking at a public meeting in Rohini during the BJP's campaign, PM Modi had slammed Kejriwal saying he (the PM) could have built a "Sheesh

Mahal" but had instead ensured that four crore citizens had got houses in the last 10 years.

Kejriwal, who stepped down as Delhi Chief Minister after walking out on bail in a case related to the Delhi excise policy in September last year, vacated the house in October, 2024.

The AAP has consistently said that the issue was raked up by the BJP because it had nothing else to personally vilify Kejriwal over and that it is not Kejriwal's "personal" asset since, as the CM's residence, it will be allotted to others in the future.

Responding to the latest development, AAP spokesperson Priyanka Kakkar asked the BJP to "abandon its negative politics and focus on fulfilling promises made to the people of Delhi."

Ouestioning why the BIP "barred media from inspecting the CM residence if there were alleged rule violations", she sought to challenge the party to reveal whether claims of "a golden toilet, swimming pool, and mini bar were facts or just political theatrics."

She demanded "an impartial probe" in the "extravagant ex-

penditure on PM Modi's 'Rajmahal' during COVID."

Welcoming the CVC's probe, Gupta, who lodged the complaint, said, "The Aam Aadmi Party and its supremo Arvind Kejriwal should not be under the illusion that they will get away from facing the law for their blatant corruption and misuse of public funds when they were in

power." Gupta had alleged that Kejriwal had flouted building regulations to construct a "lavish mansion" covering eight acres and that other government properties on the adjacent Rajpur Road, which previously housed senior officers and judges in Type-V flats, as well as two bungalows, were demolished and merged into the new residence, violating ground coverage and floor area ratio norms.

A year ago, in September 2023, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had registered a preliminary enquiry on the matter months after the Ministry of Home Affairs asked the CAG to conduct a special audit into alleged irregularities and violations related to the bungalow.

German shot-putter reels in AI

tells *The Indian Express* from Leipzig. "I recognised that many athletes from India were contacting me via Instagram because they had to prepare for a police test or a special event."

The volume of requests — "they were in hundreds" — surprised Storl but from an Indian athlete's point of view, it was understandable. Storl, after all, is considered one of the finest exponents of the "glide" technique over the last two decades. And, at his peak, he won two World Championship titles with a London Olympics silver medal sandwiched between them. It also isn't uncommon in

India for an enterprising young athlete to dig up old clips of sporting greats and then emulate their technique — as an amateur, Chopra himself binge-watched javelin legend Jan Zelezny's videos. The Czech is now his coach. Storl saw it differently, how-

ever. "When I started watching their videos, I started to understand why they needed help. In Germany, we have great indoor facilities, great stadiums... whereas in videos from India, I saw them training on fields, on the grass, in the dirt," he says.

He isn't sure but many of these requests came from in and around "Nayi Dilli (New Delhi)", Storl says. He was "pretty sure", however, that "they didn't have a coach and didn't have an idea how or where to start". He says, "I found it very motivating to see how much these athletes wanted to reach their goal and what they did for that. That was pretty cool. That's also why I wanted to help out."

At first, Storl would look at the clips they sent and give them his feedback. However, breaking down a complex event like the shot put and teaching a technique online wasn't so straightforward. That's how the idea of creating a

beginner's guide struck him. Storl got into a huddle with his team at Velaasa, a US-based company that designs and develops apparel for Olympic athletes. "We brainstormed over how to help these athletes and the easiest way, we thought, was to make a video course that would explain

the basics of shot put," Storl says

He saw no point in making videos for his Indian base in English. So, he shot the clips in German and sent them to his partners in the US who — with the help of AI — changed the language into flawless Hindi.

Before uploading, Storl got it green-signalled by Indian discus thrower Abhishek Chaudhary whom he had met in Leipzig during an exposure tour.

The first volume, Storl says, focuses on the basics of the glide technique, which allows a thrower to generate forward momentum with the positioning of his legs and stretching the arms explosively.

The aspiring throwers, for a fee, will be able to access his videos and watch them an unlimited number of times to fine-tune their skills. In the next phase, Stor says he will analyse the clips of the throwers and hold individual online sessions to further improve their technique.

It's still early days but Storl knows his idea, to use AI and break the language barrier, can disrupt the coaching ecosystem. "AI will be a very important part of how coaching develops all over the world. Most importantly, it's beneficial for athletes. When you watch videos on YouTube, the information isn't completely clear — there is no explanation of how the technique works or what the key movement is. So that's what I want to do, explain my sport, break it down so that young ath-

"I want to ensure that glide does not die, by spreading it to far corners of the world," Storl says. So far actually that a young Indian could soon learn it at home, with a simple tap on their phone.

letes have a strong foundation."

There's also a personal motive.

• 3 months after Sambhal clashes, many homes locked as crackdown still on

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of a family member, with a note stating they have gone to Delhi for cancer treatment. Another mentions that a bank loan has been taken against the house. "Around 1,000 houses remain locked as residents have not returned. We are consistently assuring that no action will be taken against the innocent," Sambhal Superintendent of Police Krishan Kumar said, adding that he is aware of the letters pasted by some locals outside their homes.

The locked houses are in areas such as Hindpura, Kot Garvi, Nakhasa and Deepa Sarai. Police suspect most residents have gone to Delhi, and a team has been sent there to verify this information.

The Uttar Pradesh government has meanwhile been evaluating the cost of damage to public property caused because of the violence. Both government and private vehicles were damaged in the unrest, stones were pelted at buildings and the police, and barricades and other crowd-control equipment were vandalised. Reports were sought from the

Transport, Police, and other relevant departments to assess the extent of the damage, and the assessment is now complete. A senior official said notices for recovery against the damages would be sent to the accused after the chargesheet is filed, likely next week.

The Sambhal police have so

far arrested 76 persons, with the latest arrest on February 12. All arrested accused are lodged in Moradabad. "We will be filing the chargesheet soon," said Additional Superintendent of Police, Sambhal, Shrish Chandra. The Sambhal police are also

looking for 86 persons whose involvement was found during the probe and have obtained nonbailable warrants against 21 so far. The police have declared rewards for persons providing details about the wanted accused, and raids are also underway to arrest them.

Last week, the police arrested a resident, Mohammad Adil, after he was seen in a video allegedly speaking with a Pakistanbased cleric about the violence,

an officer said.

Police also claim to have found fresh videos showing a man allegedly provoking the crowd. Police say they are probing if the man in question is a madrasa teacher. "We have released large posters of the wanted accused in the case," said the SP.

These posters will be put up on walls across the city. Twelve FIRs have been filed in

connection with the violence so far, and police have already released photographs of around 250 suspects for identification. These images were obtained from CCTV footage.

Police also said they are still looking into the role of a wanted local gangster, who is operating from abroad, in the violence.

POSTMORTEM REPORTS AWAITED TO CONFIRM CAUSE OF DEATHS, SAY POLICE

Suspected suicide by Ashoka University student, another found dead outside gate

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 15

TWO UNDERGRADUATE students of Ashoka University in Haryana's Sonipat were found dead on Friday night in unrelated incidents, the university said in a statement on Saturday.

In one of the cases, a 21-year-old student from Bengaluru allegedly jumped on Friday night from the 10th floor of the hostel building located within the campus. An alleged

suicide note was recovered from his room, said police. A few hours later, the body of a 19-year-old student from Telangana, who is suspected to have died from heart failure, was found near the university's gate.

Police said the bodies were taken to the civil hospital for postmortem examination. A probe has been launched into

both incidents and the postmortem reports were awaited to confirm the cause of the deaths, they added.

According to an email sent to students and alumni from Vice



The university in a statement said the two incidents were unrelated.

Chancellor Somak Raychaudhury's office, both students were evaluated by the physician on duty at the campus infirmary before being rushed to the nearest hospital by the university's ambulance.

They were pronounced dead at the hospital. The parents of both students were informed of the deaths by university officials early Saturday.

"Their parents have been informed of the tragic development... (The two boys) were bright students with promising futures ahead of them. They will be remembered by all as gifted students whose un-

timely passing away has left the Ashoka community devastated," read the Vice Chancellor's email.

"The departed students were integral members of the Ashoka community and will be deeply missed by all. Our hearts go out to the bereaved family members, and we are providing all the support required in their hour of grief," the university said in a separate statement.

The statement added that the university was cooperating "fully with local authorities for the requisite investigation".

Fake coaching centre busted, 4 arrested

Noida: Four persons were arrested by the Central Noida Police Saturday for allegedly running a fake coaching centre at Greater Noida West's Bisrakh in the name of imparting skill and personality development training and cheating people of Rs 31.51 lakh.

The police identified the accused as Neeraj Kumar, his wife Shweta, Kanchan and Mohammad Aarif.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Central Noida) Shakti Mohan Avasthy said, "They offered courses in skill development, including in subjects like Vedic mathematics, artificial intelligence, robotics and spoken

The accused had opened a business named Rising India IQ Academy Private Limited. "They initially hired teachers to hold classes on Saturdays and Sundays.. Then they informed the parents that classes would be held online after seven days.. However, no online classes were held after seven days, and they told the parents that they are shifting the coaching centre to a

English, among others, and duped many."

"Following this, the parents demanded a refund and the accused fled overnight,' he added. ENS

new place," the DCP said.



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HAUZ KHAS POLICE REGISTERS FRESH FIR

Doctor who accused colleague of rape says threatened to drop case

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ALMOST TWO years after a doctor from AIIMS in Delhi was booked for the rape of another doctor, the 39year-old victim on Friday approached the police alleging that she was being threatened to drop the case.

Following this, Hauz Khas police on Friday lodged an FIR under sections 232(1) and 351(4), pertaining to threatening and intimidating a person, of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

This is the third case lodged in relation to the matter. While the rape case was lodged in July 2023, on December 2, 2024, too, a case was lodged after the woman alleged that she was being threatened by the accused doctor and his associates. All three cases have been lodged by the Hauz Khas police.

Don't fall prey to rumours, warns JMI as AISA

According to the FIR, the woman was on her way to the hospital on Friday when she received two phone calls from an unknown number. "The caller threatened me and asked me to take back the rape case... He said he will shoot me dead and also said he knew about my whereabouts and timings. I was shocked, scared and immediately dialled 112 (police helpline number) and in-

formed the police," the FIR quoted

her as saying. She alleged that the caller also abused her.

In the 2023 FIR, the woman had accused the doctor of rape, unnatural offence, causing miscarriage without consent and criminal intimidation. The case is currently being heard by a court and framing of charges is set to take place on April 16.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, the woman said, "In December 2024 as well, I had informed the police about

the threats I received at the hospital and from the doctor and his men. Following this, a case was registered. Not just me, even my family members were threatened. His men reached my house in Ghaziabad." She also accused the police of not cooperating and shielding the accused.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (South) Ankit Singh said, "We have registered a case and are investigating the matter."

calls for boycott of classes over suspensions

VIDHEESHA KUNTAMALLA NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 15

THE LEFT-affiliated All India Students' Association (AISA) at the Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) on Saturday called for a boycott of classes on Monday in protest against the university suspending some students for carrying out a demonstration against the disciplinary action taken against two PhD scholars.

The JMI, in a statement issued on Saturday, cautioned students not to fall prey to "fake messages and misleading rumours" and advised students to continue attending classes. "Taking full cognisance of the adverse effect of misinformation on young, impressionable minds, the university administration cautions all its students not to fall prey to these fake messages and misleading rumours," the statement read, advising students to attend classes

In 'like & share'

cyber fraud,

Dwarka man

from Haryana

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A MAN from Dwarka was arrested

from Sirsa in Haryana for allegedly

duping people via an online "like

The police identified the ac-

cused as Raj Kumar, who was ar-

rested on February 6. The matter

came to light when a complaint

was registered at Dwarka's Cyber

Crime police station on December

9, 2023, detailing how the victim was lured into a fraudulent scheme through Telegram app.

The complainant was offered a part-time job involving liking

and sharing online channels, with

promises of commission and high

said, "After gaining the com-

plainant's trust, the fraudsters

asked him to invest in packages...

and assured him that they would provide high returns... The com-

"Following this, the accused

switched off their cellphones,

deleted the investment groups

from Telegram and did not return

the money to the complainant," he added. During probe, it came

to light that Telegram channels

run by the accused had led to filing

of around 85 cyber fraud com-

plaints from 23 states, said police.

the complainant's money had been deposited. Raj Kumar was

found to have used an account in

IndusInd Bank to receive the de-

frauded funds. Scrutiny revealed

suspicious transactions amount-

ing to around Rs 1.4 crore," said an

officer. Following this, the team

pursued Kumar over a distance of

80 km before arresting him in

Sirsa, said police.

"The bank account of the accused was traced back to where

plainant invested Rs 3.3 lakh..."

DCP (Dwarka) Ankit Singh

returns, said police.

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and share" scheme.

arrested

keeping in view the upcoming mid-semester examinations. While the university emphasised that classes will continue as per schedule, it said that a committee has been set up to investigate how the images and personal details of 17 students were made public. The panel will "determine the facts and identify the miscreants, individuals or organisations involved" before taking action,

the statement said. A notice, purportedly issued by JMI — identifying 17 protesters allegedly involved in the demonstration on February 10 — was found pasted across campus on Friday. It had mentioned a "list of active students who organised a protest without permission on February 10 at 5 pm at JMI's central canteen". Accusing the JMI of violating their privacy, students had claimed the purported notice included names of the 17, their

"The university removed these photos from the walls immediately after getting information about it," the JMI statement said, adding that it "strongly condemns such brazen and irresponsible acts" and "intends to pursue legal

action against those responsible".

The students have been protesting since February 10 against administrative actions, including showcause notices issued to two PhD students for allegedly sloganeering "without permission or intimation to university authorities" during a "CAA-NRC Remembrance Day" event last December. On Thursday, the Delhi Police had detained and later released around 12 protesting students.

The suspension notice, issued by JMI's proctorial department to several students on February 12, read: "...on 10.02.2025, you were identified as leading an unruly and rowdy group of individuals to vandalise and deface university property. Furthermore, on 11.02.2025, you again participated in an unauthorised and unlawful protest within the JMI campus, disrupting the normal functioning of the university..."

It alleged that their actions "constitute offences" under sections 324 (mischief causing damage to property) and section 189 (unlawful assembly) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita as well as the Delhi Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act.

academic freedom.

The JMI, in a statement on Thursday, had stated that protests had disrupted academic activities and resulted in property damage, including vandalising the central canteen and breaking the gate of the security advisor's office. The students had contended that these accusations were baseless, and part of an ongoing effort by the administration to silence calls for campus rights, including improved hygiene, better food, and

40-year-old man arrested for killing mother

photographs, IDs, addresses and

political affiliations.

New Delhi: A 40-year-old man was arrested on Saturday for allegedly killing his 65-year-old mother in Delhi's Dayalpur on Friday night.

The incident was reported around 9 pm when a distress call was received at the local police station. Officers rushed to the scene and found the elderly woman dead. The crime and forensic teams conducted an inspection, and the body was sent to GTB Hospital for postmortem.

The accused, Sonu, was taken into custody shortly after the incident. Investigation revealed that he was unemployed and addicted to drugs, and often fought with his mother over money, said police.



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MCOCA CASE AGAINST BALYAN

Delhi Police to court: Will file supplementary chargesheet by February 24

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THE DELHI Police informed a court on Saturday that by February 24, it will file a supplementary chargesheet in a case lodged against former AAP MLA Naresh Balyan under the stringent Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA). Balyan was arrested on December 4, last year, and is currently in judicial custody in the case.

The police informed Special Judge Kaveri Baweja that the investigation against co-accused Rohit alias Anna and Sachin Chikara is almost complete.

The court also reserved order on taking cognisance of a supplementary chargesheet the police had filed against co-accused Ritik alias Peter. It is likely to take cognisance of the chargesheet on February 24.

Balyan, who was also booked in an extortion case, has been granted bail by a court in the case. According to the police, his name had cropped up in the MCOCA case as an alleged facilitator to settle an extortion demand made by gangster Kapil Sangwan to a businessman. Sangwan, who is purportedly operating from the UK, has also been booked under MCOCA.

Probe on, says **DMRC** after commuters jump over gates at Metro station

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AFTER A purported video of a huge crowd of commuters jumping over the automatic fare collection (AFC) gates at the Jama Masjid Metro station was widely shared on social media, the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) on Saturday said it has taken cognizance of the matter.

An FIR has also been lodged following the incident, which took place on the Violet Line on Thursday evening, it added.

"There was a temporary surge of passengers for a brief period of time when some passengers bypassed the AFC gates by jumping over it to exit. Security personnel and other staff were adequately present to counsel such passengers and the situation was never out of control," the statement said.

A purported video of the incident went viral on social media, which captured the chaos that ensued, as users raised questions over the security arrangements at the station.

In the statement, the DMRC highlighted "a breach of law and order". "An investigation is being conducted to ensure that such incidents are not repeated in the future. The DMRC is already interacting with the police authorities for the filing of the FIR," the statement from Anui Dayal, Principal Executive Director, DMRC, said.

The FIR has been registered under sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the DMRC Act against unknown persons.

AHEAD OF MAYORAL POLLS

In a boost to BJP, three AAP MCD councillors join party

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 15

A WEEK after the BJP trounced the AAP in the Assembly polls in the Capital, the party got another major boost in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) with three AAP councillors switching sides on Saturday.

This tilts the balance in the BIP's favour ahead of the mayoral polls due in April.

The three AAP leaders joined the BJP during a press conference, which was attended by state unit president Virendra Sachdeva; newly-elected MLA Kartar Singh, who had quit the AAP and joined the BJP months before the Assembly polls; RK Puram MLA Anil Sharma; and Media Relations Head Vikram Mittal, among others. The three

councillors who switched over to the BIP are Anita Basoya (Andrews Ganj), Nikhil Chaprana (Hari Nagar) and Dharamvir (RKPuram).

Modi, the country has been pro-Delhi's turn. The people of Delhi, who have given a majority mandate to the BIP, will soon begin to see the results once the new government is formed."

Referring to the BJP being in

power at the Centre, state as well as municipal level, Sachdeva said, "Delhi will soon witness the formation of a triple-engine government. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra gressing rapidly, and now it is

The last MCD polls were held in 2022, and the AAP won 134 of 250 wards. The party, however, was never in full control of the House, having fought a longdrawn court battle to not allow



Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva with the AAP leaders on Saturday. Gajendra Yadav

the aldermen appointed by the Lt Governor to vote in internal polls.

The court ruled in favour of the AAP. But the party saw councillors quitting to join the BJP and it could not get a majority in the Standing Committee, the most crucial body

in the MCD responsible for all financial decision-making.

At present, both AAP and BIP have 115 seats in the MCD after several defections over the last two years. Anti-defection laws are not applicable in municipal

corporations. This has led to regular defections, leading to a significantly altered composition of the House since the 2022 polls.

Before the Assembly election result, the BJP's numbers had climbed to 120, while AAP's tally

With many sitting councillors winning the Assembly polls, these numbers were further impacted. The AAP lost three of its councillors who won the Assembly polls — Punardeep Singh Sawhney (Chandni Chowk), Prem Chauhan (Deoli), and Aaley Iqbal (Matia Mahal).

had dropped to 121.

Eight councillors from the BJP also won in Assembly polls – Ravinder Singh (Patparganj), Shikha Roy (Greater Kailash), Chandan Chaudhary (Sangam Vihar), Gajendra Daral (Mundka), Neelam Pahalwan (Najafgarh), Poonam Sharma (Wazirpur), Umang Bajaj (Rajendra Nagar), and Rekha Gupta (Shalimar Bagh). One alderman, Rajkumar Bhatia, won the Adarsh Nagar seat.

Apart from the councillors, 14 MLAs (nominated from par-

of Delhi for the Sheesh Mahal

and the liquor policy scandals,"

Hitting back, the AAP asked

the BJP to "abandon its negative politics" and focus on fulfilling

promises made to the people of

Delhi. AAP's chief spokesperson,

Priyanka Kakkar, sought to re-

mind the party "of its many prom-

ises", particularly its commitment

to providing Rs 2,500 to every

woman in Delhi by March 8. "The

BIP must focus on delivering this

BIP "barred media from inspect-

ing the CM residence if there

were alleged rule violations". She

also challenged the BJP to reveal

whether claims of a golden toi-

let, swimming pool, and mini bar

at the AAP national convenor's

residence were facts or just "po-

media restrictions at 6, Flagstaff

Road, Kakkar said: "If there was

any rule violation, why didn't BJP

allow the media inside? Because

the truth would have been ex-

posed – there is no golden toilet,

no swimming pool, and no mini

bar. That's why the media was

probe, pointing to "extravagant

expenditure on PM Modi's Raj

Mahal" during Covid-19 pan-

demic. "The public's Rs 2,750 crore

was spent on this mansion. Who

approved Rs 300 crore for carpets,

Rs 200 crore for chandeliers, and

Rs 150 crore for a throne? Who

sanctioned the tunnel inside this

palace? They must acknowledge

all this and conduct an impartial

investigation," she said.

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ties in proportion to their representation in the Delhi Assembly), seven Lok Sabha MPs (all of whom are BJP leaders at present) and three Rajya Sabha MPs (at the moment, all of them are from AAP) are going to be a part of the mayoral electorate.

In the previous mayoral elections, the BJP had only one nominated MLA. However, the party's strength in the Delhi Assembly has now surged to 48. The AAP's strength, on the other hand, has reduced to 22 in the 70-member Assembly.

Following the defections on Saturday, the BJP is poised to win the upcoming mayoral polls. The Delhi Municipal Corporation Act states that a new mayor is to be elected every April. AAP just scraped through in the last mayoral elections, winning by a margin of just three votes.

E-rickshaw driver & six women beggars, behind heist at Sadar Bazar, say police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 15

A SEEMINGLY ordinary e-rickshaw driver and a group of women beggars turned out to be the masterminds behind a daring night-time burglary in North Delhi's bustling Sadar Bazar on February 8. The gang had carefully planned the heist, making off with

Rs 10 lakh in cash. However, two days after the robbery, three of the accused – the driver and two women - were arrested on February 10. The police identified them as Jorawar (40), Indra (62), and Tara (65). Four oth-

ers remain on the run. On February 8, the Sadar Bazar police station was informed about a burglary at a shop. When the police team arrived at the spot Bhupender Singh (62) reported that his shop had been broken into and Rs 10 lakh stolen. From the crime scene, the team seized a chisel-like iron rod, which had

been used to break in, said police.

Additional DCP (North) Sudhanshu Verma said, "After analysing footage from over 150 CCTV cameras... (we saw) six women in an e-rickshaw, driven by a man, leaving the scene of crime. Analysis of the e-rickshaw driver's cellphone number led Jorawar's identification... A search resulted in the recovery of the erickshaw from a charging station in Uttam Nagar. The charging station owner said Jorawar took the e-rickshaw at 3.30 am and returned it for charging at 7.30 am

on the day of the burglary." On February 10, Jorawar was arrested from Uttam Nagar and Rs 1.04 lakh of the stolen money recovered from his possession, along with the e-rickshaw, said police. Jorawar allegedly admitted that he had committed the crime with the help of six women Moushmi, Tara, Indra, Chanda, Jeti, and Pinki. After stealing the cash. they divided the money among themselves, with some of the

Following this, raids were conducted at various locations, leading to the arrest of Indra and Tara the same day. The police recovered Rs 2.33 lakh of the stolen cash from their possession.

women fleeing to Rajasthan.

POST THE STAMPEDE

Security personnel keep watch after a stampede at New Delhi railway station on Saturday night. Gajendra Yadav

Parents & students anxious as schools delay distribution of CBSE admit cards

SOPHIYA MATHEW

NEW DELHI. FEBRUARY 15

"IT WAS traumatic. Whenever I went to the school, my daughter kept calling me to ask if the admit card was issued. As parents, we felt guilty... to not be able to console our children. It took so much courage to tell my daughter not to worry. But it was the first major exam of her life," said Punit Davey, parent of a Class 10 student in Apeejay School, Panchsheel Park. In the run-up to the Central

Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) exams for Class 10 and Class 12, which began Saturday, anxiety among students was not just limited to the preparation. Students from private schools in Delhi kept waiting for their admit cards till the eleventh hour amid an ongoing fee hike dispute until the authorities intervened.

Even as the matter is sub judice, Delhi Public School, Dwarka, was among the schools that had refused to issue admit cards to students whose parents had dis-

puted last year's fee hikes. As panic prevailed among parents and students, the Education Department and the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) stepped in to resolve the issue.



Class 10 students leave a centre after appearing for their first examination in New Delhi on Saturday. Gajendra Yadav

While DPS Dwarka released the admit cards on February 10, two schools in South Delhi — Apeejay School, Saket, and Apeejay School, Panchsheel Park — distributed the admit cards on Friday evening, just hours ahead of the first exam.

On Tuesday, the Education Department had passed an order against The Srijan School in Model Town. On Thursday, the CWC issued an order directing the principal of Apeejay School, Saket, to "issue admit cards with immediate effect and settle fee issues afterwards." It also asked for a report from the school, seeking an explanation. It also directed the Education Department to look into the matter on a priority basis.

Parents of students in Apeejay School, Saket, claimed that the admit cards were withheld until an undertaking of outstanding arrears was signed.

The Deputy Director of Education, South, reached the school to ensure the admit cards were released on Friday, they said. Later, the school principal communicated to parents, "You are requested to collect the admit card of your ward...You have been approached time and again for the

same via call from the school." At Apeejay School, Panchsheel Park, Davey claimed that even as the Education Department issued the order in this regard on Thursday morning, there was a day-long delay in compliance. 'Justice For All', a city-based lawyers group, also wrote to the Prime Minister's Office on Friday, highlighting concerns raised by several parents on the non-issuance of admit cards.

The dispute over fee hikes has been going on in the Capital for several years with parents alleging that private schools are increasing the fee without approval from the Education Department, and harassing students whose parents dispute the surge.

"The education machinery has completely broken down. It is the Directorate of Education's responsibility to ensure our children's future is not sacrificed," said Divya Mattey, a parent of a Class 10 student in DPS Dwarka.

The DoE had passed an order in May 2024, rejecting the school's fee hike proposal. However, parents allege the order has not been

implemented. The school authorities, however, claim the hikes are necessary to meet the rising costs. "The matter is sub judice... While withholding admit cards is not considered the best practice, the school's perspective may differ given the disputed fees span an entire year," said DPS Chairperson BKChaturvedi.

Strict probe into Sheesh Mahal, panic button installation and liquor policy scandals, says BJP

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THE BJP and the AAP traded barbs on Saturday over the issue of modifications made at former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's official residence at 6, Flagstaff Road, which he occupied during his tenure as the CM.

After the Central Vigilance Commission asked for a probe in the matter, Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said Delhiites were "shocked" to see AAP leaders "still defending the corruption involved in the construction of Sheesh Mahal", a name given to the Civil Lines bungalow by BJP.

The AAP, meanwhile, questioned BJP over the alleged expenditure of over Rs 2,700 crore on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Raj Mahal', his official residence.

"The Sheesh Mahal scam was itself the cause of Arvind Kejriwal's defeat... it further distanced the AAP — which had already lost public trust due to multiple scams like the liquor policy, panic button installation (in buses and taxis), and (budget increased for) school room construction from every section of society, from slum dwellers to the elite,' Sachdeva said.

He sought to assert that the new BIP government would conduct "a strict police investigation into scandals like Sheesh Mahal, liquor policy, and panic button installation", adding that senior legal experts would be appointed for the same.

"If AAP leaders have even a shred of morality left, they should apologise to the people



The official bungalow of Delhi CM at Civil Lines in New **Delhi.** File

Exhibition of artist SH Raza's last works explores 'a new freedom, continuity'

VANDANA KALRA

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 15

UNTILMONTHS before he passed away in July 2016 at the age of 94, artist SH Raza would immerse himself for hours in painting his canvases. "What he never forgot was to paint and what he never thought of was death... he never expressed the feeling that these were his last works," recalls Ashok Vajpeyi, managing trustee of The

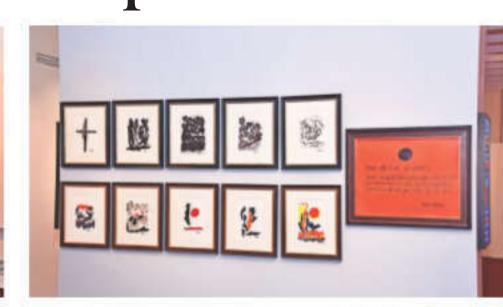
Raza Foundation. Almost nine years later, the foundation is now exhibiting a selection of the veteran modernist's last works in an exhibition titled Antima at Shridharani Art Gallery, Triveni Kala Sangam. "The works explore a new freedom and continuity," adds Vajpeyi. While an unfinished canvas featuring Raza's

signature bindu (dot) in black rests on an easel alongside his palette of colours, occupying a central wall is the last painting completed by him - 2016 Swasti — with vibrant hues and geometric patterns, a testament to his mastery as a colourist.

One of India's most prominent artists, who was also a founding member of the formidable Progressive Artists' Group — established in 1947 with the endeavour to discover a modern idiom for Indian art — Raza was only 28 when he left India for Paris in 1950, to study at the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris on a scholarship by the French government.

Frequenting museums and galleries to study the works of the Western masters and acquainting himself with local artists in the French capital, the Babaria-born





The exhibition will run till February 23 at Triveni Kala Sangam. Photo courtesy: The Raza Foundation

artist continued to stay in the European country for nearly 60 years, marrying French artist Janine Mongillat. Never surrendering his Indian citizenship, he often visited India, including his

hometown in Madhya Pradesh. In 2010, he finally returned to the country, making Delhi his home. Awarded Padma Vibhushan in

2013, he was also conferred Commandeur de la Legion d'hon-

nour, in 2015. The year 2025 also marks 25 years of The Raza Foundation, a Delhi-based nonprofit established by Raza "devoted to arts, culture and ideas".

neur, France's highest civilian ho-

While most works on display belong to the period spanning 2010-2016, two were brought by Raza from Paris, including the 2008 Paysage, where fluid brushstrokes come together in an ex-

If in the 2012 Germination, a more open center yields to a denser outer, in the 2014 Tree, the dark shadow stands against the black sun — reminiscent of the motif that appeared in his works from the late '60s, and that marked the birth of his trademark bindu, described by him as the source of energy and life. He attributed its origins to the dot that his teacher in Mandla drew on a blackboard to contain his restlessness in primary school. "Since I first began painting the bindu (more than 50 years ago) it has transformed. Like people do Ram jap, I do the same with the bindu, going deeper into the subject," said Raza in an interview to The *Indian Express* in 2015.

pressive composition.

Featuring more than 60 works, the exhibition which is on

till February 23, also comprises canvases in black-and-white and his acrylics on paper. This includes more minimalistic depictions as well paintings with text, including one where words from 16thcentury poet-saint Goswami Tulsidas's Vinaya Patrika are accompanied by the bindu. Analysing the works painted

between 2010-2016, Vajpevi notes: 'There are two-three things that are happening. One is that he is anthologising what he had done before, putting it together in new combinations. Second, there are a large number of paintings where he is no longer adhering to his geometrical approach... There is an element of some kind of liberation from his own conventions He seems to be enjoying the freedom, allowing the form to emerge by itself."





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Bhagwat's 10-day West Bengal visit before 2026 polls: Grassroots push to meeting R G Kar victim's parents

RAVIK BHATTACHARYA & ATRIMITRA

KOLKATA, FEBRUARY 15

RSS CHIEF Mohan Bhagwat's 10day visit to West Bengal is going to culminate with a rally on Sunday, when he will address a gathering of swayamsevaks and others at an auditorium of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) in Purba Bardhaman district in the

Bhagwat's stay in Bengal was marked with a range of crucial engagements — from closed-door meetings with the RSS' regional functionaries that decided to focus on strengthening the organisation at the grassroots level, to inaugurating a new Sangh office, to meeting the parents of R G Kar rape-murder victim.

After the Purba Bardhaman district administration initially denied permission for RSS rally, citing the ongoing West Bengal Board of Secondary Education exams, the RSS had approached the Calcutta HC, which overturned on Friday the administration's denial. "Since it is Sunday and only an

hour-and-15-minute

are a border state and the admingramme, the Calcutta High Court does not think anyone will have difficulty in that sense," Justice Amrita Sinha observed.

Criticising the TMC-led Bengal government, general secretary of RSS's state unit Jishnu Basu said, "Why should we have to knock on the court's door to organise a meeting where (Bhagwat) will speak? Day by day, the administration in Bengal is weakening. It is under political pressure. It is creating unnecessary roadblocks for an organisation like us. We (Bengal)

istration should look into law and order and the growing tension in bordering areas."

RSS sarsanghchalak Mohan Bhagwat in Bardhaman, Saturday. He will address a rally Sunday

Although the Sangh functionaries called Bhagwat's visit "routine", it holds significance given the turmoil in Bangladesh and rising tensions along the border as the RSS looks to expand its presence in the state. Bengal is due for the Assembly elections in March-April 2026.

"In this centenary year (of the RSS), we are propagating five points including environment protection, samajik samarshata (abolition of caste system), stress on sha bhasha, sha utpadan sha sanskriti (own language, production and culture), parivar prabadhan (re-establishing traditional Hindu family), and nagarik kartavya (civic sense). He (Bhagwat) is here to propagate these issues

"It has been decided that the organisation will be consolidated at the gram panchayat level in rural areas and ward level in urban

in Bengal," Basu said.

areas. The gram panchayats will be the base of our social activities. We will work for the next few vears in this direction. We will try to unify the Sangh and society," Biplab Roy, the RSS publicity incharge in Bengal, told The Indian

After former Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina was ousted from power last August, the arrest of a Hindu monk followed by alleged attacks on minorities in that country led to protests and marches in Bengal led by the RSS and its affiliates.

Last October, while referring to Hindus in Bangladesh during his annual Vijayadashami speech at the RSS headquarters in Nagpur, Bhagwat said, "Being unorganised and weak is like inviting atrocities by the wicked. Hindus need to be

On February 8, Bhagwat had met the parents of the junior doctor who was raped and murdered in R G Kar Medical College in Kolkata last August.

Later, while speaking to the media, the victim's father said, "Mohan Bhagwat said he is with us in our fight for justice. We gave him a letter detailing the incident

and our standpoint. He said he will do everything to ensure we get justice. He even invited us to have lunch with him."

Last October, Bhagwat had attacked the TMC government over the RG Kar outrage, alleging that attempts were made to protect criminals in the case.

During his 10-day trip, Bhagwat held closed-door meetings with Sangh functionaries from the state's three prants (regions) - Uttar, Dakshin and Madhya. He also met senior kshetra(state-level)functionaries from Bengal, Bihar, Sikkim, and Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

On Friday, Bhagwat inaugurated a new Madhya Prant office at Ullash in Bardhaman town. On Saturday, he visited a shakha in Purba Bardhaman district.

After arriving in Kolkata on February 6 night, Bhagwat stayed at Keshav Bhawan, the Sangh's regional headquarters in the city, from February 7 to 10 to meet the RSS workers. On February 11-12, Bhagwat held a meeting of eight top Sangh functionaries, including its national general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale, at Akhil Bharatiya Toli Baithak in Kolkata.

In an apparent reference to

BJP ideologue Syama Prasad

Mookerjee, he said a great son of

the soil once voiced the demand

for 'Ek Desh Mein Ek Nishan, Ek

Vidhan, Ek Pradhan' and that

dream has been accomplished af-

ter the abrogation of Article 370.

order, we now witness real order

tions found wings when the

constitutional walls of separa-

tion crumbled in 2019 with the

historic abrogation of Article

370," he said. B R Ambedkar

drafted all articles except Article

370, he said. "I would urge you to

go into the historical perspective

to know the background as to

why he declined," he said,

and stability," Dhankhar said.

"Where there was once dis-

"The aspirations of genera-

KARNATAKA

Goa ex-MLA dies shortly after 'assault', auto driver held

SANATH PRASAD& **PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA** BENGALURU, PANAJI, FEB 15

FORMER GOA MLA Lavoo Suryaji Mamledar, who represented the Ponda constituency from 2012 to 2017, died shortly after a physical altercation with an autorickshaw driver in Karnataka's Belagavi on Saturday afternoon.

According to police, the 69year-old was travelling to Belagavi and had booked a suite in a hotel in Khade Bazar. As his car navigated a narrow curve, it allegedly brushed against an autorickshaw, leading to an argument between Mamledar and the auto driver.

The driver allegedly demanded compensation for damage, which Mamledar refused before proceeding towards his hotel, police said.

However, the autorickshaw driver followed him to the hotel and according to eyewitnesses, the auto driver allegedly slapped Mamledar in the hotel's parking area. As Mamledar attempted to climb the stairs to reach his suite. he collapsed in front of the reception counter. He was rushed to the emergency of the government civil hospital, where doctors declared him dead.

Belagavi DCP City Rohan Jagadeesh said that Mamledar was fatally attacked by the autorickshaw driver, identified as Shakeel Sanadi. Jagadish confirmed that the driver has been taken into custody, and an investigation is underway. Authorities are also probing the exact cause of death and whether he had un-

derlying health conditions. Sanadi was taken to the crime scene for a spot verification by the Market Police, who are investigating the case.

Mamledar's daughter, Akshata Mamledar, an advocate in Goa, arrived in Belagavi on Saturday. She visited the Market Police Station and formally lodged a complaint in connec-



MLA Lavoo Mamledar tion with her father's death.

Goa CM Pramod Sawant said the state is coordinating with the local authorities in Belagavi to ensure a thorough investigation into the incident. In a post on X, Sawant said, "Deeply anguished by the untimely and tragic passing of Former MLA Shri Lavoo Mamledar in Belagavi today. His dedicated service to the state, both as an officer of the Goa Police and later as a legislator, will always be remembered with gratitude."

Mamledar joined Goa police as a sub inspector in 1981 and opted for a voluntary retirement as a deputy SP in 2007. In 2019, Mamledar had filed a police complaint alleging an attempt on his life. He had claimed a car tried to hit him when he was out for a morning walk in Porvorim.

In his condolence message Goa DGP Alok Kumar said, "My heartfelt condolences go out to his family colleagues and loved ones The entire police force mourns the loss of our beloved colleague, who will always be remembered for his unwavering commitment bravery and selflessness."

Mamledar was elected from South Goa's Ponda constituency on a Maharashtrawad Gomantak Party (MGP) ticket in 2012. In 2017 Assembly polls, he contested from Ponda again on an MGP ticket but lost. A strong critic of MGP president Deepak Dhavalikar and his brother and incumbent Marcaim MLA Sudin Dhavalikar, Mamledar was later expelled for anti-party activities. In 2021, he joined the TMC but quit three months later. In January 2022, ahead of Assembly polls in the state, he

joined Congress. He contested

from Marcaim in 2022 but lost.

staffers; give them a chance to prove their innocence, says CM

Since 2021, there have been 79 such terminations

ARUN SHARMA JAMMU, FEBRUARY 15

A POLICE constable, a school teacher and a forest department employee are three government employees whose services Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha terminated Saturday citing alleged terror links.

Apart from police constable Firdous Ahmad Bhat, the others whose services were terminated are Mohammad Ashraf Bhat, the teacher, and Nissar Ahmad Khan, an orderly with the state forest department.

Bhat was arrested on terror charges last May and is currently lodged in Kot Bhalwal jail. Nissar Ahmad Khan, who was previously arrested and acquitted for the 2000 killing of a then National Conference minister, has been in jail since 2022 on terror funding charges.

According to officials, the services of all three government employees were terminated after law enforcement and intelligence agencies "clearly established their terror links.

They were dismissed under Article 311(2)(c) of the Constitution, which empowers the President or Governor to dismiss a government employee without an inquiry if they are satisfied that it is in the interest of state security.

This brings the total number of such terminations to 79 since 2021, including five since the new Omar Abdullah government was voted to power last October.

Abdullah said a chance should be given to the sacked government employees "to prove their innocence."

He said that appropriate ac-



Jammu and Kashmir L-G Manoj Sinha

tion be taken "if there is proof against them and they have been given an opportunity to clear the allegations but failed."

According to officials, Bhat was engaged as a Special Police Officer in 2005 and became a police constable in 2011. He was eventually posted in

a sensitive position in the Electronic Surveillance Unit in the Jammu and Kashmir Police.

Security sources claim he allegedly worked for the LeT and shared "classified information". Nissar Ahmad Khan joined

the forest department in 1996 as a helper and was last posted as an orderly at the forest range office, Verinag, Anantnag. He was accused of having

links with the Hizbul Mujahideen in 2000, when Ghulam Hasan Bhat, power minister of the then state of J&K, as well as two policemen, were killed in a landmine blast.

Khan was arrested and chargesheeted for allegedly providing logistical support to the militants but was acquitted in Mohammad Ashraf Bhat, a

resident of Reasi, was appointed as Rehbar-e-Taleem teacher — a name given to teachers appointed on a temporary basis for five years — in 2000 but was regularised in June 2013.

Security sources claim he was an overground worker for the LeT.

J&K L-G sacks 3 more After historic abrogation of Art 370, J&K now confluence of confidence, capital: V-P confidence and capital," he said.

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA KATRA, FEBRUARY 15

A new journey began in J&K after the "historic" abrogation of Article 370 in 2019 and the region has now become a confluence of confidence and capital, said Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar Saturday while highlighting that the aspirations of generations have found wings. Addressing a gathering during

the 10th convocation ceremony of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Dhankhar said, "Democracy has found its real voice, its real resonance. The region is no longer a story of conflict; every investment proposal in new Kashmir is not just about capital, it is about trust being restored, faith being rewarded. The change is not imperceptible; it is perceptible. Perception has changed, ground reality is changing, hopes of the people are soaring."

In just two years, Dhankhar

Social activist key

Sammelans joins

New Delhi: Delhi-based social ac-

tivist Dr Anil "Jaihind" on

Saturday joined Congress in pres-

Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha

fighter, has for the last year-and-

After joining, Dr Anil said he

was excited to work as part of the

party and help its "vision of social

justice reach the masses". "It

(Congress) is the only progressive

party in the country, which talks

about social justice," he said. Dr

Anil, who has an MBBS degree,

was earlier associated with Bihar

leader Sharad Yadav's Loktantrik

Ianata Dal until it was merged

Rahul Gandhi in New Delhi.

the advisors to Gandhi.

to Samvidhan

Congress



Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah in Reasi district on Saturday. PTI

said I&K received investment proposals worth ₹65,000 crore, signalling strong economic interest in the region. "For the first

time since 2019, FDI has entered J&K with multiple international companies showing interest. The region is a confluence of

adding that another towering giant of Indian political firmament, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, took upon himself the task of integrating physical states except the state of J&K.

Rift in Maharashtra Congress over 'little known face' at helm, Chavan 'surprised' the younger lot of leaders should skill to keep the party network

MANOJ MORE PUNE, FEBRUARY 15

ence of party president and APPOINTMENT THE Leader of Opposition in Rajya Harshwardhan Sapkal — a "little Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge and known" leader in Maharashtra politics — as president of the Maharashtra PCC does not seem to have gone down well with sev-Dr Anil, 68, son of a freedom eral Congress leaders, especially a-half been helping in organising at a time when the party is going "Samvidhan Sammelans" where through its most challenging Gandhi speaks to intellectuals phase following its drubbing in and activists. He has been among

Assembly elections. Senior Congress leaders like former CM Prithviraj Chavan, Satej Patil and Vishwajeet Kadam have found it difficult to accept the point that the Congress high command could not zero in on aggressive leader who could revive and revitalise the party's rank and file, party sources said.

Sapkal, a former MLA from Buldhana from 2014 to 2019, has not made his presence felt on Maharashtra's political terrain



Harshwardhan Sapkal is new Maharashtra Cong unit chief

where Congress has been struggling to keep its flock together. "In the last five years no one heard a word from Sapkal. When the party was in power for two and half years as part of MVA, Sapkal was nowhere to be seen. And when MVA was brought down by BJP, Sapkal did not rush forward to keep the party's morale high," said a Congress leader.

Sapkal has replaced Nana Patole whose fraught relations with the Shiv Sena (UBT) and the Sharad Pawar-led NCP had dented Congress's image in the state.

Speaking to The Indian Express, Chavan said though he was approached by the Congress leadership to lead the party, but he felt

take the charge. "I was surprised when Sapkal's name was announced as MPCC chief. Because his name was not even in discussion. I thought Kolhapur's Satej Patil would lead the party in Maharashtra... We had suggested his name to the party leadership. It's likely Satej Patil had refused." Chavan said Sapkal will have

his job cut out. "In MVA, he will have to deal with leaders like Uddhav Thackeray and Sharad Pawar." he said. "If established leaders had re-

fused to accept the role or have been defeated, then the party had little choice. The chapter is closed for us. We will now see how he works," Chavan added. Though his close associates

said he was "upset", Satej Patil denied he was miffed over not being appointed the MPCC chief. "The party has made the right decision. Sapkal is an organisational man. He has the necessary

together and running. We are no more a cadre-based party. This man has the ability to train cadres and prepare them... He has worked as an MLA and zila parishad president. He is approachable and accessible to all." "Everyone is asking me why

I did not take up the post. Actually, four years is too long for me. If it was for two years, I would have taken it up," he said.

Praising BJP's Chandrakant Patil, Satej Patil said, "When Chandrakant Patil was BJP president, he devoted his time and energy to build the party and was always available to party leaders and workers... He kept the party united... Sometimes low profile leaders also achieve great heights. And therefore we are hoping Sapkal will help turn around the party's fortunes." Vishwajeet Kadam, Congress's Sangli MLA, said, "I am not upset... I was not in race for MPCC president's post."

Amir of Qatar to visit India on Feb 17, hold talks with PM: MEA

New Delhi: Amir of Oatar Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani will pay a state visit to India on February 17-18, during which he will hold talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, covering various aspects of the bilateral relations, the MEA said on Saturday.

His visit will provide "further momentum to our growing multifaceted partnership," it said.

He will be accompanied by a high-level delegation, including ministers, senior officials and a business delegation, the MEA said in a statement.

"At the invitation of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Amir of the State of Qatar, His Highness Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani will pay a state visit to India on 17-18 February 2025," it said. This would be the second state visit of the Amir of Qatar to India. He earlier visited India in March 2015, the statement said.

Cong sees red over Tharoor praise for Vijayan govt, sharpens attack on LDF

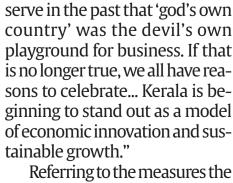
CPI(M) dispensation goes all out to showcase Tharoor's statement

SHAJU PHILIP

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, FEB 15 SENIOR CONGRESS MP Shashi

Tharoor's statement hailing the CPI(M)-led LDF government in Kerala for "its initiatives in economic innovation and sustainable growth" has left his party red-faced.

In an an opinion piece titled "Changing Kerala: Lumbering jumbo to a lithe tiger", which was published in *The New Indian* Express on Friday, Tharoor wrote:



"I had been constrained to ob-

Referring to the measures the Pinarayi Vijayan-led LDF government has taken to attract investment and promote business and start-ups, Tharoor spoke of a "transformation". "That this (economic) transformation has be-

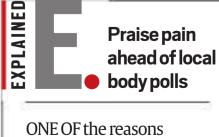


with RJD in 2022.

Shashi Tharoor has praised the LDF govt in the past too

gun to occur under a Communist-led LDF government seems astonishing, but it is not entirely surprising," he stated.

The praise from the Congress's Thiruvananthapuram MP has given an opportunity to the CPI(M) to again project its Kerala development narrative and counter the Congress's frequent allegations that development has come to a standstill un-



Shashi Tharoor's praise for the Pinarayi Vijayan government caught Congress on the backfoot was the timing. The Congress-led UDF is gearing up to launch a massive agitation against the LDF in the run-up to the local body polls scheduled this year. Assembly polls are also due next year.

der the LDF regime.

On Saturday, the CPI(M) daily Deshabhimani prominently featured the Malayalam version of Tharoor's article. The party's social media handles have also gone all out to showcase the Congress leader's piece.

Stung by Tharoor's statement, the state Congress has sought to distance itself from his stand. Senior Congress legislator

and Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly, V D Satheesan, doubled down on the party's criticism alleging that Kerala had been in an economic rut under the Vijayan government. "Kerala is not an investor-

friendly state. I don't know on what basis and under which cir-

cumstances Tharoor has written the article (praising the investment scenario in Kerala under the LDF regime). At present, Kerala is not a state with an excellent business environment," Satheeshan said.

He also said, "A lot of things have to improve (in Kerala)... Party will examine Tharoor's stand."

Another senior Congress leader and former state party president K Muraleedharan, who had earlier stood by Tharoor on various party matters, also did not back the stand of the diplomat-turned-politician this time round. "People of Kerala know about the anti-people policies of the government," he claimed.

Muraleedharan also said: "Tharoor was a global citizen and he is a Congress Working Committee member. Ordinary workers like me cannot evaluate him. I am an ordinary worker

who obeys party directions." Tharoor's praise for the Vijayan government has come at a time when the Congress-led UDF is gearing up to launch a massive agitation against the LDF in the run-up to the local body polls scheduled this year. Kerala is also heading to the Assembly elections next year. There had been several in-

stances in the past when Tharoor praised the LDF government on various issues, which caused embarrassment to the state Congress.

In 2021, when the Congress

was against the Vijayan government's proposed semi-high speed rail corridor in the state, Tharoor did not align with the party's position. He was then the only Congress MP from the state who had not signed a petition to the Union government against the project.

Then too, Tharoor had praised Vijayan's push for development. "Our CM is trying to change the perspective about Kerala and I feel that it's a good thing," he had said.

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Not all disputes suited for courts; mediation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 15

CHIEF JUSTICE of India (CJI) Sanjiv Khanna said on Saturday that not all disputes are suited for courtroom litigation, and mediation is a "mode of redressal that opens doors to creative solutions" beyond "simple yes or no answers".

CJI Khanna was speaking as the chief guest at the third convocation ceremony of the Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU) in Nagpur.

Emphasising the importance of mediation, CJI Khanna said it "not only resolves conflicts efficiently but also strengthens relationships between people and businesses".

He urged the graduating students to "think beyond the convention" and broaden their horizons "to make justice delivery more cost-effective and timebound".

Just as the problems themselves cannot be fit into boxes, neither can their solutions, the CJI added, highlighting the need to find flexible solutions and ensure that "the road to justice cannot itself become a hurdle to achieve it". He also said that each client's unique circumstance demands a "tailored solution".

"You will be faced not just with a legal issue, but a human story a business dream threatened by



Khanna

CJI Justice Sanjiv

regulatory hurdles, a family grappling with property disputes, or a community or individuals fighting for their fundamental rights. This is where the true art of legal practice lies — in the ability to come up with creative solutions that address both the legal and human dimensions of the problem," CJI Khanna said. He also said that the Indian legal aid structure "is perhaps the most robust in the world, where assistance is extended to all stakeholders — the accused, the victim, and even the families of both the accused and the victims".

"India's legal aid cover includes 80 per cent of our population, and a young workforce can help bring the objectives of the National Legal Aid Services Authority (NALSA)'s schemes to fruition. The combination of our robust legal aid framework with the energy of our young lawyers has the potential to make India a world leader in accessibility," CJI Khanna said.

He appealed to the new law graduates to use their education for "social change and good" amidst contemporary challenges such as climate change.



OMKAR GOKHALE MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 15

THE LEGISLATURE and judiciary should "seriously introspect" whether there should be capital punishment in our criminal justice system after 75 years of the Constitution and if it proved to be a deterrent, said Supreme Court judge Justice Abhay S Oka in Mumbai on Saturday.

His observation comes in the backdrop of a recent report of Project 39A, a criminal justice programme at National Law University, Delhi, which states that the SC did not confirm a single death sentence in 2024 and 2023, while trial courts awarded 139 such verdicts. Justice Oka said there is a

need to analyse how far our courts have protected the fundamental rights of fair trial and safeguards against arrest under the Constitution. He was delivering the third Ashok H Desai Memorial annual lecture on the topic "What ails our criminal justice system: Some thoughts", organised by the Bombay Bar Association at Y B Chavan Auditorium.

Iustice Oka, who became a



Justice Abhay S Oka in Mumbai on Saturday. Express

Bombay HC judge in 2003 and is presently a member of the SC Collegium, said that "easy" measure of increasing strength of judges across courts was not being undertaken in a proper manner, but that alone would not solve the problem.

Corresponding infrastructure for courts was also essential, he said. Unlike Karnataka where he served as Chief Justice, he said the judiciary in Maharashtra struggles to get sufficient infrastructure for district and other trial courts, and several constructions for district courts took place only after orders of the Bombay HC.

"Of course, to some extent I see there is a change for the good... It is a very sad story that we lack basic infrastructure. In Karnataka, the situation is exactly

the reverse. Whatever the court wants, the government gives and, therefore, if you go to some of the courts in Karnataka, you will find far better judicial infrastructure," he said.

Justice Oka emphasised that the well-settled principle of "bail is the rule and jail is an exception" should be "strictly implemented", even for cases under special laws such as PMLA and UAPA with some modification. He raised concerns over the pendency of over 5,000 bail applications in the Bombay HC, inadequate public prosecutors and 80 per cent of prisoners in jail across Maharashtra being undertrials. He said that in many cases, trial

courts impose death penalty and HCs or the SC have to let off the accused not only on benefit of doubt but also due to lack of legal evidence. "Even today, when a 'rarest of rare case' comes before me, it will be my duty to impose capital punishment. Not as a judge, but as a student of law, I feel that we (judiciary) and the legislature must seriously introspect on one thing, whether in our system, there should be capital punishment. The reason is that our justice system is not foolproof...," the judge said.

Government focusing on ensuring cancer care across country: Nadda

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 15

THE GOVERNMENT is focusing on ensuring care to cancer patients across the country, Union Health Minister J P Nadda said Saturday. He was addressing an oncology conclave, organised by National Cancer Institute, AIIMS, Ihajjar.

The treatment of cancer patients is being done through 219 packages under Avushman

Bharat insurance scheme, and AMRIT pharmacies are providing 289 oncology drugs at up to 50% of the market prices.

He said the government spent ₹3,000 crore to set up 19 state cancer institutes and 20 tertiary care cancer centres. The minister reiterated the budget announcement of setting up 200 cancer day care centres at district hospitals.

"Cancer is a daunting diagnosis that brings fear—not just of the illness, but of the future, of livelihood, and the inevitable economic and emotional strain. said Nadda. He cited a study recently published in Lancet that said Avushman Bharat scheme may have led to an increase in the number of people initiating cancer treatment on time.

Nadda visited the new Nuclear **Medicine Targeted Treatment** Ward and Bone Marrow Transplant Unit at the Jhajjar campus, which will provide treatment for thyroid and blood cancers.



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POSTAL BALLOT NOTICE AND REMOTE E-VOTING INFORMATION

NOTICE is hereby given that The Tata Power Company Limited ('the Company') is seeking

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The Postal Ballot Notice ('Notice') is available on the website of the Company a https://www.tatapower.com/investor-resource-center/general-meetings/postal-ballot_and_on the website of National Securities Depositories Limited ('NSDL') at www.evoting.nsdl.com. Additionally, the Notice will also be available and may be accessed from the relevant section of the websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com, respectively.

Pursuant to Section 110 read with Section 108 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013, ('Act') (including any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force), read with Rules 20 and 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, ('Rules'), Regulation 44 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ('Listing Regulations'), Secretarial Standard on General Meetings issued by The Institute of Company Secretaries of India ('SS-2'), each as amended, and in accordance with the requirements prescribed by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ('MCA') for holding general meetings/conducting postal ballot process through e-voting Circular no. 09/2024 dated September 19, 2024, read with other relevant circulars issued in the regard, the Company is providing remote e-voting facility to all its Members to enable them to cast their votes electronically on all the resolutions set forth in the Notice instead of submitting the physical Postal Ballot form. The Company has, on Saturday, February 15, 2025, completed dispatch of the Notice dated February 4, 2025 seeking approval of the Members of the Company by e-mail only to the Members whose names appear in the Register of Members/List of Beneficial Owners as received from NSDL, Central Depository Services (India) Limited ("CDSL") and MUFG Intime India Private Limited (formerly known as Link Intime India Private Limited), the Company's Registrar and Transfer Agent ('RTA') and whose e-mail addresses are available with the Company as on Friday, January 31, 2025 ('Cut-off date'). The voting rights shall also be reckoned on the paid-up value of shares registered in the name(s) of the Members as on the Cut-off date. Accordingly, a physical copy of the Notice along with Postal Ballot form and prepaid business reply envelope, have not been sent to the Members for this

The Company has engaged the services of NSDL for providing remote e-voting facilities to the Members, enabling them to cast their vote electronically and in a secure manner. The remote e-voting will commence on Sunday, February 16, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. (IST) and shall end on Monday, March 17, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. (IST). The remote e-voting facility will be disabled by NSDL immediately thereafter and will not be allowed beyond the said date and time. Members are requested to record their Assent (FOR) or Dissent (AGAINST) through the remote e-voting process not later than 5:00 p.m. (IST) on Monday, March 17, 2025. During this period, Members of the Company holding shares either in physical or electronic form as on the Cut-off date shall cast their vote electronically. The voting rights of the Members shall be in proportion to their share of the paid-up Equity Share capital of the Company as on the Cut-off date. Once the vote on the Resolution is cast by a Member, the Member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently

To facilitate Members to receive this Notice electronically, the Company has made special arrangement with the RTA, for registration of email addresses in terms of the MCA Circulars. Eligible Members who have not registered their email address with the Company may register the same with the RTA on or before 5:00 p.m. (IST) on Saturday, March 8, 2025, basis which NSDL will provide the Member with a copy of the Notice. The procedure to register email address with the RTA and the procedure of remote e-voting is provided in the 'Notes' section of the Notice.

The Board of Directors has appointed Mr. P. N. Parikh (Membership No. FCS 327, CP No. 1228) or failing him, Ms. Jigyasa N. Ved (Membership No. FCS 6488, CP No. 6018) or failing her, Mr. Mitesh Dhabliwala (Membership No. FCS 8331, CP No. 9511) of M/s. Parikh & Associates, Practising Company Secretaries, as the Scrutinizer to scrutinize the postal ballot process in a fair and transparent manner.

The Results of the e-voting conducted through Postal Ballot (through the remote e-voting process) along with the Scrutinizer's Report will be announced on or before Wednesday, March 19, 2025. The same will be displayed on the website of the Company www.tatapower.com, the website of NSDL: www.evoting.nsdl.com and shall also be communicated to BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited, where the Company's Equity Shares are listed. The Results shall also be displayed on the notice board at the Registered Office of the Company

In case of any queries, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions ('FAQs') for Shareholders and e-voting user manual for Shareholders available at the download section of www.evoting.nsdl.com or call on.: 022 - 4886 7000 and 022 - 2499 7000 or send a request to Ms. Pallavi Mhatre, Senior Manager - NSDL or Mr. Amit Vishal, Deputy Vice-President - NSDL at evoting@nsdl.co.in.

Members are requested to carefully read all the notes set out in the Notice and in particular, the manner of casing vote through remote e-voting.

Date: February 15, 2025

Place: Mumbai

By order of the Board of Directors For The Tata Power Company Limited

Vispi S. Patel Company Secretary FCS No. 7021







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EXPRESS NETWORK

Key shift in India-Afghanistan trade since Taliban takeover in 2021: Exports slump, imports surge

Fig, asafoetida, apple & saffron major imports; trade gradually resuming with 'cautious optimism', say experts

HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI. FEBRUARY 15

INDIA'S TRADE equation with Afghanistan has witnessed a shift after the Taliban's return to power in August 2021, with imports touching a record \$642.29 million in 2023-24 and exports slumping to a 16-year low, creat-

ing an unusual trade deficit, re-

veals Ministry of Commerce data.

This shift gains significance as New Delhi has initiated its highest-level contact yet with the Taliban regime and the latter too has expressed interest in strengthening political and economic ties with India, calling it a "significant regional and economic power".

The recent talks between India's Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri and Taliban Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttagi reportedly focused on expanding trade and leveraging Iran's Chabahar port, which India has been developing to bypass Pakistan's Karachi and Gwadar

data, in 2020-21, before the

'Ridiculous':

raids on J&K

Mirwaiz slams

Taliban takeover, the value of exports to Afghanistan stood at \$825.78 million and imports at \$509.49 million. India's exports fell sharply to \$554.47 million in 2021-22, \$437.05 million in 2022-23 and \$355.45 million in 2023-24.

Conversely, imports from Afghanistan have seen a steady increase from \$509.49 million to \$510.93 million in 2021-22 and an all-time high of \$642.29 million in 2023-24; the only exception being 2022-23 when imports saw a drop of \$58.12 million to \$452.81 million.

Before this, the last time India saw a trade deficit (\$0.73 million) with Afghanistan was in 2000-01.

In 2023-24, the top items India imported from Afghanistan were mainly agricultural produce – figs, asafoetida, raisins, apples, garlic, saffron, fennel seeds, almonds, apricots, onions, pomegranates and walnuts.

Last year, India imported 29,123 tonnes of figs and almost the entire quantity came from Afghanistan. Similarly, Kabul According to government was the biggest source of asafoetida, raisins and garlic.

INDIA'S TRADE WITH AFGHANISTAN in \$million 1,000 825.78 554.47 452.81 642.29 400-437.05 529.84 355.45 2019-20 2020-21 2021-22 2022-23 2023-24

Apple imports

In the last two years, Afghanistan has also emerged as a major apple supplier to India, surpassing traditional suppliers like Italy and the US. In the last fiscal, it was the third-biggest supplier of apples to India. The only two countries ahead of it

Source: Ministry of Commerce

were Iran and Turkey. India's exports to Afghanistan include mainly medicines, vaccines, soybean meal, and gar-

In the first seven months (April-October) of the current financial year, India's trade deficit with Afghanistan has reached \$125.27 million, with New Delhi's exports valued at \$196.03 million and imports at \$321.30 million.

India's bilateral trade with Afghanistan rose to its all-time

Wagah border via Pakistan. Traders attribute the jump in imports of Afghan dry fruit to two factors — rising demand post-Covid and ease of trade after Taliban's takeover of Kabul.

Deepak Agrawal, Secretary, Nuts and Dry Fruits Council India (NDFCI), said: "Post-Covid, the dry fruit industry is growing at a rate of 15-20% annually. India imports a significant quantity of dry fruits, with no duty on those originating from Afghanistan. Contrary to perception, trade has actually become easier post-Taliban takeover."

Saffron over poppy

Senior diplomat and former recent years.

"Now, India has unfrozen visas for businessmen from Afghanistan; therefore, trade will increase, but it will be incremental first... Returning to the prior 2001 days will take a little time...," Prasad said.

objective was to encourage saffron cultivation so that people would leave poppy cultiva-

"India-Afghanistan trade re-

flects a blend of economic cooperation and strategic priorities, underlining India's focus on regional stability. Despite Afghanistan's political challenges and reliance on alternative routes like the Chabahar Port in Iran, trade continues, supported by India's investments in projects like the Salma Dam and Afghan Parliament. Initiatives like the 2017 air freight corridor and duty waivers on Afghan imports have eased trade and strengthened goodwill through humanitarian aid," said Ajay Srivastava, founder, Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI), a trade research body.

Srivastava said, "The Taliban's return to power in 2021 disrupted trade, creating security and logistical hurdles, but trade is gradually resuming with cautious optimism. India plans to deepen ties by expanding Chabahar's use, exploring new trade routes, and supporting Afghanistan's economic recovery through development and capacity building. These efforts are part of India's broader strategy to boost regional con-It was started during 2008-09 nectivity and counter China's influence in Central Asia."

the SCs and OBCs in the last 10-15

years. He said he had no hesitation

in admitting that the grand old

party has not been able to main-

tain the "confidence" the deprived

sections reposed in it under his

grandmother and former Prime

Rahul addressed Dalit influencers

and intellectuals, he said the party

will "have to bring in an internal

revolution". "The latest appoint-

ments in the Congress are in sync

with Rahul's roadmap for the

reshuffle after the LS polls, the

Congress had given 60 per cent

representation to the SC, ST, OBC

and minority communities. In

that exercise, 75 new secretaries

and joint secretaries were ap-

pointed. During a meeting with

the new appointees then, Rahul

had said the party "needs to un-

dergo a revamp to reflect its ide-

ology". A senior Congress leader

said: "The appointments have to

reflect its ideology. If the LoP is talk-

ing about representation and par-

ticipation of the oppressed groups,

we have to first ensure that within

the party, and that is being done in

the organisational reshuffle. If the

party has to change its image of be-

ing an upper caste party, it has to

reflect in its appointments and

functioning too." Rahul's speeches

in Parliament in recent months

have focused on the need for a

Last August, in the first AICC

party," said an AICC leader.

At the same gathering where

Minister Indira Gandhi.

about PM caste **NIKHILA HENRY** HYDERABAD, FEBRUARY 15 **TELANGANA CHIEF Minister** Revanth Reddy's comments on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's caste has sparked a row in the state, with the Bharatiya Janata

It's diversion

tactics: BJP on

Revanth remark

The Telengana CM said when Modi became CM, he included his caste

in the BC list

The chief minister, he claimed, was "attempting to take away the reservation of BCs to give to Muslims".

"The BJP is very strong in its stand. There will be no reservation for Muslims on the basis of religion. Revanth Reddy can forget his diversion tactics," he

The debate around Backward Classes has come days after Telangana tabled its caste survey in the Assembly. It also comes just ahead of local body polls in the state.

According to the survey, tabled by the Reddy government on February 4, 56.33 percent of the state's population are BCs. The government has also promised to introduce a Bill supporting 42 percent reservation for BCs in education, employment and local bodies in the upcoming session of the Assembly.

The Bill will, however, require support from the Centre given that the quota would mean breaching the Supreme Court's reservation ceiling of 50 percent.

high of \$1.5 billion in 2019-20, just before the Covid-19 outbreak. In

Ambassador Jayant Prasad said India's export figures do not reflect the value of items sent as humanitarian aid to Afghanistan in

He said, "It is heartening to see that saffron is coming from Afghanistan. The Afghan government had encouraged the cultivation of saffron to replace the poppy cultivation in the country. and is still being continued. Their

of State for Home Affairs and BJP Member of Parliament Bandi Sanjay Kumar claimed the chief minister was making such statements because "he cannot provide 42 percent reservation for BCs in the state as he had promised". "He should first ask the caste and background of (Congress

Reddy claimed.

Party accusing him of indulging in "desperate diversion tactics".

remarked that Prime Minister Narendra Modi did not belong to

the backward classes, as is often

to as a BC (Backward Class)

leader. Modi garu is not a BC. He

is a legally converted BC...Till he

became chief minister of

Guiarat, the caste he belonged to

was counted among the forward

castes. When he became chief

minister, he included his caste

among the BC list. He was not

born a BC. When he was born, he

belonged to the upper caste,"

In response, Union Minister

"Modi garu is often referred

stated.

In a statement Friday, Reddy

leader) Rahul Gandhi. Going by his background, it is not clear what his nationality, caste and religion are...His (Rahul Gandhi) grandfather was Feroz Jehangir Gandhi. In Hindu tradition, caste is inherited from the father's lineage. Now, his mother came from another country. So, what is his locus standi?" he asked at a gathering in Hyderabad.

CREDIT INFORMATION COMPANIES ACT

New law empowers credit firms to collect data without users' consent, RBI tells SC

Says Act brought in to arrest NPAs

ANANTHAKRISHNANG NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 15

THE RBI has defended the collection of financial data of banking users by credit rating companies to prepare credit scores and submitted before the Supreme Court that this was precisely the purpose behind Parliament enacting the Credit Information Companies (Regulation) Act, 2005 and companies do not need consent from the borrowers for this.

Petitioner Surya Prakash, a Bengaluru-based entrepreneur and educational trainee, had moved the top court accusing the **Credit Information Companies** (CICs) of "illegally" collecting people's financial information "by forced consent" and "selling the data to their members". The plea also accused the CICs of "blatant abuse and violation of right to privacy".

The plea also said that the Centre and the RBI have an "unholy and unethical alliance" with the CICs to undermine citizens rights. On May 6, 2024, the SC had issued notice on his plea and appointed Senior Advocate K Parameswar as amicus curiae. A bench, presided by Justice Surya Kant, will hear the matter next on February 17.

In a separate affidavit, the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), under the MHA, said, "in response to the averment made by the petitioner regarding data theft, I4C has requested the nodal officer of cybercrime units in all States/UTs vide letter... dated 14.08.2024 seeking information regarding FIR/case registered against credit information companies and fintech companies. However, the response is

awaited."

December 23, 2024, the RBI said that the plea raises "baseless, unfounded and speculative issues in complete ignorance of the provisions of the CICR Act and regulations". The RBI said that the Act "was

In its counter affidavit on

brought in as part of risk mitigating policy of the Government... to arrest accretion of fresh NPAs in the banking sector" and provides "for setting up the CICs for collecting, sharing, processing and collating as well as disseminating the credit information of clients/borrowers/prospective borrowers in the manner provided in the CIC (Regulation) Act so as to enable the lenders like banks and other financial institutions to take an informed decision while lending

money to borrowers."

pressly empowers the credit information companies to collect store and maintain as well as process the credit information of the borrowers and as such with the enactment of the CICR Act, the requirement of consent from the borrowers has been rendered otiose." The counter affidavit pointed out that RBI had given registration to four CICs -TransUnion CIBIL Ltd, Experian Credit Information Company of India Private Ltd, Equifax Credit Information Services Pvt Ltd, and CRIF High Mark Credit Information Services Pvt Ltd.

The RBI said that the law "ex-

The petitioner also contended that the CICs were retaining the data of citizens beyond the 7 years prescribed by the Act and this vi-

The central bank said it "has not specified any minimum 'credit score' for sanctioning the loans..." and referred to instances when penalties have been imposed on CICs for violating the Act's provisions.

In echo of Rahul's 'social justice' pitch, AICC rejig balances castes, pushes for OBC faces

the following years, it fell to \$1.3

billion during the second Covid

wave in 2020-21 and \$1.06 billion

in 2021-22. It fell below the 1 bil-

lion mark to \$889 million in 2022-

23, but again rose to \$997.74 mil-

lion in 2023-24. In the first seven

months of the current fiscal, the

bilateral trade between the two

countries has reached \$517.32

million. It is important to note that

bilateral trade of \$997.74 million

with Afghanistan during 2023-24

accounted for just 0.09% of India's

total \$1.115-billion trade, and

Kabul ranked 82nd among New

Trucks loaded with Afghan

dry fruits come from Kandahar to

Delhi's trading partners.

Dry fruits demand

Of 11 state in-charges, 5 from OBC, one each from SC, ST, Muslim, and 3 from upper castes

BASHAARAT MASOOD SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 15

bookshops with

Jamaat literature

AS POLICE raids continued at bookshops with 'Jamaat-affiliated ideology', the Valley's chief priest Mirwaiz Umar Farooq condemned the action as "absurd to say the least". "Cracking down on Islamic lit-

erature and seizing them from bookstores while condemnable is ridiculous," Umar Faroog, the 14th Mirwaiz of Kashmir who also heads the separatist Hurriyat Conference, said in his first reaction after the raids. This comes a day after Kashmiri leaders such as National Conference's Srinagar MP Aga Ruhullah Mehdi and People's Democratic Party leader Iltija Mufti condemned the raids. Mirwaiz continued: "Policing

thought by seizing books is absurd to say the least, in the time of access to all information on virtual highways". The police raids on books "promoting the ideology of a banned organisation" began Friday evening, with the action continuing in north Kashmir's Kupwara Saturday.

"In a well-coordinated and legally supervised operation, police in Handwara conducted stringent checks across various bookshops in Police District (PD) Handwara to prevent the circulation of banned literature linked to Jamaat-e-Islami," police said in an official release Saturday. "The checking was conducted as per the provisions of the law, with special emphasis on sensitive areas such as Kralgund, Villgam, Qalamabad, Handwara town".

ASAD REHMAN NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 15

THE ALL India Congress Committee (AICC)'s reshuffle undertaken by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge Friday seems to be a reflection of top party leader Rahul Gandhi's social justice pitch for the inclusion of the Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), Other Backward Classes (OBCc) and minorities in the institutions and power struc-

tures of the country. Rahul, the Leader of the Opposition(LoP) in the Lok Sabha, has been travelling across the country with a copy of the Constitution in hand, stressing on the need for "participation and control and not merely representation" of the oppressed communities in the country's institutions and resources.

The AICC reshuffle saw fresh

appointments of general secretaries for two states and incharges for nine states, which also involved the exit of six functionaries who held these positions earlier. At its meeting on December 26 last year, the Congress Working Committee (CWC), the party's highest decision-making body, had given the green signal for reforms in the party. The proposed organisational revamp would ensure "equitable participation" of the oppressed and backward sections in the Congress's leadership positions, party insiders said.

Of the 11 new functionaries, who were handed responsibilities of different states, five belong to the OBC groups, one is a Dalit, one

Muslim, one tribal, and three are from the upper caste communities. While ex-Chhattisgarh chief minister Bhupesh Baghel, named as the general secretary in charge of Punjab, is an OBC leader, a Muslim face and Rajya Sabha MP Syed Naseer Hussain has been appointed as the general secretary in charge of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

Among the nine AICC incharges of states are Saptagiri Sankar Ulaka (in-charge of Manipur, Tripura, Sikkim and Nagaland), who is a tribal leader from Odisha, while Ajay Kumar Lallu – an OBC leader and former Uttar Pradesh Congress president

– has been given the charge of

Odisha. Veteran Congress leader B K Hariprasad, Haryana incharge, Harish Chaudhary, Madhya Pradesh in-charge, and Girish Chodankar, the in-charge of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, also belong to the OBC communities. Chodankar belongs to the OBC Bhandari group from Goa, while Harish is an OBC leader from Rajasthan's Barmer.

Meenakshi Natarajan, the incharge of Telangana, is a Brahmin who hails from Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh. She was elected to the Lok Sabha from the Mandsaur seat in 2009.

While former bureaucrat K Raju (Jharkhand in-charge) is a Dalit leader, Krishna Allavaru (Bihar in-charge) is an upper caste face. Raiva Sabha member Raiani Ashokrao Patil, who represents Maharashtra in the Upper House, belongs to the Maratha community, who has been close to former Congress president Sonia Gandhi.



DRONE PUSH: LoP in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi. The Congress leader said that while India has the talent, it needs a strong production base, and not empty words, to build industrial prowess to give its youth jobs. AICC via PTI

The AICC's six outgoing functionaries include three each from the upper castes and the OBCs.

Raju, Allavaru, and Natarajan have been part of Rahul's core team. Allavaru has been given the crucial job of handling the party affairs in Bihar where elections are due in October this year.

Over the last few days, Kharge

has also appointed former Union minister Bhakta Charan Das (Dalit) as the Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) president in Odisha and ex-party MLA Harshvardhan Sapkal (OBC) as the

Speaking at an event last month, Rahul conceded that the Congress did not do enough for

caught an employee of the ac-

cused defence supplier red-

handed while demanding and

accepting a bribe of Rs 8 lakh

from the complainant as the

first instalment. Later, Kapoor,

who is the owner of Akash

Polytechnic Pvt Ltd, was also ap-

prehended," the spokesperson

said, adding that Yadav was ap-

In his complaint, Narang said

prehended later.

Maharashtra unit chief.

caste census.

However, some senior Congress leaders have expressed concerns over several state leaders not echoing Rahul's pitch on

Defence auditor 'demands ₹10L bribe' from drone firm to clear ₹56 cr payment; 3 held

CBI laid a trap, caught employee of accused while accepting ₹8 lakh cash

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA GUWAHATI. FEBRUARY 15

SIT likely to probe Gogoi

wife's Pak 'links': Himanta

STEPPING UP attack on Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Saturday said a police case is likely to be registered and a special investigation team constituted to probe into the allegations of Pakistan links of the opposition leader's British wife Elizabeth Colburn

A detailed inquiry, involving the "entire ecosystem and sympathisers", will be carried out as apprehensions are being raised about whether ISI had attempted to infiltrate the CMO when Gogoi's father, the late Tarun Gogoi, was heading the state. Sarma added.

Gogoi has said the BJP has gone to extreme steps to defame him and his family and asserted

priate legal action, while he penned a letter in Assamese addressed to his wife and shared it as a post on Facebook, assuring her that truth shall prevail.

"This is a developing situation. More and more information is emerging," Sarma told reporters on the sidelines of a programme here.

He said there is definite information that Colburn had visited Pakistan after her marriage but it is yet to be ascertained whether her husband had accompanied her. "Various deep information are coming up. The cabinet will discuss it tomorrow and probably an SIT will be constituted as a police case is needed to take forward the inquiry, verify passport and visa details," Sarma said.

He added that a detailed inquiry will be carried out and the "entire ecosystem and sympa-

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL

> Three people were arrested after a drone manufacturing firm filed an FIR with the CBI alleging that a senior auditor posted with the office of the Principal Controller of Defence Accounts (PCDA), Ministry of Defence sought Rs 10 lakh to release their payment of Rs 55.96 crore. The payment was for a project in which they had supplied UAVs to the Indian Army in 2023.

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 15

The three arrested include a senior auditor and the owner of a defence supplier firm.

The FIR was registered on February 7 after the agency re-

Narang, senior vice-president of the finance department at the company Raphe mPhibr. Narang filed the FIR after obtaining authorisation from Vikash Mishra. chairman and director of the firm. "A written complaint...was

received...against Saurabh, an employee of Principal Controller of Defence Accounts in MOD and one Akash," it states.

A spokesperson for the Central Bureau of Investigation said, "The CBI registered a case against two accused - senior auditor Deep Narayan Yadav and defence supplier Akash Kapoor over allegations that they demanded Rs 10 lakh from the complainant for his already cleared bills and threatened to obstruct the payment of further bills."

that Raphe mPhibr supplied logistics UAV to the Army on September 29, 2023. "We had submitted an invoice worth Rs 55.96 crore against invoices on September 29, and November 23 last year. The payment against the same has been credited to our account, however, Yadav was demanding a bribe of Rs 10 lakh to clear all the invoices... He also

ment of bribe, he will not get subsequent bills of my company cleared from the PCDA office," he stated. Narang soon approached the

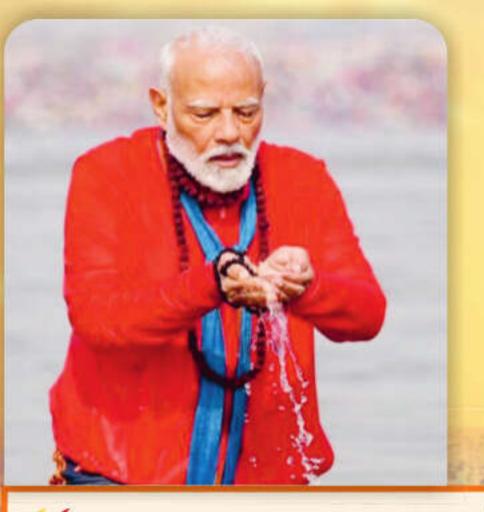
threatened that on non-pay-

CBI. "During enquiry, Narang had a brief conversation with Yadav by keeping his mobile phone on speaker mode and it was recorded in the memory card... During the conversation, Yadav confirmed the demand of Rs 10 lakh from him for clearing his bills and agreed to accept Rs 8 lakh, but directed to arrange the remaining 2 lakh later, the CBI inquiry report stated.

"Narang was also informed that if he wants to clear more bills, then the complainant would have to pay separately for those bills," the report said.

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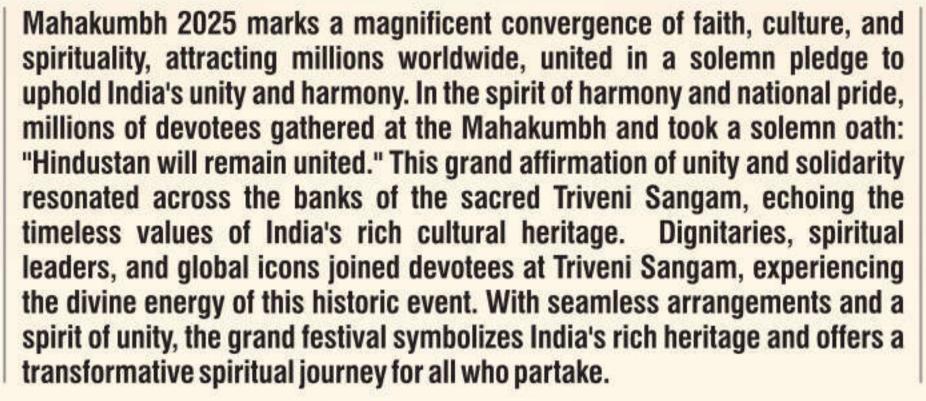


THE SPIRIT OF MAHAKUMBH

FAITH, DEVOTION AND **DIVINE EXPERIENCES**

Mahakumbh is a living identity representing our legacy of the divine festival of our faith, spirituality and culture, every time, the mega event symbolises the divine gathering of religion, knowledge, devotion and art.

-Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



by "I felt truly blessed to take a holy dip at Triveni Sangam during Mahakumbh and pray for the nation's peace, prosperity, and happiness. Mahakumbh is a living symbol of India's rich cultural heritage, spreading a powerful message of unity and spirituality. I performed Dugdhabhishek and Aarti rituals at Sangam with my family. The sacred confluence of Ganga, Yamuna, and Saraswati is awe-inspiring, & witnessing thousands of devotees gathered here has been a deeply moving experience. This grand celebration of faith reflects the spirit and strength of our nation."

-Smt. Droupadi Murmu, President



"It is a privilege to take a holy dip at Triveni Sangam. The arrangements at Mahakumbh are excellent, and every facility has been meticulously managed. Under the

leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, this event has truly become a global spiritual destination. I also had the opportunity to visit the Bade Hanuman Temple and the Gujarat Pavilion. The cultural representation and facilities, including the newly inaugurated 400-bed dormitory for devotees, are highly commendable."

Bhupendra Patel, Chief Minister, Gujarat

Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma, accompanied by Madhya Pradesh CM Mohan Yadav, took a holy dip at Triveni Sangam.



Following the ritual, Rajasthan held a Cabinet meeting at Mahakumbh, becoming the second state after Uttar Pradesh to do so. Key decisions included raising temple ritual offerings, increasing part-time priests' honorarium to Rs. 7,500, and approving temple renovation funds. CM Sharma praised the event's arrangements and thanked PM Modi and UP CM Yogi Adityanath, calling Mahakumbh a true symbol of India's cultural heritage. Several ministers and dignitaries attended the event.

Bhajanlal Sharma, Chief Minister, Rajasthan



He took a holy dip at Triveni Sangam with his family, praying to Maa Ganga, Yamuna, and Saraswati. A "religious Mahaparva" and expressed gratitude

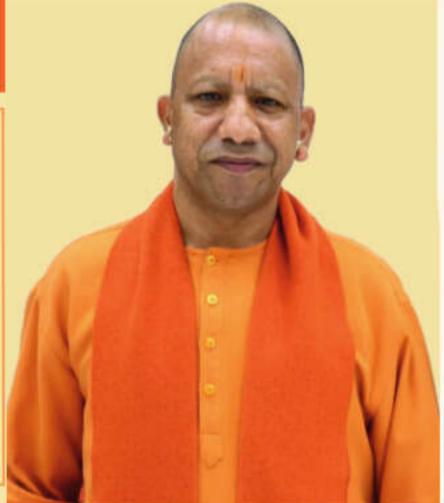
for the sacred experience. Dhami assured that preparations for Haridwar's 2027 Kumbh are underway, promising it will be as grand and seamless as Prayagraj's. He also sought blessings from saints, emphasizing their role in guiding society. We move forward with their wisdom and blessings, pledging to ensure a historic Kumbh in Haridwar."

Pushkar Singh Dhami, Chief Minister, Uttarakhand

51.35 + CRORE PILGRIMS took holy dip till date

So far, over 50 crore devotees have taken a holy dip in the Triveni at the Mahakumbh, which is a living symbol of India's spirituality, unity, equality and harmony. Around 110 crore people out of India's total population are the followers of Sanatan Dharma. Out of that, over 50 crore taking a holy dip in the Sangam is a symbol of the strengthening faith in the great Sanatan."In the true sense, this is the Amritkaal of public faith of India.

-Yogi Adityanath Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh



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- **Examination of over 30 thousand** hearing impaired people and distributed equipment for free



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and magnificence of Sanatan culture. Unity is the core ideal of our tradition, where all differences fade. and every human is seen in their divine

form. This gathering beautifully showcases how India's heritage and values bring people together with a shared sense of harmony and oneness."

Arif Mohammad Khan Governor, Bihar

place of all pilgrimages. So the pleasure of having a holy dip here is achieved after the virtues of many births. I

"Mahakumbh

reflects the unity



prayed here for the wellness of Madhya Pradesh's people, especially youth and fortune for every section of the society.

Mohan Yadav Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh



"We are deeply moved by the divine grandeur and exceptional arrangements of Mahakumbh. This spiritual experience has fulfilled a lifelong dream.

The Yogi government and the Government of India deserve immense gratitude for making it possible for us to be part of this sacred event. Bathing at the holy Sangam and performing rituals for our ancestors' salvation is a blessing beyond words. The seamless arrangements, cleanliness, and hospitality have left us overwhelmed. After years of longing, we feel spiritually fulfilled, and our ancestors' souls have found peace. This journey has been a dream come true." Statement by

Devotees from



Pakistan at Mahakumbh



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Andhra woman, kin kill son over indecency, chop body, say police

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA CUMBUM (ANDHRA PRADESH), FEBRUARY 15

A 57-YEAR-OLD woman in Prakasam district, frustrated with her son's misconduct, allegedly killed him and with the assistance of relatives dismembered his body into five pieces, police said on Saturday.

Prakasam Superintendent of Police A R Damodar said that K Lakshmi Devi (57) allegedly murdered her son, K Shyam Prasad (35), on February 13.

Devi's relatives allegedly helped her in killing Prasad.

"Unable to bear her son's perverted and indecent behaviour, she (Lakshmi Devi) killed him," Damodar told PTI. Prasad had also behaved indecently with his aunts and other relatives in Bengaluru, Khammam, and Hyderabad, he said.

Prasad, who was unmarried, had also allegedly attempted to rape his maternal aunts in Hyderabad and Narasaraopeta, the police said.

According to the police, he was allegedly killed using an axe or a sharp weapon.

Following the murder, his body was cut into five pieces, stuffed into three sacks, and dumped in the Nakalagandi canal in Cumbum village.

The accused, now on the run. have been booked under BNS Sections 103(1) and 238; police are searching for them.

SECOND BATCH OF ILLEGAL INDIAN IMMIGRANTS LANDS IN AMRITSAR



Relatives wait outside Amritsar airport on Saturday. A total of 119 illegal Indian immigrants were deported from the US. PTI

Don't make our holy city deport centre, Govt should not defame Punjabis: Mann

KAMALDEEP SINGH BRAR AMRITSAR, FEBRUARY 15

PUNJAB CHIEF Minister Bhagwant Mann Saturday continued to attack the Centre over the landing of US aircraft carrying deported Indians at Amritsar airport and asked it not to make the holy city a "deport centre".

"Will anyone be allowed to land a plane (deportation flight) at Vatican City, if they (deportees) hail from there? Amritsar is a holy city. Do not make our holy city a deport centre. The BJP is intentionally defaming Amritsar by (allowing) such planes to land here," Mann said.

"The Centre should not defame Punjab or Punjabis or vent

out their anger on Punjabis just because they do not make the BJP win elections in the state," he said.

Talking to reporters at Guru Ram Das Ji International Airport where he had reached to receive the deported Indians, Mann said there are many airbases in the country and the flight could have been diverted to any one of them. He said Amritsar is known for the Golden Temple, Durgiana Mandir, Ram Tirath temple, Jallianwala Bagh, and Gobindgarh Fort and holds a great significance for Punjab and Punjabis.

A second US flight carrying 119 illegal Indian immigrants landed in Amritsar Saturday night.

War On Drugs

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Mann claimed that landing a military aircraft at a civil airport in the border state is wrong and

could pose a danger to the country's security.

Replying to a question about BJP national spokesperson R P Singh's remarks that Amritsar is the closest international airport for flights entering India from the US, Mann said, "If flights carrying deportees from America cannot land at Delhi because it is farther away from the US than Amritsar, then central government should consider launching direct flights from Amritsar to the US as well as Canada to save on fuel."

Earlier, taking a dig at Mann, R P Singh said that Amritsar is the closest international airport for flights entering India from the US. "That's why the plane carrying illegal immigrants is landing there. Stop politicising

the issue and promoting conspiracy theories due to your lack of knowledge," RP Singh said on X while tagging Mann.

Continuing to attack the Centre, Mann asked how the BJP would face the people of Punjab in the 2027 Assembly elections after "defaming" the holy city of Amritsar. "In every village, they will face these deportees. When (PM Narendra) Modi was hugging (US President Donald) Trump, that very same time the US was sending a plane carrying the immigrants," he added.

Mann also said his government will provide opportunities to the deported Punjabis. "They are our people... If they can pass a competitive exam for a job, then it can be given.'

Agent held from Patiala over illegal immigration of deportee: Official

MANAMAN SINGH CHHINA CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 15

THE PUNIAB Police's NRI affairs wing Saturday arrested a travel agent from Patiala, who had allegedly facilitated the illegal immigration process for one of the recent US deportees, a senior official said.

The accused has been identified as Anil Batra, a resident of Shanti Nagar in Haryana's Kurukshetra.

Based on an FIR registered by one of the deportees, he was arrested from his in-laws' residence in Patiala's Partap Nagar.

The person, on whose complaint the FIR was registered, was among the 104 deportees who landed at the Amritsar airport on February 5.

A four-member SIT of the Punjab Police has already registered 10 FIRs against travel agents who allegedly deceived people with false promises of facilitating their illegal entry into the US.

The SIT, headed by Additional DGP(NRI Affairs) Praveen Sinha, has been exhorting the deported individuals to come forth and assist in ensuring that those violating the laws are dealt with sternly. On the directions of SIT, Batra was arrested by a team led by Inspector Abhey Singh Chauhan, SHO of NRI Patiala Police Station, under the supervision of NRI Affairs (Patiala) SP Gurbans Singh Bains.

Four months after teen's gangrape in Surat, court convicts 2

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE SURAT, FEBRUARY 15

A LITTLE over four months after they gangraped a 17-year-old college student, who was heading home after Navratri celebrations, two accused in the case were convicted by the Surat district court Saturday.

Special POCSO court judge V V Parmar convicted the accused. Munna Paswan and Raju Vishwakarma, under gangrape and other charges based on the statements of the victim and her friend who was present with her at the time of the incident. The quantum of punishment will be pronounced Monday.

A third accused, Shivshanker Chorasiya (45), died in police custody during trial.

Police said the gangrape took place on October 8 last year when the girl and her 19-yearold friend were waiting on the roadside in Surat district after their bike ran out of fuel.

Around this time, three men on another bike arrived at the spot and accosted them, the FIR said. They also disrobed the girl's friend, took his pictures and threatened to make them viral. The man escaped, reached a nearby village seeking help. Around this time, the accused gangraped the woman, the FIR said. As the villagers arrived at the scene, the accused fled, the FIR said.

Surat rural Kosamba police registered offences of kidnapping, gangrape and illegal confinement under various sections of the BNS as well as POCSO Act.

Paswan and Vishwakarma. both 40, along with Chorasiya were caught two days later from Mandvi town.

in CCMB... Especially a zoo such as the one in Darjeeling, which has conservation breeding centres for animals like Red Pandas. We are planning to set up such bio banks in some other zoos, including the National Zoo in Delhi and

Nandankanan Zoo in Odisha." "Animals like American blackfooted ferret, which had once only eight individuals left once declared extinct but revived through captive breeding and using preserved DNA (its first clone was made public in 2021 using DNA preserved since 1988) and northern one-horned rhino (the last male member died in 2018) are being brought back through this process," he said.



Remains of the car carrying devotees from Chhattisgarh to

Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj on Saturday. ANI

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA PRAYAGRAJ, FEBRUARY 15

TEN PERSONS travelling in a Bolero car were killed in a headon collision with a bus on a highway in Prayagraj Friday night, police said Saturday.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Vivek Chandra Yadav said the devotees were from Chhattisgarh's Korba. They were heading to the Maha Kumbh when the Bolero collided with a bus on the highway. All the 10 people in the Bolero died in the accident, while those in the bus suffered minor injuries.

The deceased were identified as Somnath (28), Ishwari Prasad Jaiswal (56), Bhagirathi Jaiswal (43), Santosh Soni (55), Saurabh Soni, Ajay Banjare, Ganga Das Verma, Shiva Rajput (60), Deepak Verma and Raju Sahu.

The bodies have been sent to the SRN Hospital in Prayagraj for autopsy, the DCP said.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expressed grief over the loss of lives in the accident. The chief minister's office posted on X, "UPCM @myogiadityanath has expressed deep condolences on the loss of lives in a road accident in Prayagraj district. He has expressed condolences to the bereaved families."

One dead in Firozabad

In another incident, a 33year-old man from Rajasthan died as a bus caught fire in UP's Firozabad. The bus caught fire on the Lucknow-Agra Expressway early on Saturday, police said.

Pawan Sharma, from Rajasthan's Nagaur, was among the 52 passengers, the police persons, including a woman, were killed and many injured after their van crashed into a stationary truck in Gujarat's Dahod district Saturday. M B Vyas, DSP, Limkheda, said, "...the tempo that was returning from Prayagraj crashed

ON WAY BACK FROM

PRAYAGRAJ, 4 KILLED

IN GUJARAT'S DAHOD

Vadodara: On their way back

from the Maha Kumbh in

Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, four

into the rear of the truck, killing four persons and leaving four others injured... were rushed to the Zydus hospital while the bodies of the deceased were sent for a postmortem." The deceased were identified as Ankleshwar residents Devrajsinh Nakkum, 47, and his wife, Jashuba, 49, and Dholka residents Siddhrajsinh Jitendrasinh Dabhi, 32, and Rameshgiri Goswami, 47. The injured include three Ankleshwar GIDC residents – Jaypalsinh Nakkum, 25, Savita Patel, 63,

said. Other passengers are safe. On Friday night, the bus left for Nagaur from Ayodhya. On the expressway at around 4 am, the

vehicle caught fire, SP(City) Ravi

and Keshavlal Patel, 65 – and

Dholka resident Jagatsinh

Nakkum, 50.

Shankar Prasad said. The body has been sent for post-mortem examination and other passengers were sent to their respective destinations by another bus, the police said.

Travel advisory against Assam a roadblock in attracting foreign investments: Himanta

SUKRITA BARUAH DIBRUGARH, FEBRUARY 15

AHEAD OF the Assam government's investment summit Advantage Assam 2.0 later this month, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has said the state

advisories against India's northeastern region. Sarma said Saturday that Assam should not be "clubbed" with the rest of northeastern

government is trying to per-

suade countries to review travel

states and these advisories are a roadblock in attracting investment to the state. The Advantage Assam 2.0

summit will be held on February 25 and 26 and will be opened by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Sarma said, Bhutan, Japan, Australia, Singapore, Thailand and Malaysia have confirmed their participation as partners and six countries — the Philippines, Finland, Iceland, Austria and South Korea — have confirmed their presence. He also said four bilateral agencies — US-India Business Council, India-New Zealand Business Council, UAE-India Business Council and Taipei Economic and Cultural Centre in India — and four multilateral agencies – World Bank, European

Union, Asian Development Bank, and New Development Bank have confirmed their presence.

"A big issue for the state when investors wish to come to Assam, the first thing they see is that Assam has been marked as 'grey', warning that no one should go to Assam because of law and security concerns. If even tourists don't come to Assam, then the question of investors does not even arise. If today you look at America, Australia, New Zealand, if you see the travel advisories in each of these, Assam, clubbed with other states in the Northeast, has been flagged with a statutory warning that tourists

Ahead of the summit, Sarma has travelled to and held meetings and roadshows in various countries, including Bhutan, Japan, South Korea and Singapore.

should avoid it." he said.

He said Japan and Australia are actively working to review these advisories. "Japan's external affairs minister assured us that their government would work very closely with the Assam such that trave warnings can be withdrawn. And if that happens, Assam's tourist industry will get renewed strength. After the meeting, Japan's ambassador came here and now data sharing is going on with our Home Department to review the travel advisories," he said.

'Haven't gone home': MP man attacked over interfaith relationship demands protection

ANAND MOHAN J BHOPAL, FEBRUARY 15

WHEN HE arrived in Bhopal district court to get married to his lover, the 28-year-old JCB operator had trusted his lawyer to help register his marriage under the Special Marriage Act of 1954. Hours later a right-wing group descended on him and assaulted him in front of his partner, who was forcibly carried off to a waiting police vehi-

cle despite her protests. On February 8, an interfaith couple who visited a court in Bhopal to register their marriage was targeted by members of right-wing outfits, who assaulted the man and accused him of "love jihad", after which he was arrested on charges of forcing the woman to change her religion. The incident was

captured on video. Speaking to *The Indian* Express, the man, a resident of Narsinghpur, now claims that it was his lawyer that alerted the ring-wing Sanskriti Bachao Manch to the couple's presence in the courtroom. He also claims he now "fears for his life and demands police protection".

"I haven't returned home since the attack. My family and I are being targeted. I request police protection," he said.

Recounting his ordeal, he said: "My fiancée contacted a lawyer for the court marriage. I paid ₹35,000 upfront, but before the marriage could be registered, the lawyer called a group of people who began assaulting me. They accused me of forced conversion, but my fi-

RAVIK BHATTACHARYA

AS PART of a national pro-

gramme, the country's first 'bio

bank' in a zoo is up and running

at Padmaja Naidu Himalayan

Zoological Park, better known as

first time in the country that such

a facility has been set up at a zoo.

Centre for Cellular and

Molecular Biology (CCMB), un-

der the Ministry of Science and

Technology, the facility collects

and preserves cell and tissue

samples from endangered ani-

Officials pointed out this is the

In collaboration with the

Darjeeling Zoo, officials said.

KOLKATA, FEBRUARY 15

ancée repeatedly denied it. The lawyer even snatched my phone and allowed the mob to assault me further. I have been left humiliated, robbed, and without justice".

with some lawyers. They forced tion, I could have been killed,'

The man has filed a comthe man." Karan said.

allegations of forced conversion.

His lawyer Siraj Anwar said he will soon approach the court

outpost inside the court comme to the MP Nagar police sta-

over the assault.

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Basavaraj S Holeyachi, director,

"We started in July last year

species have been collected.

are on the verge of extinction.

These can be used for future

The biobank, also known as

cells from deceased animals.

plaint with the police and named advocate Akshay Karan as complicit in orchestrating the attack. However, Karan denied the allegations, claiming that he neither took money from the couple nor contacted any rightwing group. "I am being targeted by several groups over this incident. I had nothing to do with this case and I do not know

However, her mother has ac-

family dispute," he said.

The man alleged that the at-

tack didn't stop in the court premises. "After the initial assault, I was taken to the police pound, where I was beaten again by the same group along me to perform public squats, stole Rs 10,000 cash from me, and demanded my phone's password. If it weren't for one police officer who transferred

no-study bar on ragging accused **PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, KOTTAYAM, FEBRUARY 15 AMID WIDESPREAD outrage over the brutal ragging incident at the Government Nursing College here, the Kerala Nurses and Midwives Council (KNMC) Saturday decided to bar all five

The woman at the centre of the controversy has also denied cused the man of rape and coer-

cion – both of which he denies. "These accusations are false. The woman and I are adults and decided to marry on our own. This is retaliation over a past

displayed cruelty toward their juniors—behaviour that is unacceptable in any circumstance. A council member described

the Kottayam ragging incident as an "extremely cruel act" and said

Kerala nursing council to slap

Assam Rifles, CRPF and Manipur Police personnel destroy illicit poppy cultivation at Sehjang

village in Manipur's Kangpokpi district. Manipur has been under President's rule since

February 13, days after N Biren Singh resigned as Chief Minister. PTI

it cannot be justified. "We will never justify the incident. What we want to emphasise is that allowing such individuals into the nursing profession would be a disaster," said Usha

Devi, a council member. "We made the decision in a way that leaves them no chance to continue their studies. Through the District Health Services (DHS), we will inform A council meeting convened the government of our decision, which will also be conveyed to the college authorities," the Council member said. With this decision, the accused students

> studies in Kerala. The Council's ruling came a day after the state Health Minister indicated that strict action would be taken against

can no longer continue their

those involved in the incident. On Friday, the department suspended Principal Sulekha AT and Assistant Professor/Assistant Warden-in-Charge of the student hostel, Ajeesh P Mani, pending an enquiry for allegedly failing to prevent ragging and

intervene in the matter. The hostel's housekeepercum-security staff was also ordered to be removed immediately, as per a statement issued by the Health Minister's office Friday. The action was taken following an enquiry conducted by the Director of Medical Education, as per the instructions of Health Minister

Veena George, the statement said. State Minister for Devaswom and Ports V N Vasavan said the government's stance is to ensure that no accused are spared and that all those involved are brought to justice.

In a first, Darjeeling Zoo gets biobank to collect cell, tissue samples

The lab in Darjeeling zoo. Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park

material) of such animals that if needed the species could be brought back to life again," said Karthikeyan Vasudevan, chief sci-

entist at the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad. "It is part of a national plan. We have a wildlife bio bank

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY KANKE, RANCHI-834006, JHARKHAND

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Physiotherapist	01	28,100/-	56 Years
Pharmacist	01	28,100/-	56 Years
Nursing Assistant	02	28,100/-	56 Years
Dental A/T/H	01	28,100/-	56 Years
Driver (Light Vehicle)	02	16,800/-	53 Years
Female Attendant	01	16,800/-	53 Years
Peon	01	16,800/-	53 Years
Data Entry Operator	01	22,500/-	53 Years
Clerk	01	22,500/-	53 Years

www.echs.gov.in . For any other query, please contact tele No 0122-2338002 (Extn 2311)/7599426822 between 0900-1300h. Last date of receipt of application is 28 Feb 2025 at Stn HQ, Babugarh, Distt-Hapur (U.P.), Pin Code-245201 Interview will be conducted on 05 Mar 2025 at 1000 hrs. Candidates should bring original certificates at the time of interview. All Medical Officers and Medical Specialists should produce a certificate stating that "I will not do any private practice after selection in ECHS Polyclinic Bulandshahr Candidates should enclose experience & salary certificates if

any alongwith application and two passport size photographs. Medical/Para Medical candidates should have working

. Medical fitness certificate from SEMO/CMO should be attached

On Job Training (OJT). Medical Specialist, Medical Officer 8 Dental Officer will carry out 10 days On Job Training (OJT) and obtain a certificatre from OIC Polyclinic before signing the contract. The duration of OJT will remain unpaid and as a mandatory requirement before assuming charge as a contractual employee.

Room No -305, 3rd Floor, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Bhawan, 4- Subhash Road, Uttarakhand Secretariat, Dehradun-248001 website :www.hnbumu.ac.in, E-mail :secretaryhealthuk@gmail.com

Ref: 4003/hnbumu/Advt./2024-25 Dated: 15.02.2025 Advertisement APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHANCELLOR FOR H.N.B. UTTARAKHAND

MEDICAL EDUCATION UNIVERSITY, DEHRADUN. It is proposed to appoint Vice-Chancellor for the H.N.B. Uttarakhand Medica Education University, Dehradun, established under the Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Uttarakhand Medical Education University Act 2014 as amended Act 2020.

As per the section 10 of the aforementioned Acts, the Vice-Chancellor has to be a person with the highest level of competence, integrity, morals and institutional commitment. He /She should be a distinguished academician with a minimum of 10 years of experience as Professor in a Medical College or Medical University System or 10 years experience in an equivalent position in a reputed organization of Medical Sciences. The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a term of five years from the date of appointment or till the age of 70 years, whichever is earlier; subject

Academicians of repute, desirous of applying or nominating other qualified persons for consideration by the Search-Cum-Selection Committee, may send their application / nominations (in prescribed format), along with detailed bio-data in triplicate to The Secretary, Medical Health & Medical Education Department Government of Uttarakhand, Room No -305, 3rd Floor, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Bhawan, 4- Subhash Road, Uttarakhand Secretariat, Dehradun-248001 within a month of publication of this Advertisement.

For prescribed format and further details, Please visit the university website Dept. of Medical Health & Medical Education, Government of Uttarakhand



Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design and Manufacturing, Kancheepuram (An Institute of National Importance established by Govt. of India) Melakottaiyur, Vandalur - Kelambakkam Road, Chennai - 600 127, Tamil Nadu, India

ADVERTISEMENT : FACULTY RECRUITMENT

Advt.No. IIITDMK/R/1/2025 dated 10th Feb 2025 国本学家国 (25 km from airport) invites online applications for various faculty positions (Assistant

Professor Grade I/II) under four tier flexible structure for various disciplines. The applicants must have consistent academic record from reputed institutions with a commitment to teaching,

research and product development. Last date for submission of online application is 12th Mar 2025 (05:00 PM).

Detailed advertisement and procedure for applying online are available at Institute website www.iiitdm.ac.in Registrar



पीएम श्री केंद्रीय विद्यालय ए.एफ.एस. अर्जनगढ़ नई दिल्ली-110047

साक्षात्कार सूचना

शैक्षणिक सत्र 2025-26 हेतु पीएम श्री केंद्रीय विद्यालय ए.एफ.एस. अर्जनगढ़ नई दिल्ली में दैनिक संविदा आधार (पार्ट टाइम) पर विभिन्न संभावित रिक्तियों के विरुद्ध (प्राथमिक प्रशिक्षित स्नातक एवं स्नातकोत्तर शिक्षकों) तथा कंप्यूटर, खेल-कृद, संगीत एवं नृत्य, योग, बाल वाटिका शिक्षिका, नर्स, डॉक्टर, स्पेशल एज्केटर, काउंसलर, आर्ट एवं क्राफ्ट कोच इत्यादि के पैनल बनाने हेत साक्षात्कार दिनांक 04/03/2025 को आयोजित कराया जा रहा है । पात्र उम्मीदवार दिनांक 17/02/2025 10:00 am से 02 / 03 / 2025 02:00 pm तक ऑनलाइन फॉर्म भरकर जमा कर सकते हैं।

Online Google form link:

Google drive link for details

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विस्तृत एवं नियमित अद्यतित जानकारी विद्यालय वेबसाईट https://arjangarhafs.kvs.ac.in/#Vidyalaya Updates पर अनाउंसमेंट / डाउनलोड सेक्शन पर 17 / 02 / 2025 10:00 am से उपलब्ध रहेगी।

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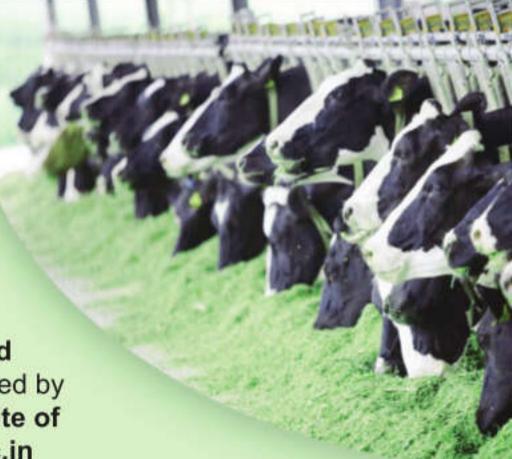
DELHI POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT (GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI) 5th FLOOR, ISBT BUILDING, KASHMERE GATE, DELHI 110006

Visit us at https://www.dpcc.delhigovt.nic.in/

PUBLIC NOTICE

In compliance with order passed by Hon'ble NGT on 20.05.2020 in O.A. No. 46/2018 in the matter of N Jayasimha Vs Govt of NCT of Delhi, CPCB has framed "Guidelines for Environmental Management of Dairy Farms and Gaushalas". The guidelines framed by CPCB are available at the website of DPCC i.e. on dpcc.delhigovt.nic.in



Subsequent to the guidelines, the Dairy Farms & Gaushalas have been categorized as Orange and Green Category respectively based on the directions given by CPCB under Section 18(1)(b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 & the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 on 10.07.2020. The categorization is available on the DPCC site

In compliance of the orders of Hon'ble High Court in the case in O.A. No. 13236/2022 in the matter of Sunayana Sibal Vs GNCTD, all gaushalas, the stand alone dairy farms having 15 or above cattle and all the dairies operating in dairy colonies in Delhi (irrespective of the number of cattle), which are registered with MCD, are hereby directed to immediately apply on-line for Consent under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 & the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, as per relevant category, in DPCC within 15 days from issue of this notice failing which further necessary action under relevant acts shall be initiated.

Member Secretary (DPCC)

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

Syndicate



Branch Office:- Karnal ARM Branch (DP- 6290), E-mail: cb6290@canarabank.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) &9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Canara Bank will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" in Eauction arranged by the service provider M/s PSB Alliance (Baanknet), (8291220220), Email: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com through the website https://baanknet.com/

LAST DATE OF RECEIPT OF EMD IS 05.03.2025 UPTO 5:00 P.M.

DATE OF E-AUCTION IS 07.03.2025 (12:30 PM TO 1:30 P.M)

(with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)

а	Branch Name/Name & Address of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Brief Description of Property/ies	Total Liabilities as on specified Date	Reserve Price (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Details of A/c No. IFSC CODE
ï	the borrower(s)/ duarantor(s)	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	July Promise Batte	1111111111	(in Rs.)	Possession notice
i	ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal	Residential House 691	Total liabilities as	Rs.	Rs.	209272434
8	branch, Authorised officer :- Mr.	Thousand a mark to ag. It.	demand notice dated	32,75,000/-	3,27,500/-	CNRB0006290
	Ranjeet Kumar, (M) 85728-16290, Mail ID: cb6290@canarabank.com				urther interest &	SYMBOLIC POSSESSION

(1). M/s Helli Industrial 8/8 Min/9, 9/8 min/10, 11, 10/9/12 Khasra No. 2//1, 2,6,7,8,9,13/2,14/1,15,3//11,2//12/1,2//11 situated at Abadi Corporation (Borrower) Address Amrit Vihar, Village Chak Jinda, Tehsil and Distt Jalandhar, Punjab in the name of Smt. Sukhbeer Kuar W/o Sh. 1:- 2091, Air Force Road, Jawahar Colony, NIT, Sector 22, Mahinder Pal Singh. The Property is bounded as under: (As per Deed). North: Road, South: Other, East: Plot

Faridabad Haryana 121001, No 690, West: House No. 692, Address 2:- Bhankari Industrial Area Bhadkhal Poli Road, Behind Oil Lubes Systems Village Bhankari, Faridabad Haryana 121001, (2). Sh. Mahinder Pal Singh S/o S Preetam Singh (Proprietor) Address 1 :- 2091, Air Force Road, Jawahar Colony, NIT, Sector 22, Faridabad Haryana

121001, Address 2:- House No. 621, Sector 45 Nearby Gayatri, Apartment, Faridabad Haryana 121010, Address 3:- House No. 691, Abadi Amrit Vihar Village Chak Jinda, Tehsil & Distt Jalandhar Punjab 144001, Address 4:- House No. 338, Sector 45, Near Village Mewla Maharajpur Faridabad, Haryana, 121010, (3). Smt. Sukhbeer Kaur W/o Sh. Mahinder Pal Singh (Guarantor/Mortgager) Address 1:- 2091, Air Force Road, Jawahar Colony, NIT, Sector 22, Faridabad Haryana 121001, Address 2: House No. 621, Sector 45 Nearby Gayatri Apartment, Faridabad Harvana 121010, Address 3:- House No. 691, Abadi Amrit Vihar Village Chak Jinda Tehsil & Distt Jalandhar Punjab 144001, Address 4:- House No. 338, Sector 45 Near Village Mewla Maharajpur Faridabad, Haryana, 121010. ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal Property no. 1.) Plot no. J. Total liabilities as (Property 1) 209272434 (Property 1) CNRB0006290

branch, Authorised officer :- Mr. Ranjeet Kumar, (M) 85728-16290,

Near KG Plaza/Sales Tax Office, Chauhan w/o Inderjeet.) RIICO Industrial Area, Phase-II. Bhiwadi, Rajasthan- 301019,

772, Near KG Plaza/Sales demand notice dated Tax Office, RIICO Industrial 29.09.2017, Rs. 118.10 Lakh Mail ID: cb6290@canarabank.com Area, Phase-II, Bhiwadi, 1,24,56,315.73/- Plus (1). M/s Shree Shubham Rajasthan 301019 having further interest & other (Property 2) Enterprises (Represented admeasuring area of 250.00 Charges (minus Rs. 19.50 Lakh through its Proprietor Smt. Saroj Sq mtr in the name of M/s recovery, if any)

Rs. 1.95 Lakh POSSESSION Devi), Address - Plot no. J-772, Matchless Enterprises (Prop. Smt Saroj Devi NOTE: BOTH PROPERTIES WILL BE SOLD SEPARATELY Property no. 2.) EMT of Residential Plot no. 221, Gali no 6, Yadav Nager, Qutubpur Mola, Rewari having

11.81 Lakh

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(2). Smt. Saroj Devi w/o Late Sh. admeasuring area of 100.00 sq. yds. In the name of Mr. Manjeet Singh S/o Inderjeet Singh Inderjeet Singh, Address -A-220, Gali No. 6, Yadav Nagar, Rewari, Haryana- 123401, (3). Mr. Manjeet Singh s/o Late Sh. Inderjeet Singh

(Guarantor), Address 1 -A-221, Gali No. 6, Yadav Nagar, Rewari, Haryana- 123401, Address 2 -158, Yadav Nagar, Rewari, Haryana- 123401 (4). Sh. Suraj Singh s/o Late Sh. Inderjeet Singh (Guarantor) House NO. 225, Mohalla Hajariwas, Ward No. 28, Rewari, Haryana- 123401, (5). M/s Matchless Enterprises, Prop. Smt. Saroj Devi w/o Late Sh. Inderjeet Singh, Address - Plot no. J-772, Near KG Plaza/Sales Tax Office, RIICO Industrial Area, Phase-II, Bhiwadi, Rajasthan-301019. ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal Plot Measuring 640.00 Sq Total liabilities as 209272434

land measuring 44K-18M 25.03.2022, Rs. 65,49,327.60/- Plus further interest &

Yds, being 212/8980 share of demand notice dated 35,20,000/-

branch, Authorised officer :- Mr. Ranjeet Kumar, (M) 85728-16290, Mail ID: cb6290@canarabank.com M/s Priya Trading Company

comprised in Khewat No 414, other Charges (minus recovery, if any) Khatauni No 629, (Old Khewat 358, Khatauni No 599), Khasra No. 161//14(7-13), 15(8-0), 16(8-0), 17(8-0), (Borrower) Proprietor - Priya, 24(8-0), 25/1/2(4-18), 26(0-7) situated at Mauja Bhaini Amirpur Tehsil - Narnaund District Hisar. Bounded as Shop No. - 60, Anaj Mandi

Mortagagor) Village - Rajthal, Narnaund, Hisar - 125039.

Namaund, Hisar - 125039, (2). under:-North: Street, South: Property of other's, East: Property of other's, West: Street. Ms. Priya D/o Ram Avatar (Proprietor) Village Majra, Narnaund, Hisar - 125039, (3), Sh. Baljeet Singh S/o Sh. Surajmal (Guarantor and

All that Part & Parcel of Total liabilities as ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal 209272434 branch, Authorised officer :- Mr. Residential Property - Double demand notice dated 92,42000/-9,24,200/-CNRB0006290

Ranjeet Kumar, (M) 85728-16290, Storey House, Bearing UID 27.12.2023, Rs. 65,18,897.79/- Plus further interest & Mail ID: cb6290@canarabank.com No-53M01180010781115A, other Charges (minus recovery, if any)

Haryana 134102, (2). M/s Garg Steel & Tubes (Borrower)

(1). M/s Shree Vishnu Traders Constructed on the Land Bearing Khewat No 41 Khatauni No. 46 Khasra No. 38(0-13), Khewat No. 41 (Borrower), Address :- Near Khatauni No. 47, Khasra No. 97(9-15), Khewat No. 41 Khatauni No. 48 Khasra No. 98(0-14), Khewat No. 41 Railway Crossing NH 22 Khatauni No. 49 Khasra No. 96(9-18), Khewat No. 41 Khatauni No. 50 Khasra No. 92(0-19), Kitte 5, Total Dharampur Colony Pinjore Measuring 21-19-0 i.e. 21 Bigha 19 Biswa, Share to the extent of 06/439 i.e. 0-6-0 i.e. 06 Biswa, situated at Village Dharampur, HB No. 152, Pinjore, Tehsil Kalka District Panchkula, Haryana as per jamabandi for the Address :- Chankyapuri, Near year 2017-18, in the name of Sh. Ketan Garg S/o Sh. Satish Kumar.

Railway Crossing, Kalka Road, Pinjore Kalka Panchkula Haryana 134102, (3). Sh. Ketan Garg S/o Sh. Satish Kumar (Proprietor) Address: - Bitna Seuri, Gupta Colony Kalka, Panchkula Haryana 133302.

ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal branch, Authorised officer :- Mr. Ranjeet Kumar, (M) 85728-16290, Mail ID: cb6290@canarabank.com

1. M/S UM GREEN LIGHTING PVT LTD (Borrower) (Company Mamik S/o Sh Tej Pratap Singh Mamik (Guarantor and Mortgagor in M/s UM Green Lighting Pvt Ltd) Address-1:

Commercial Property / Office Total liabilities as 209272434 space DPC001 in Block 4A, demand notice dated 4,16,00,000/- 41,60,000/-CNRB0006290 on Ground floor, super area 08.04.2021, Rs. 26,27,67,918.25/- Plus further interest SYMBOLIC 2253 Sq. ft. in multi storeyed & other Charges (minus recovery, if any) POSSESSION Complex known as "CORPORATE PARK", DLF CITY, constructed on Plot of land measuring 3.65 acres or thereabout falling in Khasra No. 888/1, 888/889, 890/1, 891, 892, situated in Phase-III, DLF City, Gurgaon

under CIRP) 2. Mr. Gaurav Haryana or thereabout and bounded as under along with right to use Car parking Space No. DCP058 and DCP059 in the basement and bounded as under :- At or towards the North : 002, At or towards the South Open, At or towards the East: Lift Lobby/004, At or towards the West: Open, Parking space No. DCP058, At or towards the North: 059, At or towards the South: 057, At or towards the East: 065, At or towards the West Appt no 911A. The Aralias, Golf Driveway, Parking space No. DCP059, At or towards the North : Driveway, At or towards the South : 058, At or Course Road, DLF City Phase towards the East: 065, At or towards the West: Driveway, registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Gurgaon.

-V, Gurgaon 122009 Address-2: 195-W11/8 Sainik Farms, Pushpa Bhawan, S.O. South Delhi, Delhi-110062. 3. Mr. Sushant Chhabra S/o Sh Virender Kumar Chhabra (Guarantor in M/s UM Green Lighting Pvt Ltd) Chhabra Farm No.60, Prakriti Marg, Mehrauli Road, Sultanpur, New Delhi -110030. 4. Mr. Virender Kumar Chhabra alias Verinder Kumar Chhabra S/o Kesha Nath Chhabra (Guarantor in M/s UM Green Lighting Pvt Ltd) Chhabra Farm No.60 , Prakriti Marg, Mehrauli Road, Sultanpur, New Delhi -110030. 5. Mr. Tej Pratap Singh Mamik S/o Harbans Singh Mamik (Guarantor in M/s UM Green Lighting Pvt Ltd) Address-1: Appt no 911A, The Aralias, Golf Course Road, DLF City Phase -V, Gurgaon 122009.Address-2: 195-W11/8 Sainik Farms, Pushpa Bhawan, S.O. South Delhi, Delhi-110062. 6. M/s Unitech Machines Limited (Guarantor in M/s UM Green Lighting Pvt Ltd) [Through Sh Vivek Raheja, Resolution Professional in M/s Unitech Machines Ltd] JD-2C,2nd Floor, Pitampura, Delhi-110034. ip.unitechmachines@gmail.com

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

iv) Bidder's A/c details for online refund of EMD.

A) Auction/bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website https://BAANKNET.com Bidders are advised to go through

the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings. B) The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer, on 03.03.2025.

C) The property is being sold with all the existing and further encumbrances whether known or unknown to the bank. The Authorised officer/Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/ rights/ dues. The purchaser should conduct due diligence on all aspects related to the property to his satisfaction. The bidder are advised to in their own interest to satisfy themselves with the title and correctness of others details pertaining to the secured assets including the size/area of the immovable secured asset in question and also ascertain any other dues/liabilities/encumbrances from the concerned authorities to their satisfaction before submitting the bid. The purchaser shall not be entitled to

make any claim against the Authorised officer/ Secured Creditors in this regard at a later date. D) In the event of any default in payment of any of the amounts, or if the sale is not completed by reasons of default on the part of the purchaser/bidder within the aforesaid time limit, the bank shall be entitled to forfeit all monies paid by the purchaser/ bidder till then and put up the secured asset(s) for sale again, in its absolute discretion. Further, all costs, expenses incurred by the bank on account of such resale shall be borne and paid by the defaulting purchaser.

E) The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during F) EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (Baanknet) portal directly or by

generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before 05.03.2025 by 05:00 PM. G) Intending bidders shall hold a valid digital signature certificate and e-mail address. For details with regard to digital signature please contact the

service provider M/s PSB Alliance (Baanknet), Help Desk No. (8291220220), E-mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com through the website H) After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before 05.03.2025 by

05:00 PM. to Canara Bank, ARM Branch, Novelty Road, Karnal by hand or by email. i) Demand Draft/ Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT, acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No.

ii) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank

at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. iii) Bidders Name. Contact No. Address, E Mail Id.

I) The intending bidders should register their names at portal https://baanknet.com/ and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective

Bidders may avail online training on E-auction from the service provider M/s PSB Alliance (Baanknet), Helpdesk No - 8291220220 (E-mail support. baanknet@psballiance.com) and Sh. Animesh Jain, Mobile Number 7046612345(Email animesh@procure247.com), through the website https://baanknet.com/. J) EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD shall not carry any interest.

K) Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiples of Rs. 50,000/- The bidder who submits the highest bid (above the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in

favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor. L) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. This amount shall be deposited by way of Demand Draft in favour of Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch OR shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to credit of account of Canara Bank, ARM Branch, A/c. No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0006290. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by

him shall be forfeited by the Authorised Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. M) For sale proceeds of Rs. 50.00 Lakhs (Rupees Fifty Lakhs) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at the rate 1% on the Sale

proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the Bank. N) All charges for conveyance, stamp duty/ GST/ registration charges etc., as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only.

O) Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/ cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the e-auction without assigning any reason thereof. P) In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the e-auction, they can approach concerned Circle office or Canara Bank, ARMB, Novelty Road, Karnal branch who, as a facilitating centre, shall make necessary arrangements. Q) For further details contact Mr. Ranjeet Kumar, Chief Manager Canara Bank Asset Recovery Management Branch (ARMB), Karnal, Ph. No. 0184 4041820, 85728-16290 during office hours on any working day. E-mail id: cb6290@canarabank.com OR the service provider BAANKNET (M/s PSB

Alliance Pvt. Ltd), (Contact No. 7046612345/6354910172/8291220220/9892219848/8160205051, Email:support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com).

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION/CAUTION

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will

Authorised Officer, Canara Bank

be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back -up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Place : Karnal

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

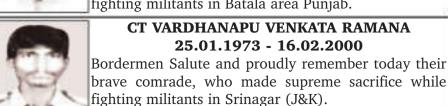
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BORDER SECURITY FORCE CT NATHU SINGH

01.04.1952 - 16.02.1988 Bordermen Salute and proudly remember today their brave comrade, who made supreme sacrifice while fighting militants in Batala area Punjab.





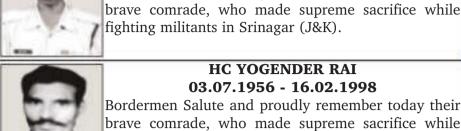
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brave comrade, who made supreme sacrifice in counterpart firing in area of BOP Malabela (J&K). CT CHITTETI LAKSHMI NARAYANA

25.05.1975 - 16.02.2000

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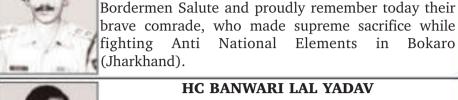
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03.07.1956 - 16.02.1998 Bordermen Salute and proudly remember today their brave comrade, who made supreme sacrifice while fighting Anti National Elements in Distt - Chatra (Jharkhand).

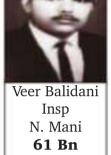
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01.01.1948 - 16.02.1998



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CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE **16 February 1983**







(Jharkhand).









16-2-1983 16-2-1983 By 1 February 1983, bomb blasts, group clashes, and arson had gripped Assam ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, prompting the deployment of

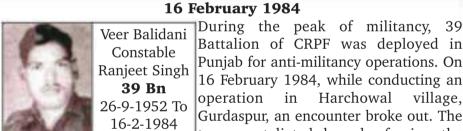
30 CRPF companies, including units from 61 Battalion stationed at Goalpara. Despite heavy security, pre-election violence escalated, forcing police and CRPF to open fire at multiple locations to disperse mobs. On 16 February, during one such deployment in Goalpara, security forces had to control a violent mob, resulting in six casualties. Amidst the unrest, Insp N. Mani, Ct Shyam Singh Rana, Ct Sagar Mal, and Ct Rajender Singh made the ultimate sacrifice in service of the nation. 16 February 2000 A GC Gwalior contingent was deployed Veer Balidani



Constable Jagadev Raj GC GWL 16-2-2000

in Bihar for State Legislative elections, amid heightened Maoist activity. On 11 February 2000, while on election duty 11-10-1959 To near Kaimur Bhabua, they came under a landmine blast attack. Despite injuries, the troops fought back fiercely, repelling the Maoists and preventing them from looting weapons. Five

bravehearts made the supreme sacrifice that day, while one valiant trooper succumbed to his injuries on 16 February 2000.



Battalion of CRPF was deployed in Punjab for anti-militancy operations. On Ranjeet Singh 16 February 1984, while conducting an 39 Bn operation in Harchowal village, 26-9-1952 To Gurdaspur, an encounter broke out. The 16-2-1984 troops retaliated bravely, forcing the militants to flee. In the line of duty, Ct Ranjeet Singh was struck by a

bullet and made the ultimate sacrifice for the nation. **16 February 1998**



Tripathi 112 Bn 1-11-1962 To

Veer Balidani LNK Shyam Dhor Veer Balidani LNK Battalion of CRPF was deployed in Shyam Dhar Narsand, Daltonganj (then Bihar) for election duty, securing 10 polling booths in the Palamu Parliamentary constituency. While patrolling near Mahuland village. the team was ambushed with

indiscriminate gunfire and a landmine blast. Displaying exceptional courage, the troops retaliated fiercely, tactically breaking the ambush and forcing the Maoists to flee. Amidst the intense exchange, LNK Shyam Dhar Tripathi, manning an LMG-mounted Gypsy, sustained a fatal bullet wound to the chest, making the supreme sacrifice in the line

Uttarakhand Landslide Mitigation and Management Center (ULMMC) Under Department of Disaster Management & Rehabilitation (Government of Uttarakhand) 6th Floor, USDMA Building, IT Park, Sahastradhara Road, Dehradun - 248013, Uttarakhand Email id: ulmmc.ddn@gmail.com

NOTICE FOR REQUEST FOR Proposal

REFERENCE No. 546 / 30/ULMMC/2024 Uttarakhand Landslide Mitigation & management Center (ULMMC) intends to engage Consultancy Firm for Preparation of Detailed Project Report on Investigation and Mitigation Measures for Slope Stabilization along Hill By-pass Road in Mansa Devi Hill, Haridwar, Uttarakhand. Hence Bids are invited for the following Packages and the bid documents of which, can be downloaded from the website https://uktenders.gov.in/. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be downloaded by interested eligible bidders from the website https://uktenders.gov.in/. which will be available from 18/February/2025 to 18/March/2025. Bids must be submitted online on the website https://uktenders.gov.in/. on or before 03:00 PM, 18/March/2025. Bids will be opened on 18/March/2025 at 3:30 PM. S. No.

Package No. Name of Package 04/Services/ Hiring of Consultancy Firm for Preparation of Detailed Project Report ULMMC/2023 on Investigation and Mitigation Measures for Slope Stabilization along Hill By-pass Road in Mansa Devi Hill, Haridwar, Uttarakhand Note:- 1. The corrigendum for the above packages will be uploaded on website

https://uktenders.gov.in/. 2. Email id ulmmc.ddn@gmail.com may be contacted for any information related to the bids.

> Dr. Shantanu Sarkar **Director ULMMC**

WESTERN RAILWAY STORES DEPARTMENT

e- AUCTION SALE DURING MARCH 2025 FOR P-WAY & OTHER VARIOUS SCRAP

SPECIAL ATTENTION: ALL STEEL PURCHASERS & RE-ROLLERS Public e-auction for disposal of P, way scrap, rail scrap & other various scrap material will be held in MARCH 2025 as per program given below

First Round	Second Round	Third Round	Depot/Division	Officer in Charge	Contact No.
03/03/2025	10/03/2025	20/03/2025	PRATAPNAGAR	Deputy Chief Materials Manager - Pratapnagar	0265-2658858 09724045550
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04/03/2025	11/03/2025	21/03/2025	VADODARA	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager - Vadodara	02652641592 09724091750
04/03/2025	11/03/2025	21/03/2025	SABARMATI	Deputy Chief Materials Manager - Sabarmati	07927500080 09724093774
05/03/2025	12/03/2025	24/03/2025	MUMBAI CENTRAL	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager - Mumbai Central	022-23094142 09004499006
05/03/2025	12/03/2025	24/03/2025	AHMEDABAD	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager - Ahmedabad	07922205888 09724093750
06/03/2025	18/03/2025	26/03/2025	BHAVNAGAR	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager - Bhavnagar	02782444360 09724097750
06/03/2025	17/03/2025	26/03/2025	DAHOD	Deputy Chief Materials Manager - Dahod	02673241295 09724090455
07/03/2025	17/03/2025	27/03/2025	RAJKOT	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager - Rajkot	02812476943 09724093750
07/03/2025	18/03/2025	27/03/2025	MAHALAXMI	Deputy Chief Materials Manager - Mahalaxmi	022-24929571 09004495750
07/03/2025	18/03/2025	27/03/2025	PARDI	Deputy Chief Materials Manager - Mahalaxmi	022-24929571 09004495750

Mega Auction for All Depots and Divisions on 28/03/2025 For detailed information please contact the concerned Depot/Divisional Officers. Note: - 1. Railway reserves the right to withdraw any lot from e-Auction. 2. e-Auction will start at as per scheduled time. 3. e-Auction catalogues will be available on site www.ireps.gov.in e-Auction portal 4. In case of any assistance required regarding e-Auction, digital signatures. Registration procedure and participation, please contact above mentioned Depot/Divisional Officer. 5. All payment transactions shall be done through the online payment gateway. (No.S/SIII/Auction Programme-1/March 2025, Dated 07.02.2025)

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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/ETND-EP-48/899/2024-25 Date: 15.02.2025

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Item rate Tenders under two cover bid system is invited for the work mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors who have got adequate financial resources, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the following works :-

Name of the Works: (1) Providing water supply distribution Network at Vasanthanarasapura Phase-1,2 & 3 Industrial Area, Tumakuru. (2) Supply, laying, jointing, testing and commissioning of 610mm dia MS Gravity Main for 1800m Length alternate to the existing 600mm Dia PSC Pipe at Kodithimmanahalli Junction for Koratagere Town & Madhugiri at Tumakuru district.

The last date and time of receipt of tender is: 19.03.2025 upto 4.30 pm. Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the Karnataka Public

Procurement Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru

In Chhattisgarh civic poll sweep, BJP faces setback in CM turf

JAYPRAKASHS NAIDU

RAIPUR, FEBRUARY 15

AFTER CLINCHING the Assembly elections in 2023 and the Lok Sabha polls the following year, the BJP has continued its winning streak in Chhattisgarh.

The party on Saturday swept the urban local body polls, winning all 10 mayor posts as well as getting the majority in the nagar palikas and nagar panchayats across the state. While the Congress lost most

a silver lining for the party came in the form of a win of nagar panchavat chairman's seat in Kunkuri. which is the Assembly constituency of CM Vishnu Deo Sai. Overall, BJP won all 10 mayor seats. This is a massive turnaround

of its old seats in civic body polls,

for a party that could not get a single mayor elected in 2019. The BJP also won 35 of the 49

chairman posts in the nagar palikas and 81 of the 114 chairman posts in the nagar panchayats. The Congress's performance

was dismal. The party ended up bagging eight chairman posts in the nagar palikas and 22 chairman posts in the nagar panchayats.

PROVISION OF OHE

MODIFICATION WORK

TRD-01-24-25: Date: 14-02-2025. E

for the following work. Tender No.

tender are invited by the undersigned

RT5-EL-RNY-TRD-01-24-25; Name of

Work: At Rangia Division Provision

of OHE modification work for proposed

RUB/LHS at RM/42, RM/176,

RM/177 & RM/251. Advertised Value:

₹1,82,95,772.20; Earnest Money

₹2.41.500.00. E-tender will be

closed at 15.00 hrs. on 07-03-2025

The complete information with the

tender document of above e-tender

will be available in www.treps.gov.in

MORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: RT5-EL-RNY-

In the 2019 urban local body polls in Chattisgarh, Congress had won nine of the ten mayoral seats. Similarly, Congress had won 48 nagar panchayat chairman seats in 2019, while BJP got 38. Congress had also won 21 nagar

won by the BJP. Bouved by BIP's win, CM Sai termed it "historic". "This massive victory is the victory of the successful Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Modi's guarantee, the development work done by our government in thirteen months and the people's unwavering faith in the BJP," he said.

palika seats then as against the 16

Among those who won the mayoral polls from BIP was leevdharn Chauhan, a tea-seller from Raigarh. Referring to Chauhan's victory, Sai said, "In Raigarh, by making a hard-working tea-seller the mayoral candidate, the BIP proved that the loyalty and dedication of workers is respected."

BIP also seemed bolstered by the win in Raipur mayor seat where the party returned to power after 15 years. Asked about party's defeat in Kunkuri, Sai said, "We honour the mandate of the public and I assure that development works won't stop in the region."

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Corrigendum Tender No:- SNT-Proj.-JP-2024-25-12

Name of the work: Request for Proposa

(RFP) for appointment of Authority

Engineer for providing project

management services for Provision of

Automatic Block Signalling on Luni (LN)

Jajiwal (JWL) & Phulera (FL) -Nawa city

(NAC) of Jodhpur division, Manheru

(MHU)- Rewari (RE) Section of Bikane

Division, Rewari (RE)- Bawal (BWL) o

Jaipur division (Total - 173,14 Kms) and

Indoor & Outdoor replacement with

Electronic Interlocking in Rewari yard over

North Western Railway. In Tender Notice

No. SG/Dy CSTE/Proj/PMS/2024-25/12

dated 27.01.2025 1. "Date of Closing

tender extended on dated

189-CR/25 Dy.CSTE/PROJECT/JAIPUR

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03.03.2025,11.00 Hrs" Other terms an

conditions will remain unchanged.

Economic Survey: Uttarakhand's per capita income estimate higher than national avg

EXPRESS NEW SERVICE DEHRADUN, FEBRUARY 15

AHEAD OF the Budget session in Uttarakhand starting February 18, the Department of Planning's Economic Survey has estimated the per capita income of Uttarakhand for the financial year 2024-25 to be ₹2.74 lakh.

Principal Secretary R Meenakshi Sundaram said an 11.33% increase has been recorded this year compared to the last financial year. This is higher than the national per capita income for 2024-25, estimated at ₹2,00,162, according to the National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India.

Sundaram also said that the Gross State Domestic Product at current prices is projected to reach ₹3.78 lakh crore in FY 2024-25, compared to an estimated ₹3.32 lakh crore in 2023-24, with a projected growth of 13.59%.

Similarly, in terms of Real **Gross State Domestic Product** (GSDP) at constant prices (base year 2011-12), the economy is expected to reach ₹2.17 lakh crore in 2024-25, up from an estimated ₹2.04 lakh crore in 2023-24.

Sundaram said smart meters installation scheme will reduce complaints related to meter readings and bills. Also, the current replacement of smart meters will be carried out free of charge, he said. As per the Centre's directive, only postpaid meters are currently being installed. However, consumers who opt for prepaid meters will receive a 4% discount on electricity tariffs for domestic connections and a 3% discount for other categories, he said. As part of the plan, by June 2026, smart meters will be installed for 15.88 lakh consumers.

विशेष शाखा पुलिस मुख्यालय मध्यप्रदेश भोपाल

कमांकः विशा/स्टोर/2025-25 (49),

Sr.DEE/TRD/Rangiya

निविदा सूचना का शुद्धि पत्र (Corrigendum)

विशेष शाखा पुलिस मुख्यालय की निविदा सूचना क्रमांक SB/Store/2024-25 (591), Dated 17-12-2024 द्वारा Body Worn Camera के क्रय हेतु ई-निविदा सूचना जारी की गई है। उपरोक्त आमंत्रित निविदा में क्रय किये जाने वाले उपरोक्त उपकरण की समय-सारणी में आंशिक संशोधन के संबंध में "**शृद्धि पत्र" (Corrigendum**) जारी किया गया है जो website https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app पर विभाग की वेबसाईट www.mppolice.gov.in पर

> सहायक पुलिस महानिरीक्षक विशेष शाखा (जी), म.प्र. भोपाल दुरभाषा क्रं 0755-2443654 ईमेलः sec25-sb@mppolice.gov.in

No. G-22993/24

ARMY INSTITUTE OF LAW (AIL) SECTOR-68, MOHALI - 160062 Tel: 0172-5095336-38, E-mail: info@ail.ac.in

TENDER NOTICE FOR SECURITY SERVICES (12 April 2025 to 11 April 2026)

AIL Mohali invites applications from registered/ experienced firms/ security agencies having valid GST No and license to provide security services on annual contract basis for 4x Security Supervisors and 11xSecurity Guards. Interested agencies are requested to download the forms and other terms and conditions from AIL Website www.ail.ac.in. Right to select/reject the agency without assigning any reason lies with this Institute.

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Corrigendum-5 Tender No:- SNT-Proj.-JP-2024-25-12 Name of the work: Request for Proposal

दिनांक: 10/02/2025

(RFP) for appointment of Authority Engineer for providing project management services for Provision of Automatic Block Signalling on Luni (LN)-Jajiwal (JWL) & Phulera (FL) -Nawa city NAC) of Jodhpur division, Manheru MHU)- Rewari (RE) Section of Bikaner Division, Rewari (RE)- Bawal (BWL) of laipur division (Total 173.14 Kms) and ndoor & Outdoor replacement with Electronic Interlocking in Rewari yard over North Western Railway, In Tender Notice No. SG/Dy CSTE/Proj/PMS/2024-25/12 dated 27.01.2025 1. "Correction made in Tender Document. Other terms and

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NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No. DCE-BL-01-2025

Executive Engineer/Bridge/Open

Line/N.E. Railway/Gorakhpur acting for

of duty.

NAGAR NIGAM MORADABAD



Pili Kothi, Jalkal Compound, Moradabad-244001 (U.P.) E-Drocurement Tender Notice

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SI. No.	Nagar Nigam	Package No.	Included Roads	Length of Road	CST /D	ost Excluding s. Lakh)	Total Estimated	Earnest Money	Duration of Construction	Tender Fee Including	
		8428		(km)	Construction	Maintenance for 5 Years	Cost of Work (Rs. in Lakh)	(Rs. in Lakh)	Work (in Months)	GST	
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		NNM/	Pital Nagari Road	1.04	1528.73	27.32	1556.05				
2	Moradabad	2024-25/ CMG- 02	Hallet Road to Parker Road	0.875	1139.70	21.63	1161.33	54.35	15	41300.00	
		NNM/ 2024-25/	Buddhi Vihar Phase 2 & Avas Vikas CM-GRIDS Road Network	3.738	5303.00	99.54	5402.54	400.50	82	44000.00	
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1	Availabili	ty of te	ender document	on E-Te	ndering portal	tal 17-02-2025, 03:00 PM						
2	Pre-bid m	eeting	S			20-02-2025, 03:00 PM @ 3rd Floor URIDA, Sector-Gomti Nagar Extension, Lucknow – 226002.						
3	Last date of uploading the tender document on E-Tendering portal						17-03-2025, 03:00 PM					
4	Opening	of tend	ler (technical bi	d)		17-03-20	25, 04:00 PM					

Under IBT clause-10, Nagar Nigam Moradabad has right to issue corrigendum/addendum that will not publish in any newspaper all bidders are advised to keep watching e-tender portal in daily basis. Any corrigendum/ addendum or any additional information related to the tender shall be available at nagar nigam moradabad website & htttp://etender.up.nic.in and tender can be seen at e-tender portal from 17-02-2025. Any gueries/complain related to tender can be sent to following e-maill moradabadnagarnigam@gmail.com before 24 Hrs of pre-bid meeting date and time and No queries/complain will be entertained after 19-02-2025, 3.00 pm. Chief Engineer

Nagar Nigam, Moradabad epaper.indianexpress.com

Last date of submission is 10 Mar 2025 till 4 P.M. MORADABAD SMART CITY LIMITED Office of the CEO / Municipal Commissioner,

E-Mail: moradabadsmartcitylimited@gmail.com

Contact No.: 0591-2971001

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

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Date: 16.02.2025

Open Tender: 3338/MSCL/2025 Dated: 15.02.2025 The C.E.O. of Moradabad Smart City Limited (MSCL) invites e-tenders for the following works:

1) Name of the Work: Request for Proposal for renting E kiosk at 20 Location under Moradabad Smart City Limited.

Tender Fee Rs. 1,180/- (Rs. One Thousand One Hundred Eighty Only).

EMD - Rs. 5,000/- (Rs. Five Thousand Only). Start Date and time for downloading of bid 17th of February 2025 and 10:00 A.M. Period of Last date and time for submission of bid 06th of March 2025 and 04:00 P.M.

Opening of Technical bid 07th of March 2025 and 05:00 P.M. The bid forms and other details are available on website https://etender.up.nic.in/ and can only be submitted through https://etender.up.nic.in/. Any corrigendum regarding this

Indian Bank

would be published only on the above mentioned website. Additional C.E.O.

Appendix IV (Rule-8(1)]

POSSESSION NOTICE

Moradabad Smart City Limited

Principal Water Works Compound, Peeli Kothi, Civil Lines, Moradabad-244001

and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders for the following works: E-Tender No.: DCE-BL-01 2025, Description of work Strengthening of super structure by Regirdering of Br. No. 133 UP (3x18.3m) Welded Plate Girder at KM 456/6-7 between Deoria Sadar-Baitalpur stations of Bhatani - Gorakhpur section in BSB division of N.E. Railway, Approx. Tender Value (?): 92,30,807.04, Earnest Money (₹): 1,84,600.00, Cost of tender document: Nil. Completion period from the date of issue of acceptance letter: 10 (Ten) months. Note: . Date of E-Tender opening 11.00 Hrs on 10.03.2025, • Receipt of E-Tender upto 10.59 Hrs on 10.03.2025. • Detailed Etender notice, Eligibility criteria, terms & conditions are available at website

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Authorised Officer

Indian Bank (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank)

Salai, Chennai - 600014.

Zonal Office, Muzaffarpur, Om Shanti Complex

www.ireps.gov.in

(For Immovable Property) ALLAHABAD 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 Date of Amount outstanding Its liter Name of the Borrower / Description of the Charged/Mortgaged Property (All the part & parcel of Mortgagor/Guarantor as on the date of (Owner of the Property) the property consisting of) Demand Notice 1. Mr. Md. Chand Ansari (Borrower Cum Mortgagor) S/o All that part & parcel of property land and building Md. Ekram Ansari, 2. Mr. Mohammad Shahabuddin situated at Islampur, Laxmi Narayan Road, Anchal (Guarantor) S/o Md. Ashraf Ali. Above both (1 & 2) are Mushahari, Muzaffarpur, Khata No. 37 Ka , RSP No. 70 Rs. 8,60,100/-Rs. 8,60,100/resident at Islampur, Laxmi Narayan Road, Muzaffarpur Mi, Thana No. 344, Area- 0.4 Decimal, Vide Deed No-

842001, 3. Mr. Md. Bashir (Guarantor) S/o Mohammad 4062, Dated 16/03/2009, Book No. 01, Zild/Vol. No. 55 and legal expenses Khalil, Resident at Chandwara, Near Marwari High Page No. 533-550 in the name of Mr. Md. Chand there upon Ansari. Boundary: North: Mohammad Sahid, South: School, Muzaffarpur 842001. Gali, East: Md. Jakir, West: Mohammad Sahid & Gali. 1. N.B. Enterprises (Borrowing Firm) Prop. Bharat All that part & parcel of property land and building Thakur, 2. Mr. Bharat Thakur (Borrower Cum Mortgagor) situated at Balughat, Mouza Sikanderpur, Anchal S/o Mahesh Thakur resident at Balughat, Near Brahma Mushahari, Dist. Muzaffarpur, Khata No. 502, RSP Rs. 22,90,234/-Rs. 22,90,234/-Intt. & other Banking Asthan, Muzaffarpur 842001, 3. Mr. Vibhuti Thakur No. 190, Thana No. 478, Area- 7.50 Dhur, Vide Deed No- 18157, Dated 01/09/2014, Book No. 01, Zild/Vol. and legal expenses (Guarantor) S/o Vishwanath Rai, resident at Sikanderpur, Muzaffarpur 842001, 4. Mr. Viranjit Kumar (Guarantor) No. 255, Page No. 68-80 in the name of Mr. Bharat there upon S/o Ram Sewak Poddar, resident at Narwara Colony, Thakur. Boundary: North: Road Pakki, South: Road, East: Umesh Thakur, West: Ram Nandan Thakur, Balughat, Muzaffarpur 842001 Place: Muzaffarpur

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COLUMN

TAVLEEN SINGH

India needs

OF THE many images of the Prime

Minister's trip to Washington last week, the

one that intrigued and interested me most

was of him meeting Elon Musk and family.

As I watched him smiling happily and

handing out gifts to Musk's children, I found

myself hoping that he found a moment to

ask Musk a few questions about how DOGE

was cutting government spending. For

those who may not know what the

acronym means, it stands for Department

of Government Efficiency. One of the first

things Donald Trump did after becoming

President for the second time was to put

his friend in charge of this vital new depart

ment. Musk has been performing his job

so ruthlessly that hundreds of government

employees have lost their jobs overnight

and government programmes like USAID

than once that he wants 'minimum gov-

ernment and maximum governance', but

he seems unaware of how to do this.

Consequently, the Government of India

remains the lethargic, wasteful behemoth

that it always was. When I did a little re-

search, I discovered that we taxpayers pay

salaries to 48.47 lakh employees and pen-

sions to 67.95 lakh retirees. I remember

having a conversation with a Chief Minister once who told me that by the time salaries had been paid, there was virtually no money left to do anything else.

Walk into any government office anywhere in India and you will notice that

there seem to be more than 10 people do-

ing a job that can easily be done by one

person. Modi is not to blame for this. It is a leftover from secular, socialist times when the Government of India was the

biggest employer in the country because

the private sector had been crushed be-

neath the weight of quotas, licenses and

corrupt regulators. When I was a starry-

eyed Modi Bhakt in the first two years of

Modi's first term, I kept waiting for the

moment when he would start minimis-

ing government. Not only did this never

happen, but he also seemed not to have

observed that there were ministries that

could be closed without anyone noticing.

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

which was set up to control information and

broadcasting, and not help it along. In that

olden time, when I was a junior reporter,

this was easy. The only broadcaster was

dear, dreary Doordarshan and its sister, All

India Radio, which, during the Emergency

we took to calling All Indira Radio. But to-

day, information seeps through the cracks

even when there are strict Internet shut-

downs. India leads the democratic world in

this department. And a network of very ef-

ficient spies has been created to trawl social

media in search of Indians saying bad things

about the Modi government. Is this mini-

would happen in my starry-eyed bhakti

days. I had hoped that Modi would discover

sooner rather than later that there were

ministries that could become a single min-

istry. Do we need a Department of

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, and a sep-

arate Department of Animal Husbandry

and Dairying? This is only one example.

There are at least a hundred others. And the

only reason why they exist is because a gov-

ernment job continues to be the ultimate Indian dream. The private sector would be

able to create millions of new jobs if officials

and regulators were more sincere about

ting the government to stop wasting our

money on itself. We must stop paying for

ministers, bureaucrats, MPs and MLAs to

live like princes at our expense. In no other

democratic country will you find that the

most expensive real estate is occupied by

Now for my favourite recipe for get-

making it easier to do business in India.

There are other things I had hoped

mum government Prime Minister?

One relic from ancient times is the

Narendra Modi has promised more

have been closed altogether.

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12 lakhs. The FM said it

would cost Rs 1,00,000 crore

Budget abandons the lesser gods - I

THERE IS a proverb in Tamil that goes as follows: If hunger strikes, all ten will fly away. The ten are honour, clan, education, generosity, knowledge, charity, penance, effort, perseverance and desire. In modern times, the ten — and more virtues seem to vanish at the time of elections. Admitted, Budget 2025-26 was presented on the eve of the Delhi elections and a few months before the Bihar elections. However, I have seldom seen a Budget that gives away all that the government can afford to give away in a year to a small number of persons in the hope that the ruling party can win their votes. That is precisely what the Hon'ble Finance Minister (FM) did in the Budget.

The FM calculated that she had — or was told she must find — a treasure of Rs 1,00,000 crore to distribute. She 'found' the money, and she decided to give away all of it to 3.2 crore persons who paid income tax (among the population of 143 crore people). It is a minor detail that the 3.2 crore income-tax payers included the middle class, the rich, the very rich and the super rich. Along with the ten virtues contained in the Tamil proverb, modern values of governance such as equity, social justice and distributive fairness were thrown to the winds.

POLITICALLY-DRIVEN BUDGET

As the budget exercise started, the FM

risky (even unnecessary by the ultrasound

doctor). Nevertheless, I had him and it felt

like I'd been given a second chance at moth-

erhood. To fix the mistakes I'd made with

ing was to remember what my mother

would do, but not be that strict about en-

forcing it. This often backfired when they

began to take things too easy. The thing

about being an Indian parent is that even

if you're laid-back, the world around you

isn't. Before WhatsApp groups were in-

vented, it was the parent-teacher meetings

where I would see other parents really go-

ing at the teacher for their child's perform-

ance. I would look inwards and wince,

wondering if I should be a little more strict.

me Monster Mom but they thought the

version of me that was strict was awful.

But I had to put my foot down now and

then, although I'm sure my sons remem-

ber all of this very differently. I often won-

der what sort of mother I would have

been if I'd had a daughter. I'd like to think

I'd still be a laid-back parent, but we'll

in our lives. My husband and my mother-

in-law passed away due to Covid-related

complications in 2021. In a month, our life

had become unrecognisable. We had

gone from being a nuclear family of five

to a sad little family of three. And wait, I

was the most responsible one here? But

we hobbled along, picking ourselves up

and making sense of the new normal in

times when my kids were small and would

cuddle with me are gone forever, I am re-

lieved that I have two adults with me. I'm

glad that despite the yelling (sometimes),

we can also share memes with each other

that I have two grown adults for kids, the

first thing they want to ask is how it's pos-

sible, because I look quite young. I have to

tell them the whole spiel about getting

married at 19 and having my son at 20.

The other thing they want to know is how

I did it. And here's the thing. I have no clue.

I bumbled along, made many, many mis-

takes (my mother reminds me of this con-

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fortnightly column)

When people are surprised to hear

on Instagram, and they get it.

stantly) and here we are.

And now, while I feel nostalgic that the

In the past 3.5 years, a lot has changed

never know, will we?

Funnily enough, the boys used to call

Both boys, as they were growing up, were very different. My method of parent-

the first. But life isn't really like that, is it?

was under the pressure of falling revenues. The Ministry of Finance (MoF) estimated that the total receipts of the central government will fall short of the budget estimates of 2024-25 by about Rs 60,000 crore. Moreover, if the FM wanted to 'improve' the fiscal deficit of 2024-25 a tad, the MoF had to find at least Rs 43,000 crore. Together, about Rs 1,00,000 crore had to be garnered. Delhi elections were around the corner and, if giveaways were contemplated, those would require additional funds in 2025-26.

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TAKE HATCHET TO BUDGET

Once these decisions were taken, there was no option except to cut the expenditure in 2024-25 and to deny any kind of relief to other sections of citizens in 2025-26: MGNREGA workers (the poorest of the poor), daily wagers, nonincome tax paying salaried workers, industrial workers, MSMEs, homemakers, pensioners and unemployed youth were

ignored. The FM took a hatchet and ruthlessly cut both capital and revenue expenditure in this and the next years from ministries ranging from External Affairs to Education to Rural Development to Social Welfare to Urban Development. Besides, despite foregoing Rs 1,00,000 crore, she simply assumed that net tax receipts to the central government will grow in 2025-26 at the same rate of 11 per cent as in 2024-25.

According to the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), youth unemployment is 10.2 per cent and graduates' unemployment is 13 per cent. The budget documents have 8 lines of expenditure on employment generation schemes, including 5 lines of the much-touted Productivity Linked Investment (PLI) schemes. The BE for 2024-25 for the 8 lines was Rs 28,318 crore but the RE is only Rs 20,035 crore. The employment generation programme is a spectacular failure.

Воттом 50% **ABANDONED**

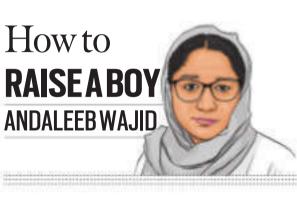
According to PLFS, the monthly wages of a salaried male worker had fallen in the last 7 years from Rs 12,665 to Rs 11,858 and for a self-employed male worker from Rs 9,454 to Rs 8,591. There was a similar decline for female workers too. According to the Household Consumption Survey, the average monthly per capita expenditure (MPCE) was Rs 4,226 (rural) and Rs 6,996 (urban). This is the average for the whole population of India. If one calculated MPCE for the bottom 50 per cent of the population, it will be *lower*, and for the bottom 25 per cent of the population, it will be even lower. How can a family of four live on a per capita monthly expenditure of 4 x Rs 4000-7000 (or less) that will include expenditure on food, electricity, education, healthcare, rent, transport, repaying debts, recreation, social obligations and emergencies?

The Economic Survey said that India needed to create 78.5 lakh non-farm jobs every year until the year 2030. India's manufacturing sector has diminished in the last 10 years: from 15.07 per cent of GDP in 2014 to 12.93 per cent in 2023 (source: World Bank). India's share of global manufacturing trade was 2.8 per cent against China's 28.8 per cent. The manufacturing sector has not created the required number of jobs to absorb the unemployed, the daily wagers or the selfemployed workers. 'Made in India' is another spectacular failure.

The Indian economy is not growing at a sufficient rate. As a result of the government's policies (reflected in the FM's Speech of February 1, 2025), a tiny fraction may become very rich and the middle class (at best 30 per cent of the population) may lead comfortable lives. However, the government stands charged of cruelly abandoning the bottom 50 per cent of Indians.

(to be continued)

I became a mother at 20. I had no clue what it entailed



I BECAME a mother 26 years ago. The moment my doctor showed me a glimpse of my son before taking him away to another hospital's NICU because he wasn't breathing the way he should, was the moment I realised that my entire sanity hinged upon this one small being staying alive. A harrowing 25 days later, we finally got him in our arms but we were repeatedly warned to be careful with him because of the lung complications he'd had when he was born.

Before we got him home, I remember going to the NICU to feed him. I had no idea how to even hold him properly. The nurse there looked at me with barely concealed annoyance: "This is how you hold a baby, ma. Don't you even know that?" The unsaid words were, what sort of mother are you? Well, I was just 20 and had been handed a baby of her own. I was that sort of mother.

In the initial years, I depended heavily on my mother for help. My son was colicky; he could develop wheezing at any point of time; he would cry from 7 pm till 3 am. I remember feeling overwhelmed when my brother went for a movie while I stayed at home. The only thought that struck me was that this is my life now. I will never be able to do anything I want because everything is dictated by the schedules of a baby.

But, of course, that wasn't true. Things changed as he grew older and I realised that I could not contain my existence, and identify myself as a mother and nothing else. My contemporaries were getting jobs, getting ahead in their careers while I was thinking of playschool options for him when he was three. I was also intent on doing other things with my life.

A miscarriage and an IUD (intrauterine device) later, I wanted to heal, not just my body but also my mind. I got a job. Navigating a job with a small child was unheard of, especially because it had never been done in my family. Women didn't get jobs. They didn't leave the house, or work from the house (as I'd negotiated for). But the distance was an eye-opener. I felt like me, once again, and not just an Ammi.

A few years later, I had my second son. Because of the mishaps between him and the first, my pregnancy was considered

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The river and a city: Why Yamuna isn't the problem

EVERY TIME Delhi goes through the throes of yet another election, a large number of issues of great import are suddenly remembered by all the contenders to the throne of the powerless Delhi Assembly. The issue of Yamuna's pollution and the slow death of the river almost always tops the agenda.

We will try to put forward a brief outline on why all this noise is based on assumptions that have no real basis in fact. We will start with the theory that the Yamuna is the lifeline of Delhi.

If we study the location of the seven capitals of Delhi, we can easily see that the Yamuna, aside from irrigating agricultural lands, had little to do with meeting the drinking or other water requirements of the seven capitals that came up in the land between the west bank of the Yamuna and the Aravallis. The first four, Mehrauli or Lal-Kot, Siri, Tughlaqabad and Jahanpanah, were located far from the Yamuna and it could not have been a source of water for domestic use.

The other three also relied on stepwells and wells. The largest stepwell of Delhi was inside the Red Fort. The large lawns and greenery of the Purana Qila and Kotla Ferozeshah are still fed by the water drawn from their baolis. Mughal emperor Shah Jahan's chief engineer had extended a canal built by Feroze Tughlaq at Hisar by 134 km to flow through the Red Fort and the Chandni Chowk. Shahjahanabad had stepwells, wells and water tanks in all large houses in each locality and in almost all large temples and mosques.

The fact that the Yamuna in Delhi did not flow through the heart of the city as it does in Mathura and Agra and as the Ganga does in Varanasi and Patna does not mean that it was never not the heart of the city.

The Yamuna flows over quartz rockbed in Delhi. Even without knowing about mica and silica that quartz rocks carry, people would have noted that those drinking this water suffered from certain ailments and so they resorted to storing and tapping rain water. The water of the Yamuna would henceforth be used primarily for irrigation, fishing, rituals or regular baths. This would continue till the British set up the Chandrawal waterworks in the late 1890s or thereabouts. About 10 years later, the sewer system was introduced and untreated sewage began to be discharged downstream of the waterworks. Thus, the project to kill the Yamuna was launched. We have continued to walk in the footsteps of those pioneers.





Every time Delhi goes to polls, the issue of Yamuna's pollution almost always **tops the agenda.** *Gajendra Yadav*

Before the launch of this scheme, each capital met its water needs through deepwells. Persian wheels were installed on many of these once they arrived in India after the 13th century. Delhi was largely semi-arid and the terrain was rocky and so there would have been hundreds of stepwells. More than 20 of them survive to this day. There were rain-fed ponds and lakes — Hauz-i-Shamsi, Hauz Khas, Hauz Rani, Neela Hauz, Naraina Jheel, the huge lake between Tughlagabad and Adilabad and hundreds of others.

According to revenue records and satellite data, Delhi had 1,367 water bodies. As per an April 2024 submission by the Delhi government before the Delhi High Court, almost half of Delhi's officially listed 1,367 water bodies are lost or encroached upon. In addition to these, there were almost a dozen big and small streams originating in the Aravallis between Tughlagabad and the Kushak Nalla in central Delhi. These included the *nallahs* that pass through Defence Colony, Sewa Nagar, Lodi Garden and the one that flows next to Dayal Singh College; another has the Delhi Haat built atop it. There are two streams that pass next to the Indian Statistical Institute and through IIT near Katwaria Sarai.

Two of these streams were tapped by Iltutmish to create the Hauz-i-Shamsi and the overflow was directed through the Naulakha Nalla that was to later fill another depression to create the huge lake at Tughlaqabad. It then flowed into the Yamuna towards Badarpur. Two other streams were later tapped by Alauddin Khilji to fill a depression that came to be called Hauz-i-Alai — the Hauze Khas of to-

day. North of Central Delhi, there was the Sahibi, the Najafgarh Nalla and the overflow from the Jahangirpuri and Najafgarh jheel that also replenished the Yamuna. All these streams were tributaries carrying fresh water from the Aravallis to the Yamuna.

Today, all of them are carriers of waste from scattered factories and untreated sewage and kitchen waste into the Yamuna.

The hundreds of millions spent every year to clean up the Yamuna are a colossal waste of the taxpayer's money. They will never clean up the Yamuna. The river does not produce any pollution, it is the tributaries that carry the filth into the river. If we are serious about cleaning the Yamuna, we need to clean up the tributaries and stop using the stormwater drains to flush the untreated sewage into the Yamuna.

All we need to do is to create channels that will not allow untreated waste water from flowing into the nallahs. Along the banks of the nallas, every half a kilometre or so, we need to set up small water treatment plants where we pump the water from the *nallahs* and the water from the channels, treat both and release them into the *nallahs*. Clean water will begin to flow into the Yamuna and soon it will be clean.

We won't need hundreds of millions every year and we will not need to import technical know-how from people who do not understand the scale or nature of the problems that we face in India. The solutions to apparently insurmountable problems are in many cases rather straightforward.

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these so-called servants of the people. A government house in Lutyens' Delhi is such a symbol of pomp and privilege that there are politicians of my acquaintance who ensure that their children inherit their house along with their constituency. If the Prime Minister sincerely wants younger and better people to enter politics, he could begin by making commer-

This alone would give the Government of India enough money to make Delhi look more like the capital of India than the sprawling urban mess that it has become. There would even be some money left to finally clean the Yamuna and rid us of those mountains of garbage that fester and spew poison into the already polluted air that we are forced to breathe. If DOGE begins to happen in Delhi, there is every chance that Chief Ministers, at least those ideologically affiliated to Modi, would be

forced to make their own DOGE.

cial use of Lutyens' Delhi.

One final idea. Can we please abolish the post of the Collector? These unelected despots not only have the power to control all development in their districts, but they also live in grander style than we can afford. Why does this colonial post continue to exist 75 years after our colonial masters departed? If Modi wants to live up to the new slogan he invented in Washington, MIGA (make India great again), he could begin by setting up a series of discussions with his new best friend Elon Musk and get more details of how DOGE works. Few countries more desperately need a department of government efficiency than India. And MIGA would perhaps follow.

she **SAID KATYAYANI** SANJAY BHATIA



A FEW years back, I watched a web series, Girl in the City. It is the story of Meera, who arrives in Mumbai with a bag full of dreams.

For those of us who grew up seeing Mumbai, albeit from afar, the city always held its promise. As the city of dreams and the city that never sleeps, Mumbai seemed perched at the crescendo of aspirational independence. For me, the movie Wake Up Sid also added to this charm. When Aisha navigated the streets of Bombay, not Mumbai, my heart leapt too. When Aisha sat on Marine Drive, while Sid clicked pictures, my heart fluttered on borrowed butterflies. And when Aisha got a trunk load of books from home, I felt the nostalgia that material memory evokes.

Mumbai, my city of stars and dreams

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This time, much older than Meera or Aisha, I was in Mumbai for a fleeting work visit. I did get a window of my own before work started and I gravitated towards the remnants of Aisha I carry, of wanting to be around the city 'on my own'. I did create my Bombay playlist, borrowed heavily from Wake Up Sid, and lent myself the lens of Aisha — and definitely her optimism.

Armed with this resolve, I set out in the evening, realising too soon that steely resolves do not maketh phone batteries.

My phone conked off as soon as I started on the first leg of my solo stroll around the city. Caught unawares, and unnerved instinctively, I was thankful this city was not home. Had it been home, the tentacles of my awareness would have leapt around me. fear creeping in. I would have probably rushed to the first charging port and then dashed back to the refuge of safety.

Just a few hours earlier, on the flight to Bombay, I was reading a book on Rumi and his quote, "When you start to walk on the way, the way appears", was ringing in my consciousness. As I wondered in a city abuzz with movement, I could surely find a perch, regain connectivity and start again. But wont as I was to walk around, I kept postponing the idea. If a way had to appear, I had to have Google Maps. But if a conked phone takes along with it the banes of existence, aka social media notifications, it also takes away the boons of connectivity — and Google Maps was the first casualty.

My aspirational plans were lofty, but this Dora had lost her compass. While brooding over whether to chastise myself over this extremely impractical plan, I was not prepared for the deluge of warmth

that was to come my way.

We all fear anonymity, disappearing in the mélange of unknown faces. But this anonymity became my saviour. Not knowing the city was a blessing. Rather than the fear of the unknown, the fascination for the unknown became my Pole Star.

At crossroads where every road seemed less travelled, a passer-by rushing across was Robert Frost for me. In alleys too dark to feel comfortable, a stranger with a warm smile asking me to follow them pulled me away from despondency. At places where I stood gawking at a building, I relied on the locals to not just identify it, but also add snippets that my phone could not have dreamt of providing. I wondered, what was it about this city that made a sceptic like me throw caution to the wind and follow an instinct that led me through one of my most memorable evenings?

As I was pondering, I caught a whiff of the sea. As far as my eyes could see, I saw the arc of Marine Drive, the destination I had in my mind when I started out. My watch, still alive, told me that I had walked nearly a dozen kilometres. I was no longer the same person who had started out. Not just a girl in the city, I was now a part of the city, for its ubiquitous spirit, the real stuff of dreams, had crept in. I still need to learn the art of surrender, but maybe I trust the unknown more. The city of dreams for me was the 'City of Stars' that night, for it was indeed shining just for me.

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Demonstrators raise slogans during a protest in Kragujevac on Saturday. File

SERBIA

Students' march receives jubilant welcome

Kragujevac: Protesting university students were greeted with euphoria Friday as they arrived in a central Serbian town ahead of a big rally this weekend, part of a months-long demonstration against corruption in the Balkan country. Thousands of people filled the streets in Kragujevac on Friday evening to await the students, many with children and pets. The crowds waved flags and balloons, lit flares and blew whistles in a festive atmosphere. "It's a unique feeling. This is once in a lifetime," said Lena Stanisic, a student from Serbia's capital Belgrade. "It can't compare to anything else." A small red carpet was placed on the pavement for the students who received flowers and their medals for effort.achieved".

UNITED KINGDOM Massive fire

tears through luxury hotel

London: A fire broke out at a luxury London hotel and restaurant known as a celebrity hotspot, engulfing the historic building and forcing about 100 people to be evacuated, fire services said.More than 100 firefighters and 20 fire engines spent hours fighting the blaze that ripped Chiltern through Firehouse in Marylebone on Friday, the London Fire Brigade said. The red brick building, a former fire station dating to the late 19th century, is known as a favourite with celebs. PTI

RUSSIA

6.4-magnitude earthquake strikes Siberia

Moscow: An earthquake with a magnitude of 6.4 struck Russia's Altai Republic in southern Siberia on Saturday morning, according to Russian seismologists.The quake occurred at 8:48 am local time (0148 GMT), according to Russian state news agency Interfax, citing the Unified Geophysical Service of the Russian Academy of Sciences reported. Tremors were also felt in neighbouring regions.

GAZA CEASEFIRE'S FIRST PHASE HAS JUST TWO WEEKS LEFT

3 Israeli hostages freed, Palestine receives 369 prisoners in exchange

REUTERS

CAIRO, JERUSALEM, FEB 15

HAMAS RELEASED Israeli hostages Iair Horn, Sagui Dekel Chen and Sasha (Alexander) Troufanov in Gaza on Saturday and Israel began freeing some 369 Palestinian prisoners and detainees in exchange, after mediators helped avert a ceasefire collapse.

The three Israelis were led onto a stage with Palestinian Hamas militants armed with automatic rifles standing on each side of them at the site in Khan Younis, live footage showed, before they were taken into Israel by Israeli forces.

Shortly afterwards, the first bus carrying freed Palestinian prisoners and detainees departed Israel's Ofer jail in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, live footage showed. The bus arrived in Ramallah to a cheering crowd, some waving Palestinian flags.

"We didn't expect to be freed, but God is great, God set us free." said Musa Nawarwa, 70, from the West Bank town of Bethlehem, who was serving two life terms for killings of Israeli soldiers in the West Bank. He is a former commander of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades militant group.

Argentina-born Iair Horn, 46, was taken captive together with his younger brother Eitan. Horn appeared to have lost considerable weight in captivity.

"Now, we can breathe a little. Our Iair is home after surviving hell in Gaza. Now, we need to bring Eitan back so our family can truly breathe," Horn's family said in a statement.



Israeli hostages Iair Horn, Sagui Dekel Chen, and Alexander Troufanov being handed over to the Red Cross in Gaza on Saturday.

for the 369 Palestinians allayed growing alarm that the ceasefire agreement could unravel before the end of the 42-day first stage of the truce pact in effect since January 19, after 15 months of devastating war.

In what has become known as Hostage Square in Tel Aviv, people broke into cheers and tears when they heard the Red Cross was on its way to deliver the three to Israeli military forces in the Gaza Strip.

They appeared relieved to see that the trio was in apparently better physical condition.

The swap of the three Israelis or the 369 Palestinians allayed Trump backs 'hard stance' on Gaza

REUTERS

WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 15

PRESIDENT DONALD Trump on Friday advocated taking a "hard stance" on Gaza, the Palestinian enclave for which he has proposed a U.S. takeover and where a fragile ceasefire between Israel and Hamas militants is in place.

Trump had said this week that Hamas should release all Israeli hostages in Gaza by Saturday midday or "let hell break out."

"I don't know what's going to happen tomorrow (Saturday) at 12'o clock. If it was up to me, I would take a very hard stance but I can't tell you what Israel is going to do," Trump said.

A ceasefire went into effect just before Trump returned to the presidency on January 20.

Some Israeli hostages have been released by Hamas and Palestinian prisoners have been released by Israel since then.

The UN human rights office has described images of both

After previously imposing

tariffs on China and readying im-

port taxes on Canada and

Mexico, Trump rolled out what

he called the "big one." He said

his administration would put to-

gether new tariffs in the coming

weeks and months to match

Trump's approach fair. House

Speaker Mike Johnson, R-La.,

said he finds the work of Musk's

Other nations hardly find

what other countries charge.

flected the dire conditions in which they were held. Trump on Friday reiterated his concerns about the appearances of released Israeli hostages without commenting on the state of the Palestinians. US ally Israel's military as-

emaciated Israeli hostages and

Palestinian detainees released

as distressing, saying they re-

sault on Gaza has killed more than 48,000 Palestinians since October 2023, according to the Gaza health ministry.

White South Africans come out in support of Trump

ALFONSO NQUNJANA & GERALD IMRAY

PRETORIA, FEBRUARY 15

SOME WHITE South Africans showed support for President Donald Trump on Saturday and gathered at the US Embassy in Pretoria to claim they are victims of racism by their own government. Hundreds of protesters held placards that read "Thank God for President Trump" and displayed other messages criticizing what they see as racist laws instituted by the South African government that discriminate against the white minority.

Many were from the Afrikaner community that Trump focused on in an executive order a week ago that cut aid and assistance to the Black-led South African government.

The South African government has denied its new law is tied to race and says Trump's claims over the country and the law have been full of misinfor-

mation and distortions. Trump said land was being expropriated from Afrikaners which the order referred to as "racially disfavored landowners" — when no land has been taken under the law. Trump also announced a plan to offer Afrikaners refugee status in the US.

years and repeatedly warned that other parts of Europe could be vulnerable to Russia's ambitions too. German chancellor

responds to Vance Earlier, German Chancellor Washington under President

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz with Ukraine President

on Saturday. AP

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MUNICH, FEBRUARY 15

TWO TOP European leaders stiff-

ened their spines Saturday over

unsettling new policies from

Donald Trump, as Ukraine's pres-

ident urged creation of an

"armed forces of Europe" and the

leader of Germany denounced

meddling in its election after US

Vice President JD Vance met with

Ukrainian President Volodymyr

Zelenskyy and German

Chancellor Olaf Scholz on Day 2 of

the Munich Security Conference

testified to the impact of a blizzard

of Trump decisions that have res-

onated at home and in Europe,

notably his hopes to end the

Russia-Ukraine war and nurture

perceived allies on the continent.

more muscular and mighty

Europe, Zelenskyy said Ukraine's

three-year fight against an in-

vading Russian army has proved

that a foundation exists for the

creation of a European army that

has long been discussed among

come," he said. "The armed forces

will catch on with European lead-

ers. Zelenskyy has sought greater

military and economic support

from the European Union for

"I really believe that time has

It's unclear whether the idea

some continental leaders.

of Europe must be created."

Ramping up his desire for a

Strident speeches from

a German far-right leader.

Volodymyr Zelenskyy at the Munich Security Conference

Zelenskyy wants

'armed forces of

Europe' to take

on Russian army

Olaf Scholz said he was "pleased" at what he called a shared commitment with the United States to the "preserving the sovereign independence of Ukraine," and agreed with Trump that the Russia-Ukraine war must end.

But also Scholz took aim at the new political tack from Washington, affirming his strong stance against the far-right and said his country won't accept people who "intervene in our democracy" — alluding to remarks by U.S. Vice President JD Vance who scolded European leaders over their approach to democracy.

Ahead of February 23 elections in Germany, polls show the far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD) party — whose co-leader met with Vance on Friday — currently in second, ahead of Scholz's own Social Democrats. Alluding to Germany's Nazi past, Scholz said the longstanding commitment to "Never Again" — a return to the extreme right — was not reconcilable with support for AfD.

"We will not accept that people who intervene in our democracy and our elections and in the democratic opinion-forming process in the interest of this party," he said.

Russia claims it has captured another village in Ukraine

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Russia said Saturday its forces had captured the village of Berezivka in their latest breakthrough in eastern Ukraine's Donetsk region, where Ukrainian defences are creaking.

Ukrainian officials did not immediately comment. Russia's much larger army has conducted a sustained yearlong campaign along the eastern front,

gradually loosening the shorthanded and weary Ukrainian forces' grip on its strongholds as the war approaches its fourth year later this month.

Though only a small settle-

ment, the capture of Berezivka would advance Russia's sweep across the Donetsk region, which has cost Moscow heavily in troops and equipment but has

paid dividends for the Kremlin.

In the offensive, Russian forces crush settlements with the brute force of 3,000-pound (1,300-kilo) glide bombs, artillery, missiles and drones, then send in infantry units to attack the exposed defenders. Russia seeks to take control of all parts of Donetsk and neighbouring Luhansk, which together make up Ukraine's Donbas industrial region.

Kyiv's recent losses in eastern Ukraine coincided with uncertainty over whether the US will keep providing vital military aid.

As Trump moves with dizzying speed on his to-do list, there are warning signs

WILL WEISSERT, **JOSH BOAK** & LINDSAY WHITEHURST WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 15

AS PRESIDENT Donald Trump approaches the first-month mark in his second term, he has moved with dizzying speed and blunt force to reorder American social and political norms and the economy while redefining the U.S. role in the world. At the same time, he has em-

powered Elon Musk, an unelected, South African-born billionaire, to help engineer the firing of thousands of federal employees and potentially shutter entire agencies created by Congress.

Those efforts have largely overshadowed Trump's crackdowns on immigration and the US-Mexico border, and his efforts to remake social policy by wiping out diversity, equity and inclusion programs and rolling back transgender rights. Here's a look at the first four

weeks:

Federal firings

The Trump administration fired thousands of workers who were still in probationary periods common among new hires. Some had less than an hour to leave their offices.

Those potentially losing jobs include medical scientists, en-



While Trump promised to turn Washington upside down, his moves could have far-reaching implications. AP

ergy infrastructure specialists, foreign service employees, FBI agents, prosecutors, educational and farming data experts, overseas aid workers and even human resources personnel who would otherwise have to manage the dismissals.

Legal challenges

Court challenges to Trump's policies started on Inauguration Day and have continued at a furious pace since Jan. 20. The administration is facing some 70 lawsuits nationwide challenging his executive orders and moves to downsize the federal

The Republican-controlled Congress is putting up little resistance, so the court system is ground zero for pushback. Judges have issued more than a dozen orders at least temporarily blocking aspects of Trump's agenda, ranging from an executive order to end US citizenship extended automatically to people born in this country to giving Musk's team access

Economic outlook Inflation rose at a monthly rate of 0.5% in January, according to the Labor Department, Over the past three months, the consumer price index has increased at an annual rate of 4.5% -- a sign that inflation is heating up again after having cooled for much of 2024. More trouble signs came when the Commerce Department reported that retail sales slumped 0.9% on a monthly basis in January. A drop that large could signal a weakening in consumer confidence and

to sensitive federal data.

economic growth.

'COME FALL IN LOVE — THE DDLJ MUSICAL' IS AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE STAGE PRODUCTION DIRECTED BY ADITYA CHOPRA

team "very exciting." Johnson said Trump is "taking legitimate"

New world order

executive action."

'Fair trade'

With his phone call to Russian President Vladimir Putin this past week, Trump is hoping he initiated the beginning of the end of the Kremlin's war on Ukraine.

The leaders agreed to have their teams "start negotiations immediately." After getting off the phone with Putin, Trump called Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to discuss getting both sides to the negotiating table.

Way ahead

The White House faces a further quandary with Zelenskyv wanting the U.S. and other countries to provide security guarantees for Ukraine, and Zelenskyy insisting that he and Trump iron out an agreement on the contours of any peace deal.

Britain's Railway celebrates 200 years in Bollywood style with 'DDLJ' musical

ADITIKHANNA LONDON, FERUARY 15

RAILWAY 200, Britain's celebration of 200 years of the modern railway network this year, has joined hands with film production company Yash Raj Films (YRF) for a unique India-UK cultural celebration and the romance associated with railways

in Bollywood. 'Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge', popular as 'DDLJ' worldwide, was famously shot extensively in the UK, including

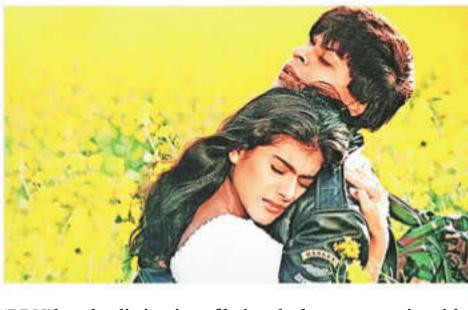
a key scene at London's King's Cross Railway Station where the film's lead pair - Shah Rukh Khan and Kajol – met for the first time.

Railway 200 is now planning to celebrate that connection with a set of immersive activations at Manchester and London railway stations as YRF finalises the cast for its 'Come Fall in Love - The DDLI Musical' stage premiere in May.

"We're very pleased to partner with Yash Raj Films and celebrate the enduring romance of rail and power of connection across the world," said Suzanne Donnelly, Executive Director of Railway 200.

"The railway has long inspired filmmakers and helped to shape our cultural landscape. Its bicentenary this year provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the 30th anniversary of this hugely successful, rail-related Bollywood blockbuster, and its new musical opening in the UK this summer." she said.

'DDLJ' has the distinction of being the longest-running title in Indian cinema, playing continuously in Mumbai since its re-



'DDLJ' has the distinction of being the longest-running title in Indian cinema. File

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lease back in 1995. In 2025, YRF is celebrating 30 years of one of the highest grossing Hindi films in the history of Indian cinema.

"YRF has always stood for bringing stories that are rooted in India, yet have a global footprint and 'Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge' is a testament to that," said YRF CEO Akshaye Widhani.

"To celebrate 30 years of 'DDLJ', we are bringing the stage adaptation of the movie 'Come Fall In Love – The DDLI Musical' to the UK. Our musical is set to have its UK premiere at the Manchester Opera House on May 29," he said.

"Together, we want to spread the message of how unifying love can be and how celebrating diversity and inclusivity is the need of the hour," he added.

'Come Fall in Love – The DDLI Musical' is an English language stage production directed by Aditya Chopra, the original director of 'DDLJ'. Its story will be a nod to the original as it follows Simran as a young British Indian woman who finds herself en-

in an arranged marriage. However, the plot thickens when she falls in love with a

gaged to a family friend in India

The production will feature an original score, complete with 18 English songs, with music by Vishal Dadlani and Sheykhai Ravjiani and lyrics by Nell Benjamin.

British man named Roger.

The creative team also includes choreographer Rob Ashford, of Disney's 'Frozen' fame, with co-choreography by Shruti Merchant. UK-based actors Jena Pandya and Ashley Day have been cast as Simran and Roger for the show which had a world premiere at The Old Globe in San Diego,

California, back in 2022.

New York: Oil prices settled down on Friday on prospects for a peace deal between Russia and Ukraine that could ease global supply disruptions. For the week, Brent gained 0.11% while WTI lost around 0.37%. **REUTERS**

FREIGHT A KEY FACTOR IN STEPPING UP OIL IMPORTS FROM US

'More than happy to buy more US gas; can buy Russian oil via clean channel'

INDIA'S LARGEST refiner and fuel retailer Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) is optimistic about the prospects of higher energy imports from the US, particularly natural gas imports amid rising gas consumption in the country. And while IOC is also keen to step up purchases of American crude, volume growth shall be contingent upon how competitively it is priced, since high freight charges remain a concern, according to the company's Chairman ARVINDER SINGH SAHNEY. Regarding the outlook on oil imports from Russia in the wake of the sweeping US sanctions against Moscow's oil trade, IOC is willing to buy Russian crude as long as the transactions are "clean" and do not carry sanctions-related risk. In an interview with SUKALP SHARMA, Sahnev delves into IOC's and India's oil and gas trade, energy supply security, fuel prices, energy transition and evolution path, and more. Edited excerpts:

Likelihood of a ramp-up in purchases of American oil and gas by India was a key takeaway from the Prime Minister's recent visit to Washington. How are IOC's energy imports from the US likely to shape up?

India already imports 20 per cent of its LNG requirement from the US anyway, and around 5-6 per cent of our crude requirement comes from US companies. We will be more than happy to have

more US LNG coming to India. If it goes up from 20 per cent to 30-35 per cent, it will give us flexibility in sourcing... significant gas liquefaction capacity is likely to come up in the US.

LNG is growing by leaps and bounds in India. In the last one year, Indian Oil has doubled its LNG business from 4-4.5 million tonnes (mt) to 7.5-8 mt, and by 2030, we plan to go up to 18 mt. The appetite is there, and we are always in discussion with different parties for supply of longterm LNG... I don't want to name any supplier since discussions have not reached a stage that would allow me to talk about them publicly.

There is also potential to increase imports of American crude, especially for Indian Oil, as our refineries are very versatile. We have 10 refineries and they

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ARVINDER SINGH SAHNEY CHAIRMAN, INDIAN OIL

CORPORATION

have different feed (crude oil) reguirements. So, whatever kind of feed comes to India, Indian Oil can take it. We will be happy to have more American crude, but it has to be commercially viable.

What is the main challenge with importing US crude? Is it the high freight vis-à-vis **India's traditional suppliers** that are geographically much closer to us?

Is it essentially the high cost of transportation. For US LNG also, high transportation cost is an issue, but still it is competitive (with LNG from other suppliers) on a landed price basis. In the case of oil, some commercial arrangement may be needed to overcome the negative of the high freight cost... it (US crude) should be competitive on a landed price basis. That is what matters ultimately...We have to supply fuels and (petroleum) products to customers at a reasonable rate, so we

need the price of crude to be globally competitive.

Last month, the US imposed sweeping sanctions on Russia's oil trade. How feasible will it be now to import large quantities of Russian crude, particularly in the short term?

Russian oil and gas themselves are not under sanction. Yes, some of the entities, a couple of their insurance companies, and 180-odd ships have come under sanctions recently. Indian Oil and India are ready to import Russian oil, provided that all the three components of the trade—supplier, insurer, and shipping fleet are not sanctioned. If Russian oil is delivered to our ports through a clean mechanism and the (price) cap is honoured, we are ready and willing to take it.

Since Russia is India's largest supplier of oil, how big an impact of the recent US sanctions do you foresee on oil supplies to India?

All of it (Russia's oil trade) is still not under sanctions. So, the non-sanctioned portion will continue to flow into the market. For Russia, only 1-2 million barrels per day (bpd) (of oil exports) may be impacted. Of the over 10 million bpd they produce, some is consumed inside Russia, while the rest is exported. The impact will be even less significant for India, as China is also a major buyer of Russian oil. And we have enough sources outside of Russia

to compensate for any volume loss. Also, OPEC has some capped (oil production) capacities, which they can easily uncap within 50 to 60 days. OPEC-plus can also produce more, Venezuela might also come into the picture, and the US is also ready to increase production. Guyana, Argentina, and Brazil are also coming into the picture... we are very well protected on the supply front.

Regular revisions in petrol and diesel prices have completely stopped over the past few years. Are you and other oil marketing companies (OMCs) looking to revert to routine price revisions?

If I talk as a customer myself, I am very happy in this situation. In the last three years, crude prices have been volatile. At one point, they were at \$115 (per barrel), but they went down to \$65 as well. At \$115, had we continued with the routine price revisions, we would have sold the fuels at something like Rs 250 per litre. You can imagine the kind of volatility that would be brought into the economy.

Prices of essential commodities would have gone haywire. And then when oil falls to \$65, it goes haywire on the other side. So, the OMCs have taken a decision that we will try to insulate the customer from these vagaries to the extent that it doesn't start affecting our balance sheets.

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FM: BIT negotiations should be separate from FTAs, with eye on national interest

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 15

THE BILATERAL Investment Treaty (BIT) should be handled separately and negotiated standalone from the Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) by specialists with expertise in elements of policymaking such as taxation, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Saturday. Sitharaman also underlined that before taking up international arbitration, enough time should be given to the contesting parties to go through the available local remedies because that is important for the host country.

Moving forward, the framework of investment treaties should capture national interests in relation to regulatory powers, strengthened guidance for arbitrators in resolving disputes, keeping in mind nations' interests and circumstances as well, she said.

"Issues related to the BIT are so unique to the sovereign that we think BIT should be negotiated standalone rather than make it as a part of FTA agreement. We think that BIT and its ramifications are so important for the sovereignty of the country, it is important for us to have a standalone BIT, with specialists who deal with taxation laws and elements of policies which are inherent to policy making to be handled separately with due expertise," the Minister said while speaking at the inauguration of the PG Certificate Course on International Commercial & Investment Treaty Arbitration in

Commenting on the time period for local remedies, Sitharaman said that it becomes a contentious issue while negotiating the BIT as some nations wouldn't even want to give more than six months. "That is an issue on which BIT becomes contentious where they wouldn't even want us to give more than six months, sometimes one year, if they are kind, for local remedies. Within one year, for an Indian investor, or for an Indian claimant, to seek the court here within India and then say I have exhausted all



Rajya Sabha during the Budget session on February 13. PTI File

have to now go for an international arbitration, is next to impossible. And even this becomes an arguing, contesting, and negotiating point when you are sitting at the BIT table," she said.

She further said that nations are becoming weary of international arbitrations and are moving away from the established models of arbitration. "Many nations like Australia are moving away from the traditional model of arbitration of Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS). The recent practice of Australia-UAE investment treaty is a good guiding example of this shift wherein the dispute settlement mechanism is State-to-State Dispute Settlement (SSDS). It is no longer the ISDS, UAE and Australia have arrived at it between themselves," she said.

Arbitrators have often ignored the judicial decisions of the host country, she said, adding that the investment treaty must not only provide better regulatory powers to the nations but must also serve as guidance to arbitrators to restore faith in arbitration.

Citing data from UNCTAD reports, Sitharaman said there have been 1,368 registered investment treaty cases and on an average, almost 70 per cent are pursued against developing nations based on the old-generation treaties. "That's a worrying element for the developing countries. It allows the investors to maliciously seek unfair benefits from them," she said.

Did fund manager's advice

The average amount sought by investors in ISDS cases is \$1.1 billion. which remains a considerable burden for the Global South, she said. There are some commercially-interested deep pocket parties who buy out the case from one of the arbitration parties and they can run this for a long period which no sovereign state can afford fighting in different jurisdictions, she said, adding that in the end, the case is then won by the party with a deep pocket. "It's not the same for all cases but there are anecdotal examples from many developing countries," she said. Corporations have also used ISDS mechanisms via investment treaties to challenge government policies, environmental regulations and public interest laws, she said.

Budget announcement, India will continue to build an investor friendly regime by revamping the model BIT of 2016 keeping in mind the interest of the nation. Multiple Western trade partners have cited burdensome investment treaty norms during ongoing negotiations. The Budget for 2025-26 has announced revamping the current model BIT to make it more investor-friendly and attract sustained foreign investment. India is currently in talks with the UK and the European Union for an investment treaty and is also expected to negotiate a BIT with the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) region.

Sitharaman said as per the

'PM's visit sets clear agenda for bilateral ties'

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the US is a major milestone that will strengthen bilateral trade, investment, defence, and technology partnerships, industry body CII said on Saturday.

Welcoming the recently concluded visit, CII said it eyes stronger trade and tech ties. It noted that the wide-ranging joint statement and initiatives announced during the visit under the framework of US-India COM-PACT have set a clear forwardlooking agenda for India-US rela-

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New Delhi: Income tax payers

can now match the sections of

the I-Tax Act, 1961, with the cor-

responding clauses in the sim-

plified I-T Bill, 2025, on the tax

department portal. Also,

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per Income Tax Act, 1961 and

Section number as per New

Income Tax Bill has been up-

loaded on the I-T department's

website. A simplified Income-

tax Bill, 2025, was introduced

in the Lok Sabha on February 13

by Finance Minister Nirmala

Sitharaman. The simplified Bill

has a word count of 2.6 lakh.

lower than 5.12 lakh in the

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Bourbon whiskey duty cut invites industry pushback

RAVIDUTTA MISHRA NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 15

A DAY AFTER the government slashed duty on bourbon whiskey to 100 per cent from 150 per cent, the Indian alcoholic beverage industry urged states to withdraw all excise concessions given to imported liquor, arguing that the customs duty cuts announced Thursday would harm Indian products in both the spirits and wine categories.

This assumes significance since the reduction in customs duty on bourbon whiskey was part of broader tariff cuts on a range of items aimed at appeas-

ing US President Donald Trump ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the United States. The US had "welcomed" the initial set of tariff cuts, and both countries announced plans for a

"The government needs to safeguard the interests of Indian liquor manufacturers when deciding on issues related to customs duty cuts and other concessions under FTAs. We have requested state governments to withdraw all excise concessions given to imported liquor, as the reduction in customs duties will further impact Indian products in both the spirits and wine categories. It will be a double whammy for Indian companies," said Anant S. Iyer, Director General of the Confederation of Indian **Alcoholic Beverage Companies** (CIABC), in a statement. Iyer said that Indian liquor manufacturers were "not opposed" to a reduction in import duty, though they have requested that the cuts be "phased" in over a period of 10 years. CIABC also asked the government to introduce "stringent and effective measures" to prevent the dumping of imported spirits and to negotiate better international market access for Indian alcoholic products, which currently face several non-tariff barriers. Non-tariff barriers in the UK, for instance, have been a point

negotiations. During the talks, the industry had said that the UK has a stringent three-year maturation requirement for whiskey, which blocks sales of Indian products in the British market. A representative from the Indian industry argued that whiskey matures faster in India's hot climate compared to the UK, making the requirement an unfair barrier to trade.

of contention in India-UK trade

"Countries should remove non-tariff barriers that prevent a vast majority of Indian products from being sold in Western markets. We also want these markets to recognise Indian whiskies on par with other global products," Iver said.

Trump indicates tariffs on automobiles from April 2

REUTERS NEW YORK, FEBRUARY 15

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump on Friday kept alive his drum-

beat of tariff threats, saying levies on automobiles would be coming as soon as April 2, the day after members of his Cabinet are due to deliver reports to him outlining options for a range of import duties as he seeks to reshape global trade. "Maybe around April 2,"

Trump said in response to a question about when auto tariffs might be coming, during an executive-order signing session in the Oval Office. "I would have done them on April 1... But we're going to do it on April 2." Since his inauguration, Trump has imposed a 10 per cent tariff on all imports from China, over existing levies; announced and then delayed for a month 25 per cent tariffs on goods from Mexico and non-energy imports from Canada; set a March 12 start date for 25 per cent tariffs on all imported steel and aluminum; and on Thursday directed his economics team to devise plans for reciprocal tariffs on every country that taxes US imports.

Trump offered no other details for his auto tariff intentions before heading to his Florida estate for the weekend. But what he views as unfair treatment of US automotive exports in foreign

markets has long been a sore spot for him. The EU for instance, collects a 10 per cent tariff on vehicle imports, four times the US passenger car tariff rate of 2.5 per cnet. The US, though, collects a 25% tariff on highly profitable imported pickup trucks.

GEORGE MATHEW MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 15

A SENSE of unease has gripped the investor community as the relentless sell-off in small- and mid-cap stocks continues to wreak havoc in the markets. The atmosphere is thick with confusion and nervousness, leaving even the most seasoned investors bewildered. But what has really sent shockwaves through the market is the candid admission by a respected industry stalwart that it's time to aban-

don ship. ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund's chief investment officer, Sankaran Naren, a name synonymous with wisdom and expertise in the mutual fund industry, dropped a bombshell last week when he publicly declared that it's time to exit small- and mid-cap stocks "lock, stock, and barrel." This stark warning from a trusted voice has

left investors scrambling to re-evaluate their portfolios and rushing to limit their exposure to these battered segments. As the market turmoil shows no signs of abating, investors are hold-

ing their breath, wondering what's next for their investments.

What did Naren say? Naren's bombshell statement has sparked widespread panic in the market, accelerating the selloff in small- and mid-cap stocks started in December 2024. Naren's comments, made at the IFA Galaxy 2025 event, sent shockwaves through the investor community, leaving many scrambling to re-evaluate their portfolios. His stark warning was unequivocal, as he cautioned investors who had started sys-

MARKET WARNINGS

prompt small-cap stock rout?

ICICI PRUDENTIAL Mutual Fund's chief investment officer, Sankaran Naren said 2025 could be the most dangerous year since 2008-2010 when investors lost a lot of money

tematic investment plans (SIPs) in small- and mid-cap stocks from 2023 that they were in for a "very bad, very bad experience." He emphasised that it was time to exit these stocks entirely, stating, "We think it is a clear time to take out lock, stock, and barrel from small and midcap." The sell-off in smalland mid-cap stocks, which began in December 2024, has gathered pace since Naren's comments, leaving investors reeling.

Naren said 2025 could be the most dangerous year since 2008-2010 period when investors had lost

a lot of their money, particularly in banks. However, he added that in today's time, most of the risk lies with retail investors. Now when companies are looking for capital for their new proj-

ects, they are no longer dependent on banks. What they do instead, is raise the funds directly from equity investors via IPOs or qualified institutional placements.

He said mid- and small-cap valuations are quite high as compared to 2013-14. Investors are assuming that SIPs will shield them from volatility while simultaneously putting their money into small- and mid-caps. The momentum in small- and mid-cap stocks is starting to fade, he said,

systematic investment plans (SIPs) in smalland mid-cap stocks from 2023 that they were in for a "very bad, very bad experience"

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who had started

below their daily moving average Naren advised the investors to consider investing in hybrid schemes.

adding that the trend is beginning

to break and that they've dropped

How are small- and mid-cap funds faring?

Small-cap stocks have plummeted by a staggering 18 per cent over the past two months. The Mid-cap Index has now plummeted 17.61 per cent in the last eight weeks, compounding the pain for investors. As the market continues to haemorrhage value investors are facing deep losses in these stocks. The relentless selloff has wiped out thousands of crores in investor wealth, with an-

alysts wondering when the bleed-

The sell-off accelerated after

Naren's speech last week. The BSE Small-cap Index plunged by 6 per cent and Mid-cap Index by 5.31 per cent since February 7 Investors holding small- and midcap stocks have seen a substantial decrease in portfolio values due to the sharp declines in these indices. The sell-off has contributed to overall market volatility, affecting investor confidence and leading

ing will stop.

to increased foreign outflows. **FULL REPORT ON**

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Sebi revises norms for depositories

I-T Act.

New Delhi: Capital markets regulator Sebi has revised the timelines for the issuance of Consolidated Account Statements by depositories to enhance compliance ease. In a circular issued on Friday, Sebi said the asset management companies and mutual fund registrar and transfer agents must provide common PAN data to the depositories within five days from the end of the month, instead of the earlier three-day deadline. After receiving the data, the depositories will then consolidate and dispatch the CAS to investors who opt for electronic delivery by the 12th day of the month and to those preferring physical copies by the 15th day from the month-end, it noted. PTI

POLITICAL DONATIONS

Individual taxpayers claimed higher tax benefits than corporate entities

HARIKISHAN SHARMA

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 15

THE REVENUE IMPACT of tax deductions availed by individual taxpayers for donations to political parties has surged post-Covid-19. In fact, during the two financial years through 2023-24, just ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, individual taxpayers claimed higher tax benefits than corporate taxpayers for contributions made to

The Statement of Revenue Impact of Tax Incentives under the Central Tax System in Budget 2025-26 shows individual/HUF taxpayers claimed benefits worth Rs 2,275.85 crore for deductions on account of contributions to political parties under Section 80GGC of the Income tax Act, 1961, (I-T Act) during FY23. This figure is projected to grow by 12.36 per cent to 2,557.15 in FY24, according to the Budget docu-

political parties.

The revenue impact of deductions claimed by individual taxpayers was higher compared to corporate taxpayers. In FY23 and FY24, the revenue impact of deduction claimed by corporate taxpayers for contributions to political parties was recorded at Rs 514.40 crore and Rs 577.98 crore (projected), respectively. In the FY18 too, the revenue impact of deduction claimed by individual taxpayers (Rs 169.56 crore) exceeded corporate taxpayers' claims (Rs 133.36 crore).

An analysis of previous years' Budget documents shows that the revenue impact of deductions claimed by taxpayers for political donations has been on the rise

REVENUE IMPACT OF TAX INCENTIVES

Financial		Non-corporate		
year	Taxpayers*	Taxpayers**	Taxpayers#	
2014-15	111.67	13.8	45.39	170.86
2015-16	13.9	4.0	66.1	84.0
2016-17	103.07	5.57	77.98	186.62
2017-18	133.36	19.47	169.56	322.39
2018-19	801.58	41.22	402.18	1,244.98
2019-20	1,159.91	42.5	544.53	1,746.94
2020-21	256.0	34.36	740.03	1,030.39
2021-22	1,775.46	90.15	1650.86	3,516.47
2022-23	514.4	115.71	2,275.85	2,905.96
2023-24	577.98	130.01	2.557.15	3.265.14

All values in ₹ crore Source: Union Budgets, *(section 80GGB),

over the years. However, this trend surged post the Covid-19 pandemic, as the figure increased from Rs 544.53 crore in FY20 to Rs 740.03 crore in FY21 and Rs 1,650.86 crore in FY22.

The combined revenue impact of tax deductions availed by corporates, firms and individuals on account of donations to political parties stood at Rs 2,905.96 crore in FY23, which is projected to reach Rs 3,265.14 crore in FY24. However, it is lower than the Rs 3,516.47 crore impact seen in FY22. The total revenue impact of tax concessions availed by individual, corporates and firms on political donations in 10 years since FY15 is an estimated Rs 14,473.75 crore.

Under the (I-T Act), taxpayers, including Indian companies, firms, Association of Persons (AOPs), Body of Individuals (BOIs), individuals or Hindu Undivided Families (HUFs), are allowed to claim deductions in respect to donations made by them to political parties. These include donations made through cheques, account

transfers or electoral bonds. As per Section 80GGB of the I-T Act, 1961 corporate taxpayers can claim deductions on account of donations made to political parties. Section 80GGB of the I-T Act states that "In computing the total income of an assessee, being an Indian company, there shall be deducted any sum contributed by it, in the previous year to any political party or an electoral trust.' However, it does not allow de-

ductions "in respect of any sum contributed by way of cash". Similar benefit is available to individual taxpayers under Section 80GGC.

"In computing the total income of an assessee, being any person, except local authority and every artificial juridical person wholly or partly funded by the Government, there shall be deducted any amount of contribution made by him, in the previous year, to a political party or an electoral trust...." Section 80GGC of the Income Tax Act states.

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so at their own risk and responsibility.

My clients shall not be responsible for

PUBLIC NOTICE

behalf of my clients Mr. Ramtal JJ, Svo Ramdev is the owner of H.No. B-128, Phase No. 1, Near Agarwal Hotel, Holambi Kalan, Metro Vihar, Narela, Delhi - 110082, that my clients do herreby discown and diskinnent his Son Mr. Heera Lai, Daughter in -law of Ms. Nisha and his Grand Son Namely Umesh for their misconduct. That they shall not inherit are of the nonarties of my clients nor he

any of the properties of my clients nor be entitled to any share in the movable

entitled to any share in the movable immovable properties or any other assets of my clients. Now my clients would have no concern with their son Heera Lal and Daughter in Law Nisha and Grand Son Umesh. Any person dealing or transacting with aforesaid. Son and Daughter in Law Grandson in any respect of my clients shall be doing that at his or her own risks, general public take note.

NEERAJ KUMAR- ADVOCATE Ch. No. K-150, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-54 Mob.: 9625828195

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general

public that the Builder-Buyer

Agreement, Allotment Letter,

and Possession Letter for

Apartment No. X-157, Regency

Park-II, DLF City Phase-IV,

Gurgaon, Haryana, have been misplaced. If found, kindly

X-157, Regency Park-II, DLF City Phase-IV, Gurgaon -

Ernalt Harvindersingh76@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

behalf of my clients Mr. Dhansingh, S/c Sadhu Ram is the owner of H No. F-480.

Sacru Ram is the owner of H.No. F-490. Madipur Colony, Near Paschim Vihar, New Delh - 110063, that my dients do hereby distown and disinherit his Son Mr. Rohit Daughter in Law Ms. Neha and his Grand Son Namely Phyanish for their misconduct. That they shall not inherit any of the properties of my clients nor be entitled to any

share in the movable/immovable propertie

Son Privansh. Any person dealing of transacting with aforesaid Son and

Daughter in Law, Grandson in any respect of my clients shall be doing that at his or her

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT m

Client Mrs. Sonika (Contact

No.9971133113) wife of Sh. Sandeep R/o

RZ-296, Gopal Nagar, Najafgarh, South West Delhi, Delhi-110043 intend to

purchase DDA Built up Flat No.51, ii

Block C-4C, on Ground Floor, Category

MIG, situated at Janak Puri, New Delhi

110058 with leasehold rights ("Said

Property) from its owner Mrs. Davinder

Kaur Anand alias Davinder Kaur wife o

Mr. Surinder Singh Anand R/o C4C/51

Janak Puri, New Delhi-110058,An entity/person having or claiming any right

title, claim, benefit, demand or interest etc

with respect to the said Property or having

any objection to the same should inform

undersigned or said purchaser at the

writing within a period of 7 (Seven days from the date of publication of this Notice

ailing which it shall be presumed that no

dverse right, title, interest, share, claim o lemand of any nature whatsoever exist

n or upon or in respect of the said Property

address mentioned herein below i

or any other assets of my clients. Now my

ents would have no concern with their Sor ohit and Daughter in Law Neha and Grand

return them to:

Mrs. Aanchal Singh &

Mobile: +91 9971790699

Mr. Harvinder Singh

PRADEEP SONI (Advocate)

Enroll No-D/10511/2022

Mob No- 9968003066

their any acts and dealings in future

Jandish Prasad s/o Late Ramswaroo

KANPUR NAGAR NIGAM Motijheel, Kanpur

Phone-2551416, 2531215 Fax-2531662 E mail : Kanpur_nagar.nigam@yahoo.co.in Website: kmc.up.nic.in

आमंत्रित विज्ञापन ई-निविदा के क्रम में वित्तीय निविदा खोले जाने के विषयक में

आवश्यक सूचना

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि "कानपुर नगर निगम (आकाश चिन्ह, विज्ञापनों का विनियमन और नियंत्रण एवं अनुज्ञप्ति शुल्क निर्धारण और वसुली) उपविधि-2020 के प्रावधानों के अधीन कानपुर नगर निगम सीमान्तर्गत निज भवनों एवं भूमियों को छोड़कर स्थल चयन समिति द्वारा चिन्हित 26 विज्ञापन स्थलों (पूलिस बुथ) पर विज्ञापन प्रदर्शन हेत् ई-टेण्डर वेबसाइट https://etender.up.nic.in पर दिनांक-09.12.2024 को द्वितीय बार ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की गई थी। आमंत्रित द्वितीय ई-निविदा के परिप्रेक्ष्य में तकनीकी अर्हता विश्लेषण के आधार पर मेसर्स अधित मीडिया सर्विसेज को तकनीकी अर्हता पूर्ण करते हुए अर्ह निविदादाता पाया गया है। प्रतिभागित अर्ह निविदादाता की वित्तीय निविदा खोले जाने की स्वीकृति नगर आयुक्त महोदय द्वारा प्राप्त कर ली गई है। उक्तादेशानुक्रम में पात्र प्रतिभागित निविदादाता की वित्तीय निविदा दिनांक-17.02.2025 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे अपर नगर आयुक्त कार्यालय कक्ष में खोली

उपरोक्तानुसार सूचित होने का कष्ट करें।

जायेगी।

below:

हस्ता./-प्रभारी अधिकारी विज्ञापन नगर निगम, कानपुर।

O/H Kit for control portion ER(787776-| 91 Sets | 11.02.25/11:16:57 | 10.03.25 2 03244983 1994) of Electric CCB system 3. 14245014A 16000 10.02.25/17:24:47 10.03.25 Supply of LT aerial bunch cable of working voltage up to and including 1100 volt grade, type 04241521B Rear cover for Axle Box to ICF 4826 Nos 11.02.25/17:31:56 04.03.25 07246026-RGC Running Contract for Elastic 12000000 14.02.25/11:37 10.03.25 -ERC-MKV Rail Clip MK-V Nos 04244850A Supply of Yas Damper 1334 Nos 12.02.25/17:59:19 10.03.25 04244892 | Articulated Spheroelastic Rubber 150 Nos | 13.02.25/19:12:33 | 10.03.25 Bearing for coupler to SANROK Participants are required to submit their offer only on-line through the web portal of IREPS-fore the closing date and time. Other details regarding Consignee and detailed description of stores are

available in tender document in tender notice on the above portal. AMM/ECR/Hajipur PR/02121/HQ/Store/T/24-25/64 UTTARAKHAND STATE DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (USDMA) (GOVERNMENT OF UTTARAKHAND) 36, I.T. PARK, SAHASTRADHARA, ROAD,

Website: www.usdma.uk.gov.in REFERENCE No. 1892/1299/USDMA/2024-25

DATE: 15.02.2025 E-TENDER NOTICE The Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority (USDMA) Dehradun invites

PARK, SAHASTRADHARA ROAD, DEHRADUN-248013

DEHRADUN-248013, UTTARAKHAND

Email: usdma.uttarakhand@gmail.com;

IT Park, Sahastradhara Road, Dehradun. Tender Ref. No. ENGAGEMENT OF AN AGENCY/FIRM FOR PROVIDING 06/SERVICES/BMS/ INTEGRATED BUILDING FACILITY MANAGEMENT & USDMA/2024 OTHER ALLIED SERVICES AT USDMA BUILDING, IT

proposals from eligible bidders for providing the following services at USDMA Building, 36

UTTARAKHAND Details can be obtained from the website www.uktenders.gov.in and/or www.usdma.uk.gov.in. from 17/02/2025, 01:00 PM, last date for submission of Proposal online is 11/03/2025 upto 5:00 PM. The proposal must be submitted online on the portal, www.uktenders.gov.in.

a) Manual bids shall not be accepted. The bid shall be submitted online at http://www.uktenders.gov.in b) The corrigendum for the above packages will be uploaded on website www.uktenders.gov.in &/or www.usdma.uk.gov.in

c) Email id usdmauttarakhand@gmail.com_may be contacted for any information.

ACEO (Admin) **USDMA**

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I.Preeti Dabas W/o Amit Pateriya R/o B-6,-1402 Cherry County Greater Noida-West Tech-Zone-IV (U.P-201306) have changed my name to Preeti Pateriya for all 0040774774-1 purposes.

I,Rajeshwari Chauhan,w/o Vimal Singh Chauhan, R/O UG-1,B-257,Main B Block Main Shalimar Garden, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, UP-201005, have Changed.my name, from Rajeshwari Devi to Rajeshwari Chauhan for, all future, 0040774839-2 purposes.

I.Ranian Sah.S/o Mishri lal Sah,R/o A-15/4,Rana Pratap-Bagh Delhi-110007, have changed my name to Ranjan Kumar, for all purposes.

0040774826-3

I,Rashmi Malhotra alias Rashmi Nayar, D/o Madan Lal Malhotra and W/o, Rajiv Kumar-Nayar R/o,Flat-No.6B, Tower-H, Central-Park Resort, Sohna-Road, Gurgaon Haryana-122018, have changed my name to Rashmi Nayar.

0040774830-1

I.Ruchi w/o-parveen mittal,r/o,D-14/11-12,firstfloor sector-8 Rohini delhi-110085,I, declare that my father's name wronglywritten as pritpal gupta in my passport.but actual-name is preet pal respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

0040774807-8

I,SHAISTA MANSOORI,W/O SHAHNAWAZ KHAN, H. NO-D-107, 3RD FLOOR, GALI.NO-9, VILLAGE WAZIRABAD, DELHI-110084, Have changed my name to SHAISTA, for all, future 0040774807-4 purposes.

I,SHWETA AGGARWAL,W/O MANISH AGGARWAL, R/O-RAM **CHOWK NEAR-RAM MANDIR** SADH PALAM COLONY.DELHI 110045, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SHWETA BANSAL

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I,Shilpa Kaushik,wife of, Pardeep Kumar residing at Hno 271, Jatheri, P.O. Jatheri, Sonipat Haryana-131029, have changed my name, from SHILPA KAUSHIK to SHILPA vide-affidavit,date-15.02.2025. 0040774807-10

I,Suman w/o-Pawan kumar,r/o 76/23 Roop-Nagar hansi Haryana, have change my name to Suman Minocha, for all,purpose 0040774799-2

I,Sunil Kumar,S/o,Dayanand Lodhi R/o-2/126, Nakul Gali, Vishwas Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have changed my name to Sunil, for all, 0040774799-3 purposes.

I,Bharti Chowdhry,D/O,Krishan Prakash Malhotra.R/O C1 2790 2nd floor Sushant-Lok Phase-1 Gurgaon-122009, have changed my name to Bharti Malhotra, for all, purposes

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I,BHUPENDER KUMAR BAROT,S/O-RAMANBHAI BAROT, residing at, 5469, 3RD FLOOR, SHORA KOTHI-PAHAR GANJ, DELHI-110055, Have changed my name to BHUPENDER BHAI, for all, future 0040774807-6 purposes.

I,BHIKAM SINGH,S/o,Shri BABU, resident of.5/386 TRILOKPURI. Delhi-110091, have changed my name, from BHIKARI SINGH to BHIKAM SINGH, for all, future 0040774807-3 purposes.

I,Aliya Ali D/o Akbar Ali R/o, H.No.1492, Second-floor Gali Kotana Sui Walan, Darya Ganj, Delhi-110002 inform that I,have changed,my name Alia to Aliya Ali, D/o Akbar Ali for, all

future, purposes. 0040774839-1 **I,Ajit** Kaur,W/o Ajaib Singh,H. No.513, First Floor, Sector-31, Gurugram-122001.(Harvana). have changed my name to Ajeet Kaur. 0040774826-2

I, Veena Jeevatram Dhameja, W/O Jiwat Kouromal Dhameia. R/O B1-1201, Mohan Pride, Khadakpada, Kalyan, Thane, Maharashtra- 421301, have changed my name to Veena Jiwat Dhameja 0070951664-1

I, S NARINDER MEHTA, S/O KULDEEP SINGH MEHTA, R/O 114 FIRST FLOOR, NARANG COLONY, JANAKPURI B-1, WEST DELHI, DELHI-110058, have changed my name to NARINDER SINGH MEHTA For all future purposes. 0070951684-1

I, RASHMI, Spouse of No.15419012K (HAV) NIRBHAY SINGH, R/o Village-Sabhapur, P.O.- Ramnagar, P.S.-Kishni, Distt.-Mainpuri, Uttar Pradesh -205001, have changed my name from RASHMI to RASHMI SINGH, vide affidavit IN-DL36089499699298X. dated: 15/02/2025, before Notary, Advocate: Rajkumar,

Regd.No.-6536, New Delhi. 0070951680-1

I,TAHIR S/O-ABDUL HAKEEM, residing at, H.NO-D-130, GALI. NO-20,OLD MUSTAFABAD, DELHI-110094, Have changed my name to MOHD TAHIR, for all, future purposes. 0040774807-5

I AKSHITA D/o NEEEAJ BANSAL R/o A-310, FIRST FLOOR. MAJLIS PARK, ADARSH NAGAR, DELHI-110033 Have Changed My Name AKSHITA BANSAL for

All Purposes. 0070951633-1 I, FURKAN S/o MEHBOOB HUSSAIN R/o J-220/46 S/F VISHNU GARDEN West Delhi-110018 Have changed my name to FURKAN HUSSAIN for all

future purposes 0070951692-1

I, B VASUNDHARA (Correct name) D/O K BHARATHBOOSHAN, R/o 3201, **GYAN SHAKTI APARTMENT** CGHS LTD, PLOT NO.7, DWARKA, SECTOR-6, DELHI-110075, also known as VASUNDHARA **BHARATHBOOSHAN &** VASUNDHARA B AND B VASUNDHARA, All belong to

I, Dheerendra Shukla, S/o Rajendra Kumar Shukla, R/o Flat-8261, Ats Dolce, Sector Zeta-I, Greater Noida, Dist G.B. Nagar U.P have changed my name to Dheerendra Kumar Shukla for all future purposes.

same person

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I,hitherto known as KUMARI VANDANA SABITA ALIAS KUMARI VANDANA SAVITA, D/O RAMASHISH SHARMA,W/O INDRAJEET KUMAR THAKUR. R/O D-75, UPPER GROUND-FLOOR, MANSHA RAM-PARK, **NEAR-SHRI GYAN PUBLIC** SCHOOL, UTTAM NAGAR-VILLAGE, MATIALA, WEST DELHI, DELHI-110059, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as VANDANA THAKUR.

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I, VENUS KASHYAP, D/o-PRATEEK SHARMA R/o-F-5, Ground Floor, Prashant-Vihar, Delhi-110085, declare that name of my,father and mother-has been wrongly, written as **RAJESH KUMAR and MAMTA** RANI in my 10th-class educational, documents. The actual name.of my father and mother are PRATEEK SHARMA and MAMTA SHARMA.

0040774799-4

I,VED PRAKASH,S/O GHANSHYAM DASS GOEL,R/O B-239,LOK-VIHAR PITAMPURA, SARASWATI-VIHAR, DELHI-110034.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO VED PRAKASH GOEL.

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I,TAJENDER SINGH,S/O-BALVINDER SINGH, R/o A-34,4th FLOOR, VIJAY VIHAR, PHASE-2, SECTOR-7, ROHINI, DELHI -110085, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO TEJINDER SINGH.

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ITara chauhan D/o Ram Singh Chauhan, R/o H-002 Aditya urban casa, sector -78, noida has changed my name to Tara Rampal for future. 0070951685-1

R/o RZA-36,Gali. No.2, Rohtash-Nagar, Bindapur, Uttam-Nagar, New Delhi-110059, have changed my name to SAGAR KUMAR. 0040774826-4

I,Chhedi Ram,S/o-Gauri Ram,

I, Haider Ali Siddiqui, S/O-Nazakat Ali, house number-20, Badarpur, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201102, inform that Haider Ali Siddiqui and HAIDER, one and the sameperson. 0040774826-5

I.KALYANI JAIN/KALYANI PRAMODKUMAR SHINDE, W/O, ANURAG JAIN, R/O, FLAT. NO-A005.GROUND FLOOR. VILLAGE-NOOR-NAGAR, PLATINUM-321, RAJ-NAGAR **EXTENSION, GHAZIABAD, UTTA** R PRADESH-201017, have changed my name to KALYANI P SHINDE. 0040774807-9

I.Neelmani.R/o.C3/1302. Supertech Eco Village-2,Sector 16B,Greater-Noida West, Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201306, have changed minor daughter's name, from Avishka to Avishka Singh, for all, future purposes.

I.Parinder Kumar S/o Budh Prasad R/o W-30/377, Jawahar Camp, Kirti Nagar, New Delhi-110015, have changed myname to Virender Kumar.

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I, Khumukcham Tampha Devi. w/o (L) Khumukcham Tenden Singh, Ex-TS-Naik, REGTL No-04352400Y, permanent resident of Heitup Makhong Leikai, P.O. Kakching & P.S. Waikhong, Kakching district, Manipur -795103, inform that my name was wrongly written as Tamoha Kuki in the Pension Payment Order No. S/046240/96 (Army). The actual name is Khumukcham Tampha Devi and will use in all future purposes. 0040774760-1

I, RASHIDA BEGUM W/o Mr. SHAHKARKHALIQUER/OH.No.407, CHITLAGATE.CHAWRIBAZARDELHI-110006 have changed my name RASHIDA to RASHIDA BEGUM for all futurepurposes. 0040774721-1

I. RAJ KUMAR S/O HIRDAY KANT R/o C-167, Vandana Vihar Nagloi, Nilothi, Delhi-110041, Declare that Name Of My Father Has been Wrongly Written as HARDAYKANT CHOUDHARY in My 10th and 12th Class **Educational Documents. The** actual Name of My Father is HIRDAY KANT. 0070951689-1

I, Aakaash Varma S/o S.P Verma R/o D-2307, Savior greenarch, Sector-Techzone-4, Bishrakh, PO: La Surajpur, Gautam Buddha nagar, UP-201306, have changed my name to AKASSH for all future 0070951678-1 Purposes.

I Geetika Neeraj Bansal W/o Neeraj Bansal R/o B-005 Mahalaxmi Apts sec-2, plot no-4 Dwarka, New Delhi-75. have changed my name to Geetika Bansal 0070951666-1

I, Shoeba w/o Farshad Ahmed Siddiqi r/o 2949, 4th Floor, Kucha Neelkanth, Darya Ganj, Delhi-110002 have changed my name to SHOEBA FARSHAD.I, KM Shivani w/o Kamal Kant Bansal r/o 716/A, Guru Kirpa Villa, Flat No.-202, Jvoti Park. Gurgaon-122001 have changed

my name to SHIVANI GUPTA. 0040774767-1

MATRIMONIAL

I, Harjinder Mangat wife of Wg.

Sector-21, NOIDA, Gautam Budh

Cdr. Narinder Singh Mangat

10129 F (P), resident of E-185,

Nagar, Uttar Pradesh 201301,

have changed my name from

Harjinder Mangat to Harjinder

Kaur Mangat vide Affidavit

Dated 14-2-2025 (Fourteen

February Two Thousand and

Twenty Five) at Noida, Gautam

Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh. In

ibid Affidavit my correct Date of

Birth is 29-12-1947 (Twenty Nine

and Forty Seven). 0040774570-2

December Nineteen Hundred



GENERAL

MUMBAI settled boy, 34, MCA Manager, father Malayali Ezhava, mother Hindu Marathi. All cast Keralite girls family. Contact-Smitha-9867770184. 0070948314-1

MANGLIK

Mahajan Manglik boy, 28-01-1994, 5'-11". B.Tech, Assistant Manager SBI Panchkula. Preferred working girl. Upper Caste No Bar. 98159-10103

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OTHERS

Seeking alliance for Jan 1997-born, 171 cm tall, Hindu Rajput Air Force Officer (Flying Branch). Father Central Government Group A Officer Mother: Educator. Looking for a girl from a similar background 9417318010 or daskadam@mail.com

<mailto:daskadam@mail.com>.



SIKH/PUNJABI

Suitable match for a US Citizen Kamboj Sikh girl, April 99, 5'-6", Business major, working for a healthcare company in USA. Well settled & educated family. rthindconsulting@gmail.com <mailto:rthindconsulting@gm 0050260942-1 ail.com>

LOST & FOUND

Lost original Allotment-Letter, Lease Deed and, other related documents of.DDA Allotted Shop.No.Y-126,Loha Mandi, Naraina, New. Delhi-110028 regd.in the name, of Rameshwar Dass Garg. Finder contact Sanchit Garg,s/o Ashok Kumar Garg, R/o 29/7, East Punjabi Bagh, New. Delhi-110026.

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LOST My BUILDER BUYER AGREEMENT.Possession letter, Allotment letter OF **CRESENT DRIVE, FIRST** FLOOR, UNIT. NO-8, SECTOR-82,VATIKA.FINDER CONTACT; DEEPAK SHARMA AND JYOTI SHARMA, S/D/W/O-SATYAPAL SHARMA, POCKET-E, FLAT.NO-441,MAYUR VIHAR, PHASE-2, DELHI-110091.

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I Sunil Kumar S/o Atam Parkash R/o K-32 Ground Floor Fateh Nagar New Delhi-110018 Lost my Original Property Documents Chain, Sale Deed etc. in respect of Eastern Side Portion of Property No K-32 Ground Floor Fateh Nagar New Delhi-110018, If anybody found this please contact me Ph-8076595615. 0040774769-1

I,KANIKA DEMBLA D/O DR SATYA PAL DEMBLA, R/o-FLAT.NO.333.NEELKANTH **APPARTMENTS SECTOR-**13,ROHINI DELHI-110085,HAVE LOST MY PROPERTY ORIGINAL, DOCUMENT ALLOTMENT LETTER OF FLAT NO-333, NEELKANTH.

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PROPERTY

ESTATE & PROPERTY

PLOTS for Sale in NORTH GOA-10000m2 (150 Rooms **Approved Hotel Project)** PANJIM; 5500m2 & 525m2 at DONAPAULA: 5000m2 at ASSAGAO; 5000-20000m2 at SIOLIM, 800m2 at PORVORIM; 2000m2 & 1000m2 at MAPUSA; 10000m2 at COLVALE; 100000m2 & Above (Industrial) PONDA. Contact: 9225902518; Whatsapp Only: 9225985518 Email:sandeshkundaiker@red iffmail.com (Brokers Excuse).

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Sd/- Ajitabh , Advocate Office No.216, 2nd Floor, Authority ilding, District Centre , Janak Pur New Delhi. Ph. 9868012318

PUBLIC NOTICE

Singh son of Shri Bhawan Singh Resider of C-120, Gali No.8, West Vinod Naga Delhi-110092, is the absolute owner of property bearing No.C-120, Street No.8, West Vinod Nagar, Delhi-110092 who became the owner as per civil sui No.526/2022 filed in the courts of Hon'ble District Judge Karkardooma Courts Delhi, by Ms. Tripty Singh and Ms. Manya Singh both daughters of Lat Mohinder Singh for partition, declaration above client and other person in respect of roperty bearing No.C-120, Street No.8, West Vinod Nagar, Delhi-110092 which was referred to Delhi Mediation Cel Karkardoren Courts Delhi and the case was decreed by Poonam Kalia Mediator Karkardooma Courts on 27/08/2024 ayour of my client subject to payment be given by my client to above Ms. Tripty Singh and Ms. Manya Singh my clien have paid all amount to both of them i hree installment I.e. on 26/08/2024 03/12/2024 and 23/12/2024 afte receiving payment both Ms. Tripty Singh and Manya Singh have left with no right title, interest, claim etc. in the above roperty and hence my client has fu right/power to utilize the above proper n any manner as he desires.

(Advocate) Enrollment No.D-993/1991

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www.ireps.gov.in CWM, Mechanical workshop, Dibrugarh

15.00 hrs. of 07-03-2025 in website

UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LTD. (A Govt. of Uttarakhand Undertaking) Corporate Identity No. UA40109UP20015GC025867/2358 Victoria Cross Vijeyta Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun-248001 Telephone- (0135)-2763672-76, Fax- (0135)-2760289, Website: www.uktenders.gov.in

E-TENDER NOTICE (NIT)

Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd. Dehradun invites e-tender on turnkey basis for following works as detailed

SI. No.	Tender Specification No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost (in ₹ Crore)	Minimum Average Annual Turn Over (MAAT) for best three years out of last five financial years (in ₹ Crore)	Deposit (in ₹	Cost of tender document including GST (in ₹)	Last Date & time of online request for Tender and Submission of tender in online & Offline mode	of Part-I of tender in online & offline
1	CCP-II/20/ 2024- 2025	Construction of 33kV line 9.10 km (including 2.50 km. UG line) at Govt. ITI Dahariya, Haldwani & 33kV 'Bay'	7.59	11.39	15.18	23 600	27.02.2025 upto 17:00 Hrs	28.02.2025 at 15:30 Hrs
2		Construction of 33kV line 13.0 km (including 2.0 km. UG D/Ckt. line) at Jaipur, Padli, Haldwani & 33kV	11.09	16.63	22.18	29 500	27.02.2025 upto 17:00 Hrs	28.02.2025 at 15:45 Hrs

'Bay' For further details, please visit our website www.uktenders.gov.in.

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No. 70/EE(cm) /UPCL/A-2 Date 14.02.2025

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER CORPORATE (Contract & Procuement-II)

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कार्यालय कार्यपालन यंत्री लो.स्वा.यां. संधारण खण्ड नगर पालिक निगम उज्जैन

द्वितीय निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड नगर पालिक निगम उज्जैन द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्यो हेतु ऑन लाईन निविदाओं का आमंत्रण लोक निर्माण विभाग में "सी" श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से निम्नानुसार नगरीय प्रशासन एवं विकास विभाग द्वारा जारी एस.ओ.आर. दिनांक 02 00 2021 ਦੇ ਸ਼ਹਿਬਤ ਬਾਮਾਤ ਬਾਈਟਸ ਹੋਣ ਬਾਮਾਤ ਸਰੂੰ ਕਰਦਸ ਬਾਮਾਤ ਸਤ ਨਿਹਾ ਜਾਣਾ ਹੈ।

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निविदा संबंधित अन्य विवरण एवं विस्तृत निविदा सूचना की जानकारी वेब साईट https://mptenders.gov.in पर ऑन लाईन दर्शाई गई है।

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OFFICE CHIEF ENGINEER KANPUR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION Ref no- D/816 /C.E./24-25 Date- 15-02-2025

E-Procurement Tender Notice Nagar Nigam Kanpur Invites percentage rate bids on http://etender.up.nic.in from eligible bidders for the following package under the CM-GRID Scheme.

Estimated Cost Included Length Earnest Duration of Tender

No.	No.	Nigam	ID	Roads	of Road		ng GST Lakh)	Estimated Cost of	Money Deposit	Construction Work	Fee Including
					(Km)	Construction (In ₹)	Maintenance For 5 Years (In ₹)	Work (Rs. In Lakh)	(Rs. in Lakh)	(in Months)	GST (In ₹)
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	1 KMC/CMG/ 24-25/PKG-2	Kanpur Municipal Corporation	KMC/CMG/ PART-A	Improvement of road from From Naubasta Bamba To Road Under Zone -03 Karrahi	2.10	2289.20	55.65	2344.85	46.90	15	30029.00
2			PART-B	Improvement of road from From Lal Bangla Road To V.I.P Road and Pacific Lawn To J.K First Chuaraha Under Zone -02	2.40	3208.32	70.03	3278.35	65.57	15	41045.00
	1			TOTAL	4.5	5497.52	125.68	5623.2	112.47	15	71074.00
3	KMC/CMG/		KMC/CMG/ PART-A	Improvement of road from Deep cinema tiraha to Sote baba mandir via H Block in zone 3.	1.80	2685.92	60.19	2746.11	54.93	15	34764.00
4	24-25/PKG-3		KMC/C MG/PART-B	Improvement of road from Gurudev Chauraha to Chidiya Ghar Chauraha under Zone-06.	2.75	3699.61	92.49	3792.10	75.85	15	46016.00
				TOTAL	4.55	6385.53	152.68	6538.21	130.78	15	80780.00
5	KMC/CMG/ 24-25/PKG-1		KMC/CMG/	Improvement of road from thana Swaroop nagar to matka tiraha via Gwalin chauraha under zone-4.	1.50	1741.69	40.50	1782.19	35.64	15	23390.00
				Timeline f	or Tend	ler					

Last date and Online for submission of bid on E-Tender Portal 12.03.2025, up to 3:00 PM Opening of tender (technical bid) 12.03.2025, 4:00 PM

Date & Time

Any Corrigendum/addendum or any other additional information related to the tender shall be available at Kanpur Nagar Nigam Website- kmc.up.nic.in and tender can be seen at e-tender portal from 17.02.2025 i.e. http://etender.up.nic.in

17/02/2025, 03:00 After noon

Under IBT Clause-10, Kanpur Nagar Nigam has right to issue corrigendum/addendum which will not publish in any newspaper. All bidders are advised to keep watch on Etender portal on daily basis. Any corrigendum/addendum or any other additional information related to the tender will be available at Kanpur Nagar Nigam Website kme.up.nic.in and tender can be seen at e-tender portal from 17.02.2025 i.e. http://etender.up.nic.in

It will be mandatory to pay the Earnest Money and Tender Fee price of the said tender online through e-tender portal during online bid submission. Any queries/complain related to tender can be sent before 24 Hrs. of Pre-Bid meeting date and time i.e. 19/02/2025 at e-mail-id's chiefengineernagarnigam@gmail.com and

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Kanpur Municipal Corporation

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Availability of tender document on E-Tender portal of NIC.

Date & Place of Pre-bid meeting

Email:-chiefengineernagarnigam@gmail.com

20/02/2025 3:00 PM URIDA Head Quarter, Directorate urban local Bodies Lucknow/Online,

बैंक ऑफ इंडिया Bank of India



(Tel. 0612-2506639/2506932) APPENDIX IV, Rule 8(1)

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property)

mentioned against each account

Name of Account/

Borrower & address

Shri Aman Kumar

Slo

Shri Ram Prit Singh

Address

Shri Ram Prit Singh,

Nayanagar, Dularpur

Vill.- Adharpur,

Nayanagar

Pin - 851133 &

A-3338, Panipat Refinery

Township, Panipat-

132140 (Haryana)

Place: Nayanagar (Begusarai)

Date: 13.02.2025

Whereas,

time available to redeem the secured assets.

Name of Owner

of property

Shri Aman

Kumar

S/o

Shri Ram

Prit Singh

The Undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the BANK OF INDIA, PATNA ZONE under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002 issued a demand notice as detailed in the table hereunder written calling upon the below mentioned borrowers to repay the amount shown in the respective notices mentioned against their names in the table, within 60days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers/guarantors mentioned below having failed to repay the amount shown in the respective notices issued u/s 13(2) within the stipulated time, notice is hereby given to the aforementioned borrowers/guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken physical possession of the property/les (Secured Assets) described in the table given below in exercise of powers conferred on me under Section 13(4) of the said Act red with rule 8 of the said rules on the date(s) mentioned against the respective property.

The aforesaid borrowers/guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies mentioned in the table hereunder written and any dealings with the said property/ies will be subject to the charge of the BANK OF INDIA (Ashiana Ramnagari Branch) for the amount shown in the respective column of the table and table and interest thereon. The borrower's 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. ate of hysical ssession Assets

Name of Borrower	i. Branch, ii. Date & Amount as per Notice u/s 13(2)		Date of Physical Possession of Assets
M/s Archana Contractors Pvt. Ltd. (Director Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh S/o Late Binda Singh & Mrs. Archana Kumari W/o Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh)	and interest thereon.	Description of the Immovable Property:- Equitable Mortgage of property situated at Flat No. 4C, 4th floor Satakshi Jagdhano Residency Sector 3, Ashiana nagar Thana No. 11, Tauzi No. 5765, Survey Plot No. 373, Khata No. 352, Mauza Khajpura, PS Shastri Nagar, Dist- Patna total admeasuring area 11.5.00 sq. ft. in the name of Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh (Flat No. 4C, 4th floor Satakshi Jagdhano Residency Sector 3, Ashiana Nagar, PS Rajiv Nagar, Dist Patna), (Flat) Bounded:- On the North by: Open Space, On the South by: Staircas & Common Passage, On the East by: Flat No. 4B, On the West by: Open Space & (Parking) Boundary:- On the North by: Bathroom, Staircase & Space of lift, On the South by: Car Parking Space no. 4D, On the East by: Driveway, On the West by: Boundary of the building.	

* With further interest at applicable rate till repayment.

Place: Patna **Authorized Officer** Bank of India Date: 13.02.2025

> State Bank of India Stressed Assets Recovery Branch (SARB)

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

Publication of Notice regarding Possession of Property u/s13 (4) of SARFAESI Act 2002

Notice is hereby given under the Securitisation 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, a demand notice was issued on the dates mentioned

against each account and stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general

that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power

conferred on him under sub-section 4 of section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said act on the dates

The Borrower 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 State Bank of India for an amount and

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act. in respect of

Description of the Immovable property:

building in the name of Shri Aman

Kumar S/o Shri Ram Prit Singh vide

sale deed number 2012 dated

28.04.2018 situated at Mauza

Nayanagar, Pargana - Imadpur

Thana, Anchal, Sub Division and Sub

Registry - Teghra, District-Begusarai

Thana No. 123, Tauzi No - 3329 and

3258, Jamabandi No. 363, Khata No.

193, Khesra No.-294 and 295 Area

1.86 Decimal and 1.86 Decimal

respectively(Total area 1 Katha- 3.72

Decimal). Boundaries : North

Videshwari Singh S/o Suruj Singh and

others South : Niz, East : Rasta

West: Niz khesra no. 292 and 293.

All that part and parcel of land and 15.11.2024



REGIONAL OFFICE, WHITE HOUSE COMPOUND, GAYA-823001

POSSESSION NOTICE

[UNDER RULE 8 (1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002]

Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of (Security) Interest Act. 2002 (54 of 2002), and in exercise of the power conferred under sub-section (12) of section 13 read with [rule 3] of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule 2002. The Authorized Officer issued a Demand Notice on the dates noted against account as mentioned herein after, calling them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. The borrower/guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the under noted borrower/guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sec. 13(4) of Section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the date mentioned against account. The borrower/guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of Central Bank of India for the amount and interest thereon mentioned against account herein below. The borrower's 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.

Mr. Jitendra Kumar S/o Late Subhash Chandra Sah & Guarantors 1. Mr. Sudhir Kumar Sah S/o Late Subhash Chandra Sah 2. Mr. Sachin Kumar S/o Late Subhash Chandra Sah 3. Mrs. Sita Devi W/o Late Subhash Chandra Sah 4. Mrs. Pina Devi W/o Late	d Po	Date of Possession Notice Affixed	Amount out- standing as on date of Demand Notice
Mrs. Rina Devi W/o Late Sunil Kumar East-: Rasta West-:Ramswarup Mandal	24 13	13.02.2025	Rs.1,09,19,245/- (Rupees One Crore Nine Lakh Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred Fourty Five Only) and interest thereon.

Authorised Officer Place-Begusarai Central Bank of India Date- 13.02.2025

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A) Date of Demand Notice A) Reserve Price | Date/ | Details of the

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Circle SASTRA Biharsharif, Machhali Market, Ramchandrapur, Biharsharif-803101, Mob.- 8769823777, Email: cs8202@pnb.co.in

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower(s) and quarantor(s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

Description of the Immovable Properties

Date of E-Auction: 19.03.2025 (Last date of submission of EMD: On or before the E-Auction Date & Time in the portal)

e Borrower/Guarantors Account		of SARFAESI Act 2002 D) Nature of Possession	Amount		the secured creditors
an Kumar urf Lalan hto S/o Shri Mahto Shakunatkalan, PO+PS- arsharif, Distt-Nalanda,	deed no. 436 dated 11.01.2023, Khata No79, Khasra No181, Thana No111, Area-2.25 decimal, Mauja-Chainpura, PS-Biharsharif, Nalanda, Bihar in the name of Lalan Kumar urf Lalan Mahto S/o Shri Mahto. Boundry: (As per Deed)	(B) Rs. 472787.00 + intt w.e.f 30.06.2024 and other charges if any (C) 06.12.2024	D) #0.70.070.00/	Date: 19.03.2025 Time: 11:00 am to 4:00 pm	Not Known
a h	PNB Noorsarai In Kumar urf Lalan Ito S/o Shri Mahto Shakunatkalan, PO+PS- Irsharif, Distt-Nalanda, Ir-803101	All that part & parcel covered under Registered Mortgage vide deed no. 436 dated 11.01.2023, Khata No79, Khasra No180, Shakunatkalan, PO+PS-Biharsharif, Nalanda, Bihar in the name of Lalan Kumar urf Lalan Mahto S/o Shri Mahto. Boundry: (As per Deed)	of SARFAESI Act 2002 D) Nature of Possession S y m b o l i c / P h y s i c a l / Consructive All that part & parcel covered under Registered Mortgage vide deed no. 436 dated 11.01.2023, Khata No79, Khasra No 181, Thana No111, Area-2.25 decimal, Mauja-Chainpura, PS-Biharsharif, Nalanda, Bihar in the name of Lalan Kumar urf Lalan Mahto S/o Shri Mahto. Boundry: (As per Deed) N-Mahesh Mahto, S-Bhushan Mahto, E-Rajo Mahto, W-Road. Of SARFAESI Act 2002 D) Nature of Possession S y m b o l i c / P h y s i c a l / Consructive (A) 12.07.2024 (B) Rs. 472787.00 + intt w.e.f 30.06.2024 and other charges if any (C) 06.12.2024 (D) Symbolic	Account C) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002 D) Nature of Possession S y m b o l i c / P h y s i c a l / Consructive PNB Noorsarai the Kumar urf Lalan to S/o Shri Mahto Shakunatkalan, PO+PS-trsharif, Distt-Nalanda, the PS-Biharsharif, Nalanda, Bihar in the name of Lalan Kumar urf Lalan Mahto S/o Shri Mahto. Boundry: (As per Deed) N-Mahesh Mahto, S-Bhushan Mahto, E-Rajo Mahto, W-Road. C) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002 D) Nature of Possession S y m b o l i c / P h y s i c a l / Consructive (A) ₹27,83,700.00/- (B) Rs. 472787.00 + intt w.e.f 30.06.2024 and other charges if any urf Lalan Mahto S/o Shri Mahto. Boundry: (As per Deed) N-Mahesh Mahto, S-Bhushan Mahto, E-Rajo Mahto, W-Road. (C) 06.12.2024 (D) Symbolic	Account C) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002 D) Nature of Possession Symbolic/Physical/Consructive

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE

Name of the Branch

The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions:

1. The properties are being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"

2 The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.

3. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website https://baanknet.com on 19.03.2025 @ 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer https://baanknet.com & www.pnbindia.in

STATUTORY SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002 Date: 10.02.2025

Authorized Officer Punjab National Bank Secured Creditor

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(Authorized Officer)

State Bank of India, SARB, Patna

Date of Demand 13(2)

Date of Possession

13.02.2025

Amount

Outstanding

Rs.

32,69,873.00

(Rupees

Thirty two Lac

Sixty nine

thousand

Eight hundred

seventy three

only) as on

15.11.2024

plus accrued

interest.

Charges.

other

miscellaneous

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CIRCLE SASTRA, ARA: Second Floor, Hotel Regal Complex, Near Ramna Maidan, Ara, Bhojpur, Bihar-802301 E-mail: cs8187@pnb.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

(For Immovable property)

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Punjab National Bank, Circle Office Ara, Hotel regal, second Floor, Ara-802301 under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13 read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated 18.04.2023 calling upon the Borrower- MS Mahavir Khad Bhandar A/C-2703008700001549 Prop-Babban Kumar Singh S/O-Sri Babulal Singh, Guarantor/Mortgagor Sri Sumeshwar Sing, Both R/O At-Deopura Tola Vill-Amirpur, PO+P/S-Nawanagar, Dist-Buxar, Bihar- 802129 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.7,85,408.80(Rupees Seven-Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Four Hundred Eight and Paise Eighty only) and interest and charge there on from 18.04.2023 within 60 days from the date of notice/date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 12th day of February 2025.

The borrower 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 Punjab National Bank for an amount of Rs.9,59,269.80 (Rupees Nine-Lakh Fifty Nine Hundred Two Hundred Sixty Nine and Paise Eighty only) as on 31.01.2025 along with future interest and expenses from 01.02.2025 until

The borrower's/guarantor's/mortgagor's 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.

Description of immovable Property

All that part and parcel of immovable property(Land and Building) situated at Mauza-Ranvirpur, Thana No-432, Anchal-Nawanagar Thana-Nawanagar, Dist-Buxar, Khata No-30, Plot No- 316 Area- 05 Decimal, Registered Mortgage deed No. 12075 dated 14.11.2015 Boundaries: North-Chathu Singh & Rasta 6 Feet, South-Laldhari Yadav, East-Ramnagina Singh, West-Nij Kreta. Owner/Mortgagor: Sh Babban Kumar Singh S/O Sh Babulal Singh and Sh Sumeshwar Singh S/O Late Pitambar Singh.

Authorized Officer Date: 12/02/2025

Punjab National Bank Place: Arrah



(A Govt. of India Undertaking)

CIRCLE SASTRA, ARA: Second Floor, Hotel Regal Complex, Near Ramna Maidan, Ara, Bhojpur, Bihar-802301 E-mail: cs8187@pnb.co.in POSSESSION NOTICE

(For Immovable property)

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Punjab National Bank, Circle SASTRA Ara, Hotel regal, second Floor, Ara-802307 under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13 read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated 15.03.2024 calling upon the Borrower- M/S Bajrang Bali Cement Chhar Dukan, Prop. Smt Manorama Devi, W/O Late Birendra Pandey and the Legal Heirs of Late Birendra Pandey (Mortgager), R/O Village- Thakurhat, PO-Sabar, PS- Karamchat, District- Kaimur, Bihar- 821104 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs 14,15,732.75 (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Two and Paisa Seventy-Five Only) and interest and charge there on from 15.03.2024 within 60 days from the date of notice/date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 12th day of February 2025.

The Borrower 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 Punjab National Bank for an amount of Rs 14,90,037.99 (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Ninety Thousand Thirty-Seven and Paisa Ninety-Nine only) as on 31.01.2025 along with future interest and expenses from 01.02.2025 until payment

The borrower's/guarantor's/mortgagor's 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.

Description of immovable Property

All that Part and Parcel of the Property situated at:- Mauza- Akhlaspur, Thana no- 497, Khata no. 760, Plot no. 2839, Halka No- 06, P.S. & Anchal: Bhabhua, Distt: Kaimur(Bihar). Area-4.75 Decimal. Owner- Late Birendra Pandey (Now the Legal Heirs) Registered Sale Deed No- 7254 date 19.07.2011. Boundary: North-Shri Bihari Jaiswal, South Rasta 07 Feet, East- Dau Singh, West- Narad Singh & Hasil Singh.

Date: 12/02/2025 Place: Kaimur





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CIRCLE SASTRA, ARA: Second Floor, Hotel Regal Complex, Near Ramna Maidan, Ara, Bhojpur, Bihar-802301 E-mail: cs8187@pnb.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

(For Immovable property)

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Punjab National Bank, Circle Office Ara, Hotel regal, second Floor, Ara- 802301 under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13 read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated 05.10.2024 calling upon the Borrower- Sri Kanhaiya Pandey S/O Baiju Pandey, Smt Sumanti Devi W/O Kanhaiya Pandey and through its legal heirs Sri Manish Pandey & Sri Amit Pandey, both son of Sri Kanhaiya Pandey Address:At- Vill+P/O-Barakharauni P/S-Bihiya Dist-Bhojpur Bihar-802166 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.7,28,729.74 (Rupees Seven-Lakh Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Nine and Paise Seventy Four Only) and interest and charge there

on from **06.10.2024** within 60 days from the date of notice/date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 12th day of February 2025.

The borrower 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 Punjab National Bank for an amount of Rs.7,50,541.74 (Rupees Seven Lakh Fifty Thousand Five Hundred Forty One and Paise Seventy Four Only) as on 31.01.2025 along with future interest and expenses from 01.02.2025 until payment in full.

The borrower's/guarantor's/mortgagor's 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.

Description of immovable Property

All That Part And Parcel Of Immovable Property Situated At- Mauza-Kharauni, Thana No-97, Khata No-144, Plot No-145, Thana -Shahpur, District-Bhojpur, Area- 6.250 Decimal (2 Katha). Title Deed No 4980 Dated 21-07-2009. Boundaries-As Per Original Title Deed, North- Nij, South- Sri Mathura Tatwa & Others, East- Sri Hareram Mishra & Others, West- Sri Shyam Sundar Thakur & Others.

Date: 12/02/2025 Place: Bhojpur

Whereas,

Mortgagor:- Smt. Sumanti Devi, W/O-Sri Kanhaiya Pandey. **Authorized Officer** Punjab National Bank

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The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 11th day of February 2025.

The borrower 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 Punjab National Bank for an amount of Rs 25,17,050.96 (Rupees Twenty-Five Lakh Seventeen Thousand Fifty and Paise Ninety-Six only) as on 31.01.2025 along with future interest and expenses from 01.02.2025 until payment

The Borrower's/Guarantor's/Mortgagor's 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.

Description of immovable Property

All that Part and Parcel of the Property situated at-Mauza-Anaith, Mohalla-Godhana Road se Purab Powergani, Thana-Nawada Ara, Anchal- Ara, Thana no- 227, Old ward no. 35, New Nagar Nigam Ward no. 45, C.S. Khata no. 19, C.S. plot no. 2863 (part), New Plot no. 4611 (Part), Distt: Bhojpur, Area- 9 ½ dhur out of total 15 dhur. Owner- Dharmsheela Devi W/O Shivparsan Singh & Ramjhari Kunwar W/O Lt. Shreeram Singh. Registered Deed No- 2809 dated 05.04.2007. Boundary: North- Smt. Shail Devi baidar, South Nijmokir, East-Upendra Nath Mishra Baidar, West- Private Rasta 8 feet.

All that Part and Parcel of the Property situated at- Mauza-Anaith, Mohalla-Godhana Road se Purab Powergani, Thana-Nawada ara, Anchal- Ara, Thana no- 227, Old ward no. 18, New Nagar Nigam Ward no. 45, C.S. Khata no. 19, C.S. plot no. 2963 (Part), New Plot no. 4611 (Part), Distt: Bhojpur, Area- - 5 1/2 dhur. Owner: Soni Devi W/O Ramashankar Singh, Registered Deed No-12869 dated **17.10.2012.** Boundaries: North- Smt. Shail Devi, South- Digar Baidar, East-Nij Lekhyakari, West- Dharmsheela Devi.

Date: 11/02/2025 Place: Arrah

Authorized Officer Punjab National Bank

CALENDAR

BRIDGE Dealer:South Vulnerable: North/South **NORTH** SOUTH **◆** 753 ♠ AKOJ2 **9** 098 **9** J6 ◆ AKQ **♦** J8632 **Q** 0732 NORTH EAST 38 pass pass pass pass pass

SWest leads the club jack: deuce, six, four. West continues with the club ten. Plan the play (trumps break 4-1).

South must run five diamond tricks to make the contract. There would be little problem if trumps were three-two. Upon discovering the four-one trump break, declarer must risk cashing two top diamonds while there is still a trump in dummy to provide an entry back to the closed hand.

The West hand: S-10964 H-A104 D-75 C-J1098 The South hand: S-8 H-K7532 D-1094 C-AK65

Success depends on the defender with four trumps holding two or three diamonds. After two rounds of diamonds stand up, declarer draws trumps, discarding dummy's remaining high diamond on the fourth round of spades This unblocks the diamonds, allowing South to run the balance of the suit. Try this grand slam in no trumps.

Dealer: South Vulnerable: North/South



SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST pass pass pass pass

West leads the seven of spades. Plan the play (diamonds refuse to break favourably).

SUNDAY CROSSWORD 2517

QuickClues

5. Pause dither (8)

9. Draws to oneself (8)

12. Fibbed; falsified (4)

16. Royal circlet (6)

19. Injustice(8)

27. Urgency(8)

28. Got by (4,2)

4. Petting(7)

6. Prosper(7)

(3,2,4)

23. Grant(5)

Cryptic Clues

auietly?(6)

Karl(4)

commitments(8)

direction(6)

atanend(5,3)

Across

3. Anklebones(5)

8. 36 inches?(5,4)

15. Hanging about (9)

24. Clear, explicit(5)

18. Round of applause?(7)

20. Tympanic membrane (7)

19. The time of being an infant (7)

1. Gun me in the German city (6)

5. Deceives a girl about to go in front

9. Old maid to rest easy on her legs

10. Giving you the shivers by going

11. An expensive pen to price but not

for one with keen discernment (10)

12. Sound currency in Germany for

16. Tennis participants are required.

by the toss-winner, to bat first (4.2)

17. Earnestly request from present-

19. Rehearsal of Spooner's card game

day group of twelve detailed

13. Unsound and risky financial

17. Igloodweller(6)

21. Unit of heredity (4)

25. The heavenly twins (6)

26. Regular state of affairs (8)

2. Arrive at, as a solution (5)

5. Kidnapper's victim?(7)

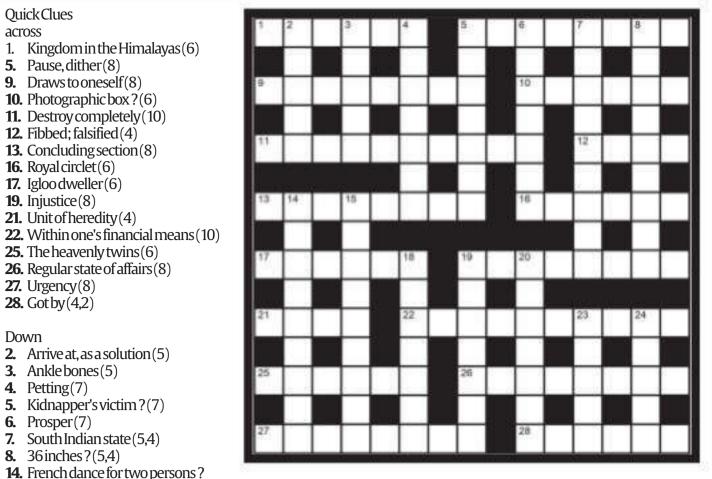
7. South Indian state (5,4)

10. Photographic box ?(6)

13. Concluding section (8)

11. Destroy completely (10)

across



21. Obscenity that turns stomachs

22. Mixed salad lover in Central America?(2,8)

25. Stiffener in one's diet?(6) **26.** Eric's nib bent so that one can write(8) 27. Nominally, she's discretion itself

28. Southern wines blended for strength(6)

Down 2. Dough commonly used in India

3. Fellow in charge is obsessive (5) **4.** A proton, perhaps, takes no charges?(3,1,3) **5.** Cries disturb me first but these

may be tender(7)**6.** It doesn't take long to see why they're in the sale!(7)

7. You've half a chance of gambling profit here (4,5) **8.** French actor molested over

hisgod?(9)**14.** Sports nut getting fitter, wanting suitable exercise tracker (9) **15.** First and second class said to be crowded (9)

18. Butler's novel appears from nowhere (7)

19. Undeterred by discharge in river **20.** The way the animals got trapped

worries one (7) 23. Small Scottish island one raced about(5)

24. Do cattle salute at the river-bend?

Solutions to 2516

QUICK CLUES Across: 8 Yoko, 9 Nonaligned, 10 Bauble, 11 Rigidity, 12 Come, 13 Woodworker, 17 Aids, 18 Abets, 19 Goon, 20 Impressive, 22 Meek, 23 Codicils, 27 All-day, 28 Facilitate, 29 Reed Down: 1 Moratorium, 2 Goebbels, 3 Under wraps, 4 On or, 5 Clog, 6 Agadir, 7 Jest, 14 Obeli, 15 Wastewater, 16 Exonerated, 19 Gamblers, 21 Raisin, 24 Oman, 25 It in, 26 Soar CRYPTIC CLUES Across: 8 Rule, 9 Indian hemp, 10 Adjure, 11 Silicate, 12 Crib, 13 Testflight, 17 Aqua, 18 Adieu, 19 Marx, 20 Compresses, 22 Felt, 23 Shoulder, 27 Unkind, 28 Weedkiller, 29 Nary Down: 1 Quid pro quo, 2 Penumbra, 3 Widest base 4 Ida's 5 Baal 6 Chichi. 7 Smut, 14 Skies, 15 Four square, 16

Hard-liners, 19 Mafeking, 21 Pounds,

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SOLUTION SUDOKU

on-line only (e-Tendering) for the following work:

110 KmPH in MTJ-AWR section of Agra Division

"www.ireps.gov.in" up to 11.30 Hrs. on date 07.03.2025

Tender No.: AGCTRDT202505

Approximate Cost: ₹ 3880473

24 Heel, 25 Dais, 26 Role

If it's your Birthday

Sunday February 16

You're on to a winner. The plain fact is that partners may not yet understand your far-sighted vision of a better future, so you may have to press on by yourself.

Monday February 17

Overall, this is a positive moment. You could be caught on the horns of a dilemma, keen to keep everything as it is yet eager to make sweeping changes.

Tuesday February 18

The Moon is on your side, so you have every advantage and should have confidence in your own ability to handle your affairs.

Wednesday February 19

This is a time to make independent choices! You may devote as much time as is necessary to sorting out domestic problems, for that's the way.

Thursday February 20

Keep smiling and have fun whenever you can. In relationships your hopes may be unexpectedly intense, perhaps more so than you may realise.

Friday February 21

You're entering an assertive phase. You may now show yourself in your true colours, and that might involve risking a friendly challenge with someone.

Saturday February 22

You may have a wonderful imagination, but when it comes to the facts, you need help and assistance from those who have been here before, and who are more experienced than you. An unusual encounter may be a friendship.

YOUR WEEK AHEAD

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) The Moon's rapid

to a pre-arranged schedule. If

travel plans have been altered

recently, try to adapt to new

circumstances, and don't

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Your next task

is to work out a

a financial

conundrum. Extravagance

can be a compensation for

any money.

emotional loss. This is not to

say that you shouldn't spend

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

your stars couldn't be better.

encounter those twists of fate

which convert every situation

into its opposite. Keep your

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

when it comes to achieving

your aims. There will come a

point, in a few weeks' time,

when you run into a spot of

confusion. This simple fact

should remind you to see

that everything is in order

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

social stars are relatively

around good conversation

have interesting choices

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

best, but this is no time for

self-doubt. There's a powerful

law operating at the moment,

and it's that if a job is worth

doing, it's worth doing well.

delayed, just long enough to

give you time to think again.

Financial rewards will be

to make.

with like-minded people. You

In the past you

unconsciously

settled for second-

have often

strong, and the most enjoyable gatherings should be based

However, it's at such times

that you are likely to

wits about you.

better solution to

You feel one thing,

but the planets say

another. You may

not believe it, but

Mars is certainly

and you should

spare no effort

The Heavenly

spheres look

particularly positive

at the moment. Your

set to give you a lift.

worry about any delays.

movements indicate that yet more change is on the way, so stay on the move but don't feel obliged to stick

phase, but some secrets cannot be kept for very much longer. In fact, you should now have your story ready, just in case anyone should enquire exactly what you have been up to.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

You are entering

a nicely positive

and self-confident

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) Family members

are on your case and financial questions now require answers. There is certainly room for a little extravagance, especially if family and domestic purchases are beckoning. Partners will bring reminders

practical tasks. SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)



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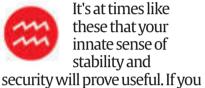
home. It may well seem that you are getting your own way for a while, but without cooperation from others, pitfalls will lie in wait. Even at work, collaboration is a necessity.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)



when you care to use it, is your ability to plan ahead. Grand ambitions can be attained if you are competent, thorough and organised. You should therefore stay busy, and keep a close watch on each and every detail, no matter how small and apparently meaningless.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)



understand that finances must be the centre of your attention now, then certain other aspects of your life will begin to make more sense.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Everything in your universe is in an ongoing state of change.

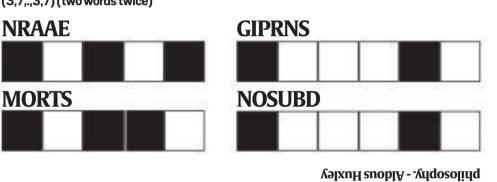
which means that new opportunities are constantly presenting themselves. If

you feel uncertain about your home life and family relationships, that is an extremely good thing indeed.

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. Finding _____for what one believes for other ____, that's philosophy. - Aldous Huxley

(3,7,,,3,7) (two words twice)



Answer: Finding bad reasons for what one believes for other bad reasons, that's SOLUTION: ARENA, STORM, SPRING, BOUNDS

Difficulty Level 5s

Instructions

every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizonta rows and in each of the nine boxes.

To solve a Sudoku puzzle,

Difficulty Level 1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s =

Genius

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5			6		2			4
				9		7		3
		3				6	2	
	7				6		4	

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Period of completion :Twelve months

Earnest Money :₹ 77600/

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person(s) Satish Kumar R/o 72-C, CGHS, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi-110017 has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in FIR No./CC No. 21329/2016, U/s 138 NI Act, PS Rajouri Garden, Distt. West, New Delhi and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person(s) Satish Kumar can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) Satish Kumar has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant) Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person(s) Satish Kumar of FIR No./CC No. 21329/2016, U/s 138 NI Act, PS Rajouri Garden, Distt. West, New Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on o before dated 27.03.2025 at 10:00 AM. By Order

Sh. Shubham Gupta Judicial Magistrate-First Class (West) DP/1775/WD/2025 NI Act-04, Room No. 04, Annex-(Court Matter) Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

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TENDER CANCELLATION NOTICE

Name of Work: Construction of 64 Dwelling Units in 8 number of

G+1 blocks (including structural design) under Pradhan Mantri

'Construction of 64 Dwelling Units in 8 number of G+1 blocks

(including structural design) under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana

(Urban) at Kangoi, Mihijam", bearing Tender ID: 2024_UDD_

Government of Jharkhand https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

All the bidders are hereby intimated that the tender for

For further details bidders may visit e-procurement website of

All the bidders are requested to kindly wait for future

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING

THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 CrPC

NIT No.: JUIDCO/PMAY/V-III/Kangoi/Mihijam-627

Tender ID: 2024_UDD_89463_1

89463 1 is hereby cancelled.

PR 346476 Urban Development

Awas Yojana (Urban) at Kangoi, Mihijam.

PR No.: 331842

correspondence.

and Housing(24-25)#D

DP/1786/N/2025

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Person namely Mohd. Tauab S/o: Mohd. Zakir, R/o: Amit Vihar, Near Krishna Model Public School, Behta Hazipur, Uttar Pradesh (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in FIR No. 220/2020, U/s 411 IPC, registered at P.S.: GTB Enclave, Delhi and the warrant has been returned writing upon that the said accused Mohd. Tauab cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Mohd. Tauab has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said Mohd. Tauab accused FIR No. 220/2020, U/s 411 IPC, registered at P.S.: GTB Enclave, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 05.05.2025.

By Order Ms. Sanghmitra DP/1665/SHD/2025 Metropolitan Magistrate (Court Matter) Room No. 54, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

No.: JDA/EE & TA to Dir. Engg.-I/2024-25/D-106 Dated:14.02.2025

NOTICE INVITING BID

NIB No.: EE & TA to Dir. Engg.-I/37/2024-25

Bids are invited from interested bidders for following works:

Cost of work

(Lacs)

741.03

283.65

Other particulars of the respective bid may be visited on

Procurement Portal website www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in,

www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and www.jda.urban.

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No.

JAIPUR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Indira Circle, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Jaipur-302004

Nature of

Work

Development

System

Road

Executive Engineer & TA to Dir. Engg-I

of Drainage 01.03.2025

Last

Date

06.03.2025

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Sr. DEE/TRD/Agra for & on behalf of President of India invites "Open Tender" through

Name of work: Modification in OHE due to raising of maximum speed from 100 to

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www.ireps.gov.in. 2. Tender can only be submitted through web portal

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EXISTING TEMPORARY COVERED MULTIPURPOSE HALL AT APS, NEW CANTT, ALLAHABAD

Sealed tenders are invited for upgradation of Existing

Temporary Covered Multipurpose Hall at APS, New Cantt. Prayagraj. For details and downloading tender visit school website armypublicschoolalld.org. Last date for submission of tender is 07 Mar 2025. PRINCIPAL

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 CrPC Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Tapan

S/o Sh. Ram Kishan R/o VPO Khaira, Khaira Village, Najafgarh, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide FIR No. 86/2023, U/S 33/38/58 Delhi Excise Act, P.S. Jaffarpur Kalan, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused Tapan, can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Tapan, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Tapan, of FIR No. 86/2023, U/S 33/38/58 Delhi Excise Act, P.S. Jaffarpur Kalan, Delhi is required to appear before this court (or before me) to answer the complaint on or before the day of 19.03.2025. By Order.

Sh. Abhinav Ahlawat **Judicial Magistrate First Class** Room No. 314 DP/1824/DW/2025 (Court Matter) Dwarka Court, Delhi

Person namely Sanjay S/o: Sh. Rajaram, R/o: H. No. S-191, PVC Market, Jwala Puri, Delhi (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in FIR No. 459/2018, U/s 33 Delhi Exe. Act, registered at P.S.: Paschim Vihar West, Delhi and the warrant has been returned writing upon that the said accused Sanjay cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Sanjay has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said Sanjay accused FIR No. 459/2018, U/s 33 Delhi Exe. Act, registered at P.S.: Paschim Vihar West, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 08.04.2025. By Order

DP/1697/OD/2025 (Court Matter)

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

Sh. Ankit Karan Singh Metropolitan Magistrate-08 (W)

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir Office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore

Email: phe.mdns2@gmail.com

Electro-mechanical and civil works to be carried out at WSS Baramulla Town under AMRUT 2.0 Ref: 1. Circle Level Contract Committee Minutes of Meeting issued vide No.

PHE/MCN/AMRUT/4778-81, dated: 08-02-2025 2. This office E-NIT No. PHE/MDNS/NIT/E-51 of2024-25, issue vide No: PHE/MDNS/DB/6901-11, dated: 08-01-2025

Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore No.: PHE/MDNS/DB/7731-41, Duted: 13-02-2025

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD Olo Chief General Manager (Engg), Transmission Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500004, TG. e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION

'e'-Tender Ranging Bid document Name of Work (approx.) download start dat No. & Date M,S,D,L,L,J,T and Comm of 600mm dia MS line EP No. 95/ for providing scour arrangement from Phase-I, II & CGM(E) / TC 17.02.2025 III 2375mm dia pumping outlets to Phase-I, II & III Rs.344.75 / T3 / TD.No.III reservoirs at N'Pally campus during shut down to 02.00 PM avoid wastage of treated water and power consumption under SD-IV, TD-III, Sahebnagar. The Tenderers are requested to upload the information on the Zip format preferably. Further

details can be seen on www.eprocurement.gov.in. Sd/- Chief General Manager (Engg), Transmission Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-04.

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Alam S/o Md. Haroon R/o 795, Meena Bazar, Seemapuri, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide FIR No. 209/2020, U/S 379/411 IPC, P.S. GTB Enclave, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused Noor Alam, can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Noor Alam, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

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CHAMPIONS TROPHY

JUST IN TIME

England opener Duckett declared fit

ENGLAND RECEIVED a timely boost ahead of the ICC Champions Trophy, with opener Ben Duckett being declared fit for the tournament, beginning on February 19. Duckett, who had sustained a groin injury while fielding during the third ODI against India in Ahmedabad last Wednesday, underwent scans, and the results confirmed that the injury was not serious. "Scans on a left groin injury have confirmed that England men's batter Ben Duckett is fit and available for the ICC Champions Trophy," the England Cricket Board said in a statement. England endured a 0-3 whitewash against India in the ODI series following a 1-4 loss in the fivematch T20I series, and they will begin their Champions Trophy campaign on February 22. "The England squad will arrive in Pakistan on 18 February ahead of their opening match of the tournament against Australia in Lahore on Saturday, 22 February," ECB said. England are drawn in Group B alongside world champions Australia, South Africa, and Afghanistan for the eight-nation

FINDING BALANCE

tournament.PTI

Javed backs Babar to adapt to new role at CT

Babar Azam looked in pristine touch during the Tri-Series final against New Zealand at the National Stadium in Karachi on Friday before tossing away his start. Batting on 29, Babar offered a regulation caughtand-bowled opportunity before Pakistan's innings progressively collapsed and the hosts suffered a second successive defeat to the Black Caps. Babar's struggles without an international hundred across formats has extended to over 60 innings. However, interim Pakistan head coach Aaqib Javed has backed Babar to adapt to his new ODI role. "Our rationale behind the change was that if you look at the away series against South Africa, Babar Azam had to bat in the first over in all games. Then Saim got injured, and he had to open in Tests too. These pitches are not troubling the batters at the start, we wanted our best batter to make good use of the powerplay, that suits us more," Javed said. ENS

Team India touches down in Dubai

THE INDIAN TEAM made its touch down in the city on Saturday, hoping to bag the ICC Champions Trophy, starting from February 18, for the second time since 2013. India had last won the ICC marquee event in England 12 years back under the legendary MS Dhoni. The players and support staff trooped into a waiting bus, in line with the new BCCI diktat of travelling as a group, before proceeding to the designated team hotel. A Jasprit Bumrah-less India will open their campaign against Bangladesh on February 20 in Dubai before the much-anticipated blockbuster against traditional rivals Pakistan on February 23. PTI

The three teams were the semi-finalists at the 2023 ODI World Cup, apart from India. South Africa have explosive batters and a varied attack, New Zealand have a mix of part-timers, but Australia will find it tough. SANDIP G does a S.W.O.T. analysis.

Power-packed South Africa, weak Australia, canny New Zealand

SOUTH AFRICA

Resourceful big hitters

A SAVAGELY versatile batting consortium makes South Africa a frontrunner to raise the golden cup to the skies, even if their patchy recent form suggests otherwise. From head to the lower limbs, they



boast unabashed hitters of the leather ball, who could dismember most bowling attacks in the world.

The headsman of violence is **Heinrich Klaassen,** mild of manners but a riot of rage with the bat. He enters the tournament with a wounded heart, the near-miss in the T20 World Cup final still haunting him, which makes him a deadlier force. Nothing rattles him, forthright speed or devilish swing or ripping spin, green-tops or turners, making one of the most feared hitters in the game. What makes him elite is the ability to cut the spinners to ribbons in the middle overs. In Asia, he averages 42.29 and maintains a strike rate of 124. He has strummed warning notes with four 80-plus scores in the last four games. Process the strike rates—88, 131, 188, 155. He is one of the most brutal hitters at the death overs too.

If Klaassen is South Africa's batting general, the trusted lieutenants feature David Miller, an equally ferocious hitter, a rejuvenated Temba Bavuma and a recalibrated Aiden Markram. The young cavalry comprises the buccaneering Tony de Zorzi (strike rate of 95), Tristan Stubbs, Ryan Rickelton and Wiaan Mulder. Down the order, Marco Jansen could unlock his long levers to furnish South Africa death-over impetus. Corbin Bosch is relatively unknown, but he is reputed for his big strokes down the order.

Under coach Rob Walter, they have adopted a refreshingly bravado batting approach. Even the hitherto conservative Markram and Bavuma have reeled off progressive knocks, thus making them one of the most entertaining teams of the 2023 World Cup, until India stopped them in the semifinals.

Complementing the hitmen-brigade is a balanced and diverse firm of bowlers. Two left-arm front-line spinners, a wrist spinner and an orthodox counterpart, a bunch of part-time tweakers, a thoroughbred seam artist, a beanpole left-arm seam merchant, a pair of new-age utility bowlers, at least two genuine seam-bowling all-rounders they have covered most bases. But bowlers have been horribly inconsistent, a reason they have lost the last six of their ODIs, including defeats to Ireland. The counterargument is that most of their regular bowlers were injured—Anrich Nortje is still recovering and would miss the tournament—and it's just the

matter of a game to get their act together. The low-key build-up would suit them, as was the case in the 2023 ODI World Cup and the 2024 T20 instalment. It would soothe their nerves that the only ICC tournament they have won is the Champions Trophy, even if that was the inaugural edition in 1998. The short nature of the tournament—five wins would seal the deal—suits the team prone to misfortune and moments of madness.



Nathan Ellis is a reservoir of variations, has IPL experience and familiarity with subcontinent conditions. *Reuters*

AUSTRALIA

Can they fill bowling stars' void?

THE DEFENDING world champions Australia are not habitually dependent on the form and fitness of a few luminaries. But this Champions Trophy, the capacity to reclaim the trophy they last hoisted in 2009 will rest on the replacements for some of the big guns missing the edition due to injuries and personal reasons. The ultimate tournament, it's the event they have bizarrely underwhelmed—damningly they have not won a single game since the victory in the 2009 final.

Five of the eleven that muted the multitude that attended the final in Ahmedabad are absent. The inspirational captain Pat Cummins and line-and-length metronome Josh Hazlewood and allrounder Mitchell Marsh are injured; Marcus Stoinis has made a shock farewell while Mitchell Starc, the new-ball wrecker, has opted out due to personal reasons.

The casualty list has depleted bowling and balance, more than their batting dimension, making the squad the weakest and most unbalanced the serial champions had ever named in a major tournament this century.

Steve Smith would step into Cummins's shoes—he is as charismatic and perhaps more ingenious. Glenn Maxwell, Travis Head, Josh Inglis, Alex Carey, Marnus Labuschagne infuse knowhow, cool and ammo. But the bowl-



Captain Steve Smith will have his task cut out at the Champions Trophy.

ing is woefully thin on experience. Some names carry promise, more than dread. Nathan Ellis is a reservoir of variations, has immense IPL experience and familiarity with the subcontinent conditions, but has featured in only nine ODIs. Similarly, Spencer Johnson has the physical traits of Starc, tall and strapping with a bristling action. He could crank up hostile pace, can bend the ball both ways, could extract discomfiting bounce, more than Starc perhaps, but has a fragile body and a thin body of work (3 ODIs and 11 list A games).

The most experienced among the lot is Sean Abbott, but his figures don't provoke excitement either (33 wickets at 37

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in 28 games).

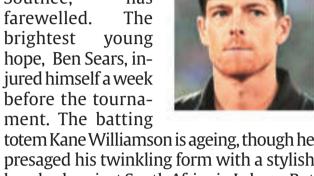
Even the most optimistic and patriotic Australian fans would hesitate to gamble on this medium-pace pack to script a tournament triumph. There is definitely a novelty of the unknown, but it looks like a dent too large to fill. The biggest bowling hope, thus, remains the leg-spinner Adam Zampa. His accomplice is leg-spinner Tanveer Sangha, who is more of the orthodox kind. But his haul of two wickets in three games, an economy rate nudging seven, inspire less confidence than parttimers Maxwell and Head.

The pair would have to enjoy stellar tournaments, both with bat and ball. if Australia are to go deep into the tournament, leave alone holding the trophy. Explosive batting is their biggest and sole succour in a tournament where they check in as world champions but would not be an outright favourite. Even with their capacity to grit their way through a tournament, this time even a last-four spot would be an overreach.

NEW ZEALAND

Spinners will have to step up

THE TWO titans of seam bowling, Trent Boult and Tim Southee, has farewelled. The brightest young hope, Ben Sears, injured himself a week before the tournament. The batting



presaged his twinkling form with a stylish hundred against South Africa in Lahore. But their USP this tournament is the ensemble cast of part-time spinners, who could lay the foundation of a tournament triumph. None of Rachin Ravindra, Glenn Phillips,

Mitchell Santner and Michael Bracewell blaze an aura. Except Rachin, a genuinely high-grade batsmen, others are utility men, a stock the Kiwis had seldom felt any shortage, though most of them were of the medium-pace variants. Batsmen wouldn't bother poring through their video tapes. But they possess an uncanny knack to sting, and offer diverse characteristics.

The understated Santner spearheads them. Also the captain, he has added more layers to his bowling.

He is better at controlling his pace, plays around with his release point, manipulates the depth and width of the crease. A shrewd reader of the batsman's mind, he masterfully sets them up. The economy rate of 4.28 conveys the stifling nature of his bowling. He has emerged a quiet leader of the team, in the absence of Southee and Boult.

He handles his spin bunch smartly. Rachin, flatter than Santner, is employed as a partnership breaker, especially against righthanded batsmen. He restricts to burst and does not over-use, as his lack of variations could make him fodder for quality batsmen. With his height, he purchases bounce too the odd ball suddenly kicks up. He could become a more dangerous bowler when the surface begins to wear as the tournament progresses.

Phillips too has humble gifts, but like Santner is perseverant and can chime in with the odd crucial wicket.

He is quicker through the air, hardly gives width for batsmen and possess a skidder that he undercuts that catches batsmen offguard. Bracewell is a chip off the old block, bowls more conventional off-spin but with immaculate control, as his economy rate of 5.02 denotes. All three could wield the long handle to devastating effect too, providing a coveted balance to the playing eleven. Rachin, of course, is their batting bulwark in Asian climes.

The unusual spin quartet compensates for the lack of X factor in the pace-bowling stream. There are familiar and seasoned names such as Matt Henry and Lockie Ferguson, apart from the lanky Will O'Rourke, but the part-time form the real wealth of this side.

If the feeling persisted that the team for the World Cup was slightly over the hill, this batch revels in its utilitarianism. Don't call them underrated though, because everyone calls them that.

Vaishnavi shines as India win opener; men lose Matter of frames as Delhi

VINAYAKK MOHANARANGAN FEBRUARY 15

ONE INDIAN team scored two goals from penalty corners out of the three they earned, and another Indian team didn't convert any of their three such chances. Before the day's FIH Pro League action began in Bhubaneswar, one would not have quite believed that the former would be the women's team.

But that's how it transpired as Harendra Singh's India emerged 3-2 winners in a thriller against England, while Craig Fulton's Olympic medallists began their campaign with a 1-3 defeat against Spain.

Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke (6th minute), who was arguably India's best player on the pitch, and Deepika (25') scored from India's first two penalty corners in the first half. After England fought back to make it 2-2 with just two minutes to go through Fiona Crackles (58'), vice captain Navneet Kaur (59') smashed in the winner in the dying moments of the match. Darcy Bourne (12') had scored England's first

Sunelita Toppo made a bright start to the match down the left flank and it was her drilled pass into the circle that resulted in a penalty corner. Manisha Chauhan's drag flick was deflected to Sushila Chanu, who was alert to the advantage being played by the referee and her pass found a Vaishnavi at the back post to de-



India's Navneet Kaur (L) scored the winner against England on Saturday. HI

flect the ball in. It wasn't a direct penalty corner goal but it was quick thinking from all three of players involved in the set-piece -- drag-flicker Manisha, stopper Sushila and the injector Vaishnavi.

India, however, conceded a sloppy goal to undo the early good work, dominant as they were for the opening 10 minutes. Vaishnavi's alertness led to the first goal but the defender

lost the ball inside India's circle. Maddie Axford pounced, and Bourne bundled the ball in after a rebound off goalkeeper Savita, who saved the first shot, But the ball looped up, hit her stick and fell kindly for the England player. It was a rare mistake in possession from Vaishnavi, who has otherwise shown impressive control.

Deepika, who wasn't on the pitch for the first penalty corner, fired it in from the second one, nailing the inside-out shot past the defence. Coach Harendra Singh has vowed to make her one of the best in the world from these situations and after being the top scorer at the Asian Champions Trophy last year, she has begun the Pro League on a strong note too.

With four minutes left, Vaishnavi produced a crucial intervention. With England winning the ball high up the field and having numbers in their favour, they looked set to score, but the 21-year-old put in a late tackle to keep India's lead. England did equalise shortly after, but Vaishnavi still had one big moment left in her. From a long corner, she started dribbling towards the circle, and played a brilliant pass to Navneet with a hint of deception. She originally shaped as if hitting a straight forehand pass but at the last moment, changed direction and found the forward, who hit a powerful shot through the goalkeeper's legs.

"We started very well but there was a drop in intensity and England were in the driving

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seat, structurally they were good," Harendra told reporters after the match. "We should have killed the match in the fourth quarter. That's the mindset we want. I want us to get as many points at home in these Bhubaneswar matches so when we go to Europe, we know where we are. I give credit to the team that they didn't switch off at 2-2, didn't go defensive, they went and got the goal in the end."

Starting trouble

For the men's team, it wasn't a pleasant return to international action after a lengthy break. They did start the match well against Spain, scoring a brilliant goal to take the lead. Sanjay threw an aerial from deep inside India's half, Harmanpreet Singh – who usually initiates these attacks – was beyond the midfield on the right flank to receive with great control. His pass to Jarmanpreet Singh was inch-perfect, and the defender then cut the ball back to Sukhjeet Singh in the centre to convert with a fine reverse hit.

But Spain grew in confidence, especially in the third quarter where their pressure from the penalty corners paid off, albeit with a hint of fortune after a mistrap.

"We started pretty well, we kept good pressure and we got many opportunities as well. But we won't be too negative as it was our first match after a long time. We need to work more on our finishing part," Harmanpreet said after the match.

prevail in dramatic finish

VINAYAKK MOHANARANGAN FEBRUARY 15

IN THE end, it was all about the frames. On a dramatic night in the Women's Premier League, Delhi Capitals beat Mumbai Indians in a thriller that was decided by the smallest of margins, with the TV umpire's decisions on run-out appeals causing plenty of drama in the closing stages. DC won by 2 wickets off the last ball of the match in Vadodara.

Chasing 165, DC were off to a blazing start thanks to Shafali Verma but MI fought back impressively to have the upper hand in the middle stages. DC's debutants Niki Prasad and Sarah Bryce played crucial cameos before the lower order held on to win. With 2 runs needed off 1 ball, Arundhati Reddy scampered back for the second run and was deemed to have

crossed the line just in time. Earlier, opting to bowl, DC put up a strong showing with the ball despite MI's two star batters – Nat Sciver-Brunt and Harmanpreet Kaur – playing impressive knocks. Shikha Pandey was especially effective with figures of 2/14 as MI were bundled out 164 in 19.1 overs. Harmanpreet rued that they failed to bat out the quota of 20 overs, which proved costly with

Sciver-Brunt left stranded on 80. Shafali, as she tends to do in the WPL, got off



Radha Yadav of Delhi Capitals celebrates after the win. BCCI

to a sensational start but fell for 43 off 18. Niki India's U19 World Cup-winning captain, then shone on debut with a patient 35, and was named player of the match. MI, however would feel aggrieved at three run-out decisions that went against them, with confusion over the umpire's interpretation of when the LED wickets were broken fairly. The one really costly moment was a decision that went in favor of Radha Yadav, who then smashed a big six next ball to bring the equation down to 10 off the last over.

BRIEF SCORES: Mumbai Indians 164 all out in 19.1 overs (Sciver-Brunt 80*; Harmanpreet 42 Pandey 2/14) lost to Delhi Capitals 165/8 (Shafali 43, Niki 35, Kerr 2/21) by 2 wickets

I don't believe in a clean sport anymore STAN WAWRINKA, 3-TIME GRAND SLAM CHAMPION

Sinner gets rap on knuckles

Three-month WADA ban allows Italy's World No.1 to return in time for the French Open

REUTERS FEBRUARY 15

WORLD NO.1 Jannik Sinner has accepted an immediate three-month doping ban after the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) said they had reached a settlement on his period of ineligibility, allowing him to return before the French Open in May. WADA had appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) against an independent tribunal's decision in August to clear Sinner of wrongdoing after the three-times major winner failed drug tests.

Sinner, who successfully defended his Australian Open crown last month, had tested positive for anabolic agent clostebol, which the 23-year-old said had entered his system from a member of his support team through massages and sports therapy.

Sinner's ban began on February 9 and will end on May 4 while he can return to training on April 13. The French Open is scheduled to begin on May 25.

"WADA confirms that it has entered into a case resolution agreement in the case of Italian tennis player Jannik Sinner, with the player accepting a three-month period of ineligibility for an anti-doping rule violation," WADA said in a statement on Saturday.

"WADA accepts that Mr Sinner did not intend to cheat and that his exposure to clostebol did not provide any performance-enhancing benefit and took place without his knowledge as the result of negligence of members of his entourage. However, under the Code and by virtue of CAS precedent, an athlete bears responsibility for the entourage's negligence."

The case was set to be heard by CAS in April and Sinner was in danger of being banned for up to two years. Sinner will miss Masters tournaments at Indian Wells, Miami, Monte Carlo and Madrid

Appeal withdrawn

WADA has formally withdrawn its appeal to CAS after they reached a settlement while they did not seek disqualification of his results. "This case had been hanging over me now for nearly a year and the process still had a long time to run with a decision maybe only at the end of the year," Sinner said in a statement. "I have always accepted that I am responsible for my team and realise WADA's strict rules are an important protection for the sport I love. On that basis I have accepted WADA's offer to resolve these proceedings on the basis of a 3 month sanction.'

The ATP said it acknowledged the resolution of Sinner's case following his agreement with WADA. "This case is an important reminder of players' responsibility to carefully manage the products and treatments they or their entourages use," it said.

Sinner is the second high-ranked player to accept a doping ban in recent months after world number two Iga Swiatek accepted a one-month suspension in November having tested positive for banned substance trimetazidine (TMZ).

Swiatek had been provisionally suspended from September 12 until October 4. missing three tournaments as a result while she also forfeited prize money from the Cincinnati Open, the tournament directly following the test.

Sinner's lawyer Jamie Singer said WADA had confirmed the facts determined by the independent tribunal. "It is clear that Jannik had no intent, no knowledge, and gained no competitive advantage. Regrettably, errors made by members of his team led to this situation," Singer said.

However, the decision did not go down well with the Professional Tennis Players Association (PTPA), an organisation estab-

lished by Novak Djokovic. "The 'system' is not a system. It's a club. Supposed case-by-case discretion is, in fact,



Jannik Sinner, who successfully defended his Australian Open crown, had tested positive for anabolic agent clostebol. File



With Sinner, I want to start off first and foremost by saying don't think in any way he has been trying to cheat at

any stage. However, when I read this statement this morning, it just seems a little bit too convenient. It seems that there are words like agreement, and it almost seems like there's been a negotiation."

TIM HENMAN, FORMER WORLD NO.4



"So WADA come out and say it would be a 1-2 year ban. **Obviously Sinner's** team have done everything in their

power to just go ahead and take a 3 month ban, no titles lost, no prize money lost. Guilty or not? Sad day for tennis. Fairness in tennis does not exist."

NICK KYRGIOS, 2022 WIMBLEDON FINALIST

merely cover for tailored deals, unfair treatment, and inconsistent rulings," the PTPA said. "It's not just the different results for different players. It's the lack of transparency. The lack of process. The lack of consistency... This bias is unacceptable for all athletes and shows a deep disrespect for every sport and its fans."

'Sad day for tennis'

Australian Nick Kyrgios, who had previously said the two doping incidents were 'disgusting' for the sport, said it was a "sad day for tennis" after several other players received longer bans for similar positive tests.

Former world number one Simona Halep had questioned the "big difference" in how doping cases are treated after she was banned despite strongly denying knowingly taking the banned substance roxadustat.

Halep was initially banned for four years, a period later reduced to nine months after an appeal. However, Italian Tennis and Padel Federation president Angelo Binaghi said Sinner would be welcomed with open arms at the Italian Open, which begins in Rome three days after his ban ends.

Why this is the best scenario for World No.1

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE FEBRUARY 15

FOLLOWING HIS title defence at the Australian Open last month, the only hurdle standing in the way of Jannik Sinner was the cloud of a potential doping ban that has circled him for nearly a year as he has stamped his status as the World No. 1. An unexpected resolution was found for the issue early on Saturday. The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) announced that it had entered a case resolution agreement with Sinner, with the 23-year-old Italian accepting a three-month effective immediately, declaring him ineligible to compete until May 4. It worked as favourably as possible in the case of the world's best tennis player under the scanner for doping violations.

What was the WADA agreement? Sinner failed two doping tests in March, test-

EXPLAINED

ing positive for the anabolic steroid clostebol, but was found by the **International Tennis Integrity** Agency (ITIA) to bear "no fault or negligence" after he successfully appealed his case of accidental contamination. Sinner continued to play on tour.

WADA, however, was unsat-

isfied with the outcome of the investigation and filed an appeal with the Court for Arbitration for Sport (CAS), a hearing for which was due to take place on April 16. Pre-empting a potential ban, Sinner effectively settled with the anti-doping body by accepting a three-month ban that will make sure he does not miss any of the upcoming Majors in 2025.

On Sunday, Sinner, a three-time Grand Slam champion, said in a statement: "I have always accepted that I am responsible for my team and realise WADA's strict rules are an important protection for the sport I love. On that basis I have accepted WADA's offer to resolve these proceedings on the basis of a 3month sanction."

What was Sinner's argument?

The Italian's explanations for the two failed dope tests centred around accidental contamination by means of an over-the-counter heal-

ing spray containing clostebol that his physiotherapist, Umberto Ferrara, had purchased in Italy and brought to Indian Wells, the site where he failed his in-competition tests.

Later, his physiotherapist, Giacomo Naldi, cut his hand, and then used the spray on that cut. Naldi then conducted massages on Sinner, which led to transdermal contamination with the clostebol from the healing spray. An independent tribunal commissioned by the ITIA and conducted by British arbitration firm Sports Resolutions in August accepted Sinner's explanation. Sinner parted company with both Naldi and Ferrara on the eve of the US Open, an event where he won his second Grand Slam title despite the controversy exploding just a week prior.

How did outcome favour Sinner?

Under ordinary circumstances, had Sinner been found to be guilty, a ban of 1-2 years was being sought by WADA. However, given the offence, an outcome of a 2-3 months-long ban was far more likely. By coming to a pre-de-

> cided settlement though, the timing has worked out perfectly for the Italian. Had the ban been put in place after the scheduled hearing, Sinner would miss both the French Open and Wimbledon, with his preparations for the US Open significantly hampered too. By serving it in the coming

months, Sinner will miss important tournaments at Indian Wells, Miami, Monte Carlos and Madrid, and he is likely to lose his World No. 1 ranking. But he will return in time to play his home tournament in Rome – Italy's biggest tennis tournament – to prepare for the French Open and then Wimbledon.

Why complaints will get louder?

Suspicions of the tennis cognoscenti, however, will naturally be raised as the timing of the supposed punishment has worked out so perfectly for the World No. 1. After Iga Swiatek, the Polish women's World No. 2, accepted a similar one-month suspension in November having tested positive for the banned substance trimetazidine (TMZ), this case will make the complaints of favourable treatment undoubtedly grow louder in a sport where the gulf between the elite and the rest has expanded to near-breaking point.

FROM DISTANT Kasaragod to capital

Kerala small towns

take big cricket leap

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 15

Thiruvananthapuram - a timeless line the loudspeakers blare during poll campaigns in Kerala, implying the reach of a party or a candidate from the northern tail to the southern tip of the State. From this Monday, fans, friends, and families of cricketers, along the 577-kilometre-long stretch that curves like a fish, would flock around television sets or hunch over smartphone screens to watch Kerala tussle Gujarat in Ahmedabad for a historic appearance in a Ranji Trophy final.

Last week, a quiet town in southern Kasaragod, once famous for hand-woven prayer caps, was abuzz with festivities when local boy Mohammed Azharuddeen helped Kerala grind out a draw against Jammu and Kashmir in Pune. Some 380 kilometres away, on the banks of Thodupuzha river in Kanjiramattom in Ernakulam district, neighbours thronged medium pacer MD Nidheesh's house.

The most famous draw in Kerala's cricket landscape connected hitherto incongruous towns and villages. Man of the match and batting talisman Salman Nizar is from Thalassery, the birthplace of cricket in the state. Akshay Chandran, whose resistance was equally valuable, was born in Kochi, before moving to Kannur and then polishing the game in Thalassery. The captain Sachin Baby is from Adimali in Idukki; Basil Thampi and N Basil are from Perumbavoor, dotted with plywood factories, in Ernakulam district; KM Asif is from Kottayam, Rohan Kunnummal hails from Palakkad, although raised in Kozhikode's Koyilandy, and Shoun Roger is from Vettukad, in the north-west coast of Thiruvananthapuram.

Club culture

Except Thiruvananthapuram and Thalassery, none are traditional cricketing nurseries, even though they are all cricket mad and possess facilities of varying ranges. Thalangara, says Azhar's brother Unais, has about 20-25 clubs that regularly encounter in tournaments. "Thalangara has a good ecosystem for budding cricketers. It's a small town, but we have around 20 cricket clubs. We are mad about football, but madder about cricket," he says.

As is Perumbavoor, where Basil Thampi nurtured his cricketing dreams. Says his friend, Jithin George, of the Perumbayoor Cricket Club: "Every weekend, you could watch dozens of leather-ball games. Tennis ball tournaments could be more popular, but there are devoted clubs for leather balls too, playing for the kick of it as well as the hope of turning up for the State or the country."

The pathway to the state-side starts at the summer coaching camp organised in the vacation months in each of the 14 districts. "Hundreds turn up. We watch each one of them in search of a bright spark. It's the reason we have players from most parts of Kerala, unlike in the past where most came from Kochi, Thiruvananthapuram or Thalassery," says OV Mazhar Moidu, former assistant coach of Kerala as well as the fielding coach of the India A team that toured Australia last year.

To one of the camps, he dragged along an energetic 10-year-old, batting-mad neighbour. He was Salman.

"He used to play with his brothers and cousins in his ancestral house, which was close to my house. I took him along and instantly saw the spark. And he backed his gifts with hard work."

To meet the bus fare to attend the camp in Kochi, the nearest town from his village Nidheesh accompanied his friends to paint houses in the neighbourhood.

When Sachin started his career — he was named thus by his father the day after his famous namesake Sachin Tendulkar made his Test debut in Gujranwala in 1989 – summer camp happened only in the cities. So he was largely self-coached.

"Just by observing how they batted in live games or in the highlights, picking a lot of points from commentators too," he had once told this newspaper.

Even for selection trials, he had to travel 60km to Kochi. The left-handed batsman was picked in the U-13 district squad, but



Kerala captain Sachin Baby takes a selfie after the team reached the semifinals last week. KCA



played barely a couple of matches. The scene has changed drastically.

"The best of talents we pick are sent to the elite centres, where they are constantly mentored and monitored. They constantly play tournaments, like the inter-district and zonal ones. Among them, the best ones make the list of probables in the particular agegroup, before the same process follows in the next age-group. The filtering system is robust," says Mazhar.

KCA tournaments Even if someone misses out, there are

KCA tournaments that give them second chances. "Several players have benefitted from it, like white-ball all-rounder NM Sharafuddeen. The aim is to ensure that no talent goes unnoticed or without the opportunities to show his talents," he says. But the selection for Ranji Trophy is more

regimented. Explains former cricketer and coach P Balachandran: "We have a core group of 20-30 players. We don't shuffle the pack, and are reaping the rewards. You can see their bond, they have played a lot of cricket together, and know each other well. One sticks his leg for the other, as you would have noticed during the partnerships. Most of them are in a similar age-group to (late 20s to early 30s)". For instance, Salman and Azhar, the Pune heroes, had been friends since 2010, when they met at the Elite Academy in Kochi. Step into the dressing room, the ears

would burst with a variety of slangs. Azhar's Kasargod twang, with its nasal lilts and Tulu-Kannada inflections, could be more Latin for Sachin from the Idukki, where they speak Malayalam with a central Kerala uptalk. It blends different backgrounds too. Azhar's father was in the Middle East. Salman's father had worked in the Gulf

too; Rogers lived in Sharjah till he was 13 Nidheesh's father was a clam shell harvester Sachin's father was an LIC agent, Akshay Chandran's an officer in the Navy. Thampi's family survived on his father's small chips business, and Rohan's father is an entrepreneur and mother a bank manager. But everything blurs in their quest for collective glory which has rippled feverish excitement from Kasaragod to Thiruvananthapuram.

2024 earnings: No woman in top 100, Ronaldo tops with \$260m

Portuguese football star has raked in the big bucks again — approximately ₹2,253 crore last year, but a little less than what he earned in 2023.



ENDORSEMENTS: Ronaldo enjoys an astronomical following on social media platforms; i.e., 649 million on Instagram and 114 million on X (formerly Twitter). Ronaldo charges close to \$3.3 million for every post, as per Hopper HQ. Brands endorsed by Ronaldo include Nike, Tag Heuer, Armani, and Herbalife.

BUSINESS VENTURES: Ronaldo owns the CR7 underwear and perfume brand. In the hospitality sector, he has partnered with multiple companies to run his chains of restaurants and hotels, like Pestana CR7 Hotel.

WOMEN: GAUFF ACES IT



FORMER US Open **Tennis champion** Coco Gauff was the highest-paid female athlete last year with \$30.4 million (approx. ₹ 263cr) but she fell short by \$7.1m (approx ₹61 crore) of Minnesota

Viking quarterback Daniel Jones who finished 100th in the list with \$37.5 million (₹325 crore).

THE LAST YEAR'S list also had the same pattern, where there was no female athlete in the top 100. Ronaldo topped the list in 2023 also with a total of \$275 million (₹ 2,383cr).

TOP-10 EARNERS IN 2024

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1. Cristiano Ronaldo	o Football	\$260m
2. Stephen Curry	Basketball	\$153.8m
3. Tyson Fury	Boxing	\$147m
4. Lionel Messi	Football	\$135m
5.LeBron James	Basketball	\$133.2m
6. Neymar Jr	Football	\$133m
7. Oleksandr Usyk	Boxing	\$122m
8. Karim Benzema	Football	\$116m
9. Kylian Mbappe	Football	\$110m
10. John Rahm	Golf	\$105.8m

COUNTRIES WITH MORE THAN 2

USA	64	Japan	3
UK	5	France	3

TOP 100 SPORT

NBA		36
NFL	2	2
Football	12	
Baseball	11	
Golf	9	
Boxing	6	
Tennis	12	
Formula 1	2	

SAUDI ARABIAN investments in football, boxing, golf, and tennis have influenced the arnings of athletes. The top 100 athletes earned \$6.2 billion (a 14% increase from last year).

OLDEST AND YOUNGEST

Veteran golfer Tiger Woods is the oldest on the list at the age of 49 with earnings worth \$62.1 million, while Tennis star Carlos Alcarez of Spain is the youngest (21 years) with earnings worth \$40.4 million (₹ 350 crore INR).

BOXERS, BIGGEST GAINERS

Boxer Tyson Fury (GB) and Oleksandr Usyk (Ukraine) are among the top gainers. Fury jumped from 64th position to 3rd position in 2024. Fury

earned \$147m as compared to \$40 million in 2023. Similarly, Usyk, who was not on the list in 2023, sits currently seventh — \$122 million.

■ Earnings as per Sportico

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In an exclusive conversation, 88-year-old Zubin Mehta, one of 21th century's greatest conductors, on returning to the city of his birth to lead the Symphony Orchestra of India, his frustration with Trump's comments on Gaza and how he will continue to make music for peace

Suanshu Khurana

N A pleasant and breezy February evening in Mumbai, 88-year-old Zubin Mehta, the globally celebrated Indian conductor and, perhaps, the most famous son of 'Bombay', seems far away. He is surrounded by a striking vortex of cellos, heaving violins and a sweet singing harp being tuned for his rehearsals with the Symphony Orchestra of India (SOI) — the country's first and only professional Western classical orchestra nurtured by and housed at the ocean-facing National Centre of Performing Arts (NCPA) in Mumbai.

We meet him in the green room of Jamshed Bhabha Theatre, not far away from his home — 21 Cuffe Parade — where his father, an accountant-turned-violinist and conductor Mehli Mehta created the Bombay Symphony Orchestra in 1935 and a string quartet in 1940. This is also where Mehta played cricket with his childhood friend and Cipla chairperson Yusuf Hamied, who lived a stone's throw away. Friends since they were two, the 'Bombay boys' still get excited over an excellent cover drive and catch each other around the world over phone to analyse the last cricket match. "Bombay is everything to me. When I am outside, I dream about Bombay. That doesn't go away, my days here, my friends. It is my love for this city that brings me back," says Mehta, even though he has become uncomfortable with the city's changing

But right before a rehearsal is not the space or time to have a conversation with one of the century's greatest conductors. Cantankerous and slightly acerbic with tensions of getting everything just right riding on his mind, our visit from Delhi sets him off. "It's about time that you build a concert hall in Delhi," he hollers. One can only apologise on Delhi's behalf and agree with him on the Capital's lack of a concert hall with good acoustics. Right then, despair makes its way: "I have spoken to so many ministers of culture. They all agree, but they don't do anything. They need to build a concert hall in the capital of one of the largest countries. I performed at Siri Fort, it was terri-

ble," says Mehta. It has taken Mehta almost a lifetime on the podium to finally find the confidence and comfort to conduct 18-year-old Symphony Orchestra of India. India has her own music and western classical music never found as much attention in the past. Mehta feels that SOI was more of a creative mind block for him as he had never heard them before. It was almost a decade ago that the NCPA chairperson Khushroo Suntook — who went to school with Mehta at Campion School in the '40s — set out to draw his friend back home, "to see the work that was being done here". Mehta finally agreed to visit in 2023 and decided to do what he'd never done before — conduct India's only Western classical orchestra.

"They surprised me when I first came in



much so that he has returned to perform with them again only after a five-month gap (he was here in August 2024). This time, besides interpretations of Mahler and Chopin — Mehta also presented excerpts from two famous operas — *Carmen* and *La Traviata*.

Mehta, who still uses Bombay, the colonial moniker to address the city of his birth, has always been upfront about his perspective on the quality of the musicians he works with. In a stellar career that spans over half a century, Mehta has almost always found admiration for his earnest, unequivocal music presentations in the melodically magnificent Viennese style, while recreating the music of the Romantic era's greatest names, including Beethoven, Tchaikovsky and one of his absolute favourites, Gustav Mahler.

Mehta has also, more often than not, been vocal and upfront about his perspective on the politics of Western Asia; probably a result of his association with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, of which he is a conductor for life, and spending a considerable amount of time in the country he considers his second home.

His face, with a filigree of lines, has aged, his back has stooped, and he needs a wheelchair and a walking stick to find his way around but talk to him about his music, his childhood, his favourite scores, the most memorable concerts, and Mehta perks up, finding everything in him to tell you stories of his life, ones that are also, in a way, stories of the world.

Mehta does not remember the first time he heard music. "Music was probably my first language. I knew it even before I knew how to speak Gujarati," says Mehta, who is also flu-

ent in German and Yiddish. Mehta's father possessed a large collection

miliar with a variety of Western music. While the music wasn't as clear, the tempo is what Mehta imbibed. Rhythm still remains Mehta's stronghold. Then there was music from his living room, where his father's String Bombay Quartet rehearsed. "He was Mr Music in Bombay, a brilliant musician," he says.

Mehli was a selftaught violinist, whose family wasn't happy with him being a musician. "It wasn't respectable then," says Mehta. He

went to Sydenham College for a degree in commerce, played cricket with Vijay Merchant and was employed as a tax collector for the government before he decided to give up everything to live his dream of being a musician. Mehli also took up a job at All India Radio and in 1936 played Walter Kaufmann's signature violin tune that opened the broadcast every day. He moved to the US through a Tata grant to study music and returned in 1949. He still remains a key influence on Mehta and towers above every piece Mehta plays. Mehta's mother Tehmina and her family were not keen that Mehta take up music either. While Mehli taught him the violin, he had to join St Xavier's College to pursue medicine. "It wasn't for me," he says. One of his cousins was learning to play the piano in Vienna and offered to support Mehta, who

Centre for the Performing Arts; at the rehearsal with members of the Symphony Orchestra of India

Mehta has a distinct ability to gauge the audience and the musicians, who under his baton punch above their weight. He hears them and they hear him back

> Viennese style that never sounded too sparkly. The Academy of Music at Vienna, Mehta has often said, taught him his whole concept of sound. "I tried to emulate that Vienna sound when I first went to Montreal, and later in Los Angeles. I also made them buy Viennese instruments," says Mehta.

the pupil of a well-

known Spanish com-

poser of the time.

Mehta moved in

1954 to Vienna, a city

wounded by war and

heard the Vienna

Philharmonic for the

first time. "Oh! It was

an audio revolution. I

had only heard this

one orchestra in

Bombay or records

with lousy sound.

Hearing the Vienna

Philharmonic was a

complete revelation.

And then that be-

came my axiom,"

says Mehta, about the

warm timbre of the

Mehta was clear that the violin or the double bass that he could play was not something he considered his future. It was conducting, and the air of enigma around it, that had him hooked. "Conducting is communication. We have to communicate the message of the great composers that we supposedly interpret. Every conductor has their own way," says Mehta, who learned from his teacher Hans Swarowsky that it's the wrist and not the arm where the magic lies. He conducted one of his first concerts at a refugee camp outside Vienna with seven students soon after the Hungarian

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Revolution of 1956. In 1958, he married Carmen Lasky, a Canadian music student in Vienna. They had two children but were divorced in 1964. Lasky later married his brother Zarin while Mehta

married actor Nancy Kovack in 1969. It was in 1961 that he first conducted the Vienna Philharmonic and became its youngest conductor at 25. He's returned every year since. "It (the Golden Hall at the Musikverein) is the best concert hall in the world," he says. After his seven years in Vienna Mehta was the music director of Montreal Symphony Orchestra followed by Los Angeles Philharmonic and New York Philharmonic. A brown boy conducting European music with some brutal charm had a generation confounded all over the world. Mehta believes he never really felt any discrimination on the basis of race or colour, except perhaps in Liverpool. The appreciation elsewhere was going to superlatives. Josef Krips, the conductor of San Francisco Philharmonic said once, "The next Toscanini has been born!" "Musicians play well for him, because they like him," The New Yorker wrote in 1967. Mehta was 31 then. He came with a distinct ability to gauge the audience as well as the musicians, who under his baton would punch above their weight. He heard them and they heard him back, creating a synergy that showed on stage.

But his longest and most-talked about association has been with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra — Israel's premier cultural export to the world — in Tel Aviv, which is when his progressive political views, which he's always called "musician's opinion", came under the spotlight. Mehta has done over 5,000 concerts with the Orchestra, performing in countries where Israel has not been welcome politically. "And yet they gave us a standing ovation. This is not easy," he says.

That said, he's been vocal about not supporting Israel's occupation of Palestine in the past. He stood up for Argentina-born Israeli

conductor, pianist and his friend Daniel Barenboim, disapproving of Israeli lawmakers who banned performances by Barenboim. They were unhappy about him performing compositions by German composer Richard Wagner, whose perception has been denigrated due to his connections with Nazism and also because he was Hitler's favourite composer. Mehta has often visited Ramallah in Palestine and has worked with Arabic musicians, in the hope that the orchestra, one day, will have artistes from both communities.

In 1971, Mehta performed in Berlin with the Israel Philharmonic. Just after the concert where they played Jewish composers had ended, he took a bow and led the orchestra through Israel's national anthem. Barely half a kilometre away from the Reichstag, once the National Parliament of Nazi Germany, a musician had found a way to alter the rules, finding a greater purpose than just pleasing an audience. It was political. People wept. It also remains his most memorable performance.

On another occasion when Israel was at war with Lebanon in 1982, Mehta, with the help of Israeli police, took the orchestra to a tobacco field, just across the border in Lebanon and performed on a makeshift stage under a tent. Then there were free concerts in Israel during the Gulf War in the mornings, as evenings were lights-out to stave off missiles by Saddam Hussein's Iraq or the iconic performance at Sarajevo in 1994, where he performed at the bombed site after the Bosnian war. His belief that artistes are more than entertainers has stood tall for decades. He also performed in Israel in February 2024 during the war between Israel and Hamas amid the massive geopolitical crisis, hoping that the power of music can bring peace to the region. "The halls were full. People need music. How do they live without it," says Mehta.

With a fragile ceasefire between Israel and Hamas underway, American President Donald Trump's comments where he wants to "take over" and "own" Gaza have bothered Mehta. Since his 'proposal', which has drawn flak from the UN as well as many US allies, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has welcomed his "revolutionary vision" for Gaza. It has upset Mehta to no end. "There are still religious people in Israel who agree with him. I don't think it will ever happen,' says Mehta.

But, will Wagner ever be played in Israel - something he last tried in 1981 which led to protests — he says, "Some day". "They don't want to be transported back to the days of terror. One can understand that," says Mehta, who after Mumbai is headed to China for eight concerts. "In November, I will be in Israel," he says. In his 60s, he'd say, 'I'll rest and retire when I get old'. In his 80s, he continues to adore his vocation — that excruciating, physically tiring interpretation of great music What's compelling is that even after all these years, when he explores Mahler's First or Chopin's Concerto in F Minor, he still falls in love with it. "That's why I do it. That's why I'll keep doing it," he says.

TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES Belfast-born writer Lucy Caldwell

Short, Not Sweet

Three writers are remaking the face of the English-language short story, exploring subjects such as wealth, democracy and immigration

Simar Bhasin

NCE UPON a time, short fiction collections were prescribed for reading slumps. They were also suggested to adults with short attention spans. But the short story doesn't remedy just such literary ailments; it is fast becoming the form most suited to today's artistic needs: one marked by widespread global migration, escalating climate crisis, a resurgence of populist politics and the alienating effects of late-stage capitalism, defined by a frightening digital dependence.

There are few contemporary authors effectively using the form to such aesthetic ends. One of them is Belfast-born playwright, novelist and short story writer Lucy Caldwell. An interesting feature of her short fiction is the use of the second person voice, the intimate use of the word 'you' which instantly draws the reader into the emotional world of the characters. Her collections of short stories include Multitudes (2016), Intimacies (2021) and Openings (2024).

Speaking at the Jaipur Literature Festival 2025, Caldwell noted how she achieved the technical prowess needed for a short story when she started approaching them as 'spells' instead of focussing too much on 'plot'. In her work, Urdu, German and Northern Irish phrases mingle with the English language. The political import of such experimentation is heightened due to how the short story has a shorter publishing cycle than a novel and the use of foreign language words is now irredeemably embedded in the cultural memory of the English language — they are no longer translated or glossed over.

Much like Caldwell, American writer Jonathan Escoffery plays with both the personal and the political. His collection If I Survive You was deservedly on the shortlist for the 2023 Booker Prize and is interlinked short fiction centred on an immigrant family from Jamaica with many parallels to Escoffery's upbringing in Miami. With interlinked short fiction, each story in a collection has recurring characters but is also self-contained and may be read as such. What this form achieves for Escoffery is the depiction of the fragmented political and social reality of his immigrant characters. His protagonist, also the narrator, in most of the stories from *If I* Survive You is Trelawny, the son of immigrant parents from Jamaica. Through him, Escoffery forcefully presents a picture of late-stage capitalist United States of America and the contradictions that are a part of its political make-up as 'the land of the free and home of the brave' where immigrant dreams are destined to come true through hard work and resilience. Escoffery lays bare the neoliberal world order and its facade of democracy.

Another author is changing the game when it comes to immigrant stories in English-language short fiction. Ugandan-British writer Jennifer Nansubuga Makumbi, through her novels and short fiction, often plays with the Western literary imagination. Her intended readers are not White Anglo Saxon subjects occupying the urban landscapes of Britain but the Ugandan diaspora. Her collection of short stories Manchester Happened (2019) works to destabilise how news events such as the 'migrant crisis' come to be embedded in the populist imagination sans context and colonial histories of migration.

Navigating systemic racism, patriarchal cultural expectations, without romanticising the home of her largely women protagonists, Makumbi refuses to translate Ugandan words or provide context for a White western readership. 'Let's Tell This Story Properly' from Manchester Happened is an exercise in appropriating the communal, oral and folkloric character of the short story form and applying it to the English-language literary imagination.

With Caldwell, Escoffery and Makumbi, the short story is gaining the critical appreciation often exclusively reserved for the form of the novel. One can only hope that the trend is here to stay.

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The World Is A Word

Understanding a nation through its linguistic and literary heritage is key to equal citizenship, identity, and soft power. India's translation ecosystem is ready to help by moving to the next orbit

Manish Sabharwal and Arunava Sinha

MYRIAD of Tongues by Caleb Everett suggests that while it is common to assume that shared human experience causes languages to categorise ideas and objects similarly, a closer examination reveals that the speakers of different languages literally see and think about the world differently. Why do some talk anthropocentrically about things being to one's "left" or "right," while others use geocentric words like "east" and "west"? As the only country with printed newspapers in 35-plus languages and 100-plus spoken with critical mass, Everett's thesis reinforces that India's translation ecosystem is a national identity, security, and culture project. We bear good news: India's translation ecosystem is being re-energised by a database of demand and supply that will reimagine matching.

The fragmentation and dispersion of the many stakeholders is both a bug and a feature of India's translation ecosystem; a negative because it sabotages economies of scale and scope via collaboration but a positive because it encourages entrepreneurship, freedom and cognitive diversity. However, few disagree that an inventory of India's translation ecosystem is hard, overdue and valuable. This has begun; India's first non-profit, openaccess and crowd-sourced database of Indian translations is now searchable at www.bhashavaad.org.

As with any open-source living archive, its current data — 14,000-plus entries, 6500plus authors, and 7000-plus translators — is a hypothesis that will be improved. But it will always be a work in progress — more river than ocean. It tries to answer questions like what is and what is not being translated, who is publishing translations, who is translating, which languages are most active, what are the most translated language pairs, and many more. It aims to understand our multilingual landscape: the dynamics between languages, the communities that use them, and the regions they belong to.

Today's Bhashavaad data suggests the 125 translations in the first five decades of the 20th century leapt to 2673 in the first two decades of the 21st century. The top ten translated languages are Bengali (1749), Hindi (1155), and Marathi (887), followed by Tamil, Malayalam, Urdu, Telugu, Kannada, Sanskrit and Odia. The top five languages that receive translations outside English (half the story) are Hindi, Gujarati, Kannada, Bengali, and Telugu. A happy discovery of browsing is the long tail of translations from Manipuri, Maithili, Kodava, Rajbangshi, Mizo, Kokborok and Bongcher. The top languages for translation from Sanskrit are English, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada and Punjabi.

The top publisher of translations is National Book Trust with 2260, closely followed by Sahitya Akademi with 2118. The most prolific translation publishers are



Penguin in English, Vani Prakashan in Hindi, Gurjar Grantharatna in Gujarati, DC Books in Malayalam and Dey's Publishing in Bengali. The top translated authors include Rabindranath Tagore, Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay, Premchand, Amrita Pritam, William Shakespeare, Saadat Hasan Manto, Mahasweta Devi, Jules Verne and Satyajit Ray. The database throws up delightful translation heroes like Chandrakant Pokale (127 translations from Marathi to Kannada), Ramanlal Soni (83 translations from Bengali and seven from English to Gujarati), Sudhindranath Raha (65 translations from English and several European languages to Bengali) and Jai Ratan (36 translations from Hindi, Urdu, and Punjabi to English).

Bhashavaad, like any database, is helpful but incomplete. However, it will improve as public users, authors and translators add new entries and correct existing ones. Publishers will soon have institutional interfaces to add or modify information. Collaborations with repositories of existing records are being explored, and data collection work continues from catalogues, websites and library lists. Most stakeholders in the literary world haven't heard an appeal for shramdaan in a long time; Bhashavaad is it.

The most challenging and unravelled ter-

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All knowledge endeavours involve translation, whether a historian's

interviews, an ecologist's field visits or a critic's reading of cinema

rain is translations between Indian languages. Translations from Indian languages into English originated in the colonial period when Indologists such as William Jones and Moniere Williams tried to 'unlock' India's secrets, which they believed (rather naively) existed in texts. Most were translations from Sanskrit into English. In the late 19th century, Indian languages started using Sanskrit and English to enrich themselves. However, translation between bhashas, say Marathi and Kannada, occurred between individuals, and their progress was uneven. Many of them were not documented because they lacked the support of an administration or publishing house. This bhasha-to-bhasha informal zone of information needs the most support.

Bhashavaad's inventory will get more accurate with time but its goal is transforming our translation ecosystem. How do we get more translations for the long tail? Santali is the only of 22 Scheduled Indian Languages which doesn't have a single translation into it listed in the database. How do we increase the translations within Indian languages? How do we get better matching for translators with authors and publishers? How do we improve book discovery and marketing mechanisms for translated books? What is the impact, if any, of tools offered by Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning on translation? What is needed for Indian writing in Indian languages to be accessible more widely within and outside India? These questions are complex but Indians have natural translation consciousness and must lead the world in translation theory, study and practice.

All knowledge endeavours involve translation, whether a historian's interviews, an ecologist's field visits or a critic's reading of cinema. The excellent movie Arrival chronicles the iterative translation process between two humans and aliens who use body language, technology and sign language to discover how to communicate their intentions to each other. The parallels of that movie with the subtle distinctions made by Professor Sundar Sarukkai at the first Bhashavaad conference last year between World vs Word Word vs Meaning and Touch vs Contact are immense. Understanding a nation through its linguistic and literary heritage is key to equal citizenship, identity, and soft power. India's translation ecosystem is ready to help by moving to the next orbit.

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SHELF LIFE

Faded Love

BOY MEETS girl, sparks fly, they fall in love. A minor disagreement pulls them apart, but all's well that ends well. We know the ins and outs and ifs and buts of this template but devour it whenever we get the chance. The only expectation then from a new romance novel is that it slightly reinvents itself by making clever choices — either in its writing style, characterisation or plot points — and gives us something fresh in a crowded space.

But influencer Prajakta Koli's Too Good to be True serves up a series of cliches, from its title to its pink-and-blue cover. Protagonist Avani is a kurta- and jhumka-wearing law student with a "round face and bushy eyebrows" who works part-time at a bookstore. Aman is the heir of a business family, suited up for the most part, and "smells of aftershave" — that's how he is described through the book. They are drawn together automatically — but Koli does not explore why they actually stay together. Some attempts at nuance and depth are made — Avani grows up without her parents; Aman has a standoffish brother. But both these threads fall flat.

Without interesting main characters, then, the hope is that at least the writing is interesting. But unfortunately, when Avani travels, "a cool breeze" and the "fresh smell of earth" hit her. As Aman whizzes through South Bombay in his



TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE BY PRAJAKTA KOL HarperCollins

320 pages

car (we don't know which one), "the city lights blur into streaks". Avani and Aman talk about "video games, comic books, pet peeves, twerking and just about anything". Even the scenes aren't wellestablished.

Take the classic makeover scene the staple of many a romcom. Here is how Koli describes Avani's best friends helping her prepare for a meeting with Aman's family: "The next hour was a classic rom-com montage. The one in which lively music plays in the background as the dorky girl's besties give her a makeover while chugging alcohol directly from the bottle and she walks around modelling outfits and making goofy faces."

In theory, a makeover scene is a great idea — a hat tip to the genre classics. But

as the passage shows, the writing becomes bland, unimaginative and simplistic, leaving no scope for any kind of reimagination to take place.

Another romcom staple is the climactic misunderstanding. But in this book, that tension fizzles out in just under 20 pages. And when the couple does get back together, you get no peek into what they are feeling or thinking. There's potential in dynamics like the 10-year-age gap between the leads: he owns a company, she is finishing college; she cannot communicate well and is afraid of commitment while he falls in love too easily. But none of these ideas are fully developed and, in the end, the book ends up offering nothing fresh.

VIDHATRI RAO

One for the Books

Brian Murray, CEO of HarperCollins Publishers, on the rise of e-books, audiobooks and AI writing

Aishwarya Khosla

BOOKS HAVE always been about connection between authors and readers, stories and emotions, pages and possibilities. But in a world where the way we consume stories is changing faster than ever, the publishing industry is riding waves of transformation. Kindles flicker in hands which used to open hardcovers, audiobooks quicken commutes, a plethora of digital media vie for attention. Amid this upheaval, US-based Brian Murray, CEO of HarperCollins Publishers, who was in the Capital recently, tells us how he is helming one of the world's largest publishing houses. Excerpts:

With the rise of AI, how do you see the publishing industry navigating copyright and intellectual property

It is important for book publishers, authors and creators that we continue to support the current copyright legal framework, chine language creativity. In many countries, courts will determine where that line is between machine and human. We do have authors today that are using AI tools to help them create. We just need to be certain that it is really the human who is doing the creation and the machine is responding to the human. Copyright is integral to the future of human creativity. It creates an incentive for authors to write and earn a living. It's true that large language models ille-

which is based on human creativity, not ma-

gally use authors' works. It is our position that authors should have consent over whether or not their materials are used in these models. There should also be some form of attribution and compensation paid to them. We're not where we want to be yet in the United States. There are currently over 30 lawsuits in different creative industries that will help form the right roadmap.

The audiobook market is growing globally. Is it the case in India also? It's very early days in India, but we are



FAR SIGHT

Brian Murray, CEO of HarperCollins, at their Gurgaon office

seeing growth, and I think it will accelerate. Audible, Spotify and Storytel are some of the biggest global players. We are working hard to try to get the right pricing and have the right platform, the right consumer offer, so that the audiobook business in India can grow even faster. As publishers, we have some work to do to build an audiobook catalog, which, by the way, AI may help us do much more quickly. Then we have to get the pricing, marketing and consumer offer to be compelling. We've all seen the podcast market grow. We know streaming music is very, very big. It's a very short step to listen to an audiobook if we can get the pricing right.

What do you believe are the most pressing challenges in publishing today?

The biggest issue book publishers face is competition for time and from other forms of

entertainment. We all struggle with doomscrolling and spending time consuming content that maybe isn't the best. It's so easy; you scroll, and the next thing you know, an hour has gone by. We have to convince potential readers to make an investment in a book, which could be 10 hours or 20 hours of time. But social media, as an example, does create opportunities for us to market our authors and our books in ways that we couldn't do before. We are becoming very innovative in how we use algorithms to connect with someone who might be interested in romance, biography or history.

Despite the rise of digital formats, many readers still cherish physical books. How do you see the relationship between print and digital evolving?

I think the print book is here to stay. Our business globally is about 75 percent print and about 25 percent digital. The audio format is the fastest-growing format. We believe that audio consumption is incremental because people listen to audiobooks during the day when they can't read, for example, if they're driving, commuting or cooking dinner. However, we have also seen this past year that print, particularly highly designed print books, were very big sellers in the holiday season. Retailers were very supportive of these books being at the front of stores. They would share their own social media posts, talking about the unboxing and how beautiful the books were. There is an intrinsic value to the printed book. You can place it on your bookshelf and it reflects the types of stories that you like. I don't think that goes away anytime soon.

What's a behind-the-scenes moment in the publishing process that stands out to you? Perhaps a funny mishap or a serendipitous event that led to a successful book launch?

There are always surprises in book publishing. For instance, in July 2024, we were completely surprised when JD Vance became the US vice presidential candidate, and we had published his book Hillbilly Elegy eight years before. We had no idea he was going to be the vice presidential candidate, and we had very little stock in our warehouse. I remember finding out on a Saturday or Sunday morning when I looked at the news, and our emails started blowing up because there were so many orders coming in from booksellers who wanted his

book immediately. And then, when something happens in the zeitgeist, like when Wicked became a movie, it can lead to a huge success. That book was originally published 20 years ago, and when you wait that long for a movie to come out and then it becomes a big hit, it's fantastic. The marketing for a movie is so much bigger than what any publisher could afford on their own.

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'Cinema used to be magic. Now the audience does not seem to connect with the characters'

Pankaj Tripathi on his journey from Bihar to Mumbai, why Bollywood is losing its magic and wielding words with responsibility. He was in conversation with author AMISH TRIPATHI and JYOTI SHARMA BAWA

AMISH TRIPATHI: I have always felt that you are one actor who is still connected to his roots. So tell us something about your childhood.

In north Bihar in Gopalganj district there is a small river called Gandak and it has a tributary on whose banks stands the village of Belsand. I was born there in a farming family. I was brought up in the village. I have always studied in a government school. I think my studies over my entire life would not have cost more than Rs 1 lakh — from Class I to the National School of Drama. I had never thought that there would be a day when people like you would sit down to pay attention to a person like me.

AMISH TRIPATHI: We have heard that Bollywood has a lot of gatekeepers. How could you enter through this wall of gatekeeping?

I am like a breeze, I can permeate through anything. How can you keep the breeze out of a gate? It finds its own way. Though I have encountered many doors as well! I came to Mumbai in 2004, when there was no internet, there were no casting agencies. So we would literally go door to door and meet the watchmen there. They would keep a carton of sorts beside them and would ask us to drop our photographs in them. They would say that these pictures would be taken upstairs to the director later and their assistants would sort it out. I don't even remember how many boxes I would have dropped my photos into. I remember once a friend got a casting opportunity in one of the crime shows. The setup was of a police station and in the station you have this notice board with photographs of wanted criminals. My friend called me to say that my photo was there on the Wanted board! I was wondering how it got there but then I remembered that I dropped my photograph there and since the Art department always requires pictures of criminals, they must have picked my photo and pasted

IYOTI SHARMA BAWA: You hail from a small village in Bihar and today you are one of the prominent faces in the country. Is this an exception or is it something which others can replicate?

Of course, it can be replicated. If it has happened once, then it can certainly happen again. It can be recreated again.

JYOTI SHARMA BAWA: So now that you are narrating stories, tell us how Pankaj Tiwari became Pankaj Tripathi.

Tripathi and Tiwari are the same. There was an elderly person in my village, Prof Ram Naresh Tripathi. My father was Pandit Banaras Tiwari and my uncle Kanshiram Tripathi. Of the two Tripathis I knew, one became a professor and another an officer in the Patna Secretariat. So when I was filling my Class X admit card, I thought all this had to do with a surname — those who retained the Tiwari surname were still in villages and engaged in farming and the two



people who changed their surname to Tripathi became big people. So I changed my surname to Tripathi and also changed my father's name in his documents to Tripathi. I would be the first-ever son who has changed the surname of his father.

AMISH TRIPATHI: Bollywood is tough business. I have family in Varanasi and in Gorakhpur and now they know all Telugu and Kannada actors. In small towns (in North India), people are watching dubbed Telugu and Kannada movies. They are successful while Bollywood movies are not very successful. Is it because we are getting distant from our roots? Are they being made only for Bandra and Juhu and not for people of Gorakhpur?

Yes, I think so. If the story is not rooted, people will fail to connect to it. In the '90s and even before, cinema used to be magic. Now the audience does not seem to connect with the characters. The audience is looking for stories that are rooted.

AMISH TRIPATHI: I have heard that in Hindi cinema, the scripts of Hindi dialogues are provided in Roman script, which may not be true for Telugu or Kannada cinema.

Correct. It's because many of the makers don't know how to read Devanagari. I respect all languages but I read scripts in Devanagri. Manoj Bajpayee does so too and



so does Amitabh Bachchan.

JYOTI SHARMA BAWA: Apart from the issue of rootedness, Anurag Kashyap has also spoken on the lack of experimentation.

He is absolutely correct. For instance, after the success of Stree 2, just see how many horror comedies will be produced in the coming two years. It will be a situation where people will stop being afraid of horror films and stop laughing at comedies.

I remember there was a time when there was an item song in every movie. The directors would often say the audience demands it. I used to wonder if the audience was writing letters to them seeking item songs. But the fact is that the producers were copying

BOMBAY TALKIES

Pankaj Tripathi in conversation with author Amish Tripathi and Jyoti Sharma Bawa against the backdrop of the Gateway of India, Mumbai; (left) Pankaj in a lighter moment

what was successful and they thought if it was a hit once then it would be successful

again. But people ultimately get bored. I am offered roles of a character like Kaleen Bhaiya (of *Mirzapur* fame) once every week. So the formula is to keep minting till it works until it hits you badly.

AMISH TRIPATHI: Are you spiritual by nature? Tell us something about Kumbh? You had gone there.

Yes, I had gone there, it was a beautiful experience. I visited an ashram there. I wanted to meet Avdheshanand ji Maharaj, but it was very crowded and I could not reach there. It was a long standing wish of mine and my wife. We took *snan* at Sangam there, no one in our family has done it before.

We also visited the Kalpvriksh, it was also an experience of attaining peace.

AMISH TRIPATHI: You had a long period of struggle. How helpful was spirituality in the days of struggle?

What spirituality does is that it keeps your hopes alive. It makes you think that everything is possible, it also tells you that we are human and have our limitations. We need to leave a lot to the ultimate power. leave things to the Almighty.

JYOTI SHARMA BAWA: Are there any roles in your career that you didn't want to do?

There is a lot of abusive language after the advent of OTT, so I have decided that if it is not necessary and even if it is necessary, I will avoid it. Writers and directors decide a lot of things but still I have made some rules for myself. Let's see how long I can stick to my resolution.

JYOTI SHARMA BAWA: A programme called India's Got Latent and comments made by Ranveer Allahbadia are much in news and controversy these days. You just talked about language. In OTT, this has worsened though vulgar words have been used before too. Should they be curtailed?

Look, OTT is an American concept. Five people watch it on five different screens. It is not TV. It is made for personal viewing, not for family viewing. So I don't know what my daughter is watching on her tab. It's not for community viewing. But as a storyteller and director there must be some self-censorship, there should be some sensitivity to what is being told and how it is being told. And which scene is necessarily required for the story to move ahead.

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JYOTI SHARMA BAWA: As a country, how are we responding? Is our response measured?

The thing with the internet is that a lot of people become popular faces all of a sudden. They find name and fame, but where is the sensibility? Do they have the required intelligence, in terms of literary knowledge, social behaviour, etc? Society is a lot of things and one needs to know the cultural value of the society we are living in.

Just because there is no clear censorship, it doesn't mean you can say anything in the name of entertainment. See, it is okay to have fun saying nonsense, but it is not okay to have pride in uttering nonsense. But more importantly, it should never be purely nonsensical. Anyone can get viral, but just like a viral illness, it will be there for a few days, and then we move on. The why and how of success determines a lot of things. Of course, I am not arguing about who is right or wrong but if you have the power of the word, and people are influenced by what you are saying, then it is important you shoulder that responsibility with a lot of care.

Alaka Sahani

WITH ITS selection for the 'Perspectives' section of the ongoing Berlin International Film Festival, *Shadowbox* (*Baksho Bondi*) joins the list of recent women-led Indian narratives to win accolades internationally. It traces the life of Maya (essayed by Tillotama Shome) with its focus firmly on her quiet strength. When her husband, a retired soldier suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), goes missing under suspicious circumstances, she and her teenage son are forced to extremes to keep their family together. Set in a Kolkata suburb, the Bengali film is the debut feature of Tanushree Das and Saumyananda Sahi, who share directing and writing credits, apart from being life partners.

In this conversation, Tanushree, Saumyananda and Tillotama talk about the intense and detailed preparation for the film, their creatively fulfilling collaboration and how *Shadowbox* marks a cinematic triumph of collective storytelling with 17 producers coming on board. Excerpts:

How did the three of you come together? **TANUSHREE DAS:** We met at the Film and Television Institute of India, Pune,

(Tanushree studied editing and Saumyananda, cinematography). He was my junior and he approached me to look at a film he was trying to make. After I gave my feedback, he thanked me and asked me to join him for a drink. That's how our association began. We have been discussing this film idea since then — for about 14 years.

SAUMYANANDA SAHI: We started writing in 2018. We wrote the film with Tillotama in mind. Our first meeting with her turned into a five-hour-long conversation. The film became an excuse for our friendship.

Tillotama, you are not new to essaying author-backed roles. Did knowing the writers-directors so well and being part of their process aid your performance?

'People should stop putting movies into different boxes'

As Shadowbox (Baksho Bondi) premieres at the Berlin Film Festival, directors Tanushree Das and Saumyananda Sahi, and its lead actor Tillotama Shome talk about preparing for the film and what solidarity means







(L-R) Tanushree Das; Tillotama Shome in a still from Shadowbox; Saumyananda Sahi

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TILLOTAMA SHOME: They were generous with sharing various drafts of the film. Sometimes I wondered which was the real draft. In retrospect, I think what a gift it was. I realised how transformative it is when an actor is allowed to read drafts. All the scenes that didn't exist on the pages anymore in the final draft had become active agents in my memoryscape. We had five years to read

many drafts and to grow with it.

The film's poster features Tillotama riding a bicycle — reflecting her strength and resilience.

TANUSHREE: The government gives cycles to girls and this is seen as a symbol of empowerment. In Barrackpore, there are bicycle parks next to the railway station. To me, they signify thousands of stories. Many women use bicycles there since it is the cheapest means of transport. In the film,

Maya is seen doing multiple jobs and has to reach every point fast. The bicycle becomes her companion.

SAUMYANANDA: Whenever Tillotama has an antagonistic conversation, she uses the bicycle as a shield. The image of a working woman riding a bicycle was important to us right from the beginning.

As co-writers and co-directors, what was



the process that you followed?

SAUMYANANDA: We both are inspired by the work of (English writer-director) Mike Leigh, especially the kind of improvisations he does with actors and asks them to bring examples from others' life to the rehearsals. That slowly becomes part of the characters. We tried to apply that to our scripting process. Tillotama brought so much of her life, especially her experience as a caregiver,

to her character. So did Chandan Bisht (plays the role of Sundar, Maya's husband) who knew a relative who was discharged from the army.

What was your preparation process like?

TILLOTAMA: They (the directors) had done extensive homework over five years before we started shooting. I went from the shoot of Paatal Lok Season 2 to the Baksho Bandi sets. They shared beautiful images of certain women who bear imprints of Maya and their stories with me. They thought of every detail — from her watch to handkerchief. We did a workshop with Anamika Haksar which was incredible. One of the 'imagination exercises' involved Maya and her bicycle. The bicycle became so many things — *sakhi*, protector and confidante.

After a good year at international festivals in 2024, this year Indian movies are making waves already.

TANUSHREE: People should stop putting movies into different boxes and give a chance to non-mainstream movies.

TILLOTAMA: I would not have been able to continue my journey without international film festivals because they were the only homes (for the kind of films I did). They open our films for distribution internationally and to have a life. I missed the fact that they didn't have a life in our own country. But we kept at it.

It's heartening to look at the long list of co-producers.

SAUMYANANDA: It started with Naren Chandavarkar. This model rose out of necessity when we started working on the budget. There is a gap between the money required to make a film and what's available to us. Raising that kind of money is a big task given the uncertainty of a film's journey. Each person brought their own ecosystem of contacts

TILLOTAMA: Some came on board because of the script and others out of love for the film. This is solidarity.

and expertise.

A holistic diet and exercise plan for PCOS

A PGI study shows an integrated approach works best to rein in the condition and even limit medicines

weight and felt they were looking good.

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YOUNG WOMAN in her early 20s sits in the busy OPD of the Department of Endocrinology, PGI, Chandigarh, writing affirmations in her notebook: "I want to lose weight. I will eat healthy and exercise." Dr Rama Walia, an additional professor, encourages her to read them aloud. Vocalising positive thoughts often helps patients in sticking to treatment protocols.

The woman is part of a study that looks at a holistic health and lifestyle management route to manage stubborn cases of polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), a condition when a woman's ovaries cannot release mature eggs on time and produce androgens, or male hormones like testosterone, instead. This further creates hormonal imbalance and impacts a woman's menstrual cycle. Unchecked, it can lead to diabetes, heart disease and infertility in the long run.

It doesn't have a cure but can be managed by suppressing triggers such as poor diet, obesity and stress. Since PCOS is emerging as a serious health issue, experts like Dr Walia are focussing on treatment plans that combine lifestyle modifications, counselling and individualised discipline drills with medication so that young women, already troubled by body consciousness issues, do not feel

they are sick.

COUNSELLING IS HALF THE BATTLE WON

Most young women, says Dr Walia, experience irregular periods, acne, facial hair and weight gain. So she records their affirmations and makes videos of her patients' transformative journeys to goad them into adhering to a corrective routine. "When they see their own journey from the underconfident phase of their lives to exclaiming, 'I can

wear the clothes I like...' or 'I am happy,' they feel a sense of achievement. It is a great psychological boost," says Dr Walia, who noticed how diabetes patients were motivated to turn their health around on a priority basis while PCOS patients were ignored.

WHAT PGI STUDY SAYS **ABOUT PCOS**

A cross-sectional study, carried out at the Gynaecology OPD of PGI, with 300 women revealed how PCOS disproportionately affected young, well-educated women from uppermiddle-class backgrounds. A majority of participants were under 25 years old, and more than half were students. Another study by the institute showed that the prevalence of PCOS among Indian women went up to 41 per cent, with hormonal imbalance responsible for most signs and symptoms. Participants were mostly young (mean age: 24.05 years). A majority (79 per cent) of participants were overweight, and a majority (77.1 per cent)

belonged to the upper-middle class. Most respondents were ignorant about PCOS and almost all of them had a poor lifestyle, ate junk food, did not exercise, and had high stress levels. About 80 per cent of these women were overweight and obese.

Dr Swapna Misra, Director, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Fortis, Mohali, explains that

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PCOS is a hormone disorder but its symptoms manifest due to poor lifestyle, diet and obesity. "When obesity rises, testosterone increases and progesterone decreases, causing irregular menstrual cycles and other associated symptoms," he says.

IT ALL BEGINS WITH DIET

Dr Vanita Iain, HOD, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, PGI shares how nutrition and PCOS have a direct relationship. "A correct diet ensures a five per cent weight loss, which is enough to ease the symptoms of PCOS. Sometimes, this alone reduces the need for medication. An oral contraceptive, which is what many doctors suggest, is not a solution. Lifestyle changes are what work long-term," she says. Dr Jain had a mid-20s patient grappling with recurrent acne, thinning of hair and significant weight gain. Despite taking birth control pills to lower androgen levels and metformin to reduce her blood sugar, she wasn't feeling any better.

ON YOUR PLATE

MACRONUTRIENTS: Include foods containing low-sugar or complex carbohydrates, healthy fats like Omega-3, a mix of proteins and micronutrients like Vitamin D

HIGH-FIBRE FOODS: Vegetables, fruits, legumes and whole grains

ANTI-INFLAMMATORY NUTRIENTS: Berries, turmeric, fatty fish and leafy greens

LIMIT REFINED CARBS, SUGARS: Reducing processed foods can help minimise insulin resistance

"We didn't change her medication initially. We did a number of counselling sessions to change her way of living. We put her on an intensive plan focussing on movement throughout the day, sipping water enriched with beetroot and cucumber, having homecooked meals, replacing sweets with fruits. It required consistent effort but when she lost 25 kg over the next few months and saw that she could go off drugs, she stuck to her plan," says Dr Walia.

SMALL CHANGES AND MINDGAMES

Dr Walia starts with small changes, beginning with a diet that does not lead to hunger pangs. "We made weight loss feel easy by including a lot of seasonal vegetables, salads, seeds, nuts, sprouts, lemon juice, whole grains, green tea and pulses. Then I worked on visualisation techniques, suggesting that the patients replace chocolate with an image of a carrot or date. As part of counselling, I made them write down, 'I am happy while eating this carrot'," says Dr Walia. In another project, the Department of Community Medicine and School of Public Health, PGI, analysed the 12 to 19 age group and found dietary deficiencies topped their risk followed by unhealthy lifestyles and lack of awareness.

Dr Amarjeet Singh, former head of the Community Medicine Department, found out that adolescent girls were the most vulnerable, battling menstrual irregularity and cos-

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Dr Ishwarpreet Kaur, who worked with him, advises that a multi-disciplinary approach works best with them rather than only emphasising a drug protocol that makes them feel more sick than they really are. "When we focussed on diet — guiding them on portion control, avoiding processed foods and having seasonal and locally produced food the effect was visible as they lost Teaming this regime with exercise then became easy. These simple changes go a long way," says Dr Kaur.

THE RIGHT BREAKFAST BALANCE

While diet correction is a well-meaning advisory, budget and convenience are often a constraint. Dr Nancy Sahni, HOD, Dietetics, PGI, has observed how teen groups are into genetically modified and ready-to-eat foods high on preservatives and additives. "For a young woman, a 'homemade' breakfast means a sandwich with a commercial spread on white bread slices, while lunch is anything served at a college canteen. Keeping their budget in mind, we only recommend fresh and seasonal produce," she says.

She began by cutting out processed foods and sugar from their diet, introduced salads twice a day, encouraged them to drink water

metic issues caused by obesity or facial hair. when they felt like snacking and asked them to walk after all meals. She has also introduced a "seed break" for her patients so that they do not swerve towards packaged snacks. "They are told to have pumpkin and flaxseeds for the first 14 days of the month, one teaspoon each, and then the rest of the month sunflower and sesame seeds, for hormone balance and satiety. Diet is 70 per cent and exercise 30 per cent," explains Dr Sahni.



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ast week, we spoke about Tea Tourism in India and how it offers a unique blend of history, culture, and scenic beauty. That discussion got me thinking, travel is evolving in so many ways, with new concepts reshaping the way people plan and experience their journeys.

While traditional vacations still hold their charm, more people are looking for unique, immersive, and flexible travel experiences that align with their personal lifestyles. Travel is no longer just about ticking off destinations on a map; it's about deeper connections, self-exploration, and creating meaningful memories.

The modern traveller is seeking authenticity, whether it's through solo journeys that promote self-discovery, taking time off to disconnect from digital distractions, or cleverly integrating travel into work schedules without missing a beat. People are not only rethinking how they travel but also why they travel. Is it for relaxation? To learn a new skill? To experience life like a local? Or simply to take a break from routine?

So today, let's take a look at some of the most interesting new-age travel experiences that are redefining the industry. From solo honeymoons to digital detoxes and hush trips, the future of travel is more dynamic, diverse, and innovative than ever before.

MeMooning: The Solo Honeymoon Experience: Who says honeymoons are just for couples? The concept of 'MeMooning', taking a solo honeymoon, is on the rise. This is a trend where travellers celebrate themselves by indulging in a luxury retreat, exploring new destinations alone, and fully embracing the joy of independent travel.

MeMooning isn't just about luxury, though that is a big part of it. It's about intentionally creating space for oneself,

The Future of Travel

Emerging Trends Shaping the Way We Explore

to reflect, recharge, and embrace personal growth. Whether it's lounging on the pristine beaches of the Maldives, taking a cultural deep dive in Kyoto, or embarking on a wellness retreat in the heart of Bali, these solo journeys allow travellers to experience life at their own pace.

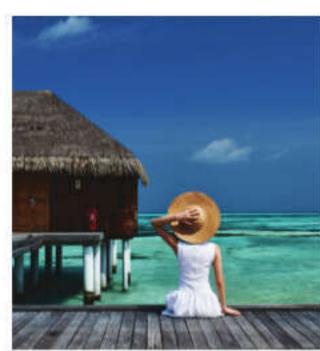
More than just a vacation, a MeMoon is often a transformational experience. Many solo honeymooners use this opportunity to try new things, perhaps learning a new skill like scuba diving, taking a cooking class with local chefs, or even spending time in a remote monastery for a mindfulness retreat.

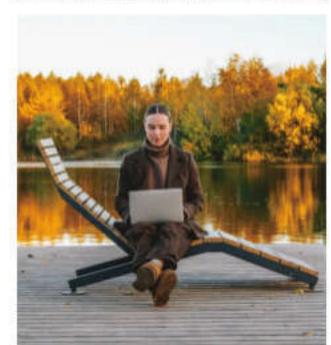
Travel companies and luxury resorts have recognised this growing trend, and are now offering curated solo packages tailored for those embarking on a MeMoon. Personalised itineraries, spa treatments, gourmet dining, and even activities designed to foster mindfulness and relaxation are part of the offerings. Resorts are even introducing community-style experiences where solo travellers can meet like-minded individuals while still enjoying the autonomy of a solo journey.

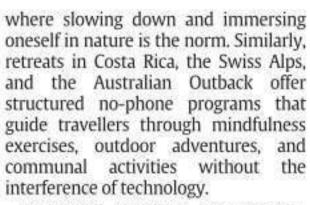
No-Phone Getaways: Disconnect to Reconnect: In an age where screens dominate our daily lives, many travellers are opting for No-Phone Getaways, trips where they intentionally disconnect from digital distractions. These vacations encourage people to immerse themselves in the present moment, whether it's by hiking in remote mountains, staying in off-grid cabins, or joining digital detox retreats. Hotels and resorts are even offering 'lock-up-your-phone' packages, ensuring guests focus on relaxation, nature, and human connection instead of notifications and emails.

The idea of taking a break from technology was the focus of a recent episode of our podcast, Travel Explore Celebrate Life, where we discussed the concept of No-Phone Holidays, During the episode, Sunila and I explored the benefits of stepping away from digital screens, how it enhances mindfulness, strengthens interpersonal connections, and allows travellers to experience destinations with fresh eyes.

Destinations like Bhutan, where television was only introduced in 1999, have long promoted an environment



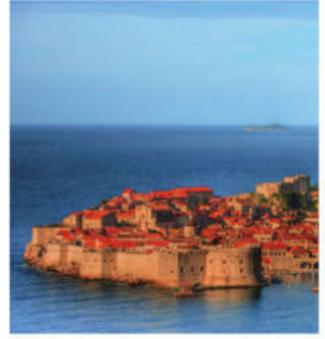




No-Phone Getaways are not just about escaping the noise, they are about rediscovering the joy of uninterrupted conversation, the magic of watching a sunset without the urge to capture it on a screen, and the fulfilment of being truly present in the moment.

Taking Status Flights: Chasing Loyalty Rewards: Frequent flyers know the value of elite status in airline loyalty programs. The desire to maintain these perks has led to the rise of taking 'Status Flights', where travellers book unnecessary flights just to retain their premium membership. Lounge access, free upgrades, and priority boarding





make these programs appealing, and for some, securing their elite status for another year is worth the extra miles. With strategic travel planning, these 'mileage runs' ensure travellers maximise their benefits while maintaining their VIP treatment in the sky.

With the recent revamp and introduction respectively of frequent flyer programs by Air India and IndiGo, this trend is only expected to increase. Both airlines now offer loyalty programs that reward regular travellers with elite perks, encouraging more passengers to maintain their status through strategic travel.

Many status-conscious travellers carefully plan their mileage runs by choosing routes that offer maximum points at the lowest cost. Some even take advantage of airline partnerships to earn miles across different carriers, ensuring they maintain elite status across multiple programs. With airlines continuing to enhance their loyalty

offerings, taking status flights is likely to become an even more integral part of frequent travellers' strategies. Hush Trips: The Secret Getaway While

'Working Remotely': Remote work or WFH has made it easier than ever to blend business with leisure, but some professionals are taking it a step further with 'Hush Trips,' This trend involves employees secretly travelling to a vacation destination while maintaining the appearance of working from home. Imagine answering emails from a beachside café in Thailand or joining Zoom calls from a cosy chalet in the Swiss Alps. As long as the work gets done, why not make the most of the flexibility?

Many travellers use them to break the monotony of their usual work-from-home setup, increase productivity through a refreshed environment, or simply extend their travels without exhausting their leave balances.

Set-Jetting: Following in the Footsteps of Films and TV Shows: Movies and television shows have long inspired travel, but the trend of 'Set-letting', visiting destinations featured in popular productions, has taken off like never before. Thanks to shows like Emily in Paris, travellers are flocking to the charming streets of Montmartre, while The White Lotus has sparked interest in luxury resorts in Sicily and Hawaii.

The impact of films and TV shows on travel behaviour is undeniable. At Veena World, we are now curating special itineraries centred around famous filming locations. Fans of Game of Thrones are making their way to Dubrovnik, Croatia, to walk through the real-life King's Landing. Lord of the Rings enthusiasts continue to visit New Zealand, where rolling hills and dramatic landscapes have been immortalised as Middle-earth.

Beyond just sightseeing, Set-Jetting allows travellers to engage with a destination on a deeper level. Visitors can dine in the same cafés, book stays at the same hotels, and even take guided tours led by locals who were part of the filming process. Many locations are capitalising on their newfound fame by offering behind-the-scenes experiences, such as visiting studio sets or

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meeting extras who appeared in the shows. With production companies continuing to scout exotic and visually stunning locations, this trend is only expected to grow.

Al Desko Dining Tourism: Exploring a City Through Its Work Lunches: Food tourism has always been popular, but now, travellers are exploring destinations based on their workday culinary culture. 'Al Desko Dining Tourism' focuses on experiencing a city through the lens of office workers, sampling local food carts in New York, ramen lunch breaks in Tokyo, or leisurely Mediterranean office lunches in Barcelona.

It's an authentic way to understand how locals eat on a daily basis, offering a fresh perspective on a city's culinary scene beyond traditional fine dining experiences. Al Desko Dining Tourism is about uncovering the hidden culinary gems that fuel a city's workforce. From the bustling food courts of Singapore's CBD to the quick yet delicious sandwich shops of London's financial district, this trend provides an inside look at how different cultures approach the midday meal.

It's not just about the food itself, but the entire experience, how people order, where they eat, and the rituals surrounding their breaks. This type of tourism also brings sustainability and affordability into the mix. Office worker food culture often revolves around efficiency and value for money, making it an attractive alternative to high-end restaurants for travellers who want to eat like a local without breaking the bank.

Embracing the Future of Travel: These trends highlight how travellers are redefining what it means to explore the world. As the travel industry adapts, these emerging concepts will continue to shape the future of how and why we travel.

Travel has always been about more than just reaching a destination. So, what's your next travel adventure? Will it be a secret Hush Trip, a whirlwind MeMoon, or perhaps a journey to your favourite film set? No matter what you choose, I am sure you will end up Celebrating Life! See you next week.

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