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# The World

## TOPOF THE WORLD



Jimmy Lai in 2020. *File*

### HONG KONG

## Jimmy Lai completes testimony in security trial

*Hong Kong:* Hong Kong media tycoon and pro-democracy advocate Jimmy Lai finished testifying in court on Thursday in a landmark national security trial where he stands accused of colluding with foreign forces and sedition. Thursday marked day 144 of the trial against Lai and his 52nd day in the witness box, after which he thanked the judges and waved to his supporters. Lai, 77, founder of the Apple Daily newspaper that was forced to close after a police raid and asset freeze in June 2021, has pleaded not guilty to two charges of conspiracy to collude with foreign forces.

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### THAILAND

## Govt: Uyghurs sent back to avert China ‘retaliation’

*Bangkok:* Thailand’s deportation of 40 Uyghurs to China last week was in the Southeast Asian country’s best interest due to the possibility of retaliation from Beijing if the group was sent elsewhere, a Thai minister said on Thursday. Thailand’s government has repeatedly defended the secretive deportation, which came despite calls from United Nations human rights experts who said the Uyghurs would be at risk of torture, ill-treatment and “irreparable harm” if returned to China “Thailand could face retaliation from China that would impact the livelihoods of many Thais,” he said, adding that sending the group to China was the “best option”.

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### ROMANIA

## Six detained on suspicion of plotting coup

*Bucharest:* Six people suspected of colluding with Russia to plot a coup against the Romanian government have been detained, according to police in the European Union and NATO-member country. Romania’s anti-organised crime agency, DIICOT, detained all six on Wednesday for forming a criminal group, which was initially set up in 2023 and had links to Russia. Two of them had allegedly travelled to Moscow in January this year, police said.

AP

### WASHINGTON IN UNPRECEDENTED TALKS WITH DESIGNATED TERROR ORGANISATION

## ‘Hell to pay’: Trump warns Hamas as US holds hostage talks with group

STEVE HOLLAND & MATT SPETALNICK  
WASHINGTON, MARCH 6

THE UNITED States broke a long-standing diplomatic taboo by holding secret talks with Hamas on securing the release of U.S. hostages held in Gaza, sources told *Reuters* Wednesday, while President Donald Trump warned of “hell to pay” should the militant group not comply.

U.S. hostage affairs envoy Adam Boehler has the authority to talk directly with Hamas, the White House said when asked about the discussions, which broke with a decades-old policy against negotiating with groups that the U.S. brands as terrorist organisations.

Boehler and Hamas officials met in Doha in recent weeks, two sources briefed on the negotiations said. It was not clear who represented Hamas.

At the White House, Trump met a group of hostages who had been released recently under a Gaza ceasefire deal, and he issued a stark new threat against Hamas in a social media post.

He demanded that Hamas “release all of the hostages now, not later,” including the remains of dead hostages, “or it is OVER for you.”

“I am sending Israel everything it needs to finish the job, not a single Hamas member will be safe if you don’t do as I say,” he said. “Also, to the People of Gaza: A beautiful Future awaits,



Protesters demand release of hostages from Hamas captivity, in Tel Aviv on Thursday. *AP*

but not if you hold Hostages. If you do, you are DEAD! Make a SMART decision. RELEASE THE HOSTAGES NOW, OR THERE WILL BE HELL TO PAY LATER!”

Trump’s warning echoed his “hell to pay” threat before his January 20 return to the White House, which was followed by the ceasefire and hostages deal in mid-January that he claimed credit for before then-President Joe Biden left office.

The Palestinian Mujahideen military group in Gaza condemned Trump’s warning, saying it demonstrated his administration’s intention “to proceed as a partner in the crimes of genocide against our people.” Israel has de-

nied accusations of genocide.

“Trump’s threats today clearly reveal the ugly face of the United States of America and show its lack of seriousness and its renunciation of the agreement it mediated,” the group said.

The U.S. had long avoided direct engagement with the Islamist group. The U.S. State Department designated Hamas a terrorist organization in 1997.

One of the sources said the effort includes an attempt to gain the release of Edan Alexander from Tenafly, New Jersey, believed to be the last living American hostage held by Hamas. To date, the U.S. has been dealing with Israel and

Qatari and Egyptian mediators, but without any direct communications between Washington and Hamas.

White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt told reporters that Boehler “does have the authority” to hold direct talks with Hamas.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s office issued a statement saying: “Israel has expressed to the United States its position regarding direct talks with Hamas.”

Taher Al-Nono, Hamas political adviser, told *Reuters*: “I have no information about meetings with American officials, but any meeting with the American administration is beneficial for the stability of the region.”

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## S KOREAN JETS MISTAKENLY BOMB VILLAGE

A damaged house in South Korea’s Pocheon village after Air Force jets mistakenly dropped bombs in the area during a live-fire exercise. Eight 500-pound bombs fell outside the shooting range during the exercise, leading to injuries to 15 people.

Reuters

## 13 Syrian soldiers killed in clashes with Assad loyalists, says report

### REUTERS

DAMASCUS, MARCH 6

AT LEAST 13 members of Syria’s security forces were killed on Thursday in clashes with militants linked to Bashar al-Assad’s ousted regime, a Syrian broadcaster reported, some of the worst violence the Islamist-led government has faced since toppling him in December.

Syria TV, which is aligned with the new Damascus administration, said the clashes were continuing in the Jableh region, part of the coastal area which

### TEXAS-BASED FIRM’S LAST ATTEMPT WAS PARTIAL SUCCESS

## PRIVATE LANDER TOUCHES DOWN ON MOON

A privately owned lunar lander touched down near the moon’s south pole Thursday, but as the minutes ticked by, flight controllers could not confirm its condition or whether it was even upright. The last time Texas-based Intuitive Machines landed a spacecraft on the moon, it ended up sideways.

AP

# Trump delays tariffs on most goods from Mexico for a month

Move after talks with Mexican President; Commerce Secy says levies on imports from Canada likely to be postponed

JOSH BOAK & ROB GILLIES  
WASHINGTON, MARCH 6

PRESIDENT DONALD Trump said on Thursday that he would offer a one-month exemption from tariffs for imports from Mexico that trade under the rules of U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement, the trade pact he signed in his first term.

The president wrote on Truth Social that he would give Mexican products an exemption until April 2 from the 25 percent tariffs that he levied on all products from Mexico and most goods from Canada earlier this week. The exemption would cover the vast majority of North American trade and follows days of turmoil in the stock markets.

“After speaking with President Claudia Sheinbaum of Mexico, I have agreed that Mexico will not be required to pay Tariffs on anything that falls under the USMCA Agreement,” he wrote.

“Our relationship has been a very good one, and we are working hard, together, on the Border, both in terms of stopping Illegal Aliens from entering the United



The tariff postponement follows days of turmoil in the stock markets.

Reuters file

States and, likewise, stopping Fentanyl,” he added.

Howard Lutnick, the commerce secretary, made similar comments on Thursday morning, saying that the president would most likely exempt all products that trade under USMCA. Trump’s announcement did not describe any exemption for Canadian goods.

Stocks nudged higher after Lutnick spoke but remained lower for the day. The change would significantly expand a one-month

exception Trump offered yesterday to automakers who import goods under the rules of the pact, which fell short of investors’ hopes for reprieve.

Both Trump and Lutnick have implied that any relief from tariffs could be short-lived, since the administration is considering another raft of levies next month.

The president has said he will announce “reciprocal” tariffs on April 2, which will raise US tariffs to match the levels set by other countries, while also taking into consideration other practices that affect trade, like taxes and currency.

“My expectation is the president will come to the agreement today, and hopefully we will announce this today, that USMCA-compliant goods will not have a tariff for the next month, until April 2,” Lutnick said. Mr. Trump signed USMCA in 2020 to replace and revise the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Meanwhile, Trump is preparing to sign an order that would instruct Secretary of Education Linda McMahon to begin dismantling the agency, which he has previously described as “a big con job.”

NYT

## Nepal PM Oli challenges former King to contest in polls



Nepal Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli and former King Gyanendra Shah.

File

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE  
KATHMANDU, MARCH 6

NEPAL PRIME Minister K P Sharma Oli Thursday challenged former King Gyanendra Shah to launch a political party and win the election if securing state power is his aim.

Oli threw the challenge, — his first after the former King’s appeal to the people to support him to navigate the country out of its current circumstances on February 18 — amidst a palpable nervousness in the ruling coalition. “The constitution does not recognise the Monarchy , and if he is keen to get into power, he should contest election... the monarchy was thrown by the people long ago, and getting somebody back on the throne is not possible.”

Oli’s response solate comes after pro-monarchy rallies are taking place in different parts of the country, with participation of not only the pro-monarchy political forces, but the youth and students.

“We have been trying to get all the pro-republic forces including the (CPN) Maoists-Centre together to defeat the promonarchical forces,” a source in the central Cabinet told *The Indian Express*.

### FACTORIES WHICH FLATTEN AND STAMP COINS FOR CHILDREN FACE SHUTDOWN AS TRUMP ORDERS HALT TO MINTING PENNIES

## US penny costs nearly 4 times its value to make, but it’s a living for souvenir sellers

MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN & JOSEPH B. FREDERICK  
NEW YORK, MARCH 6

PRESIDENT DONALD Trump talks of big change in his second term of office. But he’s not forgetting small change, either.

Trump ordered the Treasury Department to stop making pennies with a February 10 sentence on his social media account that followed years of conservatives pointing out that putting a copper-coated zinc disc in costs the government more than a cent — almost 4 cents today.

There is no sign that the US Mint will stop pressing pennies and Mint officials did not respond to requests for clarification this week.

But the presidential penny pledge is already being felt in one niche world.

It’s a little-known world that depends on buying pennies wholesale, loading them into machines and persuading parents to feed a few dollars into machines that stamp designs on the pennies — Paw Patrol, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles — as they are stretched between metal rollers at fun fairs.

Small orbits of collectors and craftsmen have developed around them. And without the penny, the whole thing faces an uncertain future.

New copper pennies vanished from circulation in 1982 — 73 years after the first Lincoln penny was minted — and were replaced by zinc-coated ones.

The old ones are more pliable and easier to stamp, making them hot items for kids at fun fairs.

“They’ll clean ‘em so when they elongate the dino or shark of the printed coin it maintains a ghost image of the printed



Coins in a penny-press machine in New Jersey. *AP*

head of Lincoln,” said Brian Peters, general manager of Minnesota-based Penny Press Machine Co. Jeweler Angelo Rosato worked for decades in the 1960’s and ‘70s hand-printing pennies with scenes of their Connecticut hometown and historical and sentimental scenes. “We’re big fans of the penny. Keep the penny,” said Aaron Zablow of Roseland, New Jersey, who was with two of his sons at the American Dream Mall.

Some don’t want the United States to stop making cents Critics say the rise of electronic commerce and the billions of

pennies in circulation mean the US could stop printing the copper coins tomorrow and see little widespread effect for decades. But some people are watching fearfully to see if Trump’s public critique of the penny will affect their business.

Alan Fleming, of Scotland, is the owner of Penny Press Factory, one of a number around the world that manufacture machines that flatten and stamp coins.

“A lovely retired gentleman in Boston sold me over 1,00,000 un-circulated cents a couple of years ago but he doesn’t have

any more,” Fleming wrote. “I will need to purchase new un-circulated cents within the next 12 months to keep my machines supplied and working!”

Regardless of what happens to niche businesses like Fleming’s, penny defenders say they’re an important tool for lubricating the economy even if they’re a money-losing proposition.

“What this all tells you about the United States as a country is that it’s an incredibly conservative country when it comes to money,” said Ute Wartenberg, executive director of the American Numismatic Society.

AP





BUSINESS AS USUAL

By UNNY

Indian democracy gets an opposition.



## Manmohan Singh's family gives nod for his memorial site at Rashtriya Smriti Sthal



A 900 sq m plot at the Rashtriya Smriti Sthal complex has been chosen for Manmohan Singh's memorial. Anil Sharma

RITU SARIN

NEW DELHI, MARCH 6

THE FAMILY of late Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh has given the government its written approval for his memorial on a 900 sq m plot in the middle of the complex of samadhis called the Rashtriya Smriti Sthal

near Delhi's Raj Ghat.

Following a visit to the Rashtriya Smriti Sthal by members of the family last week, Gursharan Kaur, the former Prime Minister's wife, is learnt to have sent a formal acceptance letter to the government.

Last week, Singh's daughters Upinder Singh and Daman Singh, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



## PM IN UTTARAKHAND

Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a visit to Harsil, in Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand, on Thursday. The PM made a strong pitch for round-the-year tourism in the state. PTI PAGE 6

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## Punjab pastor on the run after being named in sexual harassment case

ANJU AGNIHOTRI CHABA

JALANDHAR, MARCH 6

A SELF-PROFESSED miracle healer, a subject of many memes, and a preacher who claims to preside over 260 churches worldwide — Pastor Bajinder Singh is many things to many people. For the Punjab police, however, he is currently an accused in a sexual harassment case who is yet to turn himself in.

On February 28, Singh (42) was booked based on a complaint filed by a 22-year-old woman at the Kapurthala City police station. The head of the Church of Glory and Wisdom, headquartered in Jalandhar's



Pastor Bajinder Singh claims to have a global following

Tajpur village, Singh has been booked under sections of sexual harassment, stalking and criminal intimidation. The woman claims she first started visiting CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

## REMARKS RATTLE ISLAMABAD

# Kashmir solved when part stolen by Pak returns, says Jaishankar

On China, says want relationship that respects interests, works for both

SHUBHAJIT ROY

NEW DELHI, MARCH 6

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS Minister S Jaishankar has said the Kashmir issue will be "solved" once the "stolen part of Kashmir which is under illegal Pakistani occupation" returns to India.

Speaking late Wednesday at Chatham House, the London-based think tank, Jaishankar, responding to a question on "solving" issues in Kashmir, said: "On Kashmir, actually we have done, I think, a good job, solving most of it. Removing Article 370 was step number one, restoring growth and economic activity and social justice in Kashmir was step number two, and holding elections with a very high turnout was step number three."

"I think the part we are waiting for is the return of the stolen part of Kashmir which is under illegal Pakistani occupation; when that is done, I assure you Kashmir will be solved."

This is in line with what has been said about Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) by BJP ministers in the past including Union Home Minister Amit Shah who, in May last year, said, "PoK is part CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



S Jaishankar at Chatham House, in London. ANI

### EXPLAINED

## Unanimity at home

JAISHANKAR'S REMARKS echo the unanimous resolution by both Houses of Parliament on February 22, 1994 that J&K (and Ladakh) is an integral part of India, and that Pakistan must vacate the parts under its illegal occupation.

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## 'World's costliest cow': Booming in Brazil, but dwindling in India

NIKHILA HENRY

GUNTUR, MARCH 6

A SMALL group of veterinary interns stand huddled together at the opening of Shed No 9 in a cattle farm on the outskirts of Guntur, Andhra Pradesh. Minutes later, a calf tumbles out of her mother and there are cheers all around.

The group is witnessing the CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



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Ongole cattle at the Livestock Research Station in Guntur

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# Good governance demands fiscal prudence: Dhankhar

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MUMBAI, MARCH 6

GOOD GOVERNANCE demands fiscal prudence and not populism, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar said on Thursday. He said a national debate was required to take note of the shift from democracy to “emocracy”, which he defined as “emotion-driven policies and discourses that threaten good governance”.

Delivering the inaugural address at the first Murli Deora Memorial Dialogues on the theme “Leadership and Governance”, the V-P asserted that “populism is bad economics” and emphasised that “once a leader gets attached to populism it is difficult to get out of the crisis”.

“The central factor must be the good of the people, the largest good of the people, the lasting good of the people. Empower people to empower themselves rather than empower them momentarily because that affects their productivity,” he said while expressing deep concern over the emergence of appeasement politics and placatory strategies across the political spectrum.

“If there is excessive spending on electoral promises, then the state’s ability to invest in infrastructure is correspondingly reduced. This is detrimental to the growth scenario. Election is im-



**Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar delivers inaugural address at the first ‘Murli Deora Memorial Dialogues’ on ‘Leadership and Governance’ in Mumbai on Thursday.** @VPIndia/X

portant in democracy but not the end of it,” he said.

Dhankhar called upon the leadership of all political parties to review this trend since such electoral promises will come at the cost of capex expenditure of the state.

Some governments that took recourse to this appeasement and placatory mechanisms are finding it very difficult to sustain in power, he pointed out.

However, the VP emphasised that the Constitution, while giving every citizen the right to equality, also has provisions for affirmative governance and affirmative action to bestow reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and the economically weaker segments.

# Cabinet panel clears empanelment of 37 IAS officers for Secretary-level posts

HARIKISHAN SHARMA  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 6

THE APPOINTMENTS Committee of the Cabinet Thursday approved the empanelment of 37 IAS officers for holding Secretary or Secretary equivalent posts at the Centre. Among these are 27 IAS officers of the 1994 batch, including PMO Additional Secretary Atish Chandra, while 5 each are from the 1992 and the 1993 batches.

This is the first Secretary-level empanelment list of 1994-batch IAS officers.

As per the latest edition of the draft Civil List, there were 68 IAS officers of the 1994 batch at the beginning of this year.

As per the ACC order, the 27 officers of the 1994 batch empanelled are from 14 cadres – Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Manipur, Madhya Pradesh, Nagaland, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu.

Among them, apart from Bihar cadre officer Atish Chandra, posted as Additional Secretary at PMO, is Madhya Pradesh cadre officer Vivek



**PMO Addl Secretary Atish Chandra**

Aggarwal, who is posted as Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Finance.

The other empanelled 1994-batch officers are: A P Das Joshi, Niraj Verma, Samir Kumar Sinha and L S Changsan (all four from Assam Cadre); Manoj Kumar Pingua, Nidhi Chhibber, Rich Sharma and Vikas Sheel (from Chhattisgarh cadre); Anuradha Thakur from Himachal Pradesh cadre; Sanjay Garg and Rajesh Kumar from Kerala Cadre; Arvind Shrivastava and Srivatsa Krishna from Karnataka cadre; Vennecaganti Radha from Maharashtra cadre; Rajesh Agarwal from Manipur; Hari Ranjan Rao and Pallavi Jain from Madhya Pradesh; Piyush Goyal from Nagaland; Ranjana Chopra and Santosh Kumar Sarangi from Odisha; Tejveer Singh from Punjab; Naresh Pal Gangwar and Roli Singh from Rajasthan; and P. Amudha and Kakarla Usha from Tamil Nadu.

# Jharkhand: BJP picks Babulal Marandi as legislative party leader

JATIN ANAND  
NEW DELHI, RANCHI, MARCH 6

FORMER JHARKHAND CM Babulal Marandi was on Thursday chosen as the BJP legislative party leader in the state Assembly, clearing the way for his elevation as the next leader of Opposition in the House.

Marandi was picked for the post unanimously in the presence of Union Minister Bhupender Yadav, central observer Dr K Lakshman, BJP national vice president Dr Laxmikant Bajpai and state in-charge Nagendra Nath. Given the BJP’s “one person, one post” practice, speculation is rife over Marandi’s successor as Jharkhand BJP chief.



**Rajya Sabha MP Laxmikant Bajpai with BJP State President Babulal Marandi in Ranchi on Thursday.** ANI

On the delay in his appointment, Marandi said, “These things take time, there is no other reason.” Marandi had won with over 35,000 votes from the Dhanwar constituency in the 2024 Jharkhand Assembly elections.

# FROM PAGE ONE Kashmir issue will be solved once part stolen by Pakistan returns: Jaishankar

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of India and we will take it.”

Jaishankar’s remarks drew a sharp response from Islamabad Thursday. Pakistan Foreign Office spokesperson Shafqat Ali Khan said, “We reject the remarks made by the Indian External Affairs Minister on Jammu and Kashmir during an event held at Chatham House, London on March 5...” India should vacate the large territories of Jammu and Kashmir under its occupation from the last 77 years.”

On US President Donald Trump’s approach, Jaishankar, who was in a conversation with Chatham House director Bronwen Maddox, said the Trump administration is moving towards multipolarity which suits India’s interests, and the two nations have agreed on the need for a bilateral trade pact.

“We see a (US) President and an administration which, in our parlance, is moving towards multipolarity and that is something that suits India,” he said.

“From President Trump’s perspective, the one big shared

enterprise that we have is the Quad, which is an understanding where everybody pays their fair share... There are no free riders involved. So that’s a good model which works,” he said, referring to the Quad grouping of US, India, Australia and Japan.

On the issue of reciprocal tariffs, Jaishankar said that Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal is currently in Washington to discuss a bilateral trade pact, following discussions between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Trump at the White House last month.

“We had a very open conversation about it (tariffs) and the result of that conversation was that we agreed on the need for a bilateral trade agreement,” he said.

On the Russia-Ukraine conflict, he said, “We have been one of the few countries who have been regularly talking to both Moscow and Kyiv at various levels... Wherever there’s been a sense that India can do some-

thing, we have always been open-minded about it. Our consistent position has been that they need to do direct negotiations.”

During the conversation, Jaishankar also expressed “cautious optimism” about the India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations after his ministerial discussions over the past few days. He met Foreign Secretary David Lammy and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer in London.

“It’s a very complicated process. So, given the complexity, it’s natural that it would take time... from my discussions with Prime Minister (Keir) Starmer, Foreign Secretary David Lammy and (Business) Secretary Jonathan Reynolds, I got a consistent message that the British side is also interested in moving forward. I had a few points to convey on behalf of my concerned colleagues as well. So, I am cautiously optimistic and hope that it doesn’t take that long,” he said.

On China, Jaishankar noted

some positive movements since October 2024, including the opening of the Mount Kailash pilgrimage route in Tibet.

“We have a very, very unique relationship with China as the only two billion plus populated countries in the world... We want a relationship where our interests are respected, sensitivities are recognised and works for both of us,” he said.

Jaishankar, who has been in the UK since March 3, has discussed the Ukraine conflict, trade and technology during his meetings with the British interlocutors. With Lammy, he said, he discussed education, technology, mobility and people-to-people exchanges, and regional and global issues including West Asia, Bangladesh and the Commonwealth.

He goes to Ireland from the UK, which will be the first high-level visit from India since Prime Minister Modi’s visit to Dublin in 2015.

— (With PTI inputs from Islamabad)

## ● Punjab pastor on the run after being named in sexual harassment case

his church when she was 16-17 and was sexually harassed for years.

Since her complaint, police have formed a Special Investigation Team, the state Women’s Commission has sought a response from Singh, and a Mohali court has issued non-bailable warrants in a separate rape case.

A senior police officer said that while the charges are bailable, bail can only be granted once he surrenders or is arrested. According to police sources, the pastor is believed to be in Nepal.

Investigating Officer Rajvinder Kaur confirmed that Singh has neither surrendered nor been arrested.

Sanjiv Kumar Kaura, the chairman of the Tajpur church, said Singh lives in Chandigarh with his family and only comes to Jalandhar for congregations. He said the church has 260 branches worldwide. “Leveling allegations and proving them are two different things. If a case has been registered, let the investigation be completed, and everything will be crystal clear. When you rise, you have several ene-

mies,” he told *The Indian Express*.

Asked about non-bailable warrants issued by the Mohali court in a separate case from 2018, he said the pastor was to appear in court but could not do so because he was unwell.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, the woman said she approached the Kapurthala Senior Superintendent of Police with her complaint on February 20. When the police allegedly did not act, she approached the DGP in Chandigarh on February 28, and an FIR was registered, she said. She alleged that police did not charge the pastor under the POCSO Act although she was a minor when the alleged sexual harassment took place.

### The rise from anonymity

To the general public, Singh is perhaps best known for his ubiquitous presence on social media, where his so-called miracles have garnered him a following – both among believers and those who mock him with memes. Clips of him singing ‘Mera Yeshu Yeshu’ at gatherings or dramatically “curing” diseases

like cancer and AIDS are the subject of many reels on Instagram. On YouTube, where he goes by “Prophet Bajinder Singh”, the channel has 3.74 million subscribers.

According to close associates, Singh comes from a Jat family in Haryana’s Yamunanagar and converted to Christianity more than a decade ago, when he was in jail in an alleged murder case.

Upon his release, he became a preacher in 2012, initially delivering sermons in Mohali before establishing the Tajpur church. According to those associated with his office, it has 23 branches in Punjab and several outside, including in Canada, the US, the UK and Dubai.

In 2018, he was booked in an alleged rape case and arrested from Indira Gandhi International Airport while flying to London. He was later released on bail, and the case is being heard in a Mohali court, which issued warrants against him recently.

In 2021, he courted trouble with the National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights, which sought action against him over a video involving a boy in

superstitious activities.

In 2022, he was accused by a Delhi family of taking money to treat their daughter, who eventually died of cancer.

In 2023, the Income Tax Department raided his church and took away several documents.

The church is known for its day-long congregations on Sundays and sometimes Thursdays, where thousands turn up in the hopes of finding a cure for whatever ails them. The congregations are broadcast live or recorded on the church’s channel, and testimonies from people are a key segment.

The income, volunteers say, comes from donations and by selling products such as oils and soaps.

The pastor is also known for his links in the entertainment industry, often sharing photos and video clips in which prominent actors are heard saying that attending his congregations brought them good luck.

“The purpose of these testimonies is to convince the people of his miracles,” said a volunteer associated with the church.

## ● ‘World’s costliest cow’: Booming in Brazil, dwindling in India

birth of a purebred Ongole calf at the Livestock Research Station, LAM Farm, in Guntur – one of the few government-run farms in the country dedicated to the conservation of the indigenous cattle breed.

As the cow licks her offspring, helping it to its feet, Dr M Mutha Rao, the officer in charge of the LAM Farm, tells *The Indian Express*, “This calf was born out of IVF-embryo transfer technology. With similar breeding techniques, we have been maintaining the purity of the breed over the past 30 years and eight generations of cattle.”

While it has so far been a long and lonely fight at the LAM Farm to conserve the Ongoles, one of the 53 indigenous cattle varieties in the country, the breed is having its moment under the Brazilian sun as “the most expensive cattle in the world”. In February, an Ongole purebred cow, Viatina-19, was sold for a whopping 4.38 million USD (25.7 million Brazilian Real or INR 40 crore) in Brazil’s Minas Gerais. It’s a breed that thrives in Brazil – about 80 per cent of the country’s 226 million cattle are Ongoles.

In Brazil, the world’s top beef exporter where the cattle industry is a primary driver of its econ-

omy, the Ongoles are raised for their meat. As the country attempts to capture newer markets, Brazilian breeders are racing to raise bigger, meatier supercows such as the Viatina-19.

The snowy-white, muscular Viatina-19, weighing 1,100 kg, was bought at an auction by three breeders -- Casa Branca Agropastoril, Agropecuária Napemo, and Nelore HRO – who will now use her to breed cattle with superior characteristics based on her genetic traits.

However, back in India, the original home of the Ongoles, the breed is facing the threat of extinction, its numbers halving from 15 lakh in 1944 to 6.34 lakh in the 2019 Livestock Census. In a country where the population of indigenous cattle has dropped by nine per cent between 2007 and 2012 and six per cent between 2012 and 2019, the fate of the Ongole breed is somewhat predictable. The price of the cattle, too, is relatively low in India – Rs 1 lakh a cow and Rs 10 to 15 lakh for a prized bull.

Despite government efforts to promote conservation and rearing of desi breeds through schemes such as the Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM), launched in 2014, farmers prefer exotic and

crossbred cattle that yield more milk when compared to the indigenous varieties. This is reflected in the 29.5 per cent jump in the population of exotic and crossbred cattle – from 39.73 million in 2012 to 51.47 million in 2019.

On the need to conserve the indigenous breeds, Mutha Rao says, “They are the most farmer-friendly cattle. Their yield and characteristics suit our climate, soil and farmers. They are superior to several crossbred animals in more ways than one, including disease resistance and strength.” The Ongoles, he adds, are also known for their heat tolerance and ability to survive on low fodder.

Rao says they focus on the Ongoles at the LAM farm because the breed is “India’s pride”. “It is this indigenous cattle which helped our farmers till the hardest of terrains to plant crops for the agrarian revolution in the country,” he says, adding that the Nandi bulls in Shiva temples, with their distinct hump, are modelled on the Ongoles.

About 40 km from Guntur, in Vijayawada, an 88-year-old retired government breeder and researcher A Madhusudhana Rao sat in his two-bedroom home in Veterinary Colony to talk about

the breed – from folklore to hard facts. “We can date the history of the Ongoles back to the mid-19th Century, when British researchers took stock of this unique breed,” Rao says.

The researchers recorded the distinct physical traits of the Ongoles – an erect and “well-carried head”, greater breath of forehead, a huge hump, and large and heavy dewlap.

Back then, as Latin America’s indigenous breeds were smaller in stature, the Ongole bulls were exported with government permits to countries there. There are records of an Ongole cow and two bulls reaching Brazil’s shores as early as 1885. “About 7,000 Ongole cattle have left India to be bred in South America,” says Mutha Rao.

Director of Andhra Pradesh’s Animal Husbandry Department, Dr Damodar Naidu, explains, “An Ongole cow’s skin twitches where you touch it. In Brazil, when they were troubled by the TseTse fly infestation in cattle, the Ongoles were god-sent. They would just shirk off the flies”.

The export of the Ongoles, however, was stopped in the 1960s due to restrictions imposed on the sale of cattle for meat.

In India, says Madhusudhana

## ● Manmohan Singh memorial site

along with their spouses, surveyed the plot.

*The Indian Express* has learnt that as of date there are only two empty plots left in the samadhi complex. One was offered to the family of former President Pranab Mukherjee in January this year. The other plot, measuring 900 sq m, located towards the centre of the Rashtriya Smriti Sthal, was offered to Singh’s family.

Upinder Singh confirmed the development to *The Indian Express* and said a formal acceptance has been sent by them.

“The land is to be allotted to a Trust and we will shortly set that up. The stipulation is that we can apply for a one-time grant of up to Rs 25 lakh for the construction of the memorial,” she said.

The Rashtriya Smriti Sthal complex consists of 9 samadhi spots which are meant to have a similar architectural design for the cenotaph.

Sources in Singh’s family said the plot chosen by the government – and now approved by the family – has the samadhi of former Prime Minister Chandra Shekhar in front; that of former President R Venkataraman behind it; and those of former Presidents Giani Zail Singh and

Pranab Mukherjee on either side. In 2013, when Singh was Prime Minister, the Union Cabinet approved the proposal for creation of a “common” memorial ground near Raj Ghat – ironically, his family has now approved what could be the last or among the last vacant pieces of land there.

The Cabinet decision, dated May 16, 2013, had, however, stated that the last rites of departed former Presidents, Vice Presidents, Prime Ministers would also be conducted at the Rashtriya Smriti Sthal, which was not done in the case of Singh.

His cremation was conducted at Nigambodh Ghat, on the bank of the Yamuna, on December 28 last year. The Ministry of Home Affairs issued a statement that it had acceded to the request received from the Congress for allotment of land for the former Prime Minister’s memorial.

The Ministry stated, “... it has been communicated to Congress President and the family of the late Dr Manmohan Singh that the Government will allocate space for the memorial. In the meanwhile, cremation and other formalities can happen because a trust has to be formed and space has to be allocated to it.”

## ● 250 mohalla clinics to be closed

Health Minister.

The call to open mohalla clinics in rented accommodations was taken after the AAP government started facing significant challenges in finding space in desired areas.

In 2018, AAP had claimed it was not getting land from the DDA – the city’s biggest land owning agency which comes under the Centre – to construct mohalla clinics.

A year later, construction of a mohalla clinic in Karol Bagh was stopped by MCD citing lack of permissions.

The AAP government then decided to set them up in rented accommodations to meet its goal of setting up 1,000 mohalla clinics by the end of 2019.

In October 2019, the State Health Society invited expressions of interest from people who wanted to lease out their ground floor premises for these clinics. The rent was capped at Rs 30,000 per month, as per the document.

On Thursday, Singh said 10 dental health vans will be launched in Delhi’s rural areas.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, he said an MoU will also be signed with the Centre under the PM Janaushadhi scheme to purchase medicines for Delhi

government hospitals and dispensaries.

The PM Janaushadhi scheme promises quality generic medicines at affordable prices to all citizens. Under the scheme, dedicated outlets known as Janaushadhi Kendras are opened.

“We will purchase medicines from PM Janaushadhi, where we will get good medicines, and financial losses will be covered as well. You will see a changed Delhi in the next 100 days,” Singh said.

He said the registration process for the Ayushman Bharat scheme will begin after March 8, marking a significant step toward expanding healthcare access in Delhi.

The Central government’s flagship scheme was passed by the Delhi Cabinet on February 20, hours after new Chief Minister Rekha Gupta and her six ministers were sworn in.

Singh said the Delhi government would soon sign an MoU with the Centre to implement the scheme. Under the scheme, eligible people – an estimated 6.54 lakh of the poorest families in Delhi – will get insurance coverage of Rs 5 lakh. The Delhi government will give eligible beneficiaries an additional coverage of Rs 5 lakh.

Rao, while the physical traits of the Ongoles have largely remained the same, their milking ability depleted over time as is evident from the writings of the British researchers – from being spoken of in the late 19th century as “excellent milkers who give 18 quarts (17 litres) of good rich milk per day”, to giving 11 to 14 lbs (4.9 to 6.3 lt) per day by the early 20th Century and going down to 10.5 lbs (4.76 lt) by 1936.

The depreciation of the milking ability, according to him, had much to do with the kind of breeding Indian farmers did. “In India, the bulls were used for draught or heavy labour. In the Brahmini bull breeding system, which was developed by indigenous farmers, they promoted strength and stature over milking abilities while breeding,” says Rao.

With slaughter for meat banned in most states and the cows never counted among the high-milkers, it’s the Ongole bulls which were considered prized possession in India as they carried heavy loads and survived ploughing even when the sun beat down for hours. But that, too, changed when mechanisation took over the farms.

At Guntur’s LAM farm, nine bulls lumber on, lugging iron bars as part of their exercise regimen.

“The exercise is a must so that the

bulls produce good quality semen. We have 294 cattle in this farm now, including nine Ongole bulls. This is the result of continuous breeding efforts,” says in-house veterinarian Dr K Sunny Praveen, stroking one of the cows.

The breeding efforts at LAM include Ovum Pick Up (OPU)-Invitro Fertilisation (IVF) and Embryo Transplant – technologies used for advanced pure breeding.

“Through these processes, we produce the best calves,” says Mutha Rao. In many of the sheds are calves born through this rigorous selection process, each stamped with the letters ET (Embryo Technology). “Now, the majority of the calves in the farm are technology-born,” says Rao.

Besides rearing the calves, the farm also supplies superior bull semen and embryos to farmers who want to rear Ongole cattle. But in Andhra Pradesh, all six of the major farms rearing Ongole cattle are government-managed.

Mutha Rao says the LAM farm maintains records of lineage, much like it’s done in Brazil. “There, it is possible to know the first sire and dam of any given cattle because they have been keeping lineage records for the past many decades. This should be replicated across India – a book of animal family trees,” says Rao.

# Rajasthan HC stays demolition of homes of accused in Beawar blackmail-rape case

HAMZA KHAN  
JAIPUR, MARCH 6

THE RAJASTHAN High Court Thursday stayed the demolition of homes of the Beawar rape accused while pulling up the state government for being “hell-bent” on demolition.

Hearing a bunch of petitions by the families of the accused who face demolition of their homes, a Bench of Justice Mahendra Kumar Goyal said that Syed Saadat, the counsel for the petitioners, has submitted that upon the receipt of a show-cause notice dated February 20,

seeking to demolish their construction, the petitioners filed their response well in time.

However, “the respondents are hell-bent to demolish their construction without taking a decision on their response,” the court said. The Rajasthan government through the Local Self Government department, the Additional CS for Home department, the Beawar District Collector among others, has been made a party to the case.

Additional AG G S Gill and Manoj Kumar appeared on their behalf.

Ali said he told the court, “All those who have been made an accused are arrested and that

notices have been pasted on their homes. But the homes do not belong to the accused but to their grandfather, father, uncle, etc. Not a single home is owned by the accused... and so they cannot be demolished.” His second argument was that the local municipality did not follow the November 2024 guidelines set by the Supreme Court, wherein the court gave 10-15 instructions, “but not a single point was followed,” Ali said.

Listing the matter for March 11, the court said that till the next date, “the status quo qua the subject property shall be maintained by the parties.”



# Data, not untested assertions, will drive criminal law forward, says CJI

SOHINI GHOSH  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 6

CRIMINAL LAW will be driven by data and not "untested assertions" about behaviour and social dynamics, Chief Justice of India (CJI) Sanjiv Khanna opined Thursday.

He was speaking at Delhi High Court during the launch of Ratanlal & Dhirajlal's new edition of *Law of Crimes: A Comprehensive Commentary on Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023*, edited by former CJI and retired Justice U U Lalit.

CJI Khanna said, "...this is an era of super specialisation across disciplines and same is with the criminal law. But most laws, especially criminal law, must be based upon empirical foundations. Increasingly, we have embraced evidence-based approaches while drafting and deciding cases. The principle of proportionality... is primarily based upon data and empirical evidence. This is... not being taught in law schools, not being addressed even today."

"Criminal jurisprudence, I believe, in future, would not rely upon untested assertions about behaviour and social dynamics, it will increasingly rely upon data. Data exists, data speaks, analytical tools exist. What we need to do is let the evidence drive the criminal law forward," he added.

Delhi High Court Chief Justice D K Upadhyaya said he has seen the judicial philosophy of accessibility, efficiency and sensitivity to society's evolving needs, reflected in the new legal framework of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). CJI Upadhyaya said, "Our criminal justice system has long needed simplification, modernisation and a framework that understands the lived realities of our citizens, specially the vulnerable... In many ways, the approach taken in BNS echoes the judicial philosophy I have always believed in - justice must be accessible, efficient and sensitive to the evolving

needs of the society."  
"Whether it's streamlining procedures to reduce delays, ensuring victims have a stronger voice or making investigations more technologically driven - these are principles that I have had the opportunity to apply and I see them reflected in this new legal framework."

Justice (ret'd) Lalit reminisced how he would turn to Ratanlal & Dhirajlal as a young practitioner "just to solve some of the fundamental ideas... whether Indian Penal Code crimes, criminal procedures, or torts". "These have been synonymous with growth as a lawyer. I have put in 40 years in the field of law but until now, I had not written a single article..."

Explaining the shift to writing, he identified the genesis in a lecture he was asked to deliver to some judicial members in Kerala last June. "In July (2024), these new (BNS, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam) legislations were supposed to come into effect, so they wanted to know my views... I keep teaching at various law schools, one of them is Galgotias (University), and I happen to be taking a course there on these new legislations."

"I had... interactive sessions with the professors and that's when this offer came (to edit the new edition of Ratanlal & Dhirajlal)... I said 'this happens to be a Godsent opportunity' and I lapped it up," he added.

Hailing the new criminal laws, Union Minister of Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal said, "...when the Britishers were here... they wanted codification because they wanted to control as well as punish Indian citizens. They thus brought in the penal code. In PM (Narendra) Modi's era, the sentiment is that Indians should get justice... punishment is a separate provision that will continue but citizens must feel they got justice and thus BNS was brought in."

# Tihar Jail gets Intelligence Cell, additional QRT

PRAGYNESH  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 6

AN INTELLIGENCE Cell has been set up in Delhi's Tihar Jail to covertly gather information about possible supply of arms, drugs and communication systems inside the prison, jail officials said on Thursday.

A superintendent-level officer and one deputy superintendent-level officer have been made in charge of the cell, while multiple jail staffers are being deployed to carry out the work covertly, a senior Tihar Jail official said, adding that the process to set up the cell

had started five months ago.

Maintaining that a raid is being conducted by the cell "almost every alternate day", the official said, "Inputs received from the cell are corroborated at the Tihar Jail headquarter and then a raid is conducted. As part of recent raids, charas, surgical blades, curtains to block the line of sight, and metal wires have been seized. Recently, based on a tip-off from the cell, a lawyer was apprehended trying to smuggle in charas for an inmate," the official added.

One of the most frequently seized items has been Kechaoda mobiles - tiny devices that work as phones due to their superb

sound quality and reception in small-to-medium ranges.

"These devices, smaller than a human thumb, have been confiscated in the raids. The inmates use sticks to press the dial buttons to make calls... these are smuggled inside the jail in body cavities," a senior official said.

Meanwhile, to bolster the response time in case of an emergency, an additional quick response team (QRT) has been deployed at Tihar Jail. The QRTs are to assist in emergency situations, such as when fights break out between inmates.

Officials said the main purpose of the new QRT is to ensure that if

there is a delay on part of the existing QRTs in reaching "high-risk wards", it can reach the affected area and take action. "The new QRT will rule out any possibility of connivance between inmates and the already existing QRTs," a senior jail official said.

The new QRT, which would be available round-the-clock, will comprise havaldar-rank officers from ITBP and CRPF as well as ASI-level officers from the jail cadre.

In the last five months, more than 500 articles, which are not allowed inside jails, have been seized at Tihar jail. "In all these instances, action was taken according to the prison manual. Also,

from now on, FIR would be registered against anyone found in possession of any contraband inside the jail," a senior jail official said.

In 2024, Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena had approved the creation of 3,470 new posts in Tihar Jail. According to official documents, accessed by The Indian Express, the number of employees at Tihar before the said approval, till April 2024, was 1,799.

"It has now increased to 2,300 a year... though 1,170 of the approved posts are yet to be filled... Of the total staff, 1,800 are warders and matrons, 700 of whom would be promoted as head warders and head matrons in the next 2-3

months," said a jail official.

"Posts that have to be filled through the recruitment process would be filled in one-and-a-half years," the official added.

A former Tihar Jail official said that to break the syndicates operating inside the prison, the Intelligence Cell would need strict vigilance. "Previously, a band of two to three so-called petitioners used to roam around Tihar, covertly collecting information and reporting the same to DG (Prisons). But even inputs received in such a manner used to get compromised. So, several informers, across ranks, would be needed to make things better," he added.



## COVERED UP

At a Mohalla Clinic, where posters of AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal and other party leaders have either been painted over or covered with paper, in New Delhi on Thursday. Tashi Tobgyal

## AAP holds meeting of its councillors, MLAs over organisational restructuring

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 6

THE AAP on Thursday held a meeting of its councillors and 22 MLAs to discuss the party's organisational restructuring in Delhi.

The meeting was led by AAP Delhi Convenor Gopal Rai, Leader of Opposition Atishi, and Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) in charge Durgesh Pathak. Rai, after the meeting, told me-

diapersons that since the Delhi elections, AAP has been engaging with office-bearers of various organisations of the party to restructure its organisational framework.

"The party has held several meetings in different phases... In the first phase, meetings were held with state-level office-bearers of different organisations. In the second phase, discussions took place with office-bearers from all 70 Assembly constituencies. The third phase involved

meetings with office-bearers of AAP's frontal organisations and then deliberations with all candidates who contested the Assembly elections."

"On Thursday, the party held its fifth phase of the meeting with the councillors, seeking their suggestions for the organisational restructuring and discussing how they can effectively advance public welfare initiatives in their wards and strengthen their role within the MCD," Rai added.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 6

A DAY after a meeting with women's organisations and teachers, Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta met traders and industrialists and discussed several issues related to cleanliness, ease of doing business, and market development.

Earlier this week, the BJP government announced that it would present a 'Viksit Dilli'-themed Budget, for which it sought suggestions from the general public and different stakeholders. The Budget session will be held from March 24 to 26.

Gupta said on Thursday, "We are happy that despite receiving the invitation at such short period, industrial organisations of Delhi shared their suggestions and aspirations with us to prepare a draft of the Viksit Delhi Budget... our industrial organisations play a key role in increasing the revenue of Delhi. Our government will try to take necessary steps on the issues raised during the dialogue. It is important that we work by understanding the expectations and needs of the industrial organisations of the city."

The meeting was also attended by Chandni Chowk MP



Chief Minister Rekha Gupta during a meeting with business and industrial organisations on Thursday. PTI

Praveen Khandelwal.

Taking a dig at the Aam Aadmi Party, which was in power in Delhi for 10 years, the CM said the previous government only "propagated pain". "But the BJP government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, cured that pain. All the promises made in our Sankalp Patra will be fulfilled with full readiness and honesty," she said.

Gupta also remarked that "the objective of this dialogue is to improve living standards of the citizens of Delhi by discussing their problems, and

making the Budget according to the needs of all those sections".

Further, the CM said that "both the policy and intention of our government is clear. The Delhi government is determined to bring about all-round development of Delhi and Delhiites. Our aim is that this Budget should give many big gifts to the people of Delhi and bring more prosperity in their lives."

Last year, the AAP government presented a Rs 76,000 crore Ram Raja-themed Budget for 2024-25. The Budget outlay was increased to Rs 77,000 crore in the revised estimates.



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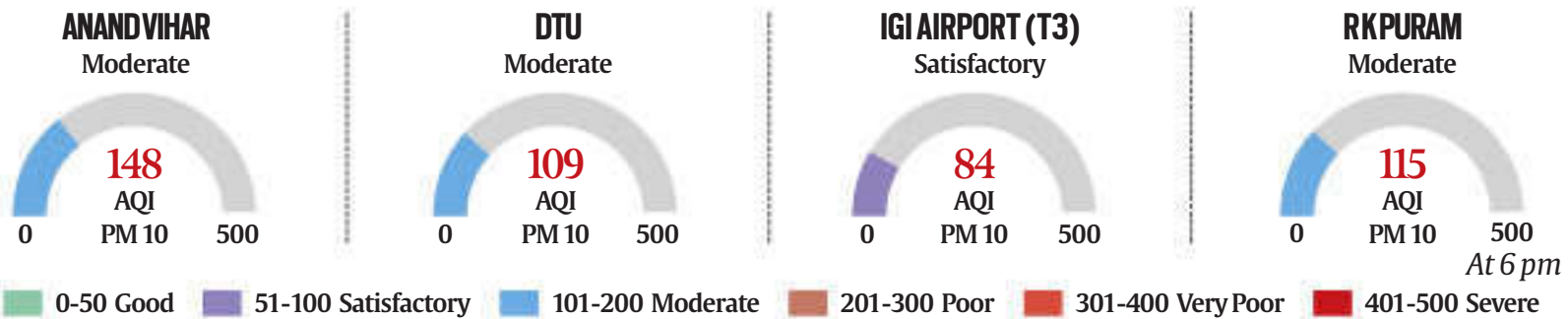




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DRIVE TO DETECT ILLEGAL BANGLADESHI IMMIGRANTS

Police come every few days, check same documents: Slum dwellers at Sangam Vihar after verification drive

UPASIKA SINGHAL  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 6

NARGIS MANDAL (26) was at work on Thursday afternoon when she received a call from a neighbour that the police had come to Sangam Vihar's Block F to conduct checks. While it was not news to her — the police have allegedly been conducting checks frequently in her locality for the last two weeks — Nargis had to rush back home.

“(The checks) started two months ago, before the (Delhi Assembly) elections,” she said. “It’s only become worse after that. They come every few days and check our documents... the same documents they verify every time. I don’t know what they want from us,” she told *The Indian Express*.

On Thursday, the police held

a verification drive in Sangam Vihar's Block F — home to a large number of Bengali migrants who live in five slums — to check whether any illegal Bangladeshi immigrants are living in the area. According to the police, the documents of the residents would be deemed verified after their panchayats concerned confirm their personal details.

This comes on a day when the Delhi Police said that it has deported a Bangladeshi national and detained another for over-staying illegally in West Delhi after the expiry of their visas. The two, Sajal Mia and Mohammad Ali, resided at Punjabi Bagh.

“They were apprehended after a tip-off was received by the Madipur police post under the Punjabi Bagh police station. Both were apprehended subsequently. Following due procedure, one was deported while



The verification drive in Sangam Vihar, Thursday. *Express*

the other was sent to a detention centre,” DCP (West District) Vichitra Veer said.

At Block F in Sangam Vihar, as had been the case in the past, police checked the slum residents' Aadhaar cards, voter IDs and PAN card details. However,

this time, they also asked residents to show bank passbooks and requested them to open social media apps, UPI apps and call logs on their phones.

“We have to check from where they are getting money and whom they are sending it

to... We are also checking social media apps to see if they are following any Bangladeshi pages or calling any Bangladeshi numbers,” said a police officer.

Most of the women living in the slums work as domestic help while the men engage in picking waste. Among the residents, there is equal parts annoyance and resignation.

The elderly aunt of Arifa (27) lives in Bangladesh and has not been keeping well. “I call her every day. The police saw that I was calling a Bangladeshi number frequently and took my husband, Khorshed, to the police station for questioning,” she said. Arifa claimed her family had migrated to India a long time ago and had settled in West Bengal's Nadia district. However, a few of her relatives stayed back in Bangladesh.

Shahjamal Alsana (29), another resident, said, “If you show

them the documents, they say we have made duplicates. If we don't show up for verification, they tell us we were hiding... People who actually are living here illegally don't live in jhuggis and do *kabadi* work. They live in high-rises.”

The police, however, said such drives have become stringent since a syndicate facilitating illegal immigration of Bangladeshi nationals was busted in January. “The syndicate would smuggle people in through the Meghalaya border,” said DCP (South) Ankit Chauhan.

He added that the current drive will specifically target newly set up slums in Sangam Vihar, Ambekar Nagar, Neb Sarai and Tigr.

Police also conducted a similar verification drive in Mandir Marg on Thursday. DCP (New Delhi) Devesh Mahla said the drive will continue on Friday.

Delhi sees 0 ‘severe’ air days since Jan

Best recovery rate since 2023: Experts

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STRONG WINDS from the snow-clad mountains over the north-west plains for three days in a row not only improved Delhi's air quality, but also led to below-normal temperatures.

With an AQI of 119 (moderate) on Wednesday, the city saw its cleanest air since September 29 last year when it was 76 in the ‘satisfactory’ category. On Thursday, the air remained ‘moderate’ at 124.

This year, from January to March 6, there have been zero ‘severe’ air days and 20 ‘moderate’ air days (see box). An official from the Commission of Air Quality Management, who did not wish to be named, said, “Data shows this is the fastest rate of recovery in terms of air quality improvement, especially after mid-February, at least since 2023... In January, too, the recovery rate was better than previous years.”

The average AQI of 121 for Delhi is the lowest during January to February in the last three years since 2023. Delhi also reported its lowest monthly average AQI in February at 214, according to data from the Central Pollution Control Board.

The air quality is likely to be moderate till Sunday. For the subsequent six days, it is expected to fluctuate between ‘moderate’ and ‘poor’, as per the forecast by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune.

In its seasonal outlook, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) had forecast above-normal

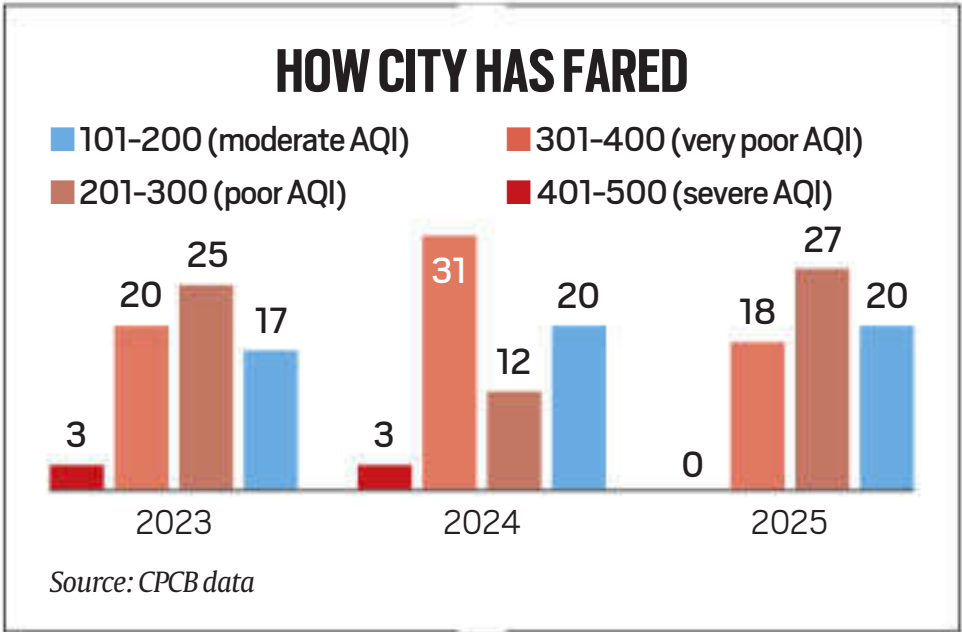
temperatures and an above-normal number of heatwave days over most parts of the country for the month of March. With the windy days coming to an end, the Met office has forecast a rise in temperatures reaching above normal for the next six days.

Delhi's maximum temperature was 28.4 on Thursday, which is a notch above normal, while the minimum was a notch below normal at 12.2 degrees Celsius.

A partly cloudy sky in the coming days also means temperatures will not rise significantly in Delhi. The Met Office has forecast the minimum to gradually increase from 13 degrees Celsius to 17 degrees Celsius by Wednesday. Meanwhile, the maximum will hover between 30 and 34 degrees Celsius. Mist conditions are forecast for the next six days.

Another official source said, “While long-term records of the CPCB show there has been a reduction in particulate matter concentration, this also has a flipside. The reduction in these aerosols leads to more radiation..., which leads to an increase in ozone levels. Western cities like San Francisco and Denver and European cities have cleaned their air from aerosols but struggle with this issue of high ozone levels, as all of this is interlinked. Delhi is also joining this direction, and it calls for a holistic approach... We need to control our VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds).”

CPCB data reveals that the hourly average ozone concentration surpassed 90 µg/m³ for 37 hours this year. Ozone and PM 2.5 were the prominent pollutants on Thursday.



Water supply to be hit in various parts of Delhi

New Delhi: The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has warned of temporary water supply disruptions in several parts of Delhi, including Rohini, Mangolpuri, Sultanpuri and Janakpuri among other areas, over the weekend. Next week on Monday and Tuesday, water will be available in low pressure in these areas, said the body.

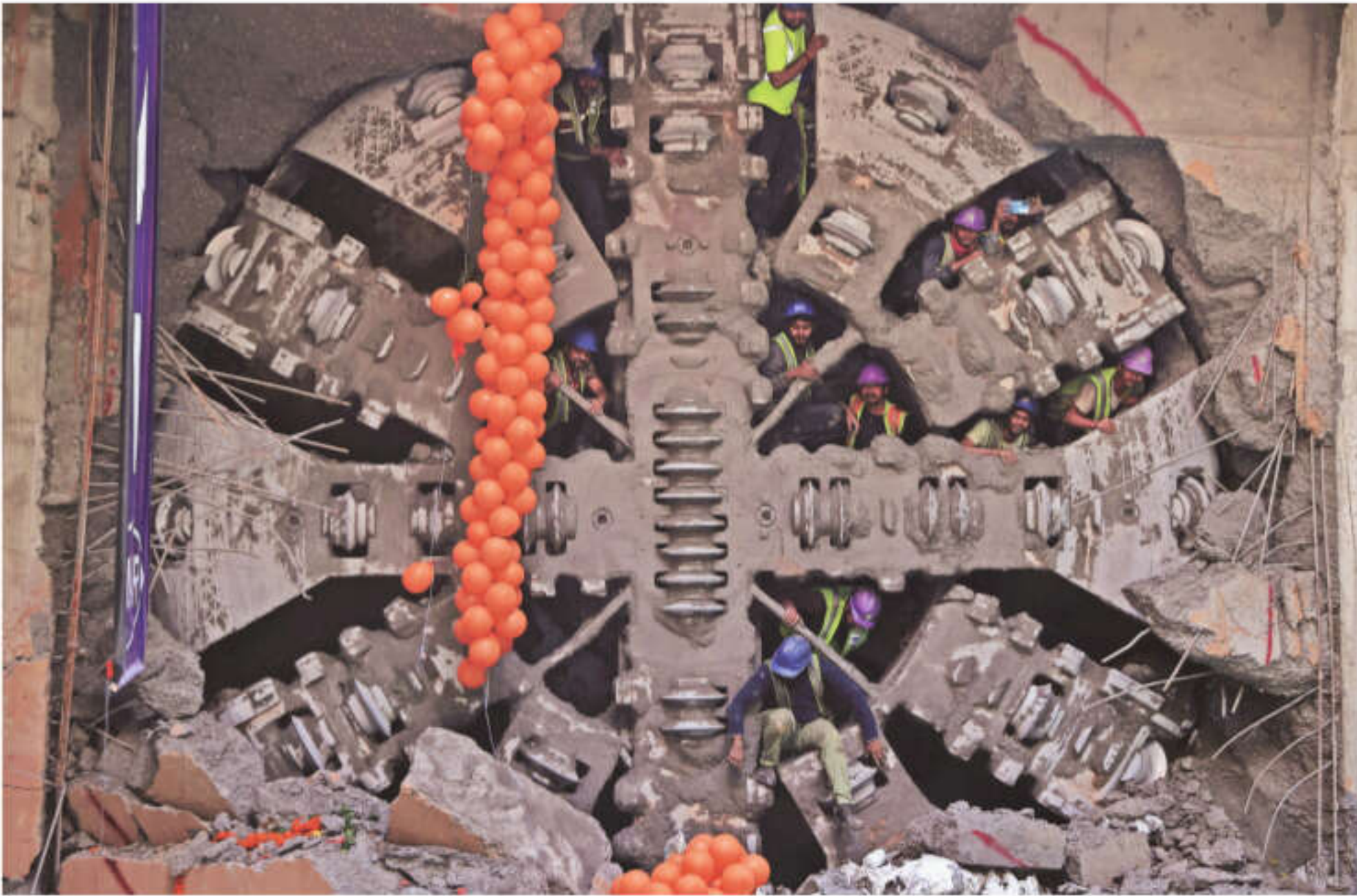
“Due to the annual programme for flushing of the Underground Reservoir and Booster Pumping Station, water supply will be affected on March 8 and 9...,” read a statement by the DJB on Thursday.

On Saturday, Mehrauli, Green Park, Munirka, Malviya Nagar, Dakshin Puri, Panchsheel, Pushp Vihar, Panchsheel Enclave, and GK-1 as well as adjoining areas will be affected. Meanwhile, water supply disruptions will hit parts of Dwarka on Sunday, said the DJB.

Water tankers will be available on request from water emergencies, it noted. **ENS**

DMRC's Golden Line sees a major tunnel breakthrough

Delhi's Metro network will soon be largest in any city in the world, says Khattar



Workers after the Tunnel Boring Machine broke through at Vasant Kunj Metro station, Thursday. *Tashi Tobgyal*

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THE CONSTRUCTION of Delhi Metro's Golden Line achieved a major milestone Thursday as the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) broke through at the Vasant Kunj Metro station site after completing a 1.55-km tunneling stretch from Kishangarh. This underground corridor, which will connect Aerocity to Tughlakabad, is part of the 19.34-km underground stretch of the Golden Line — the 4th phase of the Metro network.

Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal

Khattar as well as Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs Tokhan Sahu were present on the occasion.

The TBM used for this stretch measures 91 m in length and was excavated at an average depth of 23 m, with a minimum depth of 15.7 m and a maximum of 30.2 m. The tunnel has an inner diameter of 5.8 m, and 1,107 tunnel rings have been installed so far.

Another parallel tunnel is under construction on the same stretch and is expected to be completed by June 2025.

Speaking on the occasion, Khattar said, “We're going to make a very big record. Currently, the longest Metro line in a single city

is in New York, which is 399-km long. Only 5 km are left. Our next line, 12-km long, will be inaugurated in December. After that, the DMRC network will be the largest in any city in the world.”

The tunnel has been constructed using the Earth Pressure Balancing Method (EPBM), a tunneling technique that ensures safe excavation in diverse geological conditions, including mica and hard rock, which were encountered along the route. The lining consists of precast concrete tunnel rings manufactured at a casting yard in Mundka.

The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has been using TBMs for underground

tunneling since Phase 1. These machines, designed to bore through different types of soil and rock, are particularly effective for tunnel construction in densely populated urban areas. During Phase 3, around 50 km of underground sections were built using 30 TBMs. In Phase 4, 40.109 km of underground lines have been approved.

Anuj Dayal, Principal Executive Director (Corporate Communications) of DMRC said the breakthrough marks a significant advancement in the city's Metro expansion efforts, promising improved connectivity and reduced congestion in South Delhi.

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TO DEVELOP commercial, residential and service hubs along the Delhi-Meerut Namo Bharat corridor, the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) — the agency that operates the Rapid Rail Transit System (RRTS) — has invited bids to set up a project management unit (PMU) for strategic planning.

The NCRTC aims to monetise land parcels, generate non-fare revenue and develop commercial, residential, and service hubs along Namo Bharat stations, it said in a statement. The selected consultants will be responsible for market research, transaction advisory, project management support, strategic planning and knowledge transfer, it added.

Currently, Namo Bharat train

services operate along a 55-km stretch, connecting New Ashok Nagar to Meerut South via 11 stations. The entire 82-km corridor is expected to be complete this year.

“Identified land parcels for development include sites in Ghaziabad, Duhai Depot, Bhaishali (Meerut), and Modipuram Depot, which will be converted into retail and commercial spaces,” the NCRTC said. It added that these locations will accommodate malls, retail-dining-entertainment hubs, integrated parking facilities with office spaces, rental housing, studio apartments, hospitals, and theme parks.

The land parcels identified include a 2.4-hectare (ha) plot in Ghaziabad, along with larger plots in Duhai Depot (31 ha), Bhaishali in Meerut (9.7 ha), and Modipuram Depot (31 ha). Smaller land parcels spanning 16 ha have been earmarked at Sarai Kale Khan,

New Ashok Nagar, Anand Vihar, Guldhar, Duhai, Muradnagar, Modinagar South and North, Meerut South, Shatabdi Nagar, and Modipuram, the NCRTC said.

The PMU will play a crucial role in ensuring the successful implementation of the property development plan, the statement said. “At the conclusion of the project, the consultant will provide documentation and handover reports to ensure seamless knowledge continuity. The last date of submission for this is March 20,” it added.

The development strategy will align with Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) principles and existing regulatory frameworks, the statement read. It said TOD promotes high-density, mixed-use development within walking distance of transit stations, reducing congestion in heavily populated areas.

Two bookies betting on India-Aus Champions Trophy match arrested

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CRICKET FANS rejoiced when India beat Australia in a semi-final clash in the ICC Champions Trophy — and so did two alleged bookies in Dwarka, albeit for a brief while. The two men, Praveen Kochhar and Sanjeev Kumar, were raking up bets for the game when they were nabbed by a Crime Branch team during a raid on March 4, the Delhi Police said.

According to police, the team, led by Inspector Rakesh Sharma and ACP Umesh Barthwal, were tracking a betting syndicate when they received a tip-off on March 4 about the accused taking bets during the India-Australia showdown. After the match had started, around 2.30 pm, the raid was conducted in Sector 23.

“During the raid, two individuals were caught live betting using laptops and mobile phones. Various electronic devices and betting materials were seized from the premises. At the time of the operation, the accused were betting on the semi-final match between India and Australia, which commenced at 2.30 pm,” DCP (Crime) Aditya Gautam said.

Police said there were two ways of placing bets.

One was online; Kochhar had a ‘master ID’ with an online betting website via an associate and used it to sell betting IDs to ‘punters’ (small-scale bookies). Kochhar would receive a 3 per cent commission on every bet, police said.

The second way of taking bets was the ‘traditional’ offline system, police said, which meant the bets would either be made in-person or over calls. In this,

the betting rate would be fluctuating, according to demand.

“The premises used for betting operations was rented by Kochhar under his name for Rs 35,000 a month. The syndicate had been running this illegal operation for the past two years. On match days, transactions amounted to approximately Rs 1.5 lakh daily, with profits/losses ranging between Rs 30,000 and Rs 40,000 a day,” DCP Gautam said.

Kumar and Kochhar, both aged 55, are residents of Subhash Nagar in Delhi and are childhood friends, police said.

While Kochhar had a factory in Mundka, Kumar used to have a transport business, which took a heavy financial hit during the Covid lockdowns. The two men had been expanding their betting networks in Delhi for the past two years, police said.

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THEY ARRIVED dressed in their finest, blending effortlessly into the crowd. No one suspected that these so-called guests were trained to disappear with bags full of cash and jewellery before anyone noticed. For years, the Band Baaja Baarat gang targeted lavish weddings across North India and vanished without a trace.

However, their luck ran out when the Delhi Police recently apprehended four members of the gang, including one juvenile, from the city, bringing to light a dark underworld where children were trained to steal in exchange for money.

Police said they had been receiving multiple complaints of jewellery and cash going missing



Illustration: Komal

from wedding venues. Sensing a pattern, they began analysing CCTV camera footage of the weddings. “The videos revealed that the suspects, before committing

the theft, spent considerable time at the venues, making themselves familiar with the guests. They were well dressed to mingle... never in a hurry, had

their dinner and patiently waited for the opportune time to strike. In a swift move, they would steal the bags containing the *shagun*, jewellery or cash and quickly vanish,” said DCP (Crime Branch) Apoorva Gupta.

For months, the Crime Branch tracked the gang's movements, studying CCTV footage of high-profile weddings. The breakthrough came when officers received a tip-off.

Members of the gang were found at a bus stop near a Metro depot. Police believed they were attempting to flee Delhi. A raid was swiftly planned, and while three men were arrested, the juvenile was taken into custody. The police recovered Rs 2.14 lakh in cash, a mobile phone, and silver jewellery from them.

During questioning, the men said they hailed from Madhya

Pradesh and would visit Delhi and other cities in North India during the wedding season to commit thefts. Police said the gang's leader allegedly admitted that he would recruit children — aged 9 to 15 — luring their parents with Rs 10-12 lakh for a year-long “contract”.

The DCP said, “Once the deal was finalised, the money would be handed over to the parents in two or more instalments and the child would be hired to commit crime for a year. After being brought to Delhi, the children underwent training for a month. They were also made mentally and physically strong to not divulge their identities in case they were apprehended.”

With these arrests, three cases of thefts at weddings in Shastri Park, Swaroop Nagar and GTB Enclave have been solved, police said.



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## The Future of Growth & Innovation

Prime Minister Modi : “It is the Right Time to Invest in Madhya Pradesh. The state's momentum will define the next decade of India's growth”

### GIS 2025 MILESTONE: MP Secures Rs.30.77 Lakh Crore in Investments, Unlocking 21.40 Lakh Job Opportunities



The Global Investors Summit, 2025 held in Bhopal on 24-25 February '25 has propelled the state into the spotlight, securing an unprecedented 30.77 lakh crore in investment commitments including RICs, Interactive Sessions and Road Shows transforming it into one of India's fastest growing industrial hubs. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while inaugurating the summit, called it a defining moment in Madhya Pradesh's transformation, positioning it as a critical engine in India's march towards a \$5 trillion economy. "Madhya Pradesh is no longer an emerging player—it is a powerhouse, a leader in investment, infrastructure and industrial growth", PM Modi declared, applauding the state's efforts to streamline regulations, develop world-class infrastructure, and create a robust industrial ecosystem. Prime Minister also congratulated Chief Minister Dr. Yadav for declaring 2025 as the "Year of Industry & Employment" to boost industrial growth in the state.

Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Madhya Pradesh has been achieving remarkable milestones. The Global Investors Summit has set a record by attracting investment proposals worth Rs 26.61 lakh crore within two days. The state has received a total of Rs 30.77 lakh crore in investment proposals over the past year. This includes contributions from regional industry conclaves, road-shows, and interactive sessions conducted over the year. These proposed investments are expected to generate over 21.40 lakh employment opportunities.

#### A Summit Of Unprecedented Scale

Held at the Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya in Bhopal, the two-day event saw participation from over 25,000 business leaders, policymakers, and global investors, including more than 100 foreign delegates from 50 countries. The presence of corporate giants—including Adani Group, Reliance Industries, NTPC, Dabur, ITC, and Avaada Group—underscored the state's rising stature as an investment hub.

Amit Shah, Union Home Minister, presided over the valedictory session, reinforcing the central government's commitment to developing Madhya Pradesh as a key pillar of India's economic ambitions. Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav hailed the summit's over-whelming success, stating: "This is not just an event; it is a declaration of Madhya Pradesh's arrival as an industrial powerhouse."

#### Over 85 MoUs Signed in Two Days

During the two-day GIS event, more than 85 MoUs were signed across various sectors leading to the establishment of new industrial units and fostering sectoral growth. Encouraged by the success of the regional industrial conclaves, the state government is now strategizing future industrial conclaves focusing on sector-specific and regional industrial specialties. These efforts will strengthen Madhya Pradesh's industrial foundation and open new employment opportunities for youth. During the summit, MoUs worth Rs 1.30 lakh crore were



#### Department Wise Investment Proposals Received in GIS 2025

Department	Proposed Investment (in Rs.)	Proposed Employment
Dept. of New and Renewable Energy	5.72 lakh crore	1.4 lakh
Dept. of Industrial Policy & Investment Promotion	8.616 lakh crore	6 lakh
Dept. of Mining and Mineral Resources	3.22 lakh crore	55,000
Dept. of Urban Development and Housing	1.97 lakh crore	2.3 lakh
Dept. of Energy	1.47 lakh crore	20,000
Dept. of Tourism	68,000 crore	1.2 lakh
Dept. of Science and Technology	64,000 crore	1.8 lakh
Dept. of Technical Education, Skill Development & Employment	43,000 crore	51,000
MSME	21,000 crore	1.3 lakh
Public Health and Family Welfare	17,000 crore	49,000
Dept. of Higher Education	7,000 crore	15,000
Dept. of Horticulture and Food Processing	4,000 crore	8,000
Dept. of Medical Education	3,000 crore	9,000
Dept. of Aviation	1,400 crore	1,000
PWD	1.30 lakh crore	4,000
Adani Group	2.10 lakh crore	1 lakh
Regional Industry Conclaves	2.34 lakh crore	2.74 lakh
Interactive Sessions	1.82 lakh crore	1.32 lakh
Grand Total	30.77 lakh crore	21.40 lakh

also signed between NHA and PWD, which will significantly enhance the state's road and infrastructure development.

#### Discussions on Investment Possibilities with Foreign Delegates

Several high-ranking diplomats and trade representatives from various countries participated in GIS-Bhopal. These included Shri Rajendra Modi, Deputy Minister, Industry & Commerce, Zimbabwe,

Dr. Shankar Prasad Sharma, Ambassador, Nepal, Shri Mohammed Rakiki, Ambassador, Turkey, Ms. Stella N'Kera, Ambassador, Zimbabwe, Dr. Nizair Nifes, Ambassador, Burkina Faso, Shri Yagi Kajji, Consul, Japan, and Shri Walter Ferrara, Consulate, Italy. These dignitaries praised Madhya Pradesh's investor-friendly environment and expressed their willingness to collaborate in the future. GIS-Bhopal has proven to be a milestone in the state's industrial

journey, with over 100 representatives from more than 60 countries participating. Nine countries—Canada, Germany, Italy, Japan, Turkey, Poland, Russia, Rwanda, and the UAE—became country partners, showing special interest in investment and business cooperation with Madhya Pradesh.

#### Over 25,000 Registrations and more than 600 B2G Meetings

GIS received an overwhelming response from investors, with over 25,000 registrations and more than 600 Business-to-Government (B2G) meetings. Additionally, more than 5,000 Business-to-Business (B2B) meetings took place, where the state government and entrepreneurs engaged in in-depth discussions on investment proposals.

For the first time, an AI-based business matchmaking tool was used to connect the right partners efficiently. These meetings played a vital role in positioning Madhya Pradesh as a global industrial hub.

#### Prime Minister Modi Launches 18 New Policies to Promote Industrial Investment

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched 18 new policies aimed at boosting industrial investment in Madhya Pradesh. These policies include Madhya Pradesh Industrial Policy 2025, MSME Policy, Export Promotion Policy, Logistics Policy, Startup Policy, Madhya Pradesh Animation, VR, Gaming, Comics & Extended Reality Policy, Global Capability Centers (GCC) Policy, Semiconductor Policy, Drone Promotion and Utilization Policy, Film Tourism Policy, Tourism Policy, Pumped Hydro Storage Policy, City Gas Distribution Policy, Aviation Policy, Renewable Energy Policy, Health Investment Promotion Policy, and Integrated Township Policy.

#### Adani Group to Invest Rs 1.10 Lakh Crore in MP

Industrialists at the summit shared their investment experiences in Madhya Pradesh. Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani announced that

#### Multi-Sectoral Growth Unleashed

The summit saw large-scale investment announcements across renewable energy, manufacturing, infrastructure, logistics, IT, and industrial corridors, promising to generate over 15 lakh jobs in the coming years.

#### ▼ Energy & Sustainability:

NTPC Green Energy inked an MoU to develop 20 GW of solar and wind projects, securing an investment of Rs.1.2 lakh crore, while Avaada Group committed Rs. 50,000 crore to green energy. NTPC Nuclear announced Rs. 80,000 crore for nuclear power plants, further strengthening Madhya Pradesh's push towards clean energy dominance.

#### ▼ Infras & Connectivity

Major upgrades to airports, express ways, and railway networks were announced, including the electrification of the entire railway network and modernization of 80 railway stations.

#### ▼ Manufacturing & Industry

Adani Group committed Rs. 1.1 lakh crore to projects in mining, cement, smart-meter technology, and infrastructure. Reliance pledged Rs. 60,000 crore for biofuel initiatives, while ITC and Dabur reinforced their long-term expansion in the state.

#### ▼ Technology & Data Centers

Sundev Renewables announced a \$500 million investment to build a 750 MW green data center, positioning Madhya Pradesh as a new hub for India's growing digital infrastructure.

his company has already invested Rs 50,000 crore in the state and plans to invest Rs 1.10 lakh crore in cement, mining, and energy sectors, generating 1.20 lakh jobs by 2030. Discussions are also underway for multi-smart city and airport city projects. Avaada Group announces plans to Rs 50,000 crore investment in solar and wind power projects. Apart from ITC Group recognized MP as an agricultural powerhouse, Godrej Group highlighted MP's rapid development as a smart investment destination, Sagar Group & Shakti Pumps shared positive experiences of operating in the state.

#### Power-Packed Participation From NRIs

At the Pravasi Madhya Pradesh Summit, more than 500 diaspora members were provided with a platform to connect more deeply with their home state, enabling them to actively participate in its progress. Proposals for investment in various sectors were presented by the Non-Resident Indians (NRIs). Ind projects to yield over 13 lakh jobs; Rs. 25,640 crore investments in tech alone.

“Madhya Pradesh will play a key role in PM Narendra Modi's vision of making India a developed nation by 2047”.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah, while addressing the closing ceremony, lauded the state's innovative approach of organising sector-specific investment summits, a move that not only showcases its industrial strengths but also sets an example for other states to follow. He emphasised that Madhya Pradesh is leveraging its industrial, sectoral, and global potential to drive holistic growth.



PM Narendra Modi envisions a developed India by 2047 and the world's third-largest economy by 2027, with Madhya Pradesh playing a key role. MP-GIS 2025 will create jobs for youth, supported by recently launched sectoral policies fostering a conducive business environment. Madhya Pradesh is also among the few states with a “Jan Vishwas Bill,” aligned with central efforts to decriminalise outdated penal provisions and boost growth.”

AMIT SHAH, Union Home Minister

### GIS-Bhopal Revolutionising Digital Advancement

Prime Minister Modi, while addressing the GIS in Bhopal, stated that Madhya Pradesh is evolving beyond its traditional industrial identity and is rapidly transforming into a hub of technology and innovation in India. For the first time, an IT and Technology Summit was organized as part of GIS, marking a significant step towards the state's digital advancement. Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav said that this event would serve as a milestone in shaping Madhya Pradesh's digital future and firmly establishing the state as a new center for technology.

The state received investment proposals exceeding Rs 64,000 crore in the IT sector, which is expected to generate more than 1.8 lakh employment opportunities, with youth playing a key role in these jobs. Several leading tech companies, including Digital Convergence Technologies, Tholons, Alcina, Sritech, Kens Technology, and Beyond Studios, have invested in Madhya Pradesh. Additionally, global



technology giants such as IBM, Microsoft, and Barclays have expressed interest in investing in the state. MoUs have been signed with these companies to enhance Madhya Pradesh's technical infrastructure, fostering advancements in technology, skill development, and innovation.

For the first time, six departmental summits were organized to enhance the effectiveness of GIS Bhopal. Additionally, four special sessions were held for entrepreneurs and start-ups as part of the IT and Technology Summit.

These sessions facilitated direct interactions between industry experts and the Department of Information and Technology, allowing for discussions on state policies and the exploration of new investment opportunities. The summit also focused on key emerging sectors, including Electronics System Design and Manufacturing, Global Capability Centers, Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics, Extended Reality, Semiconductor, and Drone Technology. Discussions were held to strategize the state's approach to these high-growth areas. The state government has undertaken significant initiatives to promote semiconductor and electronics manufacturing while also encouraging advancements in drone technology.

A new policy from the Science and Technology Department was introduced at GIS Bhopal, aimed at making Madhya Pradesh an investment-friendly hub for the IT sector. The Madhya Pradesh Animation, VR, Gaming, Comics and Ex-

tended Reality Policy-2025, GCC Policy-2025, Semiconductor Policy-2025, and Drone Promotion and Use Policy-2025 were launched. These policies include both financial and non-financial incentives to attract investment in IT and technology sectors. Designed with future opportunities in mind, these policies were crafted to be both comprehensive and visionary. Experts from the IT industry highly appreciated these initiatives during the departmental summit.

Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav announced the launch of new skill development programs to train youth in advanced IT and technology fields. These programs will focus on cutting-edge areas such as artificial intelligence, data science, cyber security, blockchain, and cloud computing. With a vision to contribute to the development of both Madhya Pradesh and India, the IT sector will play a crucial role in driving investment, innovation, and new opportunities in the state.

### Madhya Pradesh @2047: CII Report Sparks Hopes for a \$2.1 Trillion Economy

According to a report by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Madhya Pradesh's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) is projected to reach \$2.1 trillion (Rs. 248.6 lakh crore) by 2047-48. The report anticipates a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 8.6% for the state's economy. Currently, Madhya Pradesh's GSDP stands at \$164.7 billion (Rs.13.6 lakh crore).

Titled "Envisioning Madhya Pradesh Economy @2047," the report identifies key sectors, policy interventions, and investment opportunities to drive the state's economic growth.

Commenting on the report, CII Director General Chandrajit Banerjee



stated that the Madhya Pradesh government's commitment to fostering investment and accelerating growth could increase the state's contribution to India's GDP from the current 4.6% to 6% by 2047-48. To transform the economic landscape, the state government must focus on the agriculture sector which cur-

rently contributes 43% to the state's economy, the report suggests that to contribute to the manufacturing sector must raise its share from 7.2% to 22.2% by 2047 to support sustainable development. Madhya Pradesh is at a crucial economic turning point. Structural reforms, enhanced investor confidence, and industrial capacity-building will be key drivers of growth. The state has already made significant strides in agriculture excellence through technological innovation, advanced farming techniques, and crop diversification. Similar strategic initiatives in manufacturing and services can unlock new avenues for progress, making Madhya Pradesh a leading economic powerhouse by 2047.

### Driving MP Towards A Prosperous And Self-Reliant State: CM, Dr. Mohan Yadav

The Global Investors Summit (GIS) 2025, held in Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh, has attracted investment proposals worth Rs. 30.77 lakh crores. For me, this achievement is not just about numbers—it represents a mission and a vision for the state's growth. This milestone is a testament to my unwavering commitment to position Madhya Pradesh as the leading state in India. These investments have infused new energy into our journey of progress. The positive response from investors to the 18 newly introduced investment policies reminded me of the 18th chapter of the Shrimad Bhagavad Gita, which emphasises the importance of duty and action.

The inauguration of GIS 2025 was graced by the esteemed presence and guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, along with Hon'ble Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, whose support has further strengthened investor

confidence.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the investors who have contributed to Madhya Pradesh's development journey. Your trust, commitment, and collaboration will play a pivotal role in unlocking new economic opportunities for our state. I also express my deep appreciation for the people of Madhya Pradesh, whose relentless hard work, dedication, and self-reliance have been instrumental in driving the state's continuous progress.

Together, let us strengthen this journey, create new opportunities and work towards realizing the vision of a self-reliant Madhya Pradesh (Atmanirbhar Madhya Pradesh). To the 8.5 crore people of Madhya Pradesh, I reaffirm my promise: our government will deliver through performance, reform policies for growth, and transform the state through industrial development.



rapidly in the electric vehicle sector. PM recalled, how two decades ago, investors hesitated to invest in the state due to poor infrastructure. However, today, the state is making significant strides in electric mobility, with two lakh electric vehicles registered by January 2025. Investments are being promoted in lithium battery production and nuclear energy. The state has fully electrified its railway network, and 80 railway stations are being developed based on the model of Rani Kamalapati station. Gwalior and Jabalpur airports are also undergoing expansion to enhance air connectivity.

#### Textiles, Tourism, and Technology to Drive Growth

According to PM Modi, the three key sectors—Textiles, Tourism, and Technology—will drive India's economic growth in the coming years. Madhya Pradesh has immense potential in medical tourism, and the government is promoting the health and wellness sector. MSME development is a priority, and supply chains centred on MSMEs are being established. Several obsolete laws have been scrapped to improve "Ease of Doing Business", tax structures have been restructured, and interest rates have been lowered by the Reserve Bank of India.

### PM Boosts Confidence of Industrialists to Invest in MP

Prime Minister Narendra Modi encouraged industrialists attending the Global Investors Summit to invest in Madhya Pradesh, highlighting that the state boasts over 300 industrial zones with immense investment potential. The state has a surplus energy capacity of 31,000 megawatts, of which 30% is renewable energy. Recently, the floating solar power project in Omkareshwar was inaugurated, showcasing the state's commitment to clean energy. The energy sector boom has significantly benefited Madhya Pradesh, and the foundation of the Ken-Betwa Link Project, worth Rs 45,000 crore, has been laid, which will increase irrigation capacity across 1 million hectares. This development is expected to boost the textile and food processing sectors.

#### Madhya Pradesh: The Cotton Capital of India

PM hailed Madhya Pradesh as India's Cotton Capital, noting that it is the largest producer of cotton and textile supply in the country. The state's Mulberry silk and Chanderi sarees are also widely admired. Additionally, Madhya Pradesh is home to one of the seven major textile parks being developed across India.

#### Madhya Pradesh's Progress in Electric Vehicles

Madhya Pradesh is progressing



Defamation case: HC seeks ex-diplomat’s reply to Gokhale plea

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Thursday sought a response from former diplomat Lakshmi Murdeshwar Puri in a plea by Trinamool Congress's Rajya Sabha MP Saket Gokhale seeking condonation of delay in filing a recall application. Gokhale is seeking the recall of a July 2024 order in which the court directed him to apologise to Puri, a former assistant secretary general at the UN, and pay ₹50 lakh as damages in a defamation case. In her lawsuit, Puri had claimed that Gokhale had "tarnished her name and reputation by making false al-

legations" about her financial affairs in "context of an apartment she owns in Geneva". Gokhale was directed to post the apology on his X handle, which should be retained for "six months", as well as publish it in a leading English daily in four weeks. The damages should be paid within eight weeks, the HC had said. Gokhale's counsel filed the plea seeking a recall of the July 2024 decision, along with condonation of a delay of over 180 days in seeking the relief, claiming the ruling was passed without hearing him. **ENS**

PM calls for year-round tourism in Uttarakhand: ‘No off season’

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DEHRADUN, MARCH 6

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi Thursday said that tourism should be a year-round activity in Uttarakhand and that the state should have no "off-season".

The Prime Minister was participating in a programme to push winter tourism and flagged off a trek and bike rally at Harsil in Uttarkashi district. Addressing a gathering, he also condoled the recent deaths of eight workers in the February 28 avalanche in Chamoli district's Mana village.

During the trip, Modi also visited the winter seat of Gangotri Dham in Mukhwa.

Modi said Uttarakhand provides opportunities for visitors to recharge and re-energise through yoga and Ayurveda. He also appealed to universities, private schools, and colleges to consider Uttarakhand for students' winter trips. He urged people to consider the state also as a



PM Narendra Modi is presented a miniature of Mukhwa temple by Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami in Uttarkashi on Thursday. **ANI**

destination for winter weddings.

There has been a concerted effort by the government to open the state up for tourism throughout the year. Currently, Uttarakhand gets its major influx of tourists from April to November, largely attributable to the Char Dham and countless other sacred sites," Modi said. Visiting Kedarnath in 2022, the PM had said that this would be the "decade of Uttarakhand". "Winter tourism is a significant step in this direction, aiding in harnessing Uttarakhand's economic potential," he said. "Visiting Uttarakhand during winter offers a true

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glimpse of the divine aura of Devbhoomi," the PM said, pointing out that many sacred sites in the state host unique rituals during this time. "The religious ceremonies in Mukhwa village are an integral part of the region's ancient and remarkable traditions."

He said year-round tourism will "provide people with opportunities to connect with divine experiences and employment opportunities, benefiting the local population and the youth".

Listing out projects that the Centre and state governments are working on for the development of Uttarakhand, the PM mentioned the Char Dham highway, and the expansion of rail, airline, and helicopter services in the state. He also said the Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the Kedarnath ropeway project and the Hemkund ropeway project.

On the long-standing issue of migration out of hill villages, Modi said emptied-out villages like Jadung are being revamped.

JU violence: FIR against minister, TMC leader

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KOLKATA, MARCH 6

AN FIR has been lodged against West Bengal Education Minister Bratya Basu and professor and TMC leader Om Prakash Mishra in connection with the recent violence at Jadavpur University, police officer said on Thursday. The FIR was registered at the Jadavpur Police Station on the basis of a complaint by a student of the varsity who had suffered injuries on March 1.

The minister's driver, along with others, has also been named in the complaint.

Protests erupted following campus violence on March 1, when two students were injured after a car in Basu's convoy allegedly grazed past them amidst the chaos.

Basu, however, claimed that they suffered injuries when the protesters damaged his car's windshield. The minister had said while he was willing to discuss the students' demands, they instead attempted to create chaos and blocked his car.

The case against the minister was filed amid protests at JU, which continued for the fourth consecutive day on Thursday.



**जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, पटना द्वारा आयोजित**  
**राष्ट्रीय लोक अदालत**  
**दिनांक:-08.03.2025**

**किन मामलों का निपटारा होगा ?**

- संधि योग्य लघु आपराधिक मामले
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- सिविल सूट
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**लोक अदालत के लाभ**

- कोई कोर्ट फीस नहीं होती, यदि कोर्ट फीस का भुगतान पहले ही कर दिया गया है तो शशि वापस कर दी जाएगी।
- विवादों का सरल और शीघ्र निपटारा।
- लोक अदालत के ऑर्डर की अपील नहीं होती और निर्णय अंतिम होता है।
- लोक अदालत का आयोजन सिविल कोर्ट, पटना सदर एवं पटना जिला के अनुमण्डलस्तरीय कोर्ट (पटनासिटी, दानापुर, वाढ़, मसौड़ी तथा पालीगंज) में होगा।

यदि आप मुकदमें को दूसरे पक्ष के साथ समझौते के माध्यम से लोक अदालत द्वारा निपटाना चाहते हैं तो आपका जो भी मुकदमा जिस न्यायालय में लंबित हो तो आप उसी न्यायालय में दिनांक-07.03.2025 तक किसी भी कार्य दिवस को जाकर अपने मामले पर विचार करवा सकते हैं, जिसका निरस्तारण दिनांक-08.03.2025 को होने वाली राष्ट्रीय लोक अदालत में आपसी समझौते के आधार पर किया जाएगा।

**(रूपेश देव)**  
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एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि माननीय सर्वोच्च न्यायालय, नई दिल्ली द्वारा Writ Petition (civil) No.-932/2022 बिहार राज्य अर्द्ध सरकारी अराज्यपन्नित कर्मचारी महासंघ एवं अन्य बनाम भारत संघ एवं अन्य में दिनांक-03.09.2024 को पारित अंतरिम आदेश के आलोक में बिहार राज्य निर्माण निगम लिमिटेड में बिहार राज्य के अन्तर्गत कार्यरत रहे कर्मियों के बकाया दायित्व (वैतनादि एवं सेवांत लाभ) का भुगतान हेतु आवेदन अभी तक अप्राप्त है, वैसे Traceless कर्मियों द्वारा शोध एवं प्रशिक्षण प्रमंडल-2, शोध भवन, खगौल, पटना के कार्यालय में आवेदन विहित प्रपत्र में सभी अनिलेखों के साथ उपलब्ध कराया जाये ताकि भुगतान की कार्यवाई संसमय किया जा सके। बिहार राज्य निर्माण निगम लिमिटेड, बिहार राज्य के अन्तर्गत वैसे Traceless कर्मियों की सूची जिनका आवेदन अप्राप्त है:-

क्र०	ईकाई का क्र०	नाम एवं पिता का नाम	पदनाम	जन्मतिथि	योगदान की तिथि	अभ्युक्ति
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**ईकाई-मुख्यालय नियमित**

1	1	श्री अरुण कुमार सिंह, पिता-रघु परमेश्वर दयाल	कनीय सहायक	15.06.1948	12.05.1978	
2	2	श्रीमती कल्याणी दास, पिता- श्री सत्य नारायण दास	कनीय सहायक	06.08.1956	16.09.1985	
3	3	श्री गुनू बाबू पंडित, पिता- स्वर्गीय सरयूपु पंडित	आशु टंकक	28.01.2054	25.03.1985	
4	4	श्री लखन राजक, पिता- श्री मंगल राजक	टंकक	16.08.1953	04.02.1976	
5	5	श्री हरिन्द राय, पिता-रघु मोती राय	मशीन चालक	09.07.1956	21.01.1987	
6	6	रघु परमेश्वर राम, पिता-रघु रामानन्द राम	जीप चालक	02.06.1963	25.12.1978	
7	7	श्री राकेश प्रसाद	जीप चालक	05.06.1954	21.10.1962	
8	8	श्री राम बिहारी ठाकुर	लेखा सहायक	16.03.1956	13.04.1977	
9	9	श्रीमती नजु देवी, पिता- रघु आशु दे	अनुसंधिका	21.01.1962	21.01.1987	
10	10	श्रीमती लिला देवी, पिता- श्री शैलजाल	अनुसंधिका	10.01.1956	21.01.1987	
11	11	श्री जगदीश प्रसाद, पिता- श्री राधे राम	आदेशपाल	15.03.1961	01.07.1982	
12	12	श्री परमेश्वर प्रसाद गुहाकर	सहायक	01.01.1946	25.03.1985	
13	13	श्री गोपल पासवान	कनीय सहायक	01.01.1950	16.09.1985	
14	14	श्री कमलेश पासवान	चौकीदार	23.10.1953	01.06.1989	
15	15	श्री कलेश पासवान, पिता- रघु रामानन्द पासवान	चौकीदार	10.03.1950	21.02.1977	
16	16	रघु राजीव राजन सिंह-2, पिता-श्री राजेन्द्र राम कुर्दित	सहायक	-	01.07.1989	
17	17	रघु कामेश्वर बाबू, पिता- श्री जगदी भगत	चौकीदार	08.12.1941	01.07.1982	
18	18	श्री सूर्यकुमार	आदेशपाल	16.12.1958	01.07.1982	
19	19	श्री अरविन्द पाण्डेय	लेखा सहायक	04.11.1954	01.07.1989	
20	20	श्री भानुचन्द्र मिश्र	निजी सहायक	20.09.1957	17.09.1975	
21	21	श्री उपेन्द्र प्रसाद सिंह	चालक	15.03.1953	01.07.1987	
22	22	श्री अखलाक अहमद	लेखा लिपिक	25.03.1957	01.07.1989	
23	23	रघु कृष्ण नन्दन पंडित	लेखा लिपिक	27.03.1953	05.10.1985	
24	24	श्री प्रेम प्रकाश गुप्ता	लेखा सहायक	04.11.1956	01.07.1982	

**ईकाई-सासाराम नियमित**

25	2	रघु उमाकान्त मिश्र	लेखा लिपिक	07.08.1950	10.07.1985	
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**ईकाई-सासाराम (दैनिक वेतन भोगी)**

26	1	श्री गणेश सिंह	मैकेनिक	उपलब्ध नहीं।	22.08.1978	
27	2	श्री राम इकबाल सिंह	जीपचालक	18.06.1955	21.07.1979	
28	3	श्री विनोद कुमार	आदेशपाल	05.03.1961	01.04.1979	
29	4	श्री शैलेन्द्र ठाकुर	चपरासी	उपलब्ध नहीं।	उपलब्ध नहीं।	
30	5	श्री कृष्णकान्त झा	कार्यदर्शक	25.04.1954	01.11.1980	
31	6	श्री रवीन्द्र प्रसाद	चपरासी	18.03.1957	01.11.1978	
32	7	श्री मन्व किशोर सिंह	आदेशपाल	05.09.1957	01.11.1978	
33	8	श्री राकेश राय	आदेशपाल	23.04.1952	11.04.1978	
34	9	श्री चक्रिण महतो	आदेशपाल	20.01.1954	15.04.1979	
35	10	श्री उपेन्द्र प्रसाद	आदेशपाल	05.06.1958	01.05.1979	
36	11	श्री रामकान्त राय	आदेशपाल	16.07.1953	27.09.1979	
37	12	श्री लक्ष्मेश्वर राय	आदेशपाल	16.02.1954	17.02.1980	
38	13	श्री मोह मुजफ्फर जालम	आदेशपाल	21.08.1961	21.11.1978	
39	14	श्री बदे जालम खान	आदेशपाल	21.05.1958	02.12.1978	
40	15	श्री उमेश तिवारी	आदेशपाल	24.04.1960	10.10.1978	
41	16	श्री राममार्ग सिंह	चौकीदार	01.09.1949	19.04.1978	
42	17	रघु सुरेंद्र नाथ राय	चौकीदार	02.01.1956	01.05.1978	
43	18	श्री राम सहाय चौधे	चौकीदार	19.10.1944	16.01.1979	

**ईकाई-पटना-1 नियमित**

44	1	रघु विश्वनाथ प्रसाद, पिता-रघु राम प्रसाद	कार्य दर्शक	05.01.1952	31.01.1978	
45	2	श्री सुरेश प्रसाद, पिता-रघु मंगल राजक	आदेशपाल	16.01.1960	01.07.1986	
46	3	श्री प्रमोद प्रसाद सिंह, पिता-रघु गणेश प्रसाद सिंह	आदेशपाल	28.12.1956	01.07.1982	
47	4	श्री रित्ता राम महतो, पिता- श्री सिधु महतो	चौकीदार	15.01.1960	01.07.1982	
48	5	श्री लाल खान, पिता- अकबलु खी	आदेशपाल	31.12.1956	01.07.1982	
49	6	श्री अमरनाथ सिंह, पिता-रघु विश्वनाथ प्रसाद सिंह	पत्राचार लिपिक	29.12.1951	10.04.1980	
50	7	श्री बाबू लाल मिश्री	चौकीदार	15.11.1943	01.07.1982	

**ईकाई-पटना-1 (दैनिक वेतन भोगी)**

51	1	श्री कापिल देव नारायण त्यागी	पत्राचार लिपिक	01.01.1953	22.12.1978	
52	2	श्री अजित कुमार वर्मा	कार्य दर्शक	12.04.1952	01.03.1979	
53	3	श्री विनोद प्रसाद मिश्र	आदेशपाल	04.02.1955	21.12.1978	

**ईकाई-पटना-2 नियमित**

54	1	श्री सत्य नारायण मण्डल, पिता-रघु जयजय मंडल	कोषरक्षक	11.10.1959	30.01.1987	
55	2	श्री सुरेन्द्र प्रसाद सिंह, पिता- श्री राम खलदुर सिंह	आदेशपाल	31.01.1953	01.07.1989	
56	3	श्री बालेश्वर महतो, पिता-श्री लाल धारी महतो	आदेशपाल	02.02.1953	01.07.1982	
57	4	श्री चन्द्रभूषण जयसवाल	टंकक (प्रतिनिधुक्त)	-	-	
58	5	श्री मदन सिंह, पिता-श्री गोपाल सिंह	पत्राचार लिपिक	20.01.1955	19.08.1978	
59	6	श्री संतोष कुमार, पिता-श्री वासुदेव प्रसाद	जीप चालक	02.01.1961	21.01.1987	
60	7	श्री कुमार श्री कान्त प्रसाद सिंह, पिता- श्री सत्य नारायण सिंह	कोषरक्षक	03.09.1952	07.01.1977	
61	8	श्री अंजनी प्रसाद	लेखा सहायक	-	-	

ईकाई-पटना-2 (दैनिक वेतन भोगी)						
62	1	श्री नरेश किशोर प्रसाद सिन्हा	लेखा लिपिक	-	-	
63	2	श्री बलिराम सिंह	कार्य दर्शक	-	-	
64	3	श्री रामजी भगत	खलारी	-	-	
65	4	श्री जगदीश लाल	खलारी	-	-	
66	5	श्री मंगवान सिंह	खलारी	-	-	
67	6	श्री रामचन्द्र विश्वकर्मा	आदेशपाल	-	-	
68	7	श्री रमेश प्रसाद सिंह	आदेशपाल	-	-	
69	8	श्री हरिश्च राय	आदेशपाल	-	-	
70	9	श्री लालजी कान्त निगोरी	आदेशपाल	-	-	
71	10	श्री नन्दु यादव	खलारी	-	-	
72	11	श्री रामजी यादव	चौकीदार	-	-	
73	12	श्री अशोक कुमार	चौकीदार	-	-	
74	13	श्री रामेश्वर ठाकुर	चौकीदार	-	-	
75	14	श्री हरीलाल सहनी	आदेशपाल	-	-	
ईकाई-पुर्णिया नियमित						
76	1	श्री दयाजी प्रसाद यादव, पिता-रघु कान्त प्रसाद यादव	चौकीदार	01.01.1956	01.07.1982	
77	2	श्री प्रमोद कुमार यादव, पिता-श्री नागेश्वर प्रसाद यादव	चौकीदार	03.01.1962	01.07.1982	
78	3	श्री अमरप्रकाश ठाकुर	लेखा लिपिक	03.01.1954	01.07.1989	
ईकाई-पुर्णिया (दैनिक वेतन भोगी)						
79	1	श्री किष्ण नन्द चौधुरिया	चौकीदार	01.07.1961	01.04.1979	
80	2	मो० नईम	खलारी	05.04.1951	01.01.1979	
81	3	श्री कल्यानन्द झा	आदेशपाल	10.09.1953	01.04.1978	
82	4	श्री नागेश प्रसाद राह	कार्य दर्शक	01.11.1950	01.12.1979	
83	5	श्री शंकर प्रसाद गुप्ता	कोषरक्षक	-	16.06.1980	
ईकाई-वीरपुर नियमित						
84	1	श्री बम शंकर ठाकुर, पिता-मधुसूदन ठाकुर	चौकीदार	09.09.1946	01.07.1982	
85	2	श्री सुकन साहनी, पिता-जगरुण साहनी	चालक	11.11.1941	01.07.1982	
86	3	श्री हरिन्द साह, पिता-रघु शिवी साह	चौकीदार	01.11.1960	01.07.1982	
87	4	श्री कैलाश रायत, पिता- श्री बाबूजी रायत	चालक	25.11.1943	01.07.1982	
ईकाई-वीरपुर (दैनिक वेतन भोगी)						
88	1	श्री उपेन्द्र नाथ ठाकुर	खलारी	19.01.1938	20.06.1978	
89	2	श्री सोहन प्रसाद सिंह	आदेशपाल	05.09.1959	01.03.1980	
90	3	श्री दुर्ग हरण कमती	हेक्टर	04.01.1955	06.03.1979	
91	4	श्री चन्द्रशेखर चौधरी	चौकीदार	03.02.1950	21.01.1979	
92	5	श्री मदन मिश्र	चौकीदार	20.02.1960	01.12.1978	
ईकाई-मोतिहारी नियमित						
93	1	श्री शम्भु प्रसाद	आहुटिक	-	25.03.1980	
94	2	श्री अरुण कुमार वर्मा पिता-रघुजी प्रसाद	मैकेनिक	04.12.1951	21.01.1987	
95	3	श्री झमक पासवान पिता-पुनीत पासवान	खलारी	25.01.1954	01.07.1982	
96	4	श्री अरुण पासवान पिता- मिश्री पासवान	चौकीदार	30.11.1958	01.07.1989	
97	5	श्री योगेन्द्र राय	चौकीदार	25.09.1947	01.07.1982	
98	6	श्री लक्ष्मी राय	आदेशपाल	-	31.03.1975	
99	7	श्री विनय कुमार ईश्वर पिता-राजेन्द्र प्रसाद ईश्वर	आदेशपाल	18.01.1960	01.07.1982	
100	8	श्री देवेन्द्र चौधरी पिता-कृष्णानन्द चौधरी	आदेशपाल	28.01.1957	08.01.1985	
101	9	श्री राम प्रसाद राम पिता-झोली राम	आदेशपाल	28.07.1958	08.01.1985	
102	10	श्री भिम् झा पिता-रघु रौतनन्द झा	आदेशपाल	27.11.1954	01.07.1982	
103	11	श्री कामेश्वर पासवान पिता-बबु पासवान	मशीन चालक	06.06.1951	21.01.1987	
104	12	श्री वेद नारायण प्रसाद	कोषरक्षक	-	21.01.1987	
105	13	श्री शकुन राय	ट्रक चालक	19-07-1942	01.07.1982	
106	14	श्री चित्तोजी प्रसाद	लेखा सहायक	-	09-03-1977	
107	15	श्री वरी बैरा पिता-रघु-परमेश्वर बैरा	चौकीदार	-	23-12-1989	
ईकाई-मोतिहारी (दैनिक वेतन भोगी)						
108	1	श्री अमरेंद्र कुमार सिंह	कनीय लेखा लिपिक	-	-	
109	2	श्री मोला प्रसाद सिंह	कनीय लेखा लिपिक			







# 8 Govt & Politics



## DELHI CONFIDENTIAL



Mos External Affairs Pabitra Margherita receives The Honorary Order of Freedom of Barbados on behalf of Prime Minister Narendra Modi from President of Barbados Dame Sandra Mason in Bridgetown, Barbados.

## SPECIAL HONOUR

TOWARDS THE end of his extensive four-nation visit, Minister of State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita on Thursday landed in Bridgetown to accept Barbados' national honour on behalf of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Honorary Order of Freedom of Barbados was announced during PM Modi's visit to Guyana in November 2024 for the CARICOM summit. The award recognises the PM's "strategic leadership and valuable assistance" during Covid-19 pandemic. After Barbados, Margherita is set to visit Nicaragua.

## SPIRITUAL SURGE

MANY EMINENT personalities, including politicians, were present at the recent wedding reception of the daughter of poet and former politician Kumar Vishwas, but Dharendra Shastri, the chief priest of Bageshwar Dham, became the centre of attention as soon as he arrived at the event. People were seen rushing to see him up close, making it impossible for some of the guests to even have a chat with him.

## PROMPT ACTION

HOURS AFTER Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while addressing an event at Harsil in Uttarakhand on Thursday, made a strong pitch for round-the-year tourism in the state, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami directed different departments, including finance, tourism and Uttarkashi district administration, to chalk out their action plan to develop wedding destinations, wellness spa, winter wildlife sanctuaries and other tourist attractions in higher altitude areas which see heavy snowfall. Dhami is among those BJP CMs who have remained in the good books of the party's central leadership for following their directives promptly, said sources.

## ‘BSP has been BJP-ised’: Congress on Mayawati expelling her nephew

**ASAD REHMAN**  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 6

DAYS AFTER BSP president Mayawati expelled her nephew Akash Anand from the party, the Congress Thursday spoke against the former CM, saying that the BSP has been "BJP-ised".

Addressing a press conference in Delhi, Congress leader Udit Raj said: "Mayawati ji would not have taken such a suicidal step without pressure... Akash Anand said there should be a compromise with the Congress-Samajwadi Party in the upcoming assembly elections; otherwise, we (BSP) will remain at zero. This has troubled BJP internally. BJP's vote bank is not going to increase from anywhere else. Even raising the issue of Pasmanda Muslims did not help. BSP remains the only party whose vote can be dented by BJP, and this would have been difficult if Akash Anand was there."

According to Raj, "the rise of BSP is different from other parties" as "it started with a social movement and later became a political party".



Akash Anand was expelled from BSP on Monday

"Those who think about social justice and equality may have belonged to any community or party, their sympathy has been with this movement," he said. "For the last four decades, allegations have been made against Congress, but the party did not respond. Congress gave a share to Dalits, tribals and backward classes and was attacked by being called anti-Ambedkar and anti-Dalit. Now that BSP has been BJP-ised, we cannot remain silent."

"The movement which arose on the basis of Dr Ambedkar's ideas has today started moving in the opposite direction," he said.

The statements come at a time when Congress has been trying to gain the support of the Dalit community in UP. Dalits in UP have traditionally voted for the BSP, but the support has been dwindling.

tions, the party got just one seat, with a vote share of 12.88%, a drastic fall from the 20%-plus it would get in the state.

Mayawati's former lieutenants, spread out in the Samajwadi Party, BJP and Congress now, expressed regret at the state of the BSP. Speaking to The Indian Express, they also accused Mayawati of moving away from the ideals of B R Ambedkar and the movement started by Kanshi Ram, "under the influence of money, family and a few select leaders".

Among BSP founders and Mayawati's confidants, Siddiqui was expelled by Mayawati in 2017, five years after she lost power in UP. Mayawati expelled Siddiqui along with his son, accusing him of "anti-party activities" and corruption. In 2018, Siddiqui joined the Congress.

## RSS leader sparks row with ‘Marathi not needed’ remark, then backtracks

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
MUMBAI, MARCH 6

A DAY after his remark on Marathi language that "Mumbai does not have one language... and any individual coming to Mumbai may not necessarily learn Marathi", sparked a huge controversy, with Opposition parties demanding clarification from the ruling BJP in the Assembly, senior RSS leader Bhaiyyaji (Suresh) Joshi on Thursday said his statement was misunderstood.

In a written statement on Thursday, Joshi said, "My yesterday's statement has created some confusion. I was speaking about the co-existence of different languages. Still I wish to clarify that Marathi is the language of Mumbai and Maharashtra, and all living here must learn Marathi."

The RSS leader's remark at a function at Vidyavihar on Wednesday put the BJP on the backfoot as Opposition parties — Shiv Sena (UBT) Congress and NCP (SP) — seized the opportunity to whip up the emotive language

plank to paint BJP as anti-Marathi.

Joshi had said Wednesday, "Mumbai does not have any one language. It has many languages. Here certain areas have their own language. The language of Ghatkopar is Gujarati. Whereas in Girgaon, you will have fewer Hindi speakers and more Marathi speakers. So it is that any individual coming to Mumbai may not necessarily learn Marathi."

His statement created a political storm. The issue was also raised in the ongoing Budget Session of the state Assembly and council, following which Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis clarified the BJP-led Mahayuti government's stand on Marathi language.

Addressing the Assembly on Thursday, Fadnavis said, "I have not heard what Bhaiyyaji has said, but the language of Mumbai and Maharashtra is Marathi. Everyone should learn and speak the language. If you love and respect your own language, you do the same to other languages. I am sure Bhaiyyaji will agree with me."

Adopting an aggressive

## Day after leader's arrest, ED raids SDPI offices

*Thiruvananthapuram:* The ED on Thursday raided several locations as part of a money laundering investigation against SDPI, the political outfit of the banned PFI. The searches came a day after the agency arrested SDPI national president M K Faizy.

In Kerala, the ED conducted searches at the SDPI's state committee office in Thiruvananthapuram and the district committee office in Malappuram. The agency seized several documents and digital devices.

The SDPI said the ED raids were part of "BJP's politics of vendetta".

SDPI's Kerala president C P A Latheef said, "Across the country, we have been campaigning against the BJP government's Wakf Amendment Bill. We had already conducted protests in 22 states and the events had created a big impact. The arrest of the national president and the raids are the fallout of that."

Speaking to reporters, Union Minister Kiren Rijiju said all the actions by the enforcement agencies are based on "certain facts and figures which I can't comment on". **ENS & PTI**

## NRC that ‘threatens none’: Likely back on agenda at RSS annual meet

**DEEPTIMAN TIWARY**  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 6

OVER FIVE years ago, amid nationwide protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and the proposed National Register of Citizens (NRC), Prime Minister Narendra Modi said at a public meeting in Delhi on December 22, 2019, that his government had not discussed NRC since returning to power earlier that year. Since then, the government has reiterated this stand on several occasions.

However, the issue appears to be making a return to the national political discourse, with NRC likely to be among the key agenda for the annual meeting of the RSS's Akhil Bharatiya

Pratinidhi Sabha (ABPS), which is its highest decision-making body. The meeting this year will be held in Bengaluru from March 21 to 23. Sources said the ABPS was likely to discuss the implementation of NRC across India and deliberate on how it should be carried out in certain states.

"The demography of several states in the country has changed because of illegal immigration. In Jharkhand, even the Christian population is declining when compared to Muslims. The demography of even strategically sensitive states, such as Arunachal Pradesh, is fast changing because of the influx from Bangladesh. We all know what has happened in Assam and West Bengal. It is the Union government's duty to identify ille-

**EXPLAINED**  
**The debate in Mumbai**

WITH MUMBAI drawing migrants from across the country, there is a growing debate over the importance of Marathi in the state's social and political life. The Census pegged the number of people who identified Marathi as their mother tongue in Mumbai at 44.04 lakh in 2011, down from 45.23 lakh in 2001.

stand, Shiv Sena (UBT) president Uddhav Thackeray said, "Bhaiyyaji Joshi should be booked for treason."

Addressing the media, Thackeray alleged that Joshi's comment reflected the hidden "agenda of the RSS and the BJP to divide Mumbai". He said, "It has been a long time since they raked up the India-Pakistan issue... but it is '*batenge toh*



J&K CM Omar Abdullah in the Assembly, in Jammu. PTI

He also mentioned that a part of Kashmir was with China. "...While a part of Kashmir is occupied by Pakistan, a part of it is with China as well. Why is there no mention of that part?"

"When you will reclaim PoK, please do us a favour by reclaiming the part of Kashmir that is with China," Abdullah said.

Concluding the debate on the Motion of Thanks to the L-G's address in the Assembly, Abdullah accused the BJP of having destroyed the legacy of the last Dogra ruler, Maharaja Hari Singh, by dividing his erstwhile state into two UTs and abrogat-

*katenge*'. It's not just a Marathi vs non-Marathi issue, but also Marathi vs non-Marathas and the formula to capture the state by them (BJP)."

Challenging Joshi to make such statements in Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala or West Bengal and return safely, Thackeray said, "Just because the 'Marathi manooos' are welcoming does not mean anyone can thrash them."

Congress leader Nana Patole said the the RSS and BJP deliberately makes controversial remarks to divert the real issues in the ongoing Budget session. "The farmers are reeling under agrarian crisis. Why can't the RSS give suggestions to the government on addressing problems of farmers. By raking up language controversy, they are diverting the main issues confronting the people and the state."

NCP (SP) leader, Rohit Pawar said, "When such remarks come from the top RSS leadership, it gives grounds to question the motive behind undermining the importance of the state and its mother tongue."

## INDIA, UK CONDEMN



Pro-Khalistan supporters protest outside Chatham House in London on Wednesday. ANI

## Pro-Khalistan activists breach EAM's security

## Outside Chatham House in London as Jaishankar was leaving the think-tank

**SHUBHAJIT ROY**  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 6

AS A pro-Khalistan protester attempted to breach the security perimeter outside Chatham House in London when External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar was leaving the think-tank, India on Thursday condemned the incident and said it "deplored the misuse of democratic freedom by such elements". It also called on the "host government... to fully live up to their diplomatic obligations".

The UK, too, strongly condemned the security breach, saying such attempts to "intimidate, threaten, or disrupt" public events are "completely unacceptable".

The incident took place when Jaishankar was leaving Chatham House on Wednesday evening. A purported video of the incident shows a man carrying the Indian flag, rushing towards Jaishankar's vehicle. Even as he was restrained and taken away by police personnel, a group of protesters with pro-Khalistan flags can be seen shouting slogans.

"We have seen the footage of a breach of security during the visit of the External Affairs Minister to the UK. We condemn the provocative activities of this small group of separatists and extremists," the Ministry of External Affairs' official spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

"We deplore the misuse of democratic freedom by such elements. We expect the host government in such cases to fully live up to their diplomatic obligations," he said.

A spokesperson of UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) said: "We strongly condemn the incident that took place outside Chatham House... during the External Affairs Minister's visit to the UK. While the UK upholds the right to peaceful protest, any attempts to intimidate, threaten, or disrupt public events are completely unacceptable. The Metropolitan Police acted swiftly to address the situation, and we remain fully committed to ensuring the security of all our diplomatic visitors, in line with our international obligations."

A PTI report from London quoted a Metropolitan Police spokesperson as saying: "As the minister left the event, a protester ran in front of his stationary car waving a flag... He was quickly intercepted by officers and moved out of the way. He did not get close to the minister who was able to leave the area without further incident. There were no arrests."

In January, a group of pro-Khalistan activists had gathered outside the Indian High Commission in London to stage a protest. In 2023, pro-Khalistan supporters had attacked the Indian High Commission.

**WITH PTI, LONDON**

The ABPS summit is the most

important meeting of the RSS, where all its top leaders, including its sarsangchalak or chief Mohan Bhagwat and second-in-command Dattatreya Hosabale, will be in attendance. The BJP president and other senior leaders of the party may attend the meeting.

The issues discussed and the decisions taken not only give direction to the Sangh for the following year but also send a signal to the government on what it wants implemented at policy level.

Since the 2019 protests, the government has not made any move or significant statement on NRC, with the issue perceived to have been relegated to the backburner. Even the BJP, which had the issue in its manifesto for 2019 elections, dropped it from the

2024 poll manifesto.

BJP leaders, however, have, off and on, made noises on the issue. Ahead of the Jharkhand Assembly elections last year, Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said the government would ensure the implementation of NRC in the state.

The Sangh has always maintained there should be a nationwide NRC. In October 2019, then RSS general secretary Suresh Bhaiyyaji Joshi said after the Sangh's Karyakari Mandal baithak in Bhubaneswar, "It is the job of every government to prepare an NRC. Many types of infiltration have happened. Hence, it is important to prepare an NRC once and identify all those who are not Indian citizens, and then draft a policy to

decide what should be done about them."

In July 2021, Bhagwat tried to allay concerns, claiming at an event in Assam that a certain section of people had lent a communal colour to the issue to derive political mileage. "It has become a Hindu-Muslim issue when it's not even one," he said. Bhagwat said NRC was a way to determine genuine citizens residing in India. "Such exercises are followed in many countries across the world. What to do with them (those left out) is another matter, but at least let us first find out who the citizens in the country are," he said. He has also said that "demographic imbalance" in India was not just due to the higher birthrate of a particular community but also undocumented migration.

## Former aides of BSP chief Mayawati ‘pained’ at party decline, but ‘not surprised’

**LALMANI VERMA**  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 6

"IT HURTS to see the house you built collapsing," says Nasimuddin Siddiqui, once a prominent BSP face and its tallest Muslim leader. At the same time, he is not surprised.

For leaders like him who have left the BSP or been thrown out by Mayawati over the years, her latest round of firings and expulsions is typical of her style of functioning — and to blame largely for the party's steady decline.

While the BSP remains the preeminent party of Dalits, it does not have a single Lok Sabha seat currently, getting only 2.06% votes nationally despite contesting 488 of the 543 seats last year. In the 2022 UP Assembly elec-

While he has no connection with the BSP any more, Siddiqui told *The Indian Express*, "I feel pain that the party that was founded by Kanshi Ram ji... that movement is getting weaker."

Hinting at Mayawati's unbridled control, he added: "The excess of anything is a cause for downfall."

Siddiqui went on to name Ashok Siddharth as one of the reasons the BSP finds itself in a mess. Last month, Mayawati expelled Siddharth, whose daughter is married to her nephew Akash Anand, from the BSP.

Later, while expelling Akash, once named by her as her political heir, Mayawati held Siddharth as the reason.

The BSP could still be revived if it went back to Kanshi Ram's strategy of "standing firm on principles and not being in a haste", Siddiqui added. "To get



Mayawati has been the BSP president since 2003. File

something, one has to be ready for sacrifices. *Ab yahan sirf paane-paane ka chal raha hai* (Now, everyone only wants to make gains)."

Siddiqui said the BSP also gained by including in its ranks leaders from different castes and communities, which was no longer the case. However, he

said, he continued to respect "Behanji (Mayawati)" for what she had done to strengthen the party along with Kanshi Ram. "I still call her iron lady. She is a tall leader. She was my leader."

One of the leaders outside the BSP's core base of Jatavs who rose under Mayawati was Swami Prasad Maurya, seen as

its biggest OBC face. In 2016, he quit the BSP accusing Mayawati of "auctioning party tickets" for the 2017 UP Assembly polls.

Maurya told *The Indian Express* that the BSP's decline started when it moved away from Kanshi Ram's core slogan of "*Jiski jitni sankhya bhaari, uski utni bhaagidari* (Representation in proportion to population)" to, what he dubs, "*Jiski jitni tayyari, uski utni bhaagidari* (Representation as per preparation)".

"That led to a surge of thailishah (moneybags) in the party... One by one, workers and leaders left," Maurya, who moved from the BJP to the SP and is not with any party now, said.

Indrajeet Saroj, a BSP veteran and Dalit leader, who was a minister in the Mayawati government, was among those expelled

by her after the 2017 UP defeat. He joined the SP, and is currently an SP MLA.

Saroj said things were fine in the BSP till 2003, when Kanshi Ram was in control and Mayawati his deputy. "But after 2003 (when she became BSP president), Behanji made a series of wrong decisions, there were allegations of money being demanded for tickets, and she stopped giving representation to different communities."

According to Saroj, one leader to blame for this change in the BSP was Satish Chandra Mishra, the party's Brahmin face and a lawyer, who has survived Mayawati's many purges.

"Even the media once described the BSP as 'Brahmin Satish Party'. MLAs and old-time party cadres were ignored while unelected people were made

Cabinet ministers," Saroj said. "A mission can't be run by dictatorship, but only by *bhaichara* (brotherhood). But Behanji kept removing leaders who had a support base."

The result was that "a big movement — the Bahujan movement — has finished", Saroj said. "Kanshi Ram used to say, '*Satta-viheen samaj intezar nahin karta* (A powerless society does not have patience).'"

Another BSP founder-member now out of the party is R K Chaudhary, once a close associate of Kanshi Ram and now an SP MP. According to Chaudhary, "Kanshi Ram's movement and Baba Saheb Ambedkar's Mission" is "drowning under the leadership of Mayawati and S C Mishra".

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# Seize the delimitation



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## WIDEN THE FRAME

Stalin fires first shot but delimitation should not be framed as North vs South or a show of report cards — that's the challenge

THE CURRENT FLARING of the debate on delimitation takes place in a fraught political context. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin has fired the first shot when the rumble of next year's election is already beginning to make itself heard. By all accounts, CM Stalin is laying claim to leadership of a push-back by the "South" against a BJP-led and "North"-dominated Centre, on all-India projects ranging from the entrance exam, NEET, to the National Education Policy and the three-language formula. On delimitation, a state-level all-party meeting called by him in Tamil Nadu has led to a resolution that asks the Centre to extend the 1971 Census-based delimitation framework for another 30 years beyond 2026, to ensure fair representation for states that have effectively controlled their population. Stalin's moves also coincide with a perceived BJP drive to spread into states of the South, having reiterated its dominance in the country's north in recent polls. They seek to stoke apprehensions, real and imagined, about Hindutva's homogenising ambitions. The political context, then, encourages the framing of the issue in warring spectres and tidy binaries — North vs South, an all-conquering, winner-takes-all BJP/Hindutva vs the rest, representation vs federalism. The reality is much more complicated. The issue is also too important to be left to short-term political interests and agendas of the moment.

The thing about spectres is that they seldom withstand a reality check. For instance, the North and South are internally differentiated. And the claims of a "better developed" South getting short shrift in comparison to a "less developed" North are reductive — they paper over many of the vital geographical, historical, political and policy factors that underlie the phenomenon of some states overtaking others. The BJP's bid to expand into the country's south also means a nuancing and leavening, and even softening, of its political project. Similarly, the pitting of representation against federalism deserves closer scrutiny. At one level, it borrows the majoritarian arguments that have become the common sense on other issues — for instance, the demand for a caste census, Congress leading the charge, has been raising its head. But what also needs to be kept in mind is this: Even as the Constitution's guarantee of political equality is shored up by the principle of one-person-one-vote, the constitutional letter and spirit also holds out protections for minorities (not necessarily defined by religion) and safeguards for federalism. That is, it also addresses predicaments in ways that don't go by a mechanical application of the majority principle alone.

Clearly, a solution needs to be found to the delimitation puzzle. In the past, the can has been kicked down the road. Stalin wants that to happen again. The challenge is to forge a new path, through deliberation and dialogue, which ensures that no one loses and everyone wins. For, it goes far beyond carving out new constituencies. Only one thing is certain: This is not something that should be resolved by an order imposed by the Centre from above. To endure, it will require a federalism that's collaborative and cooperative, not competitive. Every political party, every citizen, has a stake in this for it's about reinforcing the very bedrock of democracy — representation, in both number and spirit.

## MOVEMENT TO PARTY

In Bangladesh, Jatiya Nagorik Party enters at a time when the dust hasn't settled, and people seek stable governance

FOLLOWING THE LIBERATION War in 1971, a secular nation-state based on linguistic nationalism was established in Bangladesh. It was, in many ways, a rejection of the religious nationalism that continues to define Pakistan. Since its inception, however, Bangladesh has navigated a dual identity where Bengali linguistic nationalism has coexisted, often uneasily, with the influence of orthodox Islam in its political culture. Since Sheikh Hasina's ouster in August 2024, the latter has been regaining prominence. A stark example of this was visible in an incident in January when a women's football match was cancelled after students from a religious school vandalised the venue. Earlier, in November, a mystic sect promoting religious inclusivity had to cancel their music festival after Islamist threats. Post-Hasina, emboldened Islamist groups have been returning to the mainstream after facing crackdowns for years. Against this backdrop and ahead of the elections expected to take place this year, the student-led movement that spearheaded the protests that led to Hasina's downfall has launched the Jatiya Nagorik Party or the National Citizens' Party (NCP).

The NCP's promise of a "second republic" reflects a determination to reshape Bangladesh's political framework. The immediate challenge for the country is safeguarding its democratic credentials, which hinge on free and fair elections. Hasina's Awami League has been isolated. However, the support that the interim government initially enjoyed has also begun to fade, as Muhammad Yunus now faces pressure to deliver tangible results. Since Hasina's ouster, Bangladesh has been gripped by political turbulence and economic hardship, along with a deteriorating law-and-order situation. The NCP is entering the political scene at a time when the dust hasn't fully settled, and the people seek a strong and stable governance.

The transformation from an anti-establishment movement into a mainstream force is never easy. The NCP has made a strong start, with its display of religious inclusivity at its rally, where recitations from both the Quran and Bhagvad Gita sought to deliver a message of unity — significant, given concerns over the security of Hindu minorities in post-Hasina Bangladesh. If it pursues multiculturalism and secularism, it could pose a formidable threat to the right-wing Bangladesh Nationalist Party. The true test for the NCP will be whether it can fight for a more just, inclusive, and democratic Bangladesh.

## LOVE, ALTERED

Is a sonnet rewritten for the 1640s still Shakespeare – and still for lovers?

LOVE IS NOT love which alters when it alteration finds — but what if these lines themselves find alteration? William Shakespeare's Sonnet 116, which speaks of the "marriage of true minds" and love as "an ever-fixed mark", is dear to romantic hearts today. A generation after the poet's death, however, it was subject to cavalier treatment. Literally — think of the Cavaliers, the royalist faction that fought and ultimately lost to the Roundheads, or parliamentarians, in the English Civil War of the mid-17th century. It turns out that an unidentified person wrote a Cavalier version of Sonnet 116, in which "ever-fixed" love means unshakeable loyalty to the king and the royalist cause.

This version of the poem was hiding in plain sight in a manuscript in Oxford's Bodleian Library — with even the initial lines altered, and no mention of Shakespeare in the 19th-century catalogue describing its contents — until it was discovered by a doctoral researcher. It was found amid a collection of royalist literature from the 1640s, rebelling against a puritan-dominated age when Christmas was banned and toasting the king was illegal. To anyone familiar with the original sonnet, it's a shocking genre shift: Stand aside, lovers, let's talk "heretics", "true scripture" and "flaming martyrs". From the grave, Shakespeare was dragooned into fighting for the Cavalier cause even as a much-alive John Milton rooted for the other side and wrote panegyrics to the parliamentarian general and later dictator Oliver Cromwell.

The discovery sheds light on the reception of Shakespeare in the early days and speaks to the living nature of texts and the irrepressible inventiveness of propagandists. Is it still Shakespeare? In an era before intellectual property, an author could be more than himself. Whether it's still good poetry is quite another question.

THE DELIMITATION DEBATE has begun to make news and like most political controversies, it skirts the foundational issues. Exactly like some policy wizards of the Hindutva variety, chief ministers from the southern states have suddenly found virtue in large families and having multiple babies. Before the latest statements of the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, similar sentiments were expressed by the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, when he questioned the two-child policy to draw attention to the demographic imbalance that marks the North-South divide.

These remarks underscore the better performance of the states of South India both in terms of the human development index and economic parameters. The blatant attempt by the Centre and Hindutva votaries to push Hindi is another irritant that has re-ignited the "North-South" conflict. The possibility of the next delimitation exercise and the hanging sword of a mechanical application of the population criterion that will reduce the current strength of the South in the Lok Sabha have further fuelled tensions.

The irrationality of the "more children" plank apart, the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister has made a specific plea — to freeze the current strength of each state in the Lok Sabha. In effect, this demand seeks to continue the earlier policy of avoidance. Since the mid-1970s, for the past half-century, India has allowed the ratio of population-to-representative to remain unreasonably high. Freezing the current strength of each state in the Lok Sabha may allow us to retain the current balance of numeric power among states. But it would also mean a huge distortion because in most of the states, every representative would continue to represent an impossible population of about 20 lakh.

Most parties would find the proposal of freezing the current arrangement more convenient but that may not solve the problem, only postpone it again.

For a genuine debate on the delimitation question, it is necessary to avoid two tempting tropes. First, there is a temptation among politicians from the South and many intellectuals to set an alarm about the domination of North India over the South. It is true that often a certain North Indian imagination is circulated as the idea of the Indian na-

There is a temptation to see the issue from the prism of the BJP's dominance. While the BJP and Hindutva historically always saw the northern normative universe as constitutive of national identity and while they have always been uncomfortable with India's pluralism and in particular with Dravidian claims, it will be a mistake to posit the current delimitation debate within an anti-BJP framework. The BJP would be pulled internally in contrary directions. In particular, when the BJP is poised to expand in the South, it will not openly counter the claims of southern states. The recent statement by the Union Home Minister that states of the South will not lose any seats marks the limits of anti-BJPism on this issue.



MAMTA SINGHANIA

"TO SAY THAT we don't know with entire certainty where we are going is a proof of lucidity...The target is unreachable. We are surrounded by infinity" — Octavio Paz on Group 1890's debut

Himmat *bhai*'s Garhi studio in Delhi, where I first met him 20 years ago, was a world of its own — filled with sculptures, drawings, and works in various stages of becoming, each holding the quiet hum of his process. The space reflected his way of thinking — alive, exploratory, and always in motion. His gaze was intense, broken only by the glint of mischief in his eyes, and his words moved between sharp clarity and abstract ideas, always circling back to art. There was an openness to his approach, an instinctive understanding that art was not about finality but about the act of making itself.

It was through working with him for his 2005 solo show at Anant Art that I came to understand the meticulous nature of his engagement with material — his deep consideration for every element, from the sculptures themselves to the pedestals that held them. His modernism was intuitive, not theoretical — what he once described as "a leap from the familiar to the unknown". His works carried that same spirit — his terracotta heads and bronze sculptures revealed an enduring fascination with form and texture, each surface bearing the weight of history and process.

## AN UNFILTERED GAZE

For Himmat Shah, art was not about finality but about the act of creation itself

A defining aspect of Himmat *bhai*'s artistic ethos was his deep love for clay, a material he believed held fundamental significance in the act of shaping the earth with one's hands. He often said everyone should work with it, that there was something essential in feeling the material transform through touch.

His impact on Indian art is undeniable. He was an artist's artist — admired not just for what he created, but for the way he thought and worked. During his book launch last year for *Himmat Shah: Ninety and After — Excursions of a Free Imagination*, his lively conversation with Gulam Mohammed Sheikh, filled with animated reminiscences, reflected his deep affection and respect for his contemporaries. The High Relief Mural at St. Xavier's Primary School, Ahmedabad (1968/1969) was a bold reimagination of public space at a time when monumental art was rarely seen outside of institutions. His drawings were not blueprints for his sculptures but an extension of his exploration of form and movement. The textures, the architectural elements, the way material carried both weight and movement — each piece reflected his engagement with form and surface, always searching for something beyond the tangible.

Himmat *bhai* was both a presence and an anchor for so many. Younger artists gravitated toward his studio, drawn to the way he saw the world — unfiltered, sharp, and en-

India needs to transcend the formalist argument and employ democracy in a broader sense to inform the method for delimitation. Following the leads of Milan Vaishnav and Alistair McMillan, we argue that there are two routes to resolving the issue (not necessarily mutually exclusive). While the idea of reforming the Rajya Sabha is indeed useful, it would require a greater consensus and more wide-ranging amendments to the Constitution, whereas there is more merit in exploring the other possibility of expanding the Lok Sabha wherein the current strength of any state will not be adversely affected even as more populous states will get additional seats.

On the surface, it does look like a mere compromise, but in doing so, the representation debate can be taken a step further. The Constitution does mandate the application of the democratic principle as the basis of delimitation, but we need to pause and ask what that principle means. So far, a simplistic understanding has informed the debate and apprehensions around the issue, but given the ideological context of diversity in crafting the Indian nation-state and the later political ethos of consolidating democratic politics, it is necessary that being democratic must be understood as also being federal.

As a matter of fact, delimitation exercises already appreciated this in an implicit manner: Allocation of seats to states would begin by first allocating a minimum representation to "smaller" states to ensure that howsoever small a state is in terms of size and/or population, it will at least have one member in the Lok Sabha. In doing so, the principle of state-based representation overrode the principle of population.

It would be a great step if leaders like CM Stalin seize the moment and expand the scope of democracy to incorporate federal interests over and above mere numbers. In other words, the proposal to expand the size of the Lok Sabha and to ensure that no state loses its current strength should be seen not only as a politically prudent step, but as a step to enrich the idea of democracy in the Indian context.

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## MARCH 7, 1985, FORTY YEARS AGO

### POLL RESULTS

CONGRESS (I), WHICH routed its opponents in the Hindi belt, crashed to defeat in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Sikkim and barely secured a majority in Maharashtra as results poured in. At midnight, Congress (I) had been voted back to power in Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh and Orissa and was well set to attain massive majorities in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

### MULTI-ENGINE

CONGRESS (I)'S CAREFULLY articulated thesis of a one-party state has been rejected by

the voter in this year's assembly elections. The theme that the states should be ruled by Congress (I) simply because it had been voted to power at the Centre was projected by the Prime Minister in his campaign speeches, mainly because Congress (I) got carried away with the massive vote it received in the Lok Sabha election.

### JANATA SWEEP

RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE HAS done it. Under his charismatic leadership, the Janata Party has virtually swept the polls in Karnataka, humbling the Congress (I) juggernaut as it stands on the threshold of a total tally of

around 150 seats in the 224-member assembly. The Janata Party almost decimated the BJP, which had become a thorn in its flesh in its two-year rule.

### NEW RECORD

WITH HIS VICTORY, Minister of State Sanjay Singh has shattered all previous records not only in Uttar Pradesh but perhaps in the whole country. Singh has retained the Amethi assembly seat, part of the Prime Minister's parliamentary constituency, by 1,22,352 votes. He polled 1,24,017 votes against a paltry 1,665 for his distant BJP rival, Dr B C Misra.



# THE IDEAS PAGE

DIS/AGREE  
THE BEST OF BOTH SIDES

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



C R Sasikumar

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin has opposed the ‘three-language formula’. Does it reflect genuine concerns over the Centre’s Hindi push or is it the revival of a political spectre?

## A fig leaf for an imposition

That the third language being mooted is not Hindi does not fool anyone. Leaders’ statements, government spending, highlight true intent



PALANIVEL THIAGA RAJAN

EDUCATION IS THE beating heart of Dravidian political philosophy. It is vital to the movement’s core principles of self-respect, social justice, and equitable access. Given education’s prior exclusivity, the first Justice Party government of the Madras Presidency sowed the seeds for universal education by legislating compulsory elementary education — for boys and girls — in 1920.

A compulsory two-language formula — our mother tongue, Tamil, and the global link language, English — in effect for decades, reflects these values. All parties that originated here have vociferously, and repeatedly aligned with this formula, and it has produced great results. With high literacy rates and a higher education enrolment ratio of 47 per cent (compared to the national average of 28.4 per cent) Tamil Nadu stands tall in India. Our educational, and consequent economic successes are documented and quantifiable. To be clear, this compulsory formula is only for the curriculum set by the State Board of Education, and in schools run by the state government. TN’s commitment to educational choice is evident — even the Dakshin Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha maintains its headquarters in Chennai.

It is in this context that one must view the extra-constitutional conditions imposed belatedly on TN by the Union government for the release of our state’s allocation of the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan funds (approximately Rs 2,152 crore) in the FY 2024-2025 Union Budget approved by Parliament.

The threat, stated in public by the Union Minister of Education, is simple: Implement the NEP in full through legislation in TN’s assembly (including the compulsory three-language formula) or the Centre will not release the Parliament-approved, pre-allocated, funds.

Given the lack of a single example to show how this will improve outcomes, we see the threat as pure political extortion. Such an attempt to force the will of the Union government on TN’s elected legislature is in flagrant violation of the Constitution.

In fact, adding a third language would impose costs — not only in staffing and logistics, but also by overloading students’ learning capacity — with no evidence-based benefits to justify such curriculum dilution. In large parts of the country, even two languages have not been implemented adequately. If they had been, we would have had English as a link language. We wouldn’t be having this debate over 75 years after Independence.

There is also the justified fear that introduction of a third language corrodes the use of the native language, sometimes to the point of its practical demise. Hiding behind

the fig leaf of the idea that the third language being mooted is not Hindi does not fool anyone. A cursory look at the Home Minister’s statements every Hindi Day, and the multi-fold spending on Hindi promotion, as opposed to other regional languages, will highlight the true intent.

The threat of a similar outcome in Tamil Nadu is a dagger to our hearts, because of our existential love for our mother, Tamil — the core of our identity as Tamilians, and the high expression of our glorious culture and history. Our love is not just manifest in our eagerness to preserve the world’s oldest living language, but also in our urgency to keep it refreshed to suit the changing times. We have undertaken many efforts to ensure our language remains vibrant and ever-youthful, from hosting a KaniTamil Manaadu (Conference on Tamil Computing) way back in 1999 (we ran its second iteration in 2024), and digitising ancient texts, to creating Tamil LLMs. Many of these efforts are undertaken by the Tamil Virtual Academy — an entity established by our leader, Kalaigñar (M Karunanidhi), when he was chief minister — which functions as part of my current ministerial portfolio of Information Technology and Digital Services.

This threat is consistent with the Centre’s unconstitutional approach of using any means as a weapon for its political agenda. Beyond the politicisation of fund allocation and adding politically self-serving last-minute conditions for the disbursement of funds, the most troubling examples include: Unprecedented use of Article 293(B) to constrain state borrowing beyond their respective

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the creation of Free Trade Zones like GIFT City and the allocation of mega projects have not resulted in any noticeable improvement in either employment or the quality of life for the average resident of Gujarat.

People of ancient cultures like the Tamils cannot be subjugated, nor their identity altered, by coercive actions. Previous attempts at Hindi imposition were catastrophic failures. In Tamil Nadu, January 25 is designated as Language Martyr’s Day, when we pay our respects to those who lost their lives in the struggles to preserve Tamil and oppose language imposition. We will not surrender our linguistic rights now or ever, and thereby allow their ultimate sacrifices to have been in vain.

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VINAY SAHASRABUDDHE

TAMIL NADU CHIEF Minister M K Stalin’s allegation that Hindi has eaten into smaller languages like Maithili, Santhali, etc, is false and a blatant attempt to pit one language group against the other. It’s vote bank politics in the name of language. Note that no one from these smaller groups — but rather, the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu — is expressing concern about their languages facing an existential threat. Stalin has a difficult election to face in about a year and an issue as emotive as language is a low-hanging fruit. However, while the argument being made is unconvincing, the manner in which he has taken up the issue is highly irresponsible. Happily, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has made it clear that there is no question of imposing Hindi and the three-language formula only promotes learning an additional language, besides English and the mother tongue.

CM Stalin has also talked about a monolithic Hindi identity. However, no monolithic identity could really be officially established in any language group. In Maharashtra, Karnataka and even Tamil Nadu, people in different regions speak different versions of the language. While no regional government can avoid the standardisation of their respective language, regional variations are bound to be there and there can be no “imposition” in this regard. Resilience and accommodation are fundamental features of Indian culture and straitjacketing is neither practicable nor desirable.

But since Stalin has raked up this issue, it is pertinent to ask why linguistic groups feel threatened. There are at least four key factors behind the existential challenge that languages apparently face. These are linguistic colonialism and its sinister impact, changing ideas of social and cultural status, inertia on the part of language warriors and politics and policies about promoting or preventing the development of any language.

During the Mughal era, Urdu and Farsi made inroads into many Indian languages. The level of adulteration was so alarming that Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj had to personally monitor the creation of a Marathi Rajya Vyavahar Kosh, or a dictionary of Marathi administrative terms. With this initiative, he ensured that foreign languages do not have place of pride at the cost of indigenous languages. Later, British rule ensured the needless but all-pervading domination of English and prevented the development of several Indian languages as mediums of acquiring knowledge.

As English was the language of the ruling class, speaking it became a symbol of higher social status leading to an inferiority complex among those speaking their mother tongue.

Sadly, save for a few regional languages like Tamil, Bengali, Malayalam and some North Eastern languages, most other Indian language groups have inadvertently submitted to the “status-symbol phenomenon” and paved the way for linguistic adulteration. Many urban dwellers with their mother tongue being Hindi, Punjabi, Marathi or Kannada today are seen using more English terms colloquially. Ignorant of their rich linguistic traditions, many believe that our own languages are poor in vocabulary, and this is the most sinister impact of linguistic colonialism.

While give and take between languages is not entirely preventable and undesirable, the cause of a particular language is well-served only when the processes of coining new words and terms thoughtfully and utilising them keenly are carried out. The natural fusion of languages is not the same thing as needless adulteration. What makes way for linguistic adulteration is the popular mindset where using everything “foreign” is considered synonymous with enhanced social status. Hence, the delinking of languages from social status has to be given top priority if our mother tongues are to flourish.

Languages flourish only when they are used. A few years ago, Kazakh people demanded Hindi movies with Kazakh subtitles and not Russian ones. Similarly, a South Asian leader has expressed the desire to read the *Gita Rahasya* of Lokmanya Tilak provided it is made available in the language of their country and not in English. In this context, Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnis’s move to ask officials to ensure that Marathi is given a place of prominence as a language of statecraft is welcome.

The third life-threatening factor for mother tongues is the inertia of their progeny. Many language warriors have not understood the importance of government efforts to provide medical and engineering education in mother tongues. If our languages have to compete with English and other global counterparts, they have to create meaningful terminologies for new and emerging technologies. Also, language warriors must understand that language is the vehicle of culture. When a language is threatened, the sustenance of the culture of the respective language-group becomes harder.

The antidote for the “politics of language” is a well-laid-down formal policy of language development. For holistic and sustained development of any language, governments and language groups will have to fight together on multiple fronts. From education to entertainment, from literature to libraries and from event management to election campaigns, an emphasis on using mother tongues/regional languages alone will help them not just sustain but also grow.

CM Stalin must understand that raking up anger in the name of language is much easier than actually taking up the cause of any language. He must remember that politicising language matters in a partisan manner in fact hampers the cause of the respective language. Such politicisation is a recipe for converting diversity into divisiveness.

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## WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“Members of both parties have expressed worry about Mr. Trump’s outrageous parroting of the Russian line on Ukraine. They are likely to be even more upset when Musk’s cuts reach their states and when record-breaking measles outbreaks happen.” — THE NEW YORK TIMES

## Well played, Steve Smith

He had the unique gift, like the best in cricket, to make his game tick in every format



SANDIP G

SOME FAREWELLS ARE festivals. When paeans are penned on the departing legend, a river of tears is shed and statues erected. Some are merely mourned, for a career wasted, for a graph that never scaled its predestined peak, for the milestones left unachieved. Some are met with impassivity, with a sense of cosmic fatalism that everything that begins has to end. The emotions, or the lack thereof, that attended Steve Smith’s one day international adieu, swims in the third category. There was neither shock nor awe, but a chilling acceptance that it was inevitable in the broader scheme of stretching his Test career, where he is arguably the greatest batsman of his time.

The larger theme of his career remains strikingly similar in Tests and ODIs — a fascinating irony. He came as an outlier in Test cricket, with a bewilderingly unorthodox technique that was presumed to fall apart in tougher climes, that was not endowed to collect 10k runs and 36 hundreds, shimmering at the fifth spot in the all-time batting charts in red-ball cricket. The preconception when he burst forth — as a leg-spinner who could bat, well a little — was that his unconventional methods would weave seamlessly into the limited-overs fabric. But Smith has made an industry of making a mockery of suppositions, of bowlers, pundits and coaches. In neither format, though, was he touted to conquer greatness.

In ODIs, he became something of a semi-great. The body of work is impressive — 5,800 runs, 43.2 runs a game, a strike rate of 86.56, 12 hundreds, two-time World Cup champion. In another era, even a decade ago, these are numbers golden enough to grant access to the rarified space the regals of the game inhabited. But he played most of his cricket when the format itself was tussling with identity crisis, wondering whether it’s a crunched five-day game or an elongated T20 version. It faced the classic confusion of a middle sibling.

Smith’s plight was even more difficult, because his role was such that he had to bat in the past in a game that was leaping to the future. He embraced modernity, added deeper layers and gears into his batting, but with the phalanx of hitters around him, such as David Warner and Aaron Finch, Glenn Maxwell and Marcus Stoinis, he had to perform the anchoring duties for much of his career. He had the game to maraud — as he exhibited in his whirlwind hundreds against India in Sydney 2020 (105 off 66 balls, 104 off 64 balls).

Had Smith’s attacking inclinations remained unshackled by roles and responsibilities, his career could have been per-

ceived differently. But a cricketer is often a product of his circumstances, of the team’s nature, specifications, and the strengths and weaknesses of his teammates. In a different milieu, Sachin Tendulkar would have never opened, or MS Dhoni redefined the art of finishing.

Maybe, Smith was too gifted for his own good. He could enact roles his teammates could not. He performed what Warner and Maxwell could, but neither could duplicate Smith. Even if they sometimes functioned in the Smith role, their range was not as vast as Smith’s. He had the unique gift, like the best, to make his fundamental game tick in every format. The contrast between Smith in Test and ODIs was not as vivid as day and night. In the limited-over versions, he would play some strokes more frequently than the others, pursue the aerial route more often and at times resort to the ramp and scoop. “I don’t play different formats differently. The batting is a reaction to the bowling, the required run rate, the conditions and fields,” he revealed in a cricket.com.au podcast.

He might not have been his white-ball teams’ most important batsman, but he has ferried Australia to monumental achievements. A big-match player, he shares the greatest number of 50-plus scores (5) in World Cup knockouts with Sachin Tendulkar. India would painfully remember the sparkling 105 off 93 balls he reeled out at Sydney in the 2015 semi-final clash. Only Ricky Ponting (442) and Martin Gupthill (346) have mustered more runs than him (345) in the World Cup knockouts. Among those who have batted at No 3, only five have averaged better.

But the thread of paradox continues, because unless you go fishing for Smith’s greatness in ODI, you wouldn’t comprehend it. At the edge of his dishevelled blond mop, you wouldn’t spot the faint curves of a halo. He did not etch Smith moments in the game’s pages; he didn’t patent strokes. Even the twitches and shakes remained a novelty in Tests. The debates of function versus aesthetics he provoked, and his redefinition of beauty in batting, remain relevant to Test cricket.

Or, it could be that Smith, the Test cricketer, is so magnificent a spectacle that its radiance dims all other lights. It’s like the understated short stories or poems of a masterful novelist. As good as the short-form works could be, the novel makes his name. Smith the Test cricketer would be immortal, the white-ball less so. The pattern spills into his captaincy numbers. For one of the finest leaders of this century, the Sandpaper gate incident apart, his numbers in white-ball remain humble (a win percentage of 53 and no big titles to show).

Or it could be that Smith did not love the white-ball formats less, but he loves the longer format more, where his farewell could be a festival and not viewed with the detachment that has marked his goodbye from 50-over cricket.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### ABUSE OF POWER

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Crime and accountability’ (IE, March 6). Sarpanch Santosh Deshmukh was subjected to brutal torture, resulting in his death. All Deshmukh did was raise his voice against extortion in a windmill energy project. The horrific evidence that surfaced in the form of pictures and videos catalysed Minister Dhananjay Munde’s resignation under the pretext of ill health. The fact that the murder occurred merely five days after his appointment as the Food and Civil Supplies Minister is a grave and alarming disclosure. The underlying issue necessitates various reforms to curb rampant lawlessness, which should include limiting the overreach of MPs and MLAs over law enforcement.

Shaswat Jena, Ghaziabad

### UNEQUAL GROWTH

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Aiming high’ (IE, March 6). While the editorial correctly asserts that India’s path to sustainable growth requires extensive reforms by both the Centre and state governments, these must extend beyond purely economic measures and avoid an overreliance on per capita income as an indicator of progress, as it can mask significant income inequality, as evidenced by the Oxfam report which revealed that 73 per cent of wealth generated accrued to the top one per cent of the population in 2017, while the bottom 670 million saw only a one per cent increase. Further, India risks falling into the middle-income trap due to a premature shift from agriculture to services, bypassing the crucial development

of a robust industrial and manufacturing sector, which is essential for sustained economic expansion.

Afshreen Rizvi, Lucknow

### FREEZE, AGAIN

THIS REFERS TO the report, ‘TN parties oppose delimitation...’ (IE, March 6). The 84th Amendment froze the Lok Sabha seats till 2026 and for good reason. The Modi government would do well to take a leaf out of the Vajpayee government’s book so that no state feels wronged or alienated. Pro-rata representation on the basis of population will be heavily skewed towards the states that have seen uncontrolled population growth. The next 30 years will give sufficient time for the states in the Hindi belt to implement population control measures.

G David Milton, Maruthancode

### SENSIBLE STEP

THIS REFERS TO the article ‘At a global crossroads’ (IE, March 4). Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy’s decision to set aside the unfortunate events at the Oval Office and to take a step in the direction of peace is sensible and diplomatic. Even though US President Donald Trump’s belligerence during the meeting took diplomacy to a new low, he was correct about the Russia-Ukraine war. While there is no space for a breach of territorial integrity and sovereignty, the solution for lasting peace lies in addressing the cause of Ukraine’s aspirations for NATO membership and Russia’s concerns about the alliance’s expansion.

Tushar Anand, Patna



## SANATAN DHARMA REMARKS

SC orders no fresh cases be filed against Udhayanidhi without its nod

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HEARING A plea seeking the clubbing of FIRs in different states against Tamil Nadu Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin over his alleged remarks calling for eradication of Sanatan Dharma, the Supreme Court on Thursday directed that no fresh cases be filed in this regard without its permission.

A bench of Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Sanjay Kumar directed this after senior advocates A M Singhvi and P Wilson, appearing for Udhayanidhi, the son of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin, said that a fresh case was registered against him in Bihar and an amendment application had been filed before the Supreme Court by the complainants in that case, seeking impleadment in the pending case.

The bench allowed the amendment and directed that notice be issued to the newly added respondents.

“...amendment application is allowed, issue notice to newly added respondents on steps taken by petitioner....liberty is granted to newly added respondents to file response within 15 days from the date of service, re-joiner if any after 15 days, interim order to continue and will equally apply to the cases mentioned in the amended Writ Petition. We also deem it appropriate to direct that no further cases be registered without the permission of this court,” the bench said in its order.

At a conference in September 2023, Udhayanidhi had likened Sanatan Dharma to coronavirus, malaria and dengue, and said it should be eradicated.

Court issues non-bailable warrant against RGV in cheque bounce case

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A SESSIONS court in Mumbai on Tuesday issued a non-bailable warrant (NBW) against director Ram Gopal Varma for not appearing before it in connection with a cheque bounce case.

Varma had filed an appeal before the sessions court against a magistrate court’s order in January which convicted and sentenced him to three months simple imprisonment.

Varma’s lawyer sought an exemption from appearance, which was permitted.

The lawyer also filed for bail and a stay on Varma’s conviction. The court rejected these pleas stating that Varma can file the applications by remaining present before it. The court issued the non-bailable warrant and sought a report on July 28.

# Actor tied 14 gold bars to thighs, made multiple trips to Dubai, Malaysia: Probe

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BENGALURU, MARCH 6

KANNADA FILM actor Ranya Rao, who was nabbed at the Bengaluru International Airport on March 3 on charges of smuggling 14.2 kg of gold worth Rs 12.86 crore, had allegedly strapped 14 gold bars on her thighs with tape and bandages in an attempt to avoid detection by Customs officials, sources familiar with the investigation say.

Rao (33), the stepdaughter of a senior DGP-rank IPS officer in Karnataka, was arrested by officials of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), who had information of her arrival, allegedly with the contraband, at the airport.

While there has been speculation that the gold consignment was smuggled in a jacket Rao wore, the DRI has indicated that the gold was found on the actor during a physical check. “Upon examination, gold bars weighing 14.2 kg were found ingeniously concealed on (her) person,” the DRI said in an official statement on the arrest of Rao, who had arrived from Dubai on an Emirates

flight on March 3.

Rao had allegedly strapped 14 gold bars, each weighing 1 kg, on her thighs with tape and crepe bandages and then wore pants to conceal them, sources said.

The DRI, which called it “one of the biggest seizures of gold at Bengaluru International airport in recent times”, is probing whether Rao has carried consignments in a similar manner earlier.

According to sources, her frequent travel to Dubai and Malaysia in recent months, within short intervals of five to 10 days, had aroused the suspicion of the DRI and eventually led to intelligence inputs on the arrival of a large gold consignment on March 3.

She reportedly used VIP channels to exit the Bengaluru airport on her arrival on international flights, with a protocol official being on hand to receive her and ensure smooth passage without the extensive checks done on regular passengers.

On her arrival at the Bengaluru International Airport on Monday, Rao was accompanied by her architect husband,



Ranya Rao was nabbed from Bengaluru airport on March 3

whom she had married four months ago.

Rao’s stepfather, a senior IPS officer, has distanced himself from her, claiming that she had not been in contact for over four months since her wedding.

“Ranya and her husband got married in 2024, and since then, they have maintained complete independence and privacy. She stopped visiting the family home, and we were also not given opportunities to visit them

in their new home, resulting in a clear and definitive separation between us and them,” said an unsigned statement attributed to the IPS officer.

However, Rao and her husband had attended the wedding of the police officer’s stepson in February in Bengaluru.

Following Rao’s arrest, a search by DRI officials at her residence led to the seizure of jewellery worth Rs 2.06 crore and Rs 2.67 crore in cash. The total seizure in the case stands at Rs 17.29 crore, according to the DRI.

“The lady passenger has been placed under arrest under the relevant provisions of the Customs Act, 1962 and remanded to judicial custody,” the DRI said.

Rao, who was remanded to judicial custody until March 18 by a special court for economic offences, is expected to seek bail on Thursday.

Rao entered the Kannada film industry in 2014 when she was 22 and played the lead role in three films.

Several years ago, her stepfather was transferred following a suspicious robbery of cash and gold being transported to Kerala from Karnataka on a bus, though

no official or legal action was initiated against him.

Last year, his stepson was questioned by a Karnataka Police special investigation team over his alleged association with international hacker Srikrishna Ramesh alias Sriki as part of investigations into the hacker’s transactions. The DGP’s stepson married the daughter of a renowned former Kannada film actor-turned-politician last month.

On Thursday, the DRI filed a plea in a special court for economic offences, seeking custody of the actor for three days starting March 9. The DRI also placed a copy of a statement obtained from Rao to indicate the need for custodial interrogation.

The DRI told the court that Rao travelled to Dubai 27 times in the last six months, and the purpose of these visits requires further investigation.

The advocate for the actor opposed the plea, saying the DRI had already seized electronic gadgets and other material required for its investigations.

The court posted the DRI request for custody for March 7 and postponed the hearing of a bail plea filed by the actor.

# Two Indians executed in UAE buried in kin’s presence: MEA

Nod awaited for burial of third Indian

DIVYAA  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 6

TWO INDIAN nationals — Shahjadi Khan and Muhammed Rinash Arangilottu — who were executed after being handed death sentences in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), were buried on Thursday in the presence of their family members, according to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

Shahjadi and Arangilottu were buried following the regulations of the UAE, the MEA said.

The burial of a third Indian national, Muraaleedharan PV, a Kerala resident sentenced to death in the UAE, will be held soon after the formalities are over, sources told *The Indian Express*.

Shahjadi, 33, a caregiver from Uttar Pradesh’s Banda district was executed on February 15, months after a court found her guilty of allegedly murdering a four-month-old child. Rinash, from Kerala’s Kannur, was working in a travel agency in Al Ain prior to his arrest for allegedly killing a UAE national. He was executed a few weeks ago. Muraaleedharan was sentenced to death for the murder of an Indian immigrant.

“Burial of Shahjadi Khan, an Indian national, was conducted

today in Abu Dhabi as per regulations of the UAE authorities,” the MEA said on Thursday. “Prior to her burial, the authorised representatives of Shahjadi’s family paid respect to the mortal remains. They also attended the funeral prayers at the mosque as well as the burial at the Baniyas cemetery.”

The UAE authorities had informed the Indian embassy on February 28 about the executions, after which the mission got in touch with their families. The MEA said the embassy had provided all possible consular and legal assistance to the Indian nationals.

“Embassy officials assisted the authorised representatives in this regard as well as attended the last rites,” it said.

“The burial of Muhammed Rinash Arangilottu, an Indian national, also took place today. His family members were also present for paying their last respects and participating in prayers prior to his burial,” the ministry said.

Shahjadi was convicted on charges of murder of her employer’s child in 2022 and sentenced to death. The highest court of the UAE, the Court of Cassation, upheld the death penalty on February 28, 2024. Her family filed a mercy petition in May 2024, but it received no response.

# ‘Babbar Khalsa operative’ held, STF says was planning attack at Kumbh

**Lucknow:** An operative of banned terror outfit Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) was arrested on Thursday from Kaushambi district of Uttar Pradesh. He was planning an attack on the recently concluded Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj, the state police’s Special Task Force said on Thursday.

Lajar Masih, a resident of Ramdas area in Amritsar, had escaped from police custody in Punjab in September last year

when being brought to a hospital from jail where he was lodged in a drug-trafficking case, officials said. He was nabbed in a joint operation by the STF and the Punjab Police in Kaushambi’s Kokhraj area in the early hours, they added. Grenades, gelatin rods, detonators and a pistol were recovered from him.

The STF said Masih was in contact with his ISI handlers in Pakistan and the head of a Germany-based BKI module. **ENS**

# Target to limit global warming to 1.5°C is hanging by thread: IPCC chair

NIKHIL GHANEKAR  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 6

THE WORLD’S aspiration to limit global warming to 1.5°C is still possible but “hanging by a slender thread”, Jim Skea, chairperson of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which assesses climate change science, said here Thursday.

Skea said that with warming having exceeded 1.5°C in 2024, the world is entering, even if temporarily, a zone with high risks of climate change. The impact could be limited by utilising available options in energy supply such as wind and solar energy and by turning to adaptation opportunities to cut risks of climate change.

“After the IPCC special report on the 1.5 degree warming was published in 2018, I was quoted as saying that limiting warming to 1.5°C was possible within the laws of chemistry and physics, and that is still true. But that aspiration is hanging by a slender thread,” Skea said at The Energy and Resources Institute’s (TERI) World Sustainable Development Summit. Under the Paris Climate Accords, nearly 200 countries decided to keep the increase in temperatures below 2°C above the pre-industrial levels, and preferably limit it to 1.5°C.

The three-day TERI summit, which began Wednesday, is being held days after IPCC held a

crucial meeting in Hangzhou, China, to set the future course of action on producing the next set of reports on the latest state of earth’s climate. The IPCC’s synthesis report integrating the contributions of three working groups and its special report will be produced during the current seventh cycle and released in the second half of 2029.

The US did not attend the Hangzhou meet.

Skea said he will not comment on political decisions, but underlined that IPCC’s science assessment is caught in “political crosshairs”. “The IPCC is not a negotiating body but a science policy interface and we are required to not provide commentary on political matters. Although we are a science based body, the science that we assess is certainly caught in the political crosshairs,” he said.

Dwelling on the three issues of “long-term temperature goal, the goal on adaptation and resilience, and the goal on improving finance flows”, which are part of the Paris Agreement, Skea said that as per latest IPCC reports and global stocktake of climate action, the world was not on track to meet these goals. Global stocktake refers to the evaluation by countries on climate action.

The IPCC prepares crucial scientific reports on the state of the climate, which inform government policies and are also the basis for international climate negotiations.



# DRUG CRACKDOWN IN PUNJAB

A godown belonging to an alleged drug smuggler is demolished in Amritsar on Thursday. As part of a drive against drugs, Punjab Police Thursday demolished eight properties, raided 501 locations and arrested 75 alleged smugglers in Amritsar and Ludhiana districts. So far, more than 60 buildings linked to alleged drug dealers and smugglers have been razed. **PTI**

# COP30 host Brazil calls for additional structures to ensure climate commitments are delivered

AMITABH SINHA  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 6

BRAZIL, THE host of this year’s annual climate conference, COP30, has called for setting up of “additional” multilateral mechanisms “complementary” to the Paris Agreement framework to ensure commitments by countries on climate action are fulfilled.

In an interaction with journalists here Thursday, Brazil’s Minister for Environment and Climate Marina Silva acknowledged that the US pull-out from the Paris Agreement would hurt progress on climate action but

said multilateral process was still the only way to effectively deal with the climate crisis. “For over 30 years (of climate change negotiations), there have been commitments that have not been fulfilled... It is important, this issue of reforming the global governance. President Lula (da Silva) of Brazil has mentioned this a few times. It is important for the UN system to be more effective.”

Minister Silva, who was in New Delhi to attend the annual World Sustainable Development Summit organised by TERI, said the idea is “to propose this discussion on (building) structures that could be complementary to the (UN)



Brazil’s Minister for Environment and Climate Marina Silva

process to follow up on the commitments that have been made”.

“Of course, we understand that countries are sovereign, they establish their own climate commitments, construct and develop their own climate action plans.... However, we feel that there may be additional mechanisms or structures to monitor (the commitments) and go beyond what we already have (in terms of monitoring). For example, the NDCs (nationally-determined contributions) are reviewed every five years. Maybe this is not enough,” she said.

She, however, clarified that this was not part of the negotiation agenda at COP30, scheduled to be held in November in the Brazilian city of Belem. “It is important to fully acknowledge that...no country can do this on its own, all parties of the UNFCCC (UN Framework Convention on Climate Change) must attend to it together. This (the discussion on this proposal) is something that will take place in the action

agenda of COP30... This is not part of the negotiations,” she said.

Action agenda refers to discussions that happen on the sidelines of COP meetings. These are voluntary and meant to encourage countries to take additional measures to fight climate change. Negotiations are the formal process through which decisions are taken by consensus. These decisions become international law.

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# In TN’s Krishnagiri, a flower industry blossoms — with some help



ARUN JANARDHANAN  
HOSUR

AT THE picturesque Thally village near Hosur in Tamil Nadu’s Krishnagiri district stands a centre dedicated to precision farming that is helping transform the area into a hub for high-value floriculture.

The Centre for Cut Flowers is

equipped with sensor-driven irrigation, advanced post-harvest handling, and greenhouse cultivation techniques. Farmers and horticultural officials have hailed the centre as a success story, citing its role in training cultivators in micro-irrigation, high-density planting, and post-harvest technology.

Roses, chrysanthemums, gerberas, orchids, and carnations — flowers that require precise temperature and humidity control — flourish in these conditions, with substantial government subsidies making the transition to protected cultivation more accessible.

At the heart of this success is a collaboration with Israel, leveraging its expertise in drip irrigation and automation. Farmers spoke of the transformation — drip systems that deliver water and nutrients based on real-time data, greenhouses that extend flower life by days and even weeks, and a robust post-harvest network ensuring that Hosur’s flowers reach markets across India and abroad.

Roses dominate the landscape and the market, and their cultivation peaks around Valentine’s Day and wedding season. A bunch of 20 stems can fetch between Rs 200 and Rs 400 in peak periods, making floriculture a lucrative business for large-scale farmers. The numbers are big — each acre houses about 36,000 rose plants, producing an estimated five lakh stems annually.

Orchids, a relatively new introduction, promise long-term gains, with plants yielding flowers for up to five years before requiring replanting.

A few kilometres from the Centre for Cut Flowers, its sister project, the International Flower Auction Centre (IFAC), is located. It is a government-backed online flower auction centre — a project envisioned to help farmers



Farmers and horticultural officials have hailed the Centre for Cut Flowers as a success story. **Express**

ers bypass middlemen and secure better prices.

The auction centre follows the Dutch clock system — a rapid-fire bidding process where buyers bid based on real-time

images of flowers displayed on screens.

While this is aimed at providing Tamil Nadu’s floriculturists with a direct line to domestic and international markets, some







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NOTICE INVITING E- TENDER

CONCOR invites E-Tender in Two Packet System of tendering for the following work:-

Tender No.	CON/AREA-III/ENG/G/UE-4965/1/2024-25
Name of Work	Construction of additional rail siding along with CC pavement platform and other works at PFT-junction, Coimbatore
Estimated Cost	Rs.2,079.21 Lakhs (including GST)
Completion Period	12 (Twelve) Months
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs.11,89,700/-
Cost of Tender Document (Non-refundable)	NIL
Tender Processing Fee (Non-refundable)	Rs.3,540/- (inclusive all taxes & duties through e-payment)
Date of sale of Tender (online)	07.03.2025 (from 15:00 hrs.) to 27.03.2025 (upto 17:00 hrs.)
Date & Time of submission of Tender	28.03.2025 upto to 17:00 hrs.
Date & Time of Opening of Tender	02.04.2025 at 15:00 hrs.

For financial eligibility criteria, experience with respect to similar nature of work, etc; please refer to detailed tender available on website [www.concorindia.co.in](http://www.concorindia.co.in) but the complete tender document can be downloaded from website [www.tenderwizard.com/CCILonly](http://www.tenderwizard.com/CCILonly). Further, Corrigendum/ Addendum to this Tender, if any, will be published on website [www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL](http://www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL) and Central Procurement Portal (COP) only. Newspaper press advertisement shall not be issued for the same.

Executive Director (Projects) Phone No:-011-41222500



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POSSESSION NOTICE

(As per rule 8(1) and rule 8(2) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

Loan Account No. MTCAG23010670.

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Centrum Housing Finance Limited, 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 dated-26-11-2024 calling Ram Lakhnan upon as Borrower and Dauli Kumar and Indrakali Devi as the Co-borrowers to repay the outstanding amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 15,36,755/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Thirty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Five Only) along with contractual interest, penal interest, charges, costs etc. within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower, having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, in particular 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 section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 4th day of March 2025.

The borrower, in particular, and the public, in general, are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Centrum Housing Finance Limited, for an amount of along with the contractual interest thereon and penal interest, charges, costs etc.


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DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

In The Rights, Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Property situated at Plot No. 51, Kh. No. 427, adm. 454.65 Sq. Mts., Mauza Phoolpur Tehsil Fatehabad, Distt. Agra-283125, Uttar Pradesh. Boundaries:- East :- House of Dr. Devilal, West :- House of Ashok Kumar, North :- 14' Kharanja, South :-House of Balkim Basti

Date: 04-03-2025  
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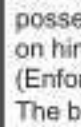
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This is to inform the Public that Auction of pledged Gold Ornaments will be conducted by TruCap Finance Limited on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at Zira at 11:00 A.M.

Branch address: TruCap Finance Limited, C/O Makit Singh Talwandi Road Near Clock Tower Zira Distt Firozpur Pin No :- 142047.

The Gold Ornaments to be auctioned belong to Loan Accounts of our various Customers who have failed to pay their dues. Our notices of auction have been duly issued to these borrowers.

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For more details, please contact TruCap Finance Limited.

Contact Person: Satish Kumar

Contact Number(s): 9560735444

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1. ABHFL: Authorized Officer Mr. Amandeep Tanjea ; Contact No -+91 97112 46064

2. Auction Service Provider (ASP) : M/S e-Procurement Technologies Pvt. Ltd. (Auctiontigger) Mr. Ran Sharma - Contact No. 8000023297 & 926562819

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Asset(s) under the Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision 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 properties mortgaged/charged to the Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited/Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited/Secured Creditor, will be put to sale by auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 29/3/2025, for recovery of Rs. 39,25,499.98/- (Rupees Thirty Nine Lac Twenty Five Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Nine and Ninety Eight Paise Only) and further interest and other expenses thereon till the date of realization, due to Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited/Secured Creditor from the Borrowers namely RINKU SHARMA, OMVATI SHARMA & M/S S.R.D.R. CHAINS

The reserve price will be INR 45,21,600/- (Rupees Forty Five Lakh Twenty One Thousand Six Hundred Only) and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) will be INR 4,52,160/- (Rupees Four Lakh Fifty Two Thousand One Hundred Sixty Only). The last date of EMD deposit is 28/3/2025. The date for inspection of the said property is fixed on 27/03/2025 between 11:00 am to 04:00 pm.

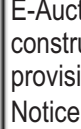
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All That Piece And Parcel Of House On Plot No. 17, Admesuring Area 148.64 Sq. Mtrs., Minjumala Kharsa No. 931, Situated At Basant Kunj, Near Lord Khirshna Public School, Anjulpuri Road, Mauza Bodla, Lohamandi Ward, Tehsil & District: District: Agra, Uttar Pradesh-282007, And Bounded As:-East: Plot No. 16, West: Plot No. 18, North: Rasta 25 Ft. Wide, South: Plot No. 19.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited/Secured Creditor's website i.e. <https://homefinance.adityabirlacapital.com/properties-for-auction-under-sarfaesi-act> or i.e. <https://sarfaesi.auctiontigger.net>

Date: 07-03-2025  
Place: AGRA

Sd/- Authorized Officer  
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Ambala Branch : GL0000000321428, GL0000000268000, GL0000000325838, GL0000000324866, GL0000000321727, GL0000000298205, GL0000000258607, GL0000000238172, GL0000000253659, GL0000000251810, GL0000000303353, GL0000000257054, GL0000000257027, GL0000000257419, GL0000000254633, GL0000000253319, GL0000000259174, GL0000000296254, GL0000000296258, GL0000000299113, GL0000000173516.

Kurukshetra Branch : GL0000000264590, GL0000000271504, GL0000000271346, GL0000000267957, GL0000000312669, GL0000000270645, GL0000000297374, GL0000000299431, GL0000000247823, GL0000000252308, GL0000000252786, GL0000000293988.

Panipat Branch: GL0000000299669, GL0000000260039, GL0000000290935, GL0000000289663, GL0000000292333.


For more details, please contact TruCap Finance Limited.

Contact Person: Satish Kumar

Contact Number(s): 9560735444

TruCap Finance Limited reserves the right to alter the number of accounts to be auctioned &/ postpone / cancel the auction without any prior notice.

TruCap Finance Limited




See Section 82 CrPC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Shyam Sunder Sharma S/o Sh. Sukhdev Nath R/o C-17, Sawan Park-I, Ashok Vihar, Phase-3, Delhi-110052** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide **CC No. 20835/18, U/S 138 NI Act, P.S. Sarai Rohilla, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused **Shyam Sunder Sharma**, can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Shyam Sunder Sharma**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Shyam Sunder Sharma**, of **CC No. 20835/18, U/S 138 NI Act, P.S. Sarai Rohilla, Delhi** is required to appear before this court (or before me) to answer the complaint on or before the day of **09.04.2025 at 10:00 am**.

By Order,  
Ms. Shreya Singh  
Judicial Magistrate, First Class(NI Act)-05,  
(Central), Room No. 02, Ground Floor, Annexe-I  
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/2821/N/2025 (Court Matter)




See Section 82 CrPC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Rakesh Kumar Katariya S/o Somnath Katariya, R/o 552, Mandawli, Delhi**, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **FIR No. 225/2017, U/S 324/451/34 IPC, P.S. Karol Bagh, Central Distt., New Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Rakesh Kumar Katariya** cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Rakesh Kumar Katariya** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant);

Proclamation is hereby made that **Rakesh Kumar Katariya** the said accused of **FIR No. 225/2017, U/S 324/451/34 IPC, P.S. Karol Bagh, Central Distt., New Delhi**, is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **14.05.2025**.

By Order  
Ms. Shipra Dhankar  
Metropolitan Magistrate-01  
Room No. 180, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/2551/CD/2025 (Court Matter)




Tender Notice

Invitation of tender through E-tendering (e-Procurement Systems)

NIT No.	6-SEFile-281856Tender
Name of Work and its location	Tender for "Provision for Electrical work in connection with regarding CAMC of DG sets of capacity 250 KVA and 500 KVA with other associated works over RCNK/SNP for three years."
Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 971413.48/- including GST (Rs. Nine Lakh Seventy One Thousand Four Hundred Thirteen And Paise Forty Eight only)
Earnest Money	Rs 19400/-
Completion period of work	36 months of date of execution of work
Cost of Tender document on cash/bid post	NIL
Date and Time for submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 15:00 hrs on 27.03.2025 Opening of Tender at 15:00 hrs.
Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. <a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a>
No: 6-SEFile-281856Tender Dated :-	06.03.2025 725/2025

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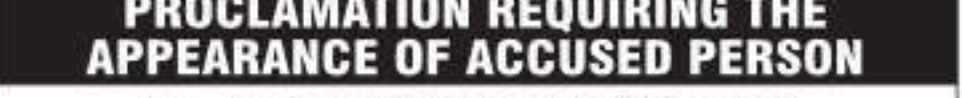
See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Inder Kumar, R/o H.No. 270, PH-4, Shahabad Dairy, Near Lal School, New Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 472/2019, U/s 498A/406/34 IPC, dated 22.08.2019, P.S. Punjabi Bagh, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Inder Kumar** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Inder Kumar** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Inder Kumar** accused of **P.S. Punjabi Bagh, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **07.04.2025**.

By Order  
Ms. Shilvi Talwar  
JMFC Mahila Court - 01  
Room No. 358,  
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/2623/WD/2025




See Section 82 CrPC, 84 BNSS, 2023

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person (i) **Altaf S/o Sherdeen, R/o: H.No. 213, Gharoda Neemka Bangar, Patarganj Village, Delhi-91**, (2) **Rahul Kumar Singh S/o Tarkeswar Singh, R/o: Kudhrhya Chouk, KCTC College Road, Raxaul, Bihar**, (3) **Zakir Qureshi S/o Yunush Qureshi, R/o: Village-Nakched Bahuarwa, P.S.-Purshottampur, Distt.-West Champaran Bettiah, Bihar**, committed (or suspected to have committed) the offence in **FIR No. 649/2022, Dt. 19.10.22, U/S 20/27A/29 NDPS Act, P.S. Pandav Nagar, East Distt., Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused (1) **Altaf (2) Rahul Kumar Singh (3) Zakir Qureshi** cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused (1) **Altaf (2) Rahul Kumar Singh (3) Zakir Qureshi** have absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant);

Proclamation is hereby made that (1) **Altaf (2) Rahul Kumar Singh (3) Zakir Qureshi** the said accused of **FIR No. 649/2022, Dt. 19.10.22, U/S 20/27A/29 NDPS Act, P.S. Pandav Nagar, East Distt.**, are required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **02.05.2025**.

By Order  
Sh. Alok Shukla  
ASJ-02/Special Judge (NDPS) East,  
Court No.311, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

DP/2086/ED/2025 (Court Matter)




See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Harender Kumar, S/o : Sh. Har Prasad Sharma, R/o: B-27, Gali No. 3, West Jyoti Nagar, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in Case **FIR No. 950/2014 U/S 186/332/353/ 34 IPC, P.S.: Jyoti Nagar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Harender Kumar** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Harender Kumar** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Harender Kumar** accused of Case **FIR No. 950/2014 U/S 186/ 332/ 353/ 34 IPC, P.S.: Jyoti Nagar, Delhi** and is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **16.04.2025**.

By Order  
Sh. Rahul Saini  
Judicial Magistrate, First Class-08  
Karkardooma Court, Delhi


DP/2829/NE/2025 (Court Matter)



Paschimanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd.  
Victoria Park, Meerut.

E-TENDER INVITING NOTICE 1. Open tender is invited through e-tendering for the repair of damaged/burnt power transformer of assorted ratings 33/11 KV 40 no. 5 MVA against tender specification no. PVVNL-MT/MM/195/24-25. Tender Cost :- Rs. 5900.00 (with GST), Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) - Rs. 4,02,000.00, Last Date of tender submission & Time:- 08.04.2025 at 2:00 PM, Date of tender opening (Part-I&II\*) & Time - 08.04.2025 at 5:00 PM, Note:- In case of any amendment in tender specification or date of extension, the same shall be uploaded on e-tender website [www.etender.up.nic.in](http://www.etender.up.nic.in) and [www.pvvn.org](http://www.pvvn.org) Superintending Engineer (MM-I) "Help Line Number For Information of Theft of Electricity: "1800-1800-302 (Meerut), & 9412207451"

पत्रांक- 858 दिनांक-06-03-2025 Sd/- Superintending Engineer (MM-I)



Tender Notice

TENDER NOTICE No.06/2025/RS/JHS Date: 05.03.2025



For and on behalf of President of India, the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (Rolling Stock) North Central Railway, Jhansi invites open tenders through online (E-Tendering) for the following work:


Description: Rehabilitation of N-32 Tap Changers (Ganz make) of conventional locos.

Tender No.	Tender Value	Earnest Money
JHS-RS-WC-T23-2024-25-RT1	₹ 7079130.00	₹ 141600.00

Closing date of tender 01.04.2025. Completion period from the date of issue of LOA: 12 Months. \* Tenderer will submit the tender online upto 01.04.2025 (15.00 Hrs.). \* Complete details & for submission of tenders can be seen in Indian Railway website <http://www.ireps.gov.in> 426/25 FA

North central railways

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निविदा रद्द सूचना

एतत् द्वारा सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि इस प्रमंडल द्वारा आमंत्रित अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं०- RDD/SD/KHUNTI/06/2024-25 जिसका पी०आर० संख्या 346265 RURAL DEVELOPMENT (2024-25)\_D अपरिहार्य कारणों से रद्द किया जाता है।

यह आदेश तत्काल प्रभाव से लागू समझा जाय।

कार्यपालक अभियंता  
ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, खूँटी

PR 347997 Rural Development(24-25)#D



See Section 82 Cr.PC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Namely: **Mrs. Mithlesh Pandey, R/o.: H. No.61, Block-A, Gali No.6, Anandpur Dham, New Delhi** Also at: Plot No.1, Khasra No.103/11/2 Ground Floor, Block-A, Sher Singh Enclave, Near Village Begumpur, Near SBI ATM, New Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in a case vide Ct. Case No.12259/2017 U/s. 138 NI Act registered at **P.S Mangol Puri, Delhi** and it has been returned on a warrant of arrest thereupon issued stating that the said **Mrs. Mithlesh Pandey** could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that accused **Mrs. Mithlesh Pandey** is absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Mrs. Mithlesh Pandey** is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before **14.04.2025**.

By Order  
Ms. Reetika Jain  
LD. Judicial Magistrate First Class,  
North West, Court No.105,  
Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/2863/OD/2025



**राजस्थान उच्च न्यायालय, जोधपुर**  
**ई-निविदा सूचना**

क्रमांक: एचसी / एमके / उपमन/2024-25/95 दिनांक : 04.03.2025

राजस्थान उच्च न्यायालय एवं अधीनस्थ न्यायालयों के उपयोगार्थ 1150 Nos. Licenses of Cisco Webex (as per approved specifications by office) की खरीद हेतु दरी के क्रम में वस्तु को उत्पादक/अधिकृत विक्रेता / डीलर/टर्किंगर / अधिकृत सोलम से अनिवार्य निविदाएं दिनांक 11.03.2025 को सांय 05.00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा का विस्तृत विवरण एवं शर्तें <http://www.heraj.nic.in>, <https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> एवं <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in> की वेबसाइट पर देखी जा सकती है। (निविदा का अनुमानित मूल्य रुपय 1,21,90,000/-)

UBN No. RHC2425GLOB00061

आज्ञा से,  
रजिस्ट्रार  
(वर्गीकरण)

DIPR/3300/24-25

**UJVN LIMITED**

(An Uttarakhand Govt. Enterprise)  
H. O. 'UJJAINAL' MAHARAJ BAHU, ONE ROAD, DEHRADUN - 24846, CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC0008  
Tale: 0135-2763598, 2763808, Fax: 0135-2763307, website: [www.ujvnl.com](http://www.ujvnl.com)

Tender No.174 Date : 06.03.2025

**Date Extension Notice No- 01**

Due to unavoidable reason, the dates of bids invited against NIT No. 10/EE(Civil-I)/Galogi/2024-25 under the office of Executive Engineer (Civil-I), UJVN Limited, Srikot-Srinagar, Garhwal, is hereby extended as follows:

Last date for submission tender: 18.03.2025 up to 16:00 Hrs  
Time & date for opening of tender: 20.03.2025 at 14:30 Hrs

All other terms & condition of the Bid document shall remain unchanged. For fuller & further details, kindly visit our Nigam's website "[www.ujvnl.com](http://www.ujvnl.com)"

Executive Engineer (Civil-I)

**"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"**

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**TENDER NOTICE**

The Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Gati Shakti Unit/Delhi, DRM Office, New Delhi-110055 invites e-tender for the under noted work:

1 Name of work and its location: Electrical work in connection to (A) Sahibabad-Ghaziabad: Replacement of automatic section with Distributed Electronic Interlocking (B) Delhi Sarai Rohilla - Replacement of signalling gears with Electronic Interlocking (C) Replacement of signalling gear on age cum conditional basis with EI at 6 stations i.e. GRA, BZJT, KUN, BZK, SHDM & MOY

2 Tender Notice No. 24-DyCEE-GSU-DLI-24-25

3 Earnest Money (to be deposited Online) ₹ 48,200.00

4 Approximate cost of work ₹ 24.09,040.00/-

5 Date & Time for submission of e-Tender and opening of tender: Tenders uploaded on date 07.03.2025 on IREPS website i.e., [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). The bidders can participate in the e-Tender. The tender will be opened at 11:30 Hrs on 28.03.2025.

6 Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document: The detailed e-Tender notice is available on Northern Railway website i.e. [www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in) and tender document is available on [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). Above tender document will be available for submission of offer on IREPS website i.e. [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) from 14.03.2025 to 28.03.2025. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

No. 24-DyCEE-GSU-DLI-24-25 Dated: 05.03.2025

**SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE 729/25**

**Bihar State Power (Holding) Company Limited**

(A Govt. of Bihar Undertaking)  
(Department of General Administration)  
GST Number : 10AAFCB2394A2ZD,  
CIN Number : U40102BR0125GCO18495  
Job Contract Notice No. - 01 /2025 (Contract)

**Walk-in-Interview**

Bihar State Power (Holding) Company Ltd. invites application for contractual engagement on one no. of post of GM (HR & Adm.) and one no. of post of DGM (HR & Adm.).

Walk-in-Interview is scheduled to be held on 18.03.2025, (Tuesday), at 12:00 PM in BSPHCL, Vidyut Bhawan, Jawaharal Nehru Marg, Patna.

For application format & details kindly visit the company website : [www.bspchl.co.in](http://www.bspchl.co.in).

For further details please visit : [www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar](http://www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar) GM (HR & Adm.)

PR-021106 (B & C) 2024-25

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

**Govt. of Bihar**

**BIHAR RURAL LIVELIHOODS PROMOTION SOCIETY**  
VIDHYUT BHAWAN, ANNEXE - II, BAILY ROAD, PATNA 800021  
Telephone: 91-612-2504980, Telefax: 91-612-2504960  
Email: [info@brlp.in](mailto:info@brlp.in), website: [www.brpls.in](http://www.brpls.in)

**INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR PRINTING AND SUPPLY OF 5,370 SETS OF GOATERY BOOKS OF RECORDS (TWO ENVELOPES)**

Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society (BRLPS), a Government of Bihar Society invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for Printing and Supply of 5,370 sets of Goatery Books of records.

S N	Particulars	Date and time
1	Downloading of bidding document	07/03/2025 Through BRLPS website
2	Closing date and time for submission of technical and financial bid at BRLPS office, Patna (Bihar)	21/03/2025 at 15:00 hr
3	Opening of technical bid	21/03/2025 at 15:30 hr
4	Opening of Financial bid	To be notified later to all technically qualified bidder.

Bidding documents with detailed information may be seen/downloaded from [www.brpls.in/Procurement/Tender](http://www.brpls.in/Procurement/Tender).

PR- 20767 (B & C) 2024-25 (Chief Executive Officer cum Mission Director)

**नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।**

**Govt. of Bihar**

**Co-operative Department**  
**Bihar State Vegetable Processing and Marketing Federation Ltd.**  
2nd Floor, Vikas Bhawan, Patna - 800015, Bihar, India  
Email: [vegfedbihar@gmail.com](mailto:vegfedbihar@gmail.com)

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

(Through e-procurement mode only over <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>)

VEGFED, Cooperative Department, invites responses under two-bid system ("Tenders") to this Request for Proposal ("RFP") "Hiring of Agency for Branding and Media, communication" from reputed firms.

Sn.	Schedule	Important dates
1	Title	Request for Proposal for Hiring of Agency for Branding and Media, communication of Bihar State Vegetable Processing And Marketing Cooperative Federation Ltd
2	Total Duration of Engagement	02 years
3	Bid Publishing date	04/03/2025
4	Start Date for Downloading RFP	04/03/2025
5	Last Date of submission of pre-bid query	11/03/2025 by 18:00 HRS on E-mail: <a href="mailto:vegfedbihar@gmail.com">vegfedbihar@gmail.com</a>
6	Pre bid meeting date & address	12/03/2025 at 03.30 PM (Offline) VEGFED, 2nd Floor, Vikas Bhawan, Patna - 800015, Bihar, India
7	Last Date of submission of bid	27/03/2025
8	Bid opening date & Time (Technical)	Technical bid: 28/03/2025
8	Bid opening date & Time (Financial)	Financial Bid: To be notified later on.
9	Tentative Presentation by the bidder	To be notified later.
10	Bid validity period	180 Days (One hundred and eighty days)
11	Contact Person	Managing Director
12	E-Mail	<a href="mailto:vegfedbihar@gmail.com">vegfedbihar@gmail.com</a>
13	Website	<a href="https://tarkaari.in/site/">https://tarkaari.in/site/</a>
14	Website for Downloading RFP	<a href="https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in/">https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in/</a>
15	Mode of proposal submission	Submission through e-proc website- <a href="https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in/">https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in/</a>

For further details please visit website [state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar](http://state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar)  
PR- 20768 (Co-operative) 2024-25 Managing Director VegFed, Bihar

**नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।**

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**  
**OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER**  
**Rushikulya Bahuda Basin, Berhampur - 760004**  
**e-mail id: [se\\_sicbam@yahoo.com](mailto:se_sicbam@yahoo.com)**

e-Procurement Notice No.ACE, RBB-15/2024-25					
1. Type of Work	:- Road work				
2. Total No of Works	:- 01 (One) No.				
3. Amount put to tender	:- Varies from ₹ 726.71 Lakh				
4. Period of completion	:-11 (Eleven) calendar months				
5. Paper Cost	:- ₹ 10000/- per each				
6. Class of Contractor	:- 'A' & 'Spl' Class of Contractor				
Sl. No.	Procurement officer	Bid Identification No.	Bid Amount (Rs. in lakh)	Availability & Submission of Bid On-line	Date and Place of opening of Technical Bids online
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Additional Chief Engineer, Rushikulya Bahuda Basin, Berhampur	ACE, RBB(CHHD) - 30/2024-25	726.71	From 10.03.2025, 10.00 A.M. to 25.03.2025, 5.00 P.M.	26.03.2025 (11.30 A.M.) in the office of the Additional Chief Engineer, Rushikulya Bahuda Basin, Berhampur.

Bidders are to participate in online bidding only. Further details can be seen from the Govt. of Odisha e-Procurement Web-site [www.tendersorissa.gov.in](http://www.tendersorissa.gov.in). Any addendum/corrigendum/ cancellation of the tender can be seen in the above website only.

Sd/-  
**ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER,**  
**Rushikulya Bahuda Basin, Berhampur.**

OIPR-32411/11/0022/2425

**BUILDING CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT****OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER****CONSTRUCTION DIVISION-1****BUILDING CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT, PATNA****National Competitive bidding by e-tendering on website [www.eproc.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)****E-tender Notice****CORRIGENDUM**

This is to inform to all that in E-tender notice No.-05/2024-25 whose PR No. is 018884 (BCD) 2024-25 published in daily news-paper and issued from this office by letter No-286enc. dated 05.02.2025 following modifications are being made.

Name of Work :- 60 सेट ऑफिसरस आवास एवं हॉस्टल परिसर, नेहरू पथ, पटना का पुनर्विकास कार्य।

Sl.No.	Particulars	Last Modified Date and Time	New Modified Date and Time
1	Last date and time of sale (download) of BOQ	From Date 10.02.2025 to 04.03.2025 up to 15.00 hrs	Up to Date 27.03.2025 up to 15.00 hrs
2	Last date and time of submission (upload) of tender	Date 05.03.2025 up to 15.00 hrs	Date 28.03.2025 up to 15.00 hrs
3	Date and time of opening of tender (Technical Bid)	Date 07.03.2025 15.30 hrs	Date 29.03.2025 15.30 hrs
4	Date, Time & Place of Pre-Bid meeting	Date 25.02.2025 16.00 hrs at office of C.E. (Patna), BCD, Patna	Date 19.03.2025 16.00 hrs at office of C.E. (Patna), BCD, Patna
5	Date and time of opening of tender (Financial Bid)	After disposal of Technical bid from Departmental Tender Committee	After disposal of Technical bid from Departmental Tender Committee

All other conditions will remain unchanged. **Executive Engineer,** Construction Division-1, Building Construction Department, Patna

PR. No. 020924 (BCD) 2024-25

उक्त सूचना [www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar](http://www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar) पर भी देखी जा सकती है।

**रक्त की आवश्यकता पड़ने पर लाइसेंस प्राप्त ब्लड बैंकों से ही रक्त प्राप्त करें।**

**बिहार सरकार****परियोजना निदेशक का कार्यालय****अजीमाबाद अंचल क्षेत्र****बिहार शहरी आधारभूत संरचना विकास निगम लि० (बुडको)****(A Govt. of Bihar Undertaking)**

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**आम सूचना**

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि बिहार राज्य निर्माण निगम लिमिटेड के दो दशकों से अधिक अवधि से अकार्यरत रहने के कारण संबंधित अमिलेख जीर्ण-शोध, अपूर्ण एवं अपठनीय स्थिति में है। उक्त स्थिति में माननीय सर्वोच्च न्यायालय, नई दिल्ली द्वारा Writ Petition (Civil) No.- 932/2022 में दिनांक-03.09.2024 को पारित न्यायादेश के अनुपालनार्थ बिहार राज्य निर्माण निगम लिमिटेड में कार्यरत रहे कर्मियों (नियमित एवं दैनिक वेतनभोगी) / संबंधित उत्तराधिकारी द्वारा बकाया रहे लंबित देयताओं का भुगतान प्राप्त करने निमित्त सक्षम प्राधिकार से निर्गत इस आशय का शपथ-पत्र समर्पित किया जाना आवश्यक होगा कि:-

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पत्रांक: 889/ई-निविदा/2024-25 दिनांक : 06/03/2025

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INDIAN REFINERS DIVERSIFYING SOURCES BY TURNING TO AFRICA & LATIN AMERICA

As US sanctions hit India’s Russian oil imports, smaller suppliers cash in

SUKALP SHARMA  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 6

RECENT AMERICAN sanctions on Russia’s oil trade have started impacting India’s crude oil imports from Moscow, which fell to an over two-year low in February. To make up for the lost Russian volumes for now, Indian refiners are actively diversifying their crude oil sources by turning to relatively smaller suppliers from regions like Africa and Latin America, per vessel tracking data.

In January, just before demitting office, the US’s Joe Biden administration announced sweeping sanctions against Russia’s oil trade. It sanctioned as many as 183 tankers—a sizable part of the so-called shadow fleet that had kept Russian oil flowing—apart from sanctioning two Russian oil majors and Russian insurance companies, among others involved in the Russian oil sector and trade. The sanctions have made it difficult for Indian refiners to secure enough cargoes of Moscow’s crude, and they are being forced to look elsewhere to cover the gap.

In February, India’s oil imports from Russia declined 14.5 per cent month-on-month to 1.43 million barrels per day



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(bpd), the lowest since January 2023, shows data from commodity market analytics firm Kpler. Russia’s share in India’s oil imports declined to around 30 per cent in February, down significantly from the 2024 average of around 38 per cent. But India’s traditional West Asian oil suppliers failed to cash in on the opportunity, while a few smaller players collectively saw their oil supplies to India rise notably to make up for the shortfall in Russian oil volumes.

With the exception of Iraq, which is India’s second-largest supplier of crude, oil imports from the other key West Asian suppliers—Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE)—declined sequentially. Oil imports from Iraq in February rose 5.5 per cent sequentially to 1.09

million bpd, while imports from Saudi Arabia declined over 6 per cent to 679,372 bpd. India’s oil imports from the UAE fell over 22 per cent in February to 342,076 bpd.

On the other hand, oil imports from relatively smaller sources of India’s oil imports, like Brazil, Nigeria, Colombia, Venezuela, Mexico, Qatar, Oman, Algeria, Republic of the Congo, Libya, and Gabon, rose in February. Some of these smaller suppliers exported oil to India after a gap of a few months. February also saw Argentina appearing on the map of India’s crude oil import sources by supplying around 25,000 bpd.

For instance, India’s oil imports from Nigeria rose to around 76,000 bpd in February from around 40,000 bpd in

January, a jump of nearly 90 per cent. Oil import volumes from Colombia jumped 146 per cent sequentially to 71,500 bpd and those from Brazil rose 60.6 per cent to over 145,000 bpd. Imports from Qatar jumped nearly 60 per cent sequentially to around 74,000 bpd, and supplies from Venezuela were higher by 44.4 per cent at over 93,000 bpd.

Suppliers like Gabon, Libya, Algeria and the Republic of the Congo featured on India’s oil import sources list in February after being absent for varying periods. India’s oil imports from these countries ranged between 35,000 bpd and 55,000 bpd in February.

“India is actively diversifying its crude sources, increasing imports from (various countries including) Angola, Brazil, and West African producers to reduce dependency on Russia and mitigate geopolitical risks... India’s crude imports have remained strong to meet rising domestic needs, reinforcing India’s position as a key driver of refined product growth despite expectations of a slower pace compared to 2024,” said Sumit Ritolia, senior oil refining analyst at Kpler.

Industry insiders expect Indian refiners and Russian oil

suppliers and traders to adjust to the latest sanctions and devise ways to buy Russian oil without any sanctions risk in the near to medium term. Indian refiners have stated that they are ready and willing to buy Russian oil as long as the transactions, suppliers, traders, shippers, and insurers involved are not under sanctions.

The impact of the recent US sanctions on India’s Russian oil imports has been limited so far. And while Russian oil volumes could drop further in the coming months, industry watchers expect the slide to be range-bound, and Russia to remain India’s largest source of crude in the medium term, unless there are more sudden disruptions or abrupt shifts in trade flows.

A lot will depend on the stance the new Donald Trump administration in Washington takes on Ukraine war-related sanctions on Russia, the discounts available on Russian oil, and how competitively other major suppliers price their crude. In the meantime, India’s strategy of diversifying its source of crude oil is expected to gather steam. Indian refiners are also understood to be looking at raising oil imports from West Asia, provided the oil is competitively priced.

Long-haul foray: IndiGo to start Manchester, Amsterdam flights from July

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 6

MANCHESTER AND Amsterdam will be the first long-haul destinations for India’s largest airline IndiGo, with flights expected to be launched in July using the wide-body Boeing 787-9 aircraft that the carrier recently took on damp lease from Norse Atlantic Airways.

“The flights to Manchester (3x weekly) and Amsterdam (3x weekly) are expected to commence in July 2025, subject to completion of all operational preparedness and regulatory approvals. With the arrival of additional aircraft from Norse later this year, the frequencies could further grow, and in parallel, IndiGo is evaluating multiple other important markets across Europe to further expand its long-haul footprint,” the airline said in a release.

In addition to the damp-leased aircraft that has already been inducted by IndiGo, the airline will be taking three more Boeing 787-9 jets from Norse Atlantic on damp lease in the second half of this year. The already-inducted wide-body jet is initially being used to operate flights between Delhi and Bangkok, and will be deployed for flights to Amsterdam and Manchester, most likely from July.

Vaishnaw: India GPUs in 3-4 yrs, to be ‘among top 5 tech nations’

JATINGROVER  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 6

THE COUNTRY will develop its own graphics processing units (GPUs) within the next three to four years, marking a major milestone in technological advancements, Electronics and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Thursday. “We are working on developing our own chipsets. Extensive consultations with experts are underway. In the coming three to four years, India will have its own GPUs, competing globally and securing a place among the top five technology nations in the world,” Vaishnaw said at the launch of the IndiaAI Datasets – AI Kosha and AI compute platforms.

The initiative to build indigenous GPUs is significant as the global AI chip industry is currently dominated by US-based companies. Additionally, with potential US restrictions on AI chip exports, India’s capability to develop indigenous GPUs will be crucial for technological self-reliance.

The government is also focusing on developing its own foundational AI models within the next eight to ten months, a move that will further strengthen the country’s AI infrastructure.

The datasets platform, AI Kosha, which was launched on Thursday, will serve as a reposi-



Minister of Electronics & Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw during the launch of initiatives under the IndiaAI mission in New Delhi on Thursday. PIB via PTI

tory of anonymous and non-personal data, providing crucial resources for startups to train AI models. The government has invited private companies to contribute to the datasets platform. This is only the first version, with more data expected to be added by various government departments in the future.

The AI compute platform will enable startups, researchers, and academic institutions to access GPUs at an affordable hourly rate. “The IndiaAI mission was started a year ago, and today, we have a common compute facility with 14,000 GPUs up and running,” Vaishnaw said. He added that more GPUs would be added every quarter by empanelled companies. Currently, ten com-

panies, including Jio Platforms, E2E, NxtGen, Yotta, and Tata Communications, have been empanelled to provide AI compute infrastructure. Vaishnaw said that India’s approach is unique as it involves public funds to create a shared compute facility, contrasting with other countries where AI computing power is concentrated within a few large corporations.

To make AI compute even more accessible, the government is offering a 40 per cent subsidy, bringing down the cost of accessing GPUs for researchers and startups to under Rs 100 per hour.

For building its indigenous foundational AI models, the government has received 67 proposals from startups. FE

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK  
GANDHINAGAR, MARCH 6

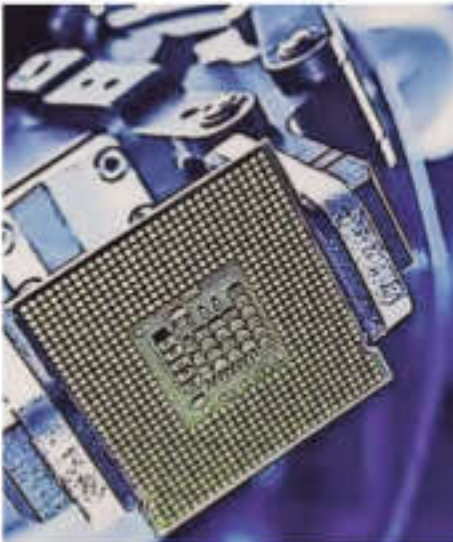
THE GOVERNMENT is currently working on the contours of the second phase of the India Semiconductor Mission, with the design and outline of the scheme finalised and discussions with the industry underway, a senior government official said Thursday.

“The next phase of the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) is currently in the works. We had preliminary discussions with many stakeholders as to how to design the programme. The design and the outline is currently ready and is undergoing detailed discussion internally within the government,” IT Secretary S Krishnan said at the Gujarat Semi-Con.

Krishnan said that under the second phase of the ISM, the government will also look to provide some support to raw materials, equipment, gases and speciality chemicals needed in semiconductor manufacturing.

Last August, *The Indian Express* had reported that the Centre had created a fresh \$15 billion blueprint for the second phase of the India Semiconductor Mission.

Under the renewed scheme, the government was planning to offer capital support for raw materials and gases used in chip man-



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ufacturing, this paper had reported. The first phase had an outlay of \$10 billion, and was approved in December 2021 to kick-start India’s chip industry.

“We have to now figure out how to make it a completely sustainable ecosystem and also how do we move up the value chain as time goes along. While the legacy nodes are important and they have considerable demand, there are also risks of over capacity and capacity from other geographies,” Krishnan said.

The government is also making some changes to the design linked incentive scheme for chips in order to encourage more fab-less semiconductor companies to join and more ambitious projects and innovations are supported through incentives, he said.

“There is also (chip) packag-

ing design which needs to go alongside and we have to look at how advanced packaging can be supported through the design linked scheme as well,” Krishnan said.

The country had so far attracted investment worth \$18 billion till date under the first phase of the India Semiconductor Mission. The Tata-PSMC fab, being built at a cost of roughly \$11 billion, is among the five semiconductor projects the government has greenlit under the India Semiconductor Mission. Apart from the fab, four assembly and testing plants by US-based Micron Technology, the Tatas, Murugappa Group’s CG Power in partnership with Japan’s Renesas, and Kaynes Semicon, are also under construction.

Micron, which is headquartered in the US, was the first company to receive government approval to set up a chip packaging unit at Sanand in Gujarat. The assembly, testing, marking, and packaging (ATMP) plant will be constructed at a total cost of \$2.75 billion, which include the investments to be made by the company as well as state and central government’s sops and incentives.

(The reporter was in Gandhinagar at the invitation of the India Electronics & Semiconductor Association)

Market extends rally as FII selling eases

Mumbai: After the 1 per cent gain on Wednesday, stock markets continued their upward momentum on Thursday, rising by 0.93 per cent as the selling pressure from foreign institutional investors (FIIs) subsided and domestic institutional investors (DIIs) remained net buyers. In a reversal, small-cap stocks, which had borne the brunt of heavy selling in recent weeks, regained some lost ground. DIIs, led by insurance companies, have purchased stocks worth Rs 17,000 crore in March so far while FIIs pulled out Rs 13,466 crore in the last four sessions. While on March 3, FIIs sold Rs 4,788 crore stocks, their sales came down to Rs 2,895 crore on March 5 and Rs 2,377 crore on March 6.

Led by the 2.6 per cent gain in RIL, the Sensex rallied by another 0.83 per cent to reclaim the 74,000 level at 74,340.09 and Nifty Index rose by 0.93 per cent to 22,544.70 on Thursday.

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Petition No. 491/TL/2024

Dated: 3.3.2025

**NOTICE UNDER CLAUSE (a) OF SUB-SECTION (5) OF SECTION 15 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003**

An application under Sections 14 and 15 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (the Act) has been made by **POWERGRID Kurawar Transmission Limited**, B-9, Qutab Institutional Area, Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi-110016 to establish the Inter-State Transmission system for evacuation of power from Rajasthan REZ Ph-IV (Part-2 :5.5 GW) (Jaisaimar/ Barmer Complex); Part H1” on a Build, Own, Operate and Transfer Basis (hereinafter referred to as “the Project”) consisting of the following elements:

Sr. No	Name of the Transmission Element	Scheduled COD in months from Effective Date	Element(s) which are pre-required for declaring the commercial operation (COD) of the respective Element
1.	Establishment of 765/400 kV (2x1500 MVA), 400/220 kV (2x500 MVA) & 220/132 kV (3x200 MVA) Kurawar S/s with 2x330 MVAR 765 kV bus reactor and 1x125 MVAR, 420 kV bus reactor. • 765/400 kV, 1500 MVA ICT – 2 (7 single units of 500 MVA including one spare unit) • 400/220 kV, 500 MVA ICT – 2 • 220/132 kV, 200 MVA ICT – 3 • 765 kV ICT bays- 2 • 400 kV ICT bays- 4 • 220 kV ICT bays – 5 • 132 kV ICT bays - 3 • 330 MVAR 765 kV bus reactor-2 • 125 MVAR 420 kV bus reactor-1 • 765 kV reactor bay- 2 • 765 kV line bays- 4 • 400 kV line bays- 4 • 400 kV reactor bay- 1 • 220 kV BC – 1 • 220 kV TBC – 1 • 132 kV TBC – 1 • 110 MVAR, 765 kV, 1-ph reactor (spare unit)- 1 • 80 MVAR, 765 kV, 1-ph reactor (spare unit)- 1  <b>Future Provisions:</b> Space for • 765/400 kV ICT along with bays- 4 no. • 765 kV line bays along with switchable line reactors – 8 nos. • 765 kV Bus Reactor along with bay: 2 no. • 765 kV Sectionalizer bay: 1-set • 400 kV line bays along with switchable line reactor – 8 nos. • 400/220 kV ICT along with bays - 6 nos. • 420 kV Bus Reactor along with bay: 3no. • 400 kV Sectionalization bay: 1-set • 220 kV line bays: 12 nos. • 220 kV Sectionalization bay: 1set • 220 kV BC and TBC: 1 no. • 220/132 kV ICT along with bays: 5 Nos. • 132 kV line bays: 16 nos. • 132 kV Sectionalization bay: 1 set • 132 kV TBC – 1 no. • STATCOM (±300 MVAR) along with MSC (2x125 MVAR) & MSR (1x125 MVAR) along with 400 kV bay.  2.. Mandsaur – Kurawar 765 kV D/c line  3. 240 MVAR switchable line reactors on each ckt at both ends of Mandsaur – Kurawar 765 kV D/c line • 240 MVAR, 765 kV switchable line reactor- 4 (2 for Mandsaur end and 2 for Kurawar end) • Switching equipment for 765 kV line reactor- 4 (2 for Mandsaur end and 2 for Kurawar end) • 80 MVAR, 765 kV, 1-ph reactor (spare unit)- 1 No. for Mandsaur end  4. 2 nos. of 765 kV line bays at Mandsaur S/s for termination of Mandsaur - Kurawar 765 kV D/c line • 765 kV line bays - 2 Nos. (for Mandsaur end)  5. LILO of Indore – Bhopal 765 kV S/c line at Kurawar  6. Kurawar – Ashta 400 kV D/c (Quad ACSR/AAAC/AL59 moose equivalent) line  7. 2 nos. of 400 kV line bays at Ashta (MP) S/s for termination of Kurawar – Ashta 400 kV D/c line • 400 kV line bays - 2 Nos. [for Ashta (MP) end]  8. LILO of one circuit of Indore – Itarsi 400 kV D/c line at Ashta  9. 2 nos. of 400 kV line bays at Ashta (MP) S/s for LILO of one circuit of Indore – Itarsi 400 kV D/c line at Ashta • 400 kV line bays - 2 Nos. [for Ashta (MP) end]  10. Shujalpur – Kurawar 400 kV D/c (Quad ACSR/AAAC/AL59 moose equivalent) line  11. 2 nos. of 400 kV line bays at Shujalpur (PG) S/s for termination of Shujalpur - Kurawar 400 kV D/c line • 400 kV line bays - 2 Nos. [for Shujalpur (PG) end]	24 months from SPV transfer (15.10.2026)	All elements of the scheme are required to be commissioned simultaneously, as their utilization is dependent on each other.

Note:

a) MPPTCL has confirmed availability of space for 2 nos. 400 kV bays at Ashta (MP) S/s and for 2 nos. additional bays. MPPTCL has informed that adjacent land is private land and may be purchased by the project developer at their cost as per requirement.

b) Implementation of A, B, C, D, E, F, H1 and H2 packages shall be aligned.

c) TSP of the subject scheme shall implement Inter-tripping scheme on Mandsaur-Kurawar 765 kV D/c line (for tripping of the switchable line reactor at Mandsaur/Kurawar end along with the main line breaker).

d) Switchable line reactors shall be implemented with NGR bypass arrangement.

e) Developer of Mandsaur S/s shall provide space for 2 Nos. 765 kV line bays for Mandsaur - Kurawar 765 kV D/c line along with space for 2 nos. of 240 MVAR switchable line reactor and space for spare 80 MVAR single phase reactor unit.

f) POWERGRID shall provide space for 2 Nos. 400 kV line bays at Shujalpur S/s for Shujalpur – Kurawar 400 kV D/c line.

g) Implementation timeframe: 24 months from date of SPV acquisition.”

2. The Central Transmission Utility of India Limited, vide its letter dated 6.11.2024, has recommended for the grant of a transmission licence to the applicant to establish the proposed transmission system.

3. Based on the material available on the record, the Commission, vide order dated 28.2.2025 in Petition No. 491/TL/2024, has proposed to issue a transmission licence to the applicant for establishment of the transmission scheme as noted in para 1 above.

4. A copy of the application, along with its annexures and enclosures, made by the applicant for the grant of an inter-State transmission licence to **POWERGRID Kurawar Transmission Limited** before the Commission can be accessed at the [www.powergrid.in/subsidiaries](http://www.powergrid.in/subsidiaries) or inspected by any person in the Commission’s office by following the laid down procedure.

5. Notice is hereby given in pursuance of clause (a) of sub-section (5) of Section 15 of the Act that suggestions or objections, if any, to the Commission’s proposal to grant a transmission licence to the applicant, as aforesaid, be sent to the undersigned by **17.3.2025** at the above noted address. The suggestions or objections received after the specified date shall not be considered.

6. The application shall be taken up for the further hearing by the Commission on **19.3.2025**. Any person who files suggestions or objections may in his/her discretion attend the hearing, for which no TA/DA shall be paid by the Commission.

Sd/-  
(Harpreet Singh Pruthi)  
Secretary

BRIEFLY  
GST Council reconstitutes GoM

New Delhi: The GST Council has reconstituted the Group of Ministers on GST revenue analysis which will suggest issues that need policy intervention. PTI

‘Auto retail sales drop 7% in Feb’

Frankfurt: Automobile retail sales across categories witnessed a drop of 7 per cent in February amid declining demand, FADA said. PTI

European Central Bank cuts rates

Frankfurt: The European Central Bank has cut interest rates by another quarter percentage point to boost growth, lowering credit costs for consumers and businesses. The ECB’s rate-setting council lowered its benchmark deposit rate to 2.5%. AP

Gadkari blames faulty DPRs, poor civil engineering for increasing road accidents

New Delhi: Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari on Thursday said that road accidents and fatalities in India are increasing and “the most important culprits are civil engineers”, substandard detailed project reports (DPRs), consultants, and concessionaires.

In his address at the two-day Global Road Infratech Summit & Expo (GRIS), Gadkari said, “The most important culprits are civil engineers. I do not blame everybody, but after 10 years of my experience, I have come to this conclusion. Culpit are those who are making DPRs. Because of small civil engineering mistakes, there are hundreds of deaths.” He said that even though there are mistakes, no body is held accountable. “Even small things like the road signages and marking system are very poor in the country. These can be copied from countries like Spain, Austria and Switzerland and implemented here,” he said. ENS

Over 30K taxpayers declare foreign assets worth ₹29,208 cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 6

OVER 30,000 taxpayers declared foreign assets worth more than Rs 29,000 crore after a special nudge campaign by the Income Tax Department that began in November 2024, government sources said. About 24,678 taxpayers reviewed their income tax returns (ITRs) and 5,483 taxpayers filed belated returns for assessment year 2024-25, declaring foreign assets worth Rs 29,208 crore and additional foreign income of Rs 1,089.88 crore, they said.

In addition, 6,734 taxpayers revised their residential status from resident to non-resident. Around 62 per cent of nudged taxpayers responded positively, voluntarily revising their ITRs to declare foreign assets and income, sources said.

In November last year, citing compliance with global disclosure norms, the Income Tax Department had urged them to disclose details of foreign assets

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and income correctly in their income tax returns and file revised returns by December 31, if there was a requirement to update the information. The Department had also started an e-campaign in the next few days to facilitate filing of details of foreign assets and income by taxpayers.

“The number of taxpayers disclosing foreign assets and income





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THIS WORD MEANS

IFTAR

Breaking of the fast at dusk during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan



A vendor in Srinagar arranges traditional Kashmiri snacks consumed at *Iftar*. PTI

tenets of Islam.

What is the social significance?

*Iftar* is often a community affair, with people eating together or sending food to each other and the needy. It is part of the shared experience of obeying the commands of Allah, promoting a feeling of kinship, of being part of a larger whole. In 2023, *iftar* was inscribed on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. The UNESCO website says, "The evening prayer is followed by activities such as praying ceremonies, music, storytelling, games, preparing and serving traditional and local meals and marriage arrangements. For communities, it often takes the form of gatherings or meals, strengthening family and community ties and promoting charity, solidarity and social exchange. The ceremonies and rituals related to *iftar* are also practised by people who do not necessarily fast during the month of Ramadan. The knowledge and skills are typically transmitted within families through oral instruction, observation and participation, and children and youth are often entrusted with preparing components of traditional meals."

YASHEE  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 6

MARCH 7 marks the first Friday of Ramadan (or Ramadan), the Islamic holy month. After spending dawn-to-dusk observing a *roza*, or a ritual fast, Muslims around the world break their fast with *iftar* during Ramadan.

The word "*iftar*" is derived from an Arabic term which refers to the breaking of the fast.

What time of the day is it partaken?

*Iftar* or *Iftari* is the evening meal eaten immediately before the evening *namaz* (also called the *Maghrib*) and comes at the end of the fasting day. *Iftar* is one of the two meals eaten by people who fast during Ramadan, the other being *sehri* (or *suhoor*) that is eaten before dawn. There are no set rules for the food items that should be consumed during *iftar*, with people consuming whatever is locally available and popular. However, the Prophet Muhammad is believed to have broken his fast with dates, and so they are a popular and recommended choice for many. The meal is often eaten with family, friends, and the larger community. Charity, or providing *iftar* for the needy, is another aspect of the meal.

What is the spiritual significance?

The process of fasting is intended to remind the faithful that everything one has is given by God. *Iftar* is the time to express gratitude to Allah for the sustenance provided, and reflect on all the other blessings one enjoys in life. The fast, and breaking it with only one meal, is also meant to inculcate discipline and self-control, so that one is mindful of what one consumes and enjoys, and can find the strength within to observe all the

## STUDY: GENE PRESENT IN MICE MAY HELP ARREST COGNITIVE DECLINE

RESEARCHERS HAVE found a gene in mice that rejuvenates female brains. Humans have the same gene. The discovery suggests a possible way to help both women and men avoid cognitive declines in old age. The study was published on Wednesday in *Science Advances*. The journal also published two other studies on women's brains, one on the effect of hormone therapy; another on how age at the onset of menopause shapes the risk of Alzheimer's disease. Previous evidence suggests women's brains age more slowly than men's. To understand how, the researchers focused on the one factor that differentiates females and males: the X chromosome. Females have two X chromosomes; males have one X and one Y chromosome. Early in pregnancy, one of the X chromosomes in females shuts down and its



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genes go nearly silent. But while looking at the hippocampus, the brain's centre of memory and cognition, which deteriorates as one ages, the researchers found that the silent X chromosomes "woke up". Their study was done in aging mice, but the researchers believe the finding is applicable to humans because mice show the same age-related effects on brain functioning — with females performing better than males. The researchers focused on a particular awakened gene, Plp1. When, using gene therapy, aging male mice were given a dose of Plp1 in their hippocampuses, they regained memory and cognition. And when the therapy was given to female mice, which were already making Plp1, their memories and cognition got even better.

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BENGALURU, MARCH 6

A PROGRAM to explore the creation of a secure 5G Open Radio Access Network (O-RAN) for India as part of the United States' Indo-Pacific strategy, initiatives for clean air and water and sanitation, and dozens of health projects will come to a halt in India following an order of the Trump administration (January 20 Executive Order titled 'Reevaluating and Realigning United States Foreign Aid'). The order seeks to end foreign aid and all but disband the US Agency for International Development. USAID has been a major contributor to health- and population-linked projects in India over the last two decades. In recent years, it has also focussed on building systems in India as part of a partnership strategy drawn up in 2022 to counter China in the Indo-Pacific. In 2022, USAID was fourth among providers of Official Development Assistance to India with a contribution of \$228 million after Japan (\$2.97 billion), European Union institutions (\$383.5 mn) and Germany (\$235 mn), according to Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) data.

USAID funding for India

Data on [foreignassistance.gov](http://foreignassistance.gov), a joint website of USAID and the US Department of State that details US non-defence foreign assistance through governments and NGOs, show USAID disbursed \$2.8 bn in Official Development Assistance to India since 2001. The largest aid packets came over 2022 and 2023 — \$228 mn and \$175 mn respectively. In 2024, \$151 mn had been disbursed to India until December 19, when the site was last updated. A significant increase in USAID allocation to an economic support fund to India after the Covid-19 pandemic — \$148 mn in 2022 and \$81 mn in 2023 — was the main reason US aid to India reached all-time highs over the last three years. These years were the first since the 2001-08 period when total annual disbursements to India exceeded \$100 mn. (The earlier peak of \$175 mn was reached in 2006.) While the bulk of the annual USAID funding in 2001 and 2002 went to Food Aid and Commodity Assistance, the subsequent years saw a focus on the Health and Population category through allocations for polio eradication, maternal health, HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis control programs.

Funding over last 3 years

**2024:** \$80 mn of the \$151 mn disbursed to India by USAID in 2024 went to the Health and Population category — with \$42.99 mn

## USAID's India projects under threat

HEALTH

**Momentum 3B for Overcoming Entrenched Obstacles in Routine Immunization**

**GOAL:** Strengthen immunisation programs, remove bottlenecks in planning, delivery, demand, uptake of immunisation services.  
**FUNDING:** \$20,596,671  
**SCHEDULED END:** June 2026

**Reaching Impact, Saturation and Epidemic Control (RISE)**

**GOAL:** Five-year PEPFAR-USAID-funded project to reduce new HIV infections, HIV-related morbidity & mortality.  
**FUNDING:** \$7,163,483  
**SCHEDULED END:** December 2025

**Suwasi: Support To Water and Sanitation in India**

**GOAL:** Support sustainable sanitation and safe drinking water in pursuit of sustainable development goals.  
**FUNDING:** \$4,050,001  
**SCHEDULED END:** March 2026

ENVIRONMENT

**Strengthening Landscape Management and Conservation**

**GOAL:** Five-year program that supports Government of India, other stakeholders in protecting landscapes, improving biodiversity conservation.  
**FUNDING:** \$2,695,142  
**SCHEDULED END:** April 2028

Cleaner Air and Better Health

**GOAL:** Improve air quality and reduce air pollution exposure in selected Indian locations.  
**FUNDING:** \$1,500,000  
**SCHEDULED END:** October 2026

BASIC EDUCATION

**Scaling up Early Learning**

**GOAL:** Facilitate creation of reading rooms to improve basic education.  
**FUNDING:** \$2,115,879  
**SCHEDULED END:** September 2025

for basic health programs, including \$16 mn for Covid-19.

The next highest allocation was to maternal and child health and family planning

Udyami: Building Resilience of Women Micro-entrepreneurs

**FUNDING:** \$3,000,000  
**SCHEDULED END:** November 2027

ENERGY

**South Asia Regional Energy Partnership (SAREP)**

**GOAL:** Improve access to affordable, secure, reliable and sustainable energy in South Asia.  
**FUNDING:** \$5,196,278  
**SCHEDULED END:** September 2028

BUSINESS

**O-RAN Research Labs**

**GOAL:** To explore creation of a tech platform for secure and trustworthy alternate 5G O-RAN; part of US efforts to facilitate "free and open Indo-Pacific".  
**FUNDING:** \$3,300,000  
**SCHEDULED END:** September 2025

GOVT & CIVIL SOCIETY

**Central Tibetan Administration Capacity Building & Sustainability Initiative**

**GOAL:** Strengthen Central Tibetan Administration for delivering services to Tibetans and achieving community self-reliance.  
**FUNDING:** \$2,898,081  
**SCHEDULED END:** August 2026

OTHER SOCIAL STRUCTURE

**Development Partnership Activity for Indo Pacific Region**

**GOAL:** Partnership between USAID and Indian development agencies to provide technical assistance to countries in the Indo-Pacific region in the areas of energy, natural resource management, digital technology, connectivity, trade and competitiveness.  
**FUNDING:** \$1,676,960 (2024), \$962,488 (2023), \$881,455 (2022)  
**SCHEDULED END:** August 2025

(\$20.94 mn), followed by environmental protection programs (\$17.12 mn).

**2023:** Of the \$175 mn disbursed by US-AID to India, Health and Population got \$120

mn, with \$83.22 mn for basic health, including \$54 mn for Covid-19.

Maternal and child health got \$16.28 mn, HIV/AIDS \$12.13 mn, and environmental protection \$9.62 mn.

**2022:** \$180 mn of the \$228 mn disbursed by USAID was for the Health and Population category, including \$140.7 mn for basic health (\$120 mn was for Covid-19 control). Around \$25.09 mn was given for maternal and child health, \$10.57 mn for HIV/AIDS, and \$7.18 mn for environment protection.

When funds tap is shut

In its effort to stop the US economy from hemorrhaging resources amid growing debt, the Trump administration has gone after USAID and its funding initiatives with a sledgehammer. The impact will be felt in underdeveloped and developing countries in Asia and Africa, including India — especially in those health and social sector areas in which Indian government funding is limited. **TUBERCULOSIS:** "Breaking the Barriers", a program to increase knowledge about TB in the poorest regions of Karnataka, Telangana, Bihar, and Assam will be a key project that will be hit. Over the 2022-23 period, US-AID provided \$7 mn to the program. **HIV/AIDS:** USAID and PEPFAR (President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief) have been the major contributors to the global fight against HIV/AIDS.

"[The mission] is currently under threat because of the Trump administration disbanding and abandoning USAID. We are unclear what will happen but the disruption that has already taken place will manifest itself in lives lost and prevention of onward transmission of HIV infections," German population health researcher Dr Till Barnighausen told *The Indian Express* recently.

The German Consul General in Bengaluru Achim Burkart said at a recent public lecture that the cutting of USAID funds "means losing lives". In Zambia alone 150,000 people are in desperate need of HIV medication, in the absence of which they will die, Burkart said.

"The rich countries have a responsibility to support the countries that are not able to support themselves. With at least 50% of the world's population having no access to safe, affordable, timely healthcare services, delivering healthcare remains an urgent task," he said.

On February 13, a US federal court stayed the January 20 executive order to halt all foreign aid. The Trump administration appealed at the US Supreme Court and argued that 5,800 foreign aid awards had been evaluated and 500 had been retained. In a 5-4 verdict on March 5, the court rejected the government's request to cancel the February 13 order of the federal court.

## Pashu Aushadhi initiative for health of livestock

Pashu Aushadhi component.

Based on Janaushadhi Kendras

The initiative has been conceptualised on the lines of the existing Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janaushadhi Kendras, which provide "quality generic medicines at affordable prices" to "bring down the healthcare budget of every citizen of India".

"Generic medicines" are non-branded drugs, which are marketed under a non-proprietary or approved name rather than a proprietary or brand name.

More than 10,300 Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janaushadhi Kendras are currently functional, according to the Department of Pharmaceuticals under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers. March 7 will be celebrated as Janaushadhi Diwas.

Why Pashu Aushadhi matters

As per the 20th Livestock Census, India's Livestock population stood at 535.78 million in 2019. This included a total bovine population (including cattle, buffalo, mithun and yak) of 302.79 million.

According to the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, the "productivity of livestock is impacted adversely due to diseases like Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), Brucellosis, Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR), Cerebrospinal Fluid (CSF), Lumpy Skin Disease, etc."

While measures such as vaccination drives have been taken proactively, much remains to be done. A significant portion of the out-of-pocket expenditure of farmers goes into buying medicines to treat their cattle and other animals for illnesses. Implementing

LHDCP can help reduce those losses through disease prevention, the ministry said.

To be run by co-op societies

The Pashu Aushadhi stores will be run by cooperative societies and Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samridhhi Kendras. The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying will release guidelines for their functioning, a source said.

The Pashu Aushadhi Kendras will also sell ethnoveterinary medicines, which are based on traditional beliefs and indigenous knowledge and practices. The National Dairy Development Board has compiled a list of ethnoveterinary formulations for major ailments in bovines, including treatments for mastitis, FMD disease lesions, fever, and worms.

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## How does a cricket ball swing? How does saliva help in its movement?

SRIRAM VEERA  
MUMBAI, MARCH 6

INDIAN PACER Mohammad Shami on Thursday appealed to the ICC to lift the ban on using saliva to shine cricket balls that was introduced during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Since 2011, two balls have been used per innings in ODIs. This means that balls are not as scuffed up as they used to be. Add to this the prohibition on using saliva, generating reverse swing has gotten much more difficult.

"We are trying to reverse, but you are not getting the use of saliva into the game," Shami told reporters in Dubai.

What is swing? Why does a ball swing?

Swing refers to the lateral movement of a cricket ball in the air, before it lands on the pitch. It is essentially a product of an air pressure differential on either side of the ball.

A thin layer of air forms along the ball's surface after it is released by the bowler. But

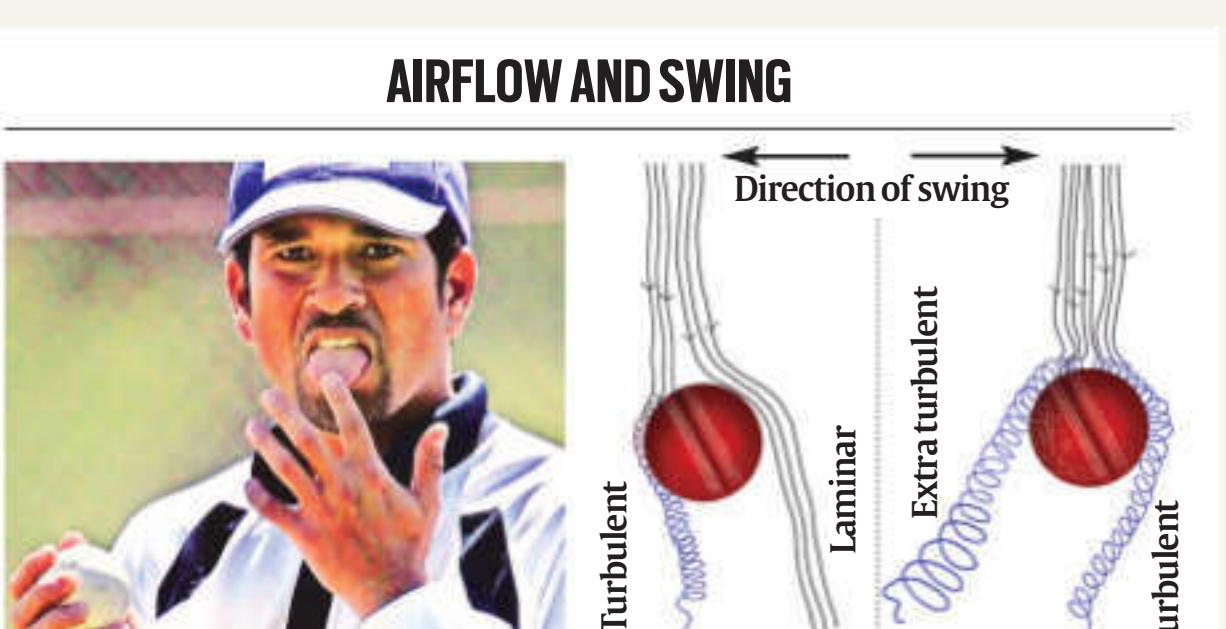
the so-called "boundary layer" must separate from the surface at some point. Where this separation occurs on either side of the ball determines the air pressure on that side.

Bowlers generally tilt the seam towards one direction or the other. In a new ball, the raised seam disturbs the airflow on the side towards which it is tilted. This turbulent flow on the seam side sticks to the ball's surface longer and travels faster than the smooth laminar flow on the other side.

According to Bernoulli's principle, faster travelling air on the seam side results in a decrease of air pressure on that side, making the ball swing in that direction. In theory, a new ball that is held straight — with the seam perfectly aligned to the direction it is travelling — will not swing because the airflow on both sides of the ball is even.

What is reverse swing? Why does it occur?

What has been discussed so far is conventional swing which generally occurs with a new ball. Things get more interest-



Spit is used to shine the ball. Reuters

ing when the ball gets older, its lacquer wears off, and its surface gets more abrasive. This is when the ball starts to reverse, that is, move in the direction opposite to the seam side.

From the moment they are handed the ball, the fielding team makes efforts to shine

one side. Consequently, as the ball gets older, one side is smoother than the other. That said, the so-called shiny side is nonetheless rougher than a new ball. This means that this side still generates sticky, turbulent airflow.

However, the rougher side generates

even more turbulent airflow than the shinier side, which can be further aggravated with the help of the seam. This extra turbulent airflow is not as sticky as the turbulent airflow on the other side. It shears off — meaning that the point of separation for the boundary layer moves towards the front of the ball. As a consequence, the air pressure on the seam side is now relatively higher than on that on the shiny side. This makes the ball swing on the side opposite to the seam.

To aid reverse swing, bowlers also try to ensure that the shiny side is slightly heavier than the other side. This gives the ball a natural tendency to fall in that direction.

Where does saliva figure in all this?

Cricketers have traditionally used saliva to shine one side of the ball, smoothen the surface, and make it a tad heavier on that side. The idea is to create as great of a contrast between the two sides of the ball as possible, which helps generate reverse swing. Cricketers have chewed on all kinds of mints and candy to aid the shining process — sugary saliva is heavier, and thus

considered more effective for shining a cricket ball.

Can something else be used in saliva's place? In theory, yes. But saliva is the most readily accessible shining agent that works the way cricketers want it to.

Take sweat, for example. Rubbing the ball with sweat is legal but sweat is not as good a polishing agent as saliva, presumably because it does not contain mucus.

Moreover, the ball tends to soak up sweat — too much sweat can soften the ball which is not something bowlers want. Softer balls do not bounce as much, they do not turn as quickly, or retain much pace after pitching. In short, they are easier for a batter to deal with.

Then there is the fact that unlike saliva, sweating is condition-dependent. Players simply do not sweat enough in cold conditions for it to be an effective shining substance.

Other substances like vaseline have also been touted, although they are not as effective. Notably, vaseline is lighter than sweat. As former Indian pacer Ashish Nehra once said: "Vaseline can help keep the shine, but it does not make the ball heavier on one side."







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PERSONAL

I, Ashu Ahuja R/o B-18, First Floor, Jhilmil Colony, Delhi-110095, declare that my son name written on Mediclaim Policy No.2805203639987004 as HANSHIT AHUJA instead of SHOURYA AHUJA. My son correct name is SHOURYA AHUJA. 0040778235-1

I, Anand Shekhar R/o Flat No.156, Gold Coast Platinum, Tower-12, Crossing Republik, Ghaziabad, UP-201016 have changed my minor son's name from CYRUS PREETHISH SHUKLA to CYRUS PRITHISH MISHRA for all purposes. 0070955011-1

I, Amit Dhiman S/o Rajinder Kumar R/o Flat No-7 F/E, Plot No-4/5, Kavita Colony, Nangloi, Delhi-110041 have changed my name to Amit Kumar Sharma for all purposes. 0070955019-1

I Yoganand Sharma S/o Shivji Sharma R/o WZ-13A/1, Gali No.4, Vashisht Park, Pankha Road, New Delhi-46 have changed my name from Yoganand to Yoganand Sharma for all purpose in future. 0040778293-1

I Shesh Rani Gupta D/o Hazari Lal Gupta and W/o Raj Kumar Gupta R/o 267, Street No-4, Govind Puri Kalkaji, Aali, PO-Ali, Dist-South Delhi, Delhi-110019, have changed my name to Sneh Rani Gupta 0070955040-1

I Sahil Ahmed S/o Habib Ahmed R/o H.No.365/108, Ground Floor, The Gaffer Manzil, Jamia Nagar, South Delhi, Delhi-110025 have changed the name of my minor son from Aarish Malik to Arham Malik for all purposes. 0040778217-3

I Neeraj Garg S/o-Rajender Prasad Gupta R/o-D-1, Pushpanjali Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Neeraj Kumar Gupta for all purposes. 0040778240-1

I Devika Beniwal w/o Krishna Singh R/o B-206, Ambey Residency, Sector-39, Gurgaon-122001 have changed my minor daughter's name from Janvi Diwan to JAHANVII SINGH for all future purposes. 0040778272-2

I Ankur Choudhary S/o Sh.Surender Pal R/o House No.D-1/7, Gali No.19, Near Gyani Market, Khajoori Khas, Karawal Nagar, North East, Delhi-110094 have changed the name of my minor daughter from Vedish Chaudhary to Vedish Hooda for all purposes. 0040778217-1

I Ankur Choudhary S/o Sh.Surender Pal R/o House No.D-1/7, Gali No.19, Near Gyani Market, Khajoori Khas, Karawal Nagar, North East, Delhi-110094 have changed the name of my minor daughter from Vedish Chaudhary to Vedish Hooda for all purposes. 0040778217-2

I, NEERAJ KUMAR, father of, YASHIKHA, Presently, residin g at, Village Jareliya, P.O.Bajna, Distt. Mathura, Uttar Pradesh, have changed my minor daughter's name from YASHIKHA to YASHIKHA SINGH. Vide-affidavit date-05.03.2025. 0040778329-10

It is for general information that I, DHAN BAHADUR GURUNG S/o Deo Bahadur Gurung, R/o Rabindra Sarani, Kadamtala, Ranidanga, Darjeeling, Kadamtala, West Bengal-734011, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as D B Gurung in my minor daughter PAYAL GURUNG aged 15 years in her Birth Certificate and School Record. The actual name of mine is DHAN BAHADUR GURUNG , which may be amended accordingly. 0070955038-1

I, hitherto known as Kritika Aditya, D/o Rajendra Singh and, W/o Kulbhushan Jain, R/o Flat.No.9, Block-E2, Pocket-2, Rohini Sector-15, North West Delhi, Rohini Sector-15, Delhi-110089, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kritika Jain. 0040778331-7

I, hitherto known as DR.G.D BHATT alias GANESH DATT BHATT, S/O HARI RAM BHATT, R/O- PLOT- NO-904, UPPER GROUND FLOOR, DR. MUKHERJEE NAGAR, P.O DR. MUKHERJEE NAGAR, DIST- NORTH WEST DELHI, DELHI-110009, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as GANESH DATT BHATT. 0040778331-12

I, Yash Raj, S/o: Baldev Raj, Address:- 658/16, 3rd floor sector-16, Sector-16A Faridabad haryana 121002, changed my Name To Yash Raj chandna 0040778331-1

I, Vidyawati W/o Satbir Rana R/o Flat No. 622, LIG, Sanjay Enclave, Jahangir Puri, North West Delhi-110033, have changed my name to Vidya Rana, for all Purposes. 0040778329-6

I, VINEETA, GOEL W/O TARUN GOEL R/O 89, PUNJABI COLONY, NARELA, DELHI-110040. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO VINEETA FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040778306-2

I, MANJIT SINGH KALSI SON OF SH. MALKIAT SINGH RESIDENT OF A-7A/10 FIRST FLOOR, RANA PRATAP BAGH DELHI-110007 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM MANJEET SINGH KALSI TO MANJIT SINGH KALSI FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES. 0040778285-2

I, VIDUSHI, DAUGHTER OF GAJANAND YADAVA, Presently residing at, Air Force, Station, Race Course-Road, New Delhi-110003, have changed my name, from VIDUSHI to VIDUSHI YADAV, vide-Affidavit, 06.03.2025. 0040778261-5

I, UPENDRA KUMAR VERMA, S/o Jai Singh R/o H.No.G-59/F-2, UG F, Dilshad Colony, Delhi-110095, have changed my name to UPENDRA VERMA 0040778306-4

I, Suneeta, D/o Sh. Janardan Yadav R/o, 6111/5, 2nd-Floor, Sector-D-6, Santushti Apartments, Near-Gate No.2, Vasant Kunj, PO: Vasant-Kunj, Dist. South West-Delhi, New-Delhi-110070, have changed my name, from Suneeta to Sunita Kumari, for all, purposes. 0040778261-7

I, Sarabjit Singh S/o Mohan Singh R/o-1/186 Subhash Nagar Delhi-110027, have changed my name to Sarabjeet Singh. 0040778306-5

I, SUSHMA RANI SEHGAL W/O ANIL KUMAR SEHGAL R/O FLAT NO.65, VIDYA VIHAR APARTMENT, SECTOR-9, ROHINI, DELHI-110085, changed my name to SUSHMA SEHGAL. 0040778261-1

I, SHAZAD S/o Mohd Sharif, R/o C-48/13B, F/F, Gali No.-4, Chauhann Bangar, Seelampur, Delhi-110053, have changed my name, from SHAZAD to MD. SHEHZAD, for all, future purposes. 0040778261-4

I, SAYAR KUNWAR, mother of, Amrit Singh, Presently, residing at, 203, Sai Prem-Apartment CHS Ltd., Ram Mandir-Road, Near Police-Station, Bhayander (West), Post Bhayander, Distt. Thane, Maharashtra-401101, have changed my name, from SAYAR KUNWAR to SAYAR KUNWAR GUNGASINGH RAJPUROHIT, vide-Affidavit Date-05.03.2025. 0040778329-8

I, SATYA VIR SINGH, S/o Shri BANSI DHAR YADAV R/o Plot No-17, Kh.No-30/1, Qutub Vihar, Phase-1, Chhawla, Delhi-110071, have changed my name to SATYAVIR SINGH YADAV. 0040778261-3

I, Rohtas Singhal, S/o Ved Prakash Singhal, R/o-F-8/24, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051, declare that my DOB-04-10-1978 has been wrongly in my Aadhar-No.618414323633 and Pan-No. AUZPS1332 G, My Actual DOB is 04-01-1978 as My Passport No. K7273847. 0040778261-10

I, Rohit S/o-Santra Devi R/o, Flat.No.838, Ward.No.-10, Near-Gau Karan-Park Roop-Nagar Rohtak (Haryana)-124001, have changed my name to Rohit Kaushik. 0040778328-6

I, Ram Babu S/o Gabdu Ram, H.No-175, Gali No-7, Hans-Enclave, Near-Rajiv Chowk NH-8, Naharpur Rupa, Gurgaon (Haryana)-122001, have changed my name to Ram Babu Ambavta. 0040778328-9

I, Sonia, W/o Anuj Bansal R/o C 3/111, Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Sonia Goel 0040778328-3

I, Rakesh S/o-Ram Kishor, R/o RZ-A-40A, Near Shiv Mandir, Old Janki Puri, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Rakesh Kumar. 0040778328-10

I, Rajesh, S/o Sh.Ved Prakash, R/o Deepchand Pradhan Mohalla, Rajokari-Village, South West Delhi, New Delhi-110038, have changed the name of my minor son RAKSHIT aged about-14-years and he shall hereafter be known as RAKSHIT GUJJAR. 0040778306-7

I, Rajesh Kumar, S/o Sh. Ravinder Kumar, R/o, Flat.No.17, Venus Apartment, Paschim Vihar , New Delhi-110087, inform that My Minor Son's Name In School Record wrongly-Written Rohan Poddar Kumar Correct Name is Rohan Kumar. 0040778261-11

I, RAJIV AGRAWAL S/O KAILASH CHAND AGRAWAL R/o-TP-83, FIRST-FLOOR, PITAMPURA, DELHI-110034, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RAJEEV AGRAWAL 0040778306-3

I, Pushpa Rani Sharma W/o Sudhir Kumar Sharma, R/o-203 Block-T3, Parsvanath Prestige-2, Sector-93A Noida-201301, Have Changed My Name To Pushpa Sharma. 0040778306-6

I, PRIYANKA, wife of, Amrit Singh, Presently residing at, 203, Sai Prem-Apartment CHS-Ltd., Ram Mandir-Road, Near-Police Station, Bhayander (West), Post Bhayander, Distt. Thane, Maharashtra-401101, have changed my name, from PRIYANKA to PRIYANKA AMRIT SINGH Vide-affidavit Date-05.03.2025. 0040778329-9

I, Nirbhay Sehrawat, S/o Shri Rajender Singh, R/o C-18, Shaheed Hawaldar Mukhtiyar Singh Marg, Bawana, Delhi-110039, declare that Nirbhay Sehrawat and Nirbhay both names are one and the same person i.e. myself. 0040778331-3

I, Jagdish Sharan Bhardwaj, R/o I-107, Gali No.15, Near Lalita Park, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092, have changed my minor daughter's name from SHRADDHA BHARDWAJ to SHRADDHA BHARDWAJ for all purposes. 0040778216-1

I, Neeraj, D/O-Suresh, R/o-Jhinjar (151) Jhinjar Charkhi Dabri, Haryana-127307, Have Changed My Name Neeraj Phogat. 0040778328-3

I, Naveen Tyagi, S/o Subedar Singh Tyagi, R/o 1A-CX4, G.C.Grand, Vaibhav khand, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, UP-201014, am changing, my son's name from Kabir Tyagi to Leo Tyagi for, all purposes. 0040778331-8

I, NEERU WADEHRA, W/O Sh. RAJIV WADEHRA, R/O H.NO.404, MAHAGUN MORPHEUS, BLOCK-E, SECTOR-50, NOIDA, GAUTAM-BUDH NAGAR, U.P.201301, have changed my, Daughter's name from NAYANTARA WADEHRA to NAYANTARA WADERRA, for all, future purpose. 0040778331-5

I, Mohd Iqbal Ahmed, S/o-Harun Khan, R/o/H.No.-78/A, Block No.-2, Ferozpur Namak(156), Mewat (Haryana)-122107, have changed my name to Mohammad Iqbal. 0040778328-4

I, Meenu, W/o Surrender Kaushik, R/O-838, Ward.No.-10, Near Gaukaran-Park Roop Nagar Rohtak Haryana-124001, have changed my name to Santra Devi. 0040778328-8

I, Mamta Devi, W/o Sh. Rakesh Kumar, R/O- C-4/3, Sector-6, Rohini, Delhi-110085, declare that Mamta Devi and Mamta Maurya both names are one and the same person i.e. myself. 0040778331-4

I, MOHAMMAD ADNAN, S/O-MANNAN, R/O-HOUSE/NO-73, MOHALLA SHEKHAN, SARDHANA, MEERUT UTTAR PRADESH-250342, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MOHD ADNAN. 0040778328-2

I, Bhawna D/o Gulshan Kumar R/o 16/159, Geeta Colony, Delhi-110031, have changed my name to Bhawna Chitkara. 0040778261-2

I, Jaya Agrawal, W/o Abhishek Goel R/O D-652, 11nd floor, Saraswati Vihar, Pitampura, North West Delhi-110033, have changed my name to Jaya Ravindra Agrawal. 0040778328-7

I, Hitherto known as Talib, S/o Tarik, R/o-H.No.42, Bagh-Ranap, Loni, Ghaziabad, UP-201102, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Veer. 0040778261-9

I, GUNWANTI YADAV, spouse of DHANANJAY YADAV, R/o Shri Apartment, Mahavir Enclave, Gali.No.1, New Delhi-110045, have changed by name, from GUNWANTI YADAV to GUNWANTI KUMARI vide-Affidavit IN-DL45510443743270X Dated-05/03/2025. 0040778329-5

I, GANGA SINGH, father of, Amrit Singh, Presently, residing at, 203, Sai Prem-Apartment CHS Ltd., Ram Mandir-Road, Near-Police Station, Bhayander (West), Post Bhayander, Distt. Thane, Maharashtra-401101, have changed my name, from GANGA SINGH to GANGASING RAJPUROHIT, vide-Affidavit Date-5.03.2025. 0040778329-7

I, G. RAJA PRABHA, W/O KUNGITHAM MURUGAN, R/o-241, Ground-floor, DU-B-Block, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as RAJAPRABHA GOVINDARAJU. 0040778261-6

I, Farman Ali, S/o Mehar Ban Ali, R/o Flat.No-1102, Signature Global The Rosselia Sector-95A, Wazirpur-115, Gurgaon (Haryana)-122505, have changed my Minor Son's name from Rehan Tyagi to Rihan Ali Tyagi. 0040778328-5

I, Deepika Sharma, W/o-Yogesh Sharma, R/o, H.No.-4/2839, Street No.-1, Bihari Colony, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have changed my name to Deepali Sharma, for all, future purposes. 0040778326-1

I, DIMPLE W/O ABHISHEK SINGHAL R/O 22/22, HINDU GIRLS COLLEGE ROAD, KATH MANDI, SONIPAT, HARYANA-131001, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO DIMPLE SINGHAL. 0040778306-1

I, DHRUV WADERA, S/O Sh. RAJIV WADEHRA, R/O H.NO.404, MAHAGUN MORPHEUS, BLOCK-E, SECTOR-50, NOIDA, GAUTAM-BUDH-NAGAR, U.P.201301, have changed my, name from DHRUV WADEHRA to DHRUV WADERA, for all future purposes. 0040778331-6

I, Bhavy Joshi S/O Preeti Joshi R/O House, No-14, First Floor, Street No-4, West Chander Nagar, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051, Have Changed my Name to Manan Rehani. 0040778261-8

I, Afrah Nehal, D/o-Mohammad Nihal Alam Khan, R/O B-63, Shaheen Bagh, Abul-Fazal Enclave, Jamia-Nagar, ND-110025 have changed my name to Afrah Khanam. 0040778326-2

I, Rajesh, S/o Sh.Ved Prakash, R/O-Deepchand Pradhan Mohalla, Rajokari-Village, South-West Delhi, New-Delhi-110038, have changed the name of my-minor daughter PRANJAL CHOUDHARY aged about-13-years and she shall hereafter be known as PRANJAL GUJJAR. 0040778306-8

I, Pavneet Singh S/o Harvinder Pal Singh R/o E-46A, Second Floor, Mansarovar Garden, Delhi have changed my name from Pavneet Singh to Pavneet Pal permanently 0040778279-1

I, Aashima D/o Surender Kumar W/o, Shubham Bansal R/o WZ-48A, Street-No.8, Metro Pillar-No.668, Behind Canara-Bank, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Aashima Bansal. 0040778329-2

I, AJAY KUMAR DHIMAN, S/O-AMAR NATH, R/O PLOT NO-6/120 FLAT UG-5, SEC-2, RAJENDRA-NAGAR GHAZIABAD, U.P.-201005, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO AJAY KAUSHAL. 0040778328-1

I, hitherto known as SAROJINI PRABHA MINZ W/O MICHEL MINJ R/O FLAT NO 902, G2A, GOLFLINKS, RESIDENCY, SECTOR-18B, DWARKA, NEW DELHI-110075, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SAROJINI PRABHA MINJ 0040778313-1

I, Tapish Kalra S/o Surinder kalra R/o K-26A, Third Floor, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019 have a Passport in which my Father's name spelled has been wrongly mention as Surendra Kalra instead of his correct name spelled as Surinder Kalra. 0040778233-1

I, Shaileendra Arya S/o Yagya Pal Singh R/o A-335 New Panchvati Colony Near Bhatia More, G.T. Road Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201001 have changed my name to SHAILENDRA KUMAR ARYA for all future purposes 0070955008-1

I, SUSHANT, S/O DEVRAJ, R/O-T HUPS NO-E-80/625, RAJIVE CAMP, NEAR KRISHNA MARKET, JHILMIL COLONY SHAHDRA, DISY: EAST DELHI, DELHI-110095, have changed my name to SUBHASH for all future purposes. 0070955028-1

I, SUNEET KALSI SON OF SH. MANJIT SINGH KALSI RESIDENT OF A-7A/10 FIRST FLOOR, RANA PRATAP BAGH DELHI-110007 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM SUNEET SINGH KALSI TO SUNEET KALSI FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES. 0040778285-1

I, Neelu Sharma W/o Shri Devender Sharma R/o House No.B-25/1, Gali No.3, Prakesh Vihar, Karawal Nagar North East, Delhi-110094 have changed my name to Neelam for all purposes. 0040778237-1

I, Jasvinder W/o Sushil Kumar R/o-585A, Gali.No.6, Gobind Puri, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019, have changed my name to Jasvinder Kaur 0040778226-2

I, JASPREET KAUR BHATIA, W/O SAWARN SINGH, R/O D-54, DTC COLONY, MODEL TOWN, MODEL TOWN II, DR. MUKHERJEE NAGAR, NORTH WEST DELHI, DELHI-110009, have changed my name to JASPREET KAUR for all future purposes. 0070954989-1

I, HARI LAL S/O SHANKAR BHAGWAN R/o, A-254, Jawahar Camp, Kirti Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi-110015, have changed my name to SUDARSHAN. 0040778329-1

I, Devika / Devika Beniwal w/o Krishna Singh R/o B-206, Ambey Residency, Sector-39, Gurgaon-122001 have changed my name to DEVIKA SSINGH. 0040778272-1

I, Deepak Agarwal S/o Late Jai Bhagwan Agarwal R/o 164-A, Pocket A-2, LIG Mayur Vihar, Phase-3, East Delhi-110096 have changed my name from Deepak Kumar Aggarwal to Deepak Agarwal for all future purposes. 0040778150-1

I, DES RAJ, S/O SURAJ BHAN GUPTA, ADD :1829 OUTRAM LINE, KINGS WAY-CAMP, DELHI-110009, changed my Name To DES RAJ GUPTA 0040778331-2

I, BALDEV RAJ CHEEMA alias BALDEV RAJ, S/O SH.GURDAS RAM, R/O-G-235, THIRD-FLOOR, VIKAS PURI, NEW DELHI-110018, have changed my name to BALDEV RAJ CHEEMA, for all intends and purposes, and both the names pertain to one and the same person i.e. BALDEV RAJ CHEEMA 0040778226-1

I, Kavita Sharma w/o Naresh Kumar R/o 54-D, Pocket-1, Mayur Vihar, Delhi-110091 have changed my name to KAVITA. 0040778272-3

I, BALLEE DEVI W/O RAM CHANDER R/O 2418/182, GANESH PURA, TRI NAGAR, DELHI-110035 HAVE LOST MY PROPERTY DOCUMENTS VIDE PROPERTY 881/57, GROUND FLOOR, LEKHU NAGAR, TRI NAGAR, DELHI-110035, FIR NO-2637184/2025 DATED-3/3/2025, FINDER CONTACT-701189783 0070955014-1

I, Vicky Sharma, S/o Jai Prakash Sharma, R/o C-154, Sector Alpha-2, Greater Noida G.B. Nagar North I have lost my property documents in the form of allotment letter and Allocation letter. And the allotment number is AML0368021. Reference number PROP/AML03/14. Date of issue 22/08/2003. Allotment letter reference number PROP/RES/AML03/298. Date of issue 10/05/2011. Using it anywhere else would be illegal. If found, return it to my address. 0070955016-1

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**Transport Department**  
**Notice Inviting RFP**  
NIT No: 07/STA (IWT)- 22-10/2024-1782

The State Transport Commissioner, Transport Department, Government of Bihar invites proposal for "Selection of Consultant for preparation of State Maritime and Waterways Master Plan for Bihar". The bid will be evaluated through the Least Cost Based Selection (L1) method.

The tender document will be available on e-Tendering website (<https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>). The bidders are requested to submit the requisite Tender Fee, Tender Processing Fee and EMD along with the proposal through online (<https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>) on or before the last date of bid submission. The tender fee and tender processing fee shall be non-refundable. Important dates of this RFP are mentioned below:

Important Dates		
1.	Date of uploading of N.I.T. & other Documents (online) (Date of Publication)	04-03-2025
2.	RFP download Start Date (online) and Time	04-03-2025 at 05:00 PM
3.	Last Date and Time of sending the Pre-bid queries/ Clarifications (only through e-mail)	11-03-2025 at 11:00 AM
4.	Date of Pre-bid Meeting (offline)	12-03-2025 at 11:00 AM
5.	Last Date & Time of submission of proposals	11-04-2025 at 04:00 PM
6.	Date & Time of opening Pre-Qualification & Technical proposal(s) (online)	11-04-2025 at 05:00 PM
7.	Date & Time of Technical Presentation	16-04-2025 at 11:30 AM (only for qualified bidders)
8.	Opening of Financial proposals (online) and declaration of result	"Will be intimated later".

For further details please visit : [www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar](http://www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar)

State Transport Commissioner,  
Transport Department,  
Government of Bihar

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

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION**  
Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/Freight, Delhi Division, Northern Railway, in terms of Railway Board letter no. 2022/TC(FM)/10/04 dated 13.06.2022, invites bids through **e-Auction** ([www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)) for leasing of parcel space of SLR compartments and Parcel Vans (on round trip basis) for a period of **two years** as per detail and schedule given below:-

S. No.	Date & time of e-Auction	Assets to be auctioned
1.	10.03.2025 at 10:30 am	12015 (F1), 12050 (F1), 12459 (F1), 14087 (F1, F2, R1), 14089 (F1, F2, R1), 14316 (F1), 15035 (F2), 15060 (F1, R1), 22472 (F1, F2, R1), 54076(F1, F2), 54076 (R1) (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday), 54076 R1(Monday).
2.	11.03.2025 at 10:30 am	12265 (F1), 12430 (F1), 12463 (F1), 12584 (F1), 12754 (F1), 14035 (F1, F2, R1), 14053 (R1), 14152 (F1), 14164 (F1), 14521 (F1, F2, R1), 14681 (F1), 20473 (F1, R1), 22168 (F1, F2), 22210 (F1), 22401 (F1), 22438 (F1), 22654 (F1).
3.	17.03.2025 at 10:30 am	12191 (F1 & F2), 12215 (F1), 12457 (F1, F2 & R1), 12628 (F1), 12963 (F1) (Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday), 12963 (F1) (Monday, Tuesday and Friday), 14041 (R1) (Sunday), 14507 (F1, F2 & R1), 15035 (F1 & R1), 19338 (F1), 20914 (F1), 22421 (F1), 22429 (F1), 22463 (F1)
4.	18.03.2025 at 10:30 am	12005 (F1), 12038 (F1), 12055 (F1), 12057 (F1), 12060 (F1) (Monday and Tuesday), 12191 (R1), 12274 (F1), 12506 (F1), 14014 (F1), 14331 (F1, F2 & R1), 14714 (F1), 20452 (F1), 22168 (R1), 22421 (F2 & R1), 22950 (F1), 22986 (F1)
5.	21.03.2025 at 10:30 am	12011 (F1), 12013 (F1), 12017 (F1), 12040 (F1), 12045 (F1), 12066 (F1), 12148 (F1, F2), 12428 (F1) (Monday), 12448 (F1) (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 12448 (F1) (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday), 12455 (F1), 12481 (F1), 12612 (F1), 14041 (F1), 14053(F2), 14212 (F1), 14305 (F1, F2, R1), 14731 (F1), 20938 (F1), 20946 (F1), 22454 (F1, F2, R1)

**Important notes:** 1. For more information, requirement and various aspects regarding these e-Auctions, interested bidders are advised to visit [https://www.ireps.gov.in/html/helpdesk/learning\\_centre.html](https://www.ireps.gov.in/html/helpdesk/learning_centre.html). (e-Auction leasing section). 2. Following assets are again being floated on Revised Reserve Price (RP): a. 12265 (F1), b. 22401 (F1), c. 14041 (F1, R1), d. 54076 (F1, F2, R1), e. 22454 (F1, F2, R1). 3. Railway Administration reserves the full and absolute rights to short terminate these contracts at any point of time and/or for taking any decision regarding the discontinuation/continuation of these contracts with modified/ additional terms and conditions depending upon the continuation/discontinuation of these trains or commencement of new train services.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CORRECTION OF NAMES IN BAPTISM CERTIFICATE**  
1. Luis Salvador Lawrence Vaz, son of Alexio Caetano Francisco Vaz and Pulqueria Ataide e Vaz, do hereby declare as under:  
1. That I was baptised on 17th July 1966 at Sacred Heart Cathedral, New Delhi, and the baptism certificate was issued under the records of Sacred Heart Cathedral, New Delhi.  
2. That there are errors in the names recorded on the said baptism certificate as follows:  
• My name is incorrectly recorded as Luis Salvador Lawrence Vaz. It should be corrected to Alexio Caetano Francisco Vaz.  
• My Mother's name is incorrectly recorded as Pulcheri. It should be corrected to Pulqueria Ataide e Vaz.  
3. That I request the authorities of Sacred Heart Cathedral, New Delhi, to kindly make the necessary corrections in my baptism certificate as mentioned above.  
4. That this public notice is issued at the request of the authorities of Sacred Heart Cathedral, New Delhi, in the interest of general public.  
Sd/-  
**Luis Salvador Lawrence Vaz**



**बिहार सरकार**  
**बिहार राज्य आपदा प्रबंधन प्राधिकरण**  
(आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग)  
पंचम तल, सरदार पटेल भवन, पटना-800024  
अति अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

"बिहार दिवस 2025" के अवसर पर गाँधी मैदान, पटना में दिनांक 22.03.2025 से 24.03.2025 तक बिहार राज्य आपदा प्रबंधन प्राधिकरण के तत्वाधान में आपदा जोखिम न्यूनीकरण (DRR) संबंधी विभिन्न कार्यक्रमों/ गतिविधियों का आयोजन किया जाना है। इस संबंध में PR-017067 (Disaster) 2024-25 के माध्यम से 3D Holographic Presentation हेतु अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रित की गई थी। अपरिहार्य कारणों से तिथियों में संशोधन किया गया है। इस प्रदर्शन हेतु योग्य एजेंसियों/ संस्थाओं से सीलबंद निविदा का आमंत्रण निम्नानुसार किया जाता है:-

(क) निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि: 12 मार्च, 2025 को संधा 04-00 बजे तक।  
(ख) निविदा खोलने की तिथि: 13 मार्च, 2025 को संधा 03-00 बजे से

2. अन्य सभी शर्तें यथावत रहेंगी। संदर्भित निविदा को इस हद तक संशोधित समझा जाए। विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए प्राधिकरण के वेबसाइट [bsdma.org](http://bsdma.org) देखें।


(मो० वारिस खान)  
सचिव  
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संकेत सूचना [www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar](http://www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar) पर भी देखी जा सकती है।

**रक्त की आवश्यकता पड़ने पर लाइसेंस प्राप्त ब्लड बैंकों से ही रक्त प्राप्त करें।**

**ELECTRICAL WORKS**  
E-Tender Notice No. Dy.CEE/CON/RE-H/M/LG/05/2025; Dated: 04-03-2025. Open tender through e-tendering system is invited from experienced and reputed contractor (s)/firm(s) having valid electrical contractor license for the following works. **Tender No. ELC-DYCEE-MLG-4-24-25-L-F. Name of work:** Shifting of 33 KV, 11 KV & LT OH lines for Clearing of electrical infringement and modification of 33 KV & 11 KV 7 LT track crossing by UG cables in connection with construction of DB line from Lumding to Furkating Jn. including Shifting-Carrying, loading-unloading of complete & Provision of power supply arrangement through 11 KV/LT OH line in connection with Outdoor Sub-station & Provision of 11/0.433 KV transformer with 11 KV Substation equipments & Proposed works for new & modification of electrical wiring in connection with construction of DB line from Lumding to Furkating. **Tender Value:** ₹15,02,31,823.60; **Bid Security:** ₹15,02,31,823.60. Date and Time of Submission of tender: upto 25-03-2025 at 14.30 hrs.; Date and Time of Opening of tender: 25-03-2025 at 15.30 hrs. The complete information and tender document of e-Tender will be available at [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
DEE/CON/HQ/Maligaon  
**Northeast Frontier Railway**  
(Construction Organisation)  
"Serving Customers with a smile"

**NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY**  
**E-Tender Notice**  
Divl. Rly. Manager, N.W.Rly. Bikaner for and on behalf of President of India invites open E-Tender for the following works up to 15.00 hours on 26.03.2025 as below: **Tender No.: 234; Name of Work with its Location:** Carrying out USFD testing of Flash Butt (FB) on all types of rails by using Phased array weld tester in jurisdiction of DEN/North/Bikaner under ADEN/ N.W.Rly/HMM-II. **Approx. Cost of Work: Rs. 35234987.13; Earnest Money: Rs. 326200.00; Tender No.: 235; Name of Work with its Location:** Ancillary works in connection with Bikaner Division (Loop Lines) - Through Rail Renewal (Secondary)- 55.110 Tkm. **Approx. Cost of Work: Rs. 89050990.59; Earnest Money: Rs. 595300.00; Note:** Other terms & conditions will be shown on the website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) 276-AN/25  
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अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं०- 04 / 2024-25  
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पत्रांक 222

क्र.	कार्य का विवरण:-	अध्ययन की राशि (रु० में)	परिमाण विपन्न का मूल्य (अप्रत्यक्षीय रूप में)	वेल्डिंग का वेग रीड प्रोसेसिंग का मूल्य (अप्रत्यक्षीय रूप में)	जिला का नाम	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि	
1.	घोड़ासहन शाखा नहर के विद्युतीकृत 48.87 से 50.59 वर्ग जमीन संपादित/जलकुची संपादित कार्य, पंचगंगापुर मॉडर्न में संरचना का मरम्मत कार्य, विद्युतीकरण कार्य, लवटबं मरम्मत एवं संरचना मरम्मत कार्य, बहादुरपुर उपविहारी में लवटबं मरम्मत एवं संरचना मरम्मत कार्य, विष्णुपुरवा उपविहारी में लवटबं मरम्मत एवं संरचना मरम्मत कार्य, लखौरा उपविहारी में जंगल संपादित/जलकुची संपादित कार्य, मधुवन उपविहारी में जंगल संपादित/जलकुची संपादित कार्य, मजीरवा उपविहारी में जंगल संपादित/जलकुची संपादित कार्य एवं मिर्गुईया उपविहारी में जंगल संपादित/जलकुची संपादित कार्य।	63.80	127600	10000.00	590.00	पूर्वी एवं पश्चिम समारण	31.05.2025
2.	निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना निगम करने की तिथि:-	03.03.2025					
3.	निविदा कागजात आनलौड एवं अपलोड करने की तिथि:-	दिनांक-12.03.2025 को 10.30 बजे पूर्णतः से					
4.	तकनीकी कौट खोलने की तिथि एवं समय:-	दिनांक-17.03.2025 से 3.00 बजे अपराह्न तक की अवधि। (सिर्फ वेबसाइट <a href="http://eproc2.bihar.gov.in">http://eproc2.bihar.gov.in</a> पर)					
5.	वित्तीय बिड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय:-	दिनांक-18.03.2025 समय 3.00 बजे अपराह्न (सिर्फ वेबसाइट <a href="http://eproc2.bihar.gov.in">http://eproc2.bihar.gov.in</a> पर) सहम परचिकारी द्वारा बाद में घोषित की जायेगी। (सिर्फ वेबसाइट <a href="http://eproc2.bihar.gov.in">http://eproc2.bihar.gov.in</a> पर) सिर्फ वेबसाइट <a href="http://eproc2.bihar.gov.in">http://eproc2.bihar.gov.in</a> पर					
6.	निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय:-	कार्यपालक अभियंता, घोड़ासहन नहर प्रमंडल, रक्सौल					
7.	निविदा की पैदाता अवधि (निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि से) 120 दिन						
8.	विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता:-	कार्यपालक अभियंता, घोड़ासहन नहर प्रमंडल, रक्सौल					
9.	विशेष जानकारी प्राप्त करने हेतु वेबसाइट <a href="http://eproc2.bihar.gov.in">http://eproc2.bihar.gov.in</a> एवं वेबसाइट <a href="http://wrd.bihar.gov.in">http://wrd.bihar.gov.in</a> & <a href="http://www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar">www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar</a> पर देखा जा सकता है।						

PR. No.20944 (WRD) 2024-25

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कार्यपालक अभियंता,  
घोड़ासहन नहर प्रमंडल,  
रक्सौल

**नियम 92 (1) (क) (ii)**  
**ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना का प्रारूप**  
मध्यप्रदेश शासन,  
नगर पालिक निगम, ग्वालियर  
**//निविदा सूचना//**  
निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु केन्द्रीय प्रस्तावी में उनीकृत टेन्डरों से ऑन लाइन निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा का विस्तृत विवरण वेबसाइट <http://gmc.mptenders.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।

क्र.	टेण्डर क्र./जारी दिनांक	कार्य का नाम	कार्य की समाप्ति एवं लागत	निविदा प्रश्न का मूल्य एवं ई.एम.डी.	निविदा की अंतिम तिथि
1	2025 UAD, 403164, 17.02.2025	वाई 45 की विभिन्न गलियों में सी.सी. रोड एवं नाली निर्माण कार्य।	180 दिन 1,68,76,634/-	12500/- 84383/-	19.03.2025
2	2025 UAD, 403187, 17.02.2025	वाई 56 की विभिन्न गलियों में सी.सी. रोड एवं नाली निर्माण कार्य।	180 दिन 1,67,81,295/-	12500/- 83906/-	19.03.2025

नोट: निविदा सम्बंधित किसी भी प्रकार के संशोधन का प्रकाशन ऑनलाइन <http://gmc.mptenders.gov.in> की वेबसाइट पर ही किया जायेगा, पृष्ठ से सम्बन्धित पत्रों में प्रकाशन नहीं किया जायेगा।  
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**Tender Notice**  
पत्रांक सं. 171  
Office of the Executive Engineer (E&M), Vyasi Dam, Juddo, Dakpathar UJVN Ltd., invites sealed tender from interested parties. Summary of tender is given below:  
**Tender No. 18/E(E&M)/Vyasi Dam/2024-25**  
Name of work/supply/services etc. Making of 10 Ton capacity hydraulic lift trolley at Juddo, Dakpathar, District Dehradun  
Estimated cost -Rs. 5,94,000.00 (Rs. Five Lac Ninety Four Thousand Only) + GST  
Date of availability of bid document on website-07.03.2025 at 16:00 Hrs  
Last date for submission of tender-27.03.2025 up to 16.00 Hrs.  
For fuller & further details, kindly visit [www.ujvn.com](http://www.ujvn.com)  
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**eetr2khagaual@gmail.com**  
**आम सूचना**

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि माननीय सर्वोच्च न्यायालय, नई दिल्ली द्वारा Writ Petition (civil) No.-932/2022 बिहार राज्य अर्द्ध सरकारी अराजपत्रित कर्मचारी महासंघ एवं अन्य बनाम भारत संघ एवं अन्य में दिनांक-03.09.2024 को पारित अंतरिम आदेश के आलोक में बिहार राज्य निर्माण निगम लिमिटेड में झारखण्ड राज्य के अन्तर्गत कार्यरत रहे कर्मियों के बकाया दायित्व (वैतनादि एवं सेवांत लाभ) का भुगतान हेतु आवेदन अभी तक अप्राप्त है, वैसे Traceless कर्मियों द्वारा शोध एवं प्रशिक्षण प्रमंडल-2, शोध भवन, खगील, पटना के कार्यालय में आवेदन विहित प्रपत्र में सभी अभिलेखों के साथ उपलब्ध कराया जाये ताकि भुगतान की कार्यवाई संसमय किया जा सके। बिहार राज्य निर्माण निगम लिमिटेड, झारखण्ड राज्य के अन्तर्गत वैसे Traceless कर्मियों की सूची जिनका आवेदन अप्राप्त है:-

क्र०	ईकाई वार क्र० सं०	नाम एवं पिता का नाम	पदनाम	जन्मतिथि	योगदान की तिथि	अभ्युक्ति
1	1	श्री सुरेन्द्र प्रसाद पित्त-स्व० रामजी सिंह	कोषाध्यक्ष	11-04-1954	01-07-1982	
2	2	श्री राजकिशोर प्रसाद पित्त-स्व० रामदास राम	हेल्पर	-	18-11-1989	
3	3	श्री राम केसव राम पित्त-वसंतराव राम	स्वीपर	19-01-1954	01-07-1989	
4	4	श्री जयगोविन्द प्रसाद	हेल्पर	-	-	
5	5	श्री दुर्गा उराव पित्त-स्व० मुखन उराव	चौकीदार	01-07-1958	01-07-1982	
6	6	स्व० गया सिंह पित्त-श्री बालदेव सिंह	चौकीदार	01-02-1953	11-07-1982	
7	7	श्री ओम प्रकाश गुप्ता पित्त-स्व० भगवान दास	पारसारी	05-10-1951	06-01-1986	

**ईकाई-गुमला दैनिक वेतनभोगी**

8	1	श्री रामनिहास प्रसाद झाडी	पञ्चावार लिपिक	-	07-06-1980	
9	2	श्री रामजी सिक्री	कार्यदर्शक	03-01-1954	20-01-1978	
10	3	श्री सुरेशकांत चौधरी	कार्यदर्शक	-	01-08-1979	
11	4	श्री इन्दनाथ झा	कार्यदर्शक	-	01-10-1980	
12	5	श्री नरेश प्रसाद	कार्यदर्शक	06-01-1955	12-08-1978	
13	6	श्री मनसा उराव	कुलिन	-	01-03-1979	
14	7	श्री अद्वैत जवाहर अंसारी	मैकेनिक	-	01-03-1980	
15	8	श्री सुभाष सिंह	ऑपरटर	25-01-1957	23-03-1975	
16	9	श्री दिनेश सिंह	मशीन चालक	-	-	
17	10	श्री राजेन्द्र प्रसाद गुप्ता	हेल्पर	-	11-01-1979	
18	11	श्री मिथिलेश शर्मा	चौकीदार	06-02-1958	01-06-1979	
19	12	श्री शिवकाश सिंह	चपरासी	16-10-1961	01-11-1979	
20	13	श्री प्रद्युम्न प्रसाद चौरीसिया	खलारी	06-07-1958	17-11-1979	
21	14	श्री लक्ष्मण बुक्का	चौकीदार	-	01-09-1979	
22	15	श्री हजनाथ सिंह	चौकीदार	-	01-01-1979	
23	16	श्री सत्येन्द्र सिंह	चौकीदार	-	01-06-1979	
24	17	श्री मृदुल राम	चौकीदार	-	01-06-1980	
25	18	श्री रफीक अंसारी	हेल्पर	-	01-12-1979	
26	19	श्री राज कुमार शर्मा	कार्यदर्शक	-	02-02-1979	
27	20	श्री शशादेव कुमार	कार्यदर्शक	-	01-10-1980	
28	21	श्री द्रविश सिंह	खलारी	09-11-1958	01-07-1981	
29	22	श्री जोगेश्वर प्रसाद महतो	हेल्पर	-	28-02-1979	
30	23	श्री रामाधर सिंह	चौकीदार	01-09-1949	04-05-1979	

**ईकाई-डोल्लनगंज नियमित**

31	1	श्री लालबहादुर राम	कनिष्ठ सहायक	-	-	
32	2	श्री शिव मूल सिंह	लेखा लिपिक	28-01-1952	01-07-1982	
33	3	श्री सुलत राम	चौकीदार	-	31-01-2002	
34	4	श्री सुधामाध राय पित्त-श्री कैलाश राय	चौकीदार	01-08-1952	03-05-2000	
35	5	श्री स्यामन्त सिंह	चौकीदार	23-10-1955	03-01-1985	
36	6	श्री नागवर्गी राम	चौकीदार	07-01-1957	08-04-1989	
37	7	श्री रामेश्वर राजत	मशीन चालक	15-01-1957	03-07-1987	
38	8	श्री जयानंद सिंह	मशीन चालक	10-01-1951	21-01-1987	
39	9	श्री गयानन्द मिश्रा पित्त-श्री शंकर मिश्र	ट्रैक्टर चालक	06-04-1951	21-01-1987	

**ईकाई-देवघर नियमित**

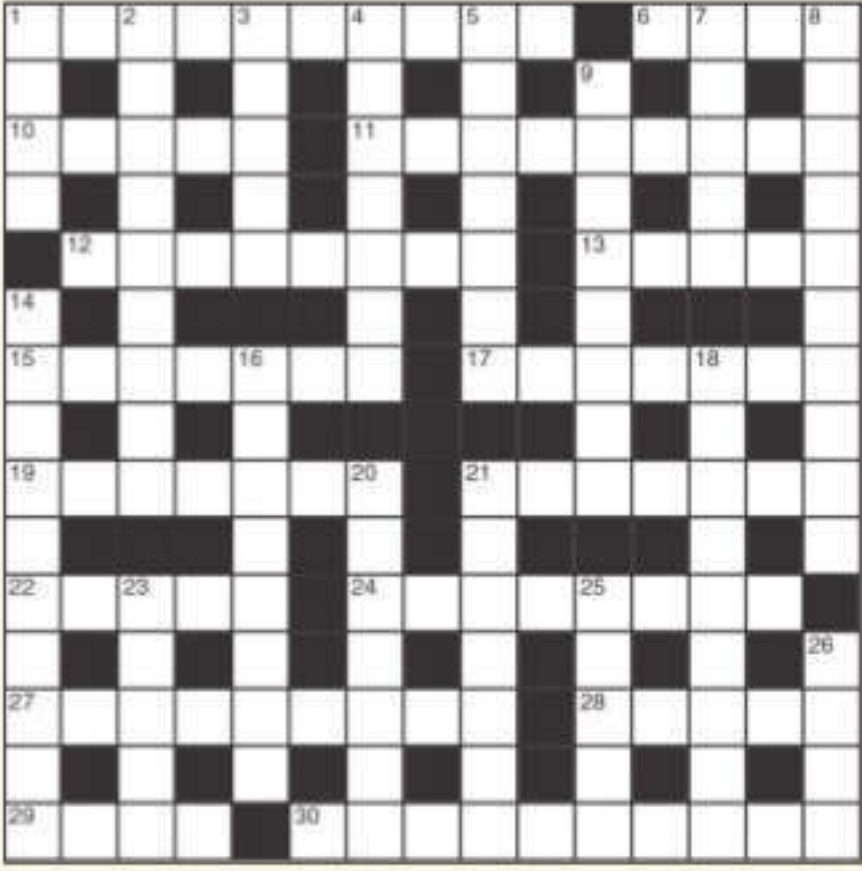
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41	2	श्री बबुला सोनेन श्री बडकु सोरेन	आदेशपाल	05-01-1950	01.07.1989 वरीयता का लाभ 01.07.1982	

42	3	श्री भागो यादव स्व० मिश्री यादव	आदेशपाल	30-04-1949	01-07-1982	
43	4	श्री हरिहर नाथ शर्मा	पञ्चावार लिपिक	05-01-1953	01-07-1989	
44	5	श्री रामगोपी चारवान	आदेशपाल	-	-	
45	6	स्व० राजेश्वर सिंह	ट्रक चालक	06-02-1942	01.07.1982 01.07.1989 वरीयता का लाभ 01.07.1982	
46	7	स्व० रामगोपी चारवान स्व० हरी पासवान	आदेशपाल	15-04-1951	-	
47	8	श्री विधिन कुमार मिश्रा	लेखा सहायक	-	-	
48	9	स्व० ब्रजकिशोर प्रसाद श्री मुनिल किशोर प्रसाद	ट्रक	14-07-1946	25.03.1985 वरीयता का लाभ 01.07.1982 21.01.1987	
49	10	श्री महेंद्र सिंह श्री जोगेश्वर सिंह	जीप चालक	02-01-1987	वरीयता का लाभ 01.07.1982	
50	11	श्री विद्यानन्द दास स्व० नेमू दास	चौकीदार / आदेशपाल	12-06-1961	01.07.1989	
51	12	श्री कमलेश्वरी यादव श्री बलदेव यादव	चौकीदार / आदेशपाल	06.06.1952	01.07.1989 वरीयता का लाभ 01.07.1982	
52	13	श्री जेठू मराठी श्री मुनु मराठी	चौकीदार / आदेशपाल	10.10.1959	28.05.1987 वरीयता का लाभ 01.07.1982	
53	14	श्री मोती शर्मा श्री छट्टू शर्मा	चौकीदार / आदेशपाल	03.05.1951	01.07.1982	
54	15	श्री महावीर दास स्व० जादू दास	चौकीदार / आदेशपाल	01.03.1950	01.07.1989	
55	16	श्री नुरेश्वर शर्मा	कनिष्ठ सहायक	24.05.1949	01.07.1982 21.01.1987 वरीयता का लाभ 01.07.1982	
56	17	स्व० शशीधाम सिंह श्री ज्योत सिंह	ट्रक चालक	01.01.1935	-	

काई-देवघर दैनिक वेतनभोगी					
57	1	श्री रामकांत पोद्दार	लेखा लिपिक	13.	



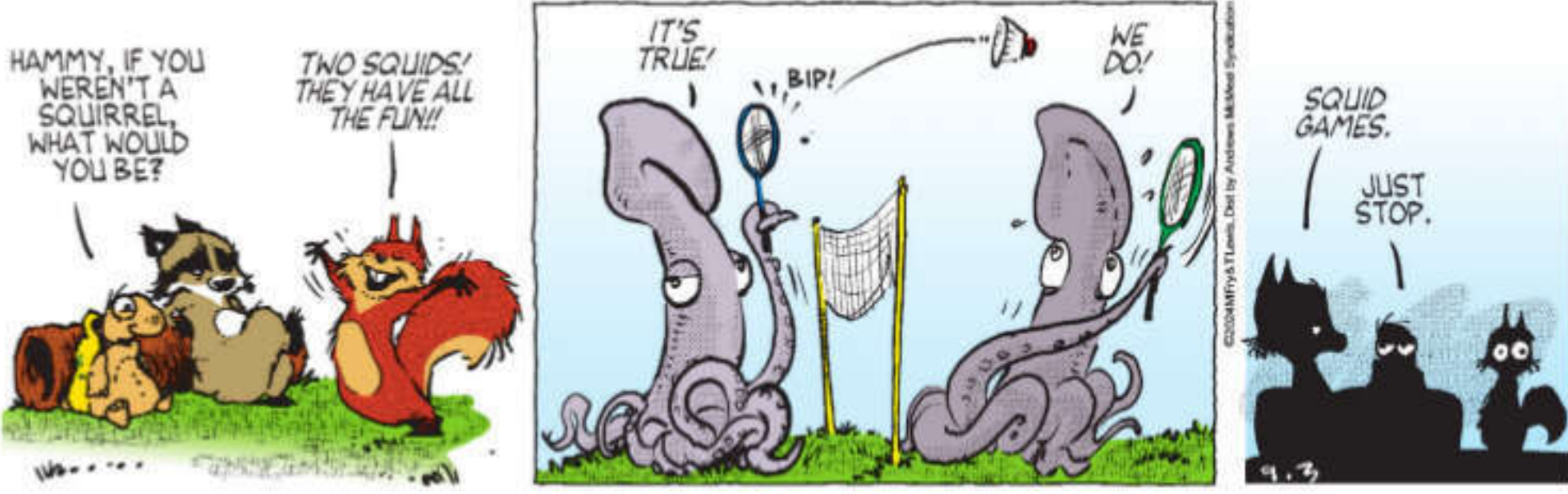
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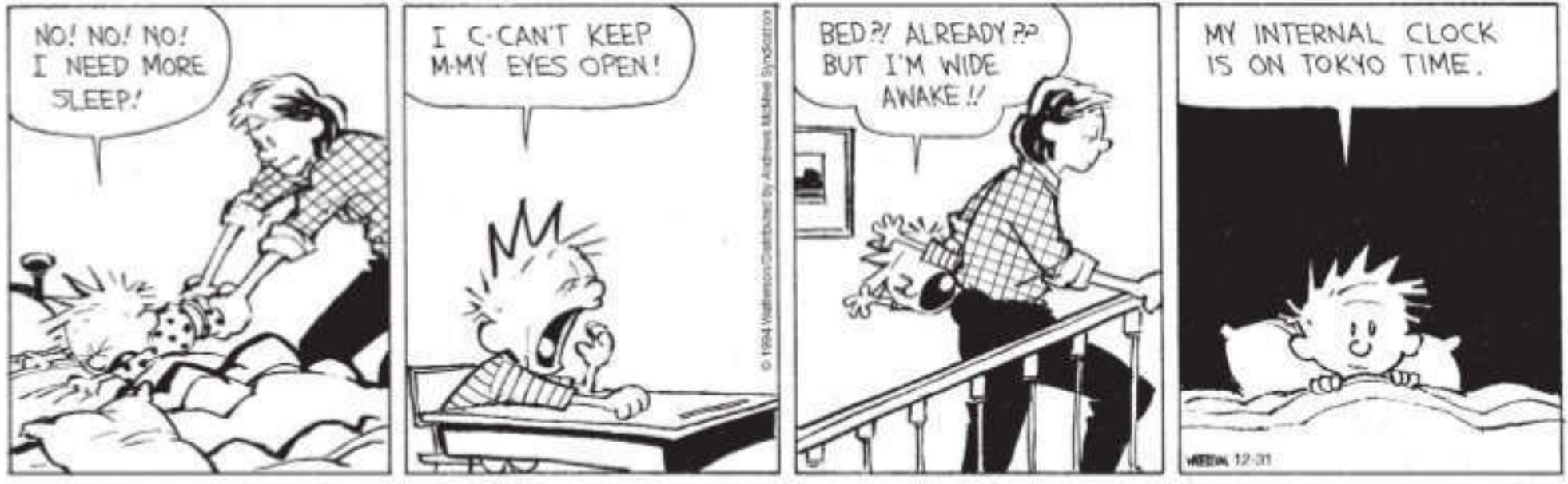
- ACROSS  
1 Pointing out dictionary error (10)  
6 Make progress by crawling perhaps (4)  
10 Creep about in soft rubber (5)  
11 He has a heavy role at reading possibly (9)  
12 Run out of stock? (8)  
13 Uncommon Elgar variation (5)  
15 Possibly flies in groups (7)  
17 Cutting quite a figure in the garden? (7)  
19 His mark was made in southern Asia (7)  
21 Bird after a piece for another (7)  
22 Went on horse into the ring for the show (5)  
24 PM's diary sets out major points raised in Egypt (8)  
27 No longer moody dear? (9)  
28 Its happy ending comes as a relief (5)  
29 Garbled tale passed on (4)  
30 Well-known way in which Christmas is enjoyed (10)
- DOWN  
1 Chin out, but not far (4)  
2 Two players with the same score (9)  
3 Best substitute for shaving soap (5)  
4 Scraps tart set badly (7)  
5 It helps the analyst get near the confounded answer (7)  
7 Audible call to help with the laundry (5)  
8 Putting down some of the main dangers of war (10)  
9 Worm out form of pride etc (8)  
10 Twisted killer bent on being Peter's fairy friend (6,4)  
16 It's not simple to make up (8)  
18 It makes a change (9)  
20 A loathsome creature; repel it somehow (7)  
21 Back massage to seem odd to these people (7)  
23 Largely drank up a store of supplies (5)  
25 He keeps far too much to himself (5)  
26 Rush animal from below (4)

Solutions: Crossword 5617 Across: 1 Head off, 5 Anger, 8 Bandstand, 9 Ass, 10 Side, 12 Sheepdog, 14 Call in, 15 Across, 17 Advances, 18 Veer, 21 Tor, 22 Out of play, 24 Cadet, 25 Certain Down: 1 Hobos, 2 Awn, 3 Oust, 4 Flashy, 5 Audience, 6 Grandiose, 7 Resigns, 11 Delivered, 13 Signpost, 14 Chaotic, 16 Hectic, 19 Rayon, 20 Afar, 23 Lea

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



**Difficulty Level 4s**  
**Instructions**  
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

**Difficulty Level**  
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

**SUDOKU 5887**

9					7			
	4			5	8	3		
	1		4				9	
3			5	8				
8							6	
		6	4				8	
7		9			5			
	2	5	4		7			
	8					6		

**SOLUTION SUDOKU 5886**

6	3	1	7	2	8	5	9	4
5	7	9	1	3	4	6	8	2
2	4	8	6	5	9	7	1	3
9	8	3	5	7	6	2	4	1
1	5	4	2	8	3	9	6	7
7	6	2	4	9	1	3	5	8
8	2	5	9	1	7	4	3	6
4	1	7	3	6	5	8	2	9
3	9	6	8	4	2	1	7	5

**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.  
Hope is such a \_\_, it covers any \_\_ - Oliver Goldsmith (4,,4)

ALLOT


RHTAEH


UIOQT


ETBKAE


**Solution:** A TOLL, QUOT, HEATH, BETAKE  
Answer: Hope is such a **hell**, it covers any **look** - Oliver Goldsmith

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**e- TENDER NOTIFICATION**

The APSSDC Ltd., Vijayawada invites e-tenders for supply of freshly harvested Greenmanure (Dhaincha, Sunhemp & Piliipesara) T/L Seed during the year 2025-26. Last date for submission of e-tender is **18.03.2025 (1.00 PM)**. For other details please visit: [www.apseeds.ap.gov.in](http://www.apseeds.ap.gov.in) and [www.tender.apecprocurement.gov.in](http://www.tender.apecprocurement.gov.in) Sd/- V.C. & MANAGING DIRECTOR

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

On 15.02.2025 at about 20.45 hrs, an unfortunate incident occurred at New Delhi Railway Station of Northern Railway during the gathering of heavy passenger crowd on the occasion of Maha Kumbh, resulting in death and injury of passengers. enquiry is underway by the committee constituted in this regard by the Railway Administration, Northern Railway.

The general public is informed that any information regarding this incident may be given in person or in writing to Shri Nar Singh, Principal Chief Commercial Manager, Northern Railway and Shri Pankaj Gangwar, Principal Chief Security Commissioner/ Railway Protection Force, Northern Railway, Baroda House, New Delhi- 110001 at the address given below.

In this regard, you can personally appear on 08.03.2025 and 09.03.2025 (Saturday and Sunday) at 11.00 am at the office of Principal Chief Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Baroda House, New Delhi to provide necessary information, evidence or record statements during the ongoing enquiry.

Nar Singh, Principal Chief Commercial Manager, Phone No.: 23387326, email: [ccm@nr.railnet.gov.in](mailto:ccm@nr.railnet.gov.in)

Pankaj Gangwar, Principal Chief Security Commissioner/Railway Protection Force Phone No.: 23388171, email: [pcsc@nr.railnet.gov.in](mailto:pcsc@nr.railnet.gov.in)

Northern Railway, Baroda House, Room No.: 6G, New Delhi-110001

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**RE-E-TENDER NOTICE No.TENDER/2024-25/02**

Re-E-tender is invited from the interested manufacturers for supply and installation of coir processing machinery for the proposed coir processing and training center at Zolambe in Sindhudurg District on Government of Maharashtra e-tender website <https://mahatenders.gov.in> The detail schedule of the tender is available on website from 07.03.2025. The last date for tender submissions is **18.03.2025 (Tuesday)** at 15.00 hrs. The Bidders already participated in the earlier tender, should also participate in this re-e-tender. MSSIDC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Place : Mumbai, Date : 07/03/2025 **Authorized signatory**

**THE H.P. STATE COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION LIMITED TOTU, SHIMLA-171011**

No:513/P&I/8-21-XXV Dated:

**Short term tender notice**

HP Milkfed invites annual rate contract for the online bids on Item rate, in electronic tendering system, in 2 cover system for the following item on FOR basis:-

01. Annual Rate Contract for the PVC PLACTIC TRAY for the Packing of Bakery Biscuits:-

**SPECIFICATIONS:-**

A. Food grade milky/White PVC plastic tray having dimensions 95mm(L) x 75mm (W) x 20mm ( height) with upper collar of 1.2mm & Weight =2.3 gms to 2.5 gms for the packing of 100 gms Bajra biscuit, Thickness:- 230 to 250 Micron, Yield - 400 to 430 pieces per Kg.

B. Approximate Requirement:- 39000 kg. per annum( 13000 kg. per quarter of 4 months)

The Bid Document is available/published online on dt. 13.03.2025 upto 04:00PM. Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission on bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificates (DSC) from one of the authorized certifying Authorities (CA). Aspiring bidders should visit websites in <https://hptenders.gov.in> & <https://hpmilkfed.org> for complete details. Bidders should also check the website from time to time to note the Corrigendum, if any.

**Sd/- Managing Director**

**Kulgaon-Badlapur Municipal Council**  
E-Tender Notice No. 52/2024-25

KULGAON-BADLAPUR Municipal Council Invites E-Tenders for the Construction Work of Main Nallah's for Storm Water Management under Nagrothan Maha Abhiyan Scheme in Kulgaon Badlapur Area. Valued at Rs.193.24 Cr.

Detailed information regarding the tender is available on the Municipal Council's web site <http://kbmc.gov.in>, the government's website <http://mahatenders.gov.in>, and on the Municipal Council's Notice Board.

Chief Officer  
Kulgaon-Badlapur Municipal Council

**PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED**  
(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001)  
Corporate Identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813  
Website: [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in) / Mobile No. 96461-55525

Open E-Tender Eng. No. 7664/P-3/EMP-12946 dated 05.03.2025

Dy. Chief Engineer/ Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. ID: 2025\_POWER\_135991\_1 for Procurement of Tube Bundles for Heat Exchangers of Unit V & VI for HP-803 mills without shell. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 05.03.2025/ 05.00 PM onwards. Note:- Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

No. 42282/PB RTP-25/25

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Open E-Tender Eng. No. 7663/P-3/EMP-12948 dated 05.03.25

Dy. Chief Engineer/ Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. ID: 2025\_POWER\_135980\_1 for Procurement of 02 No. package ACs for panel area of Stage-III GGSSTP Rupunagar For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 05.03.25/05.00 PM onwards. Note:- Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

No. 42284/PB RTP-26/25

**Office of The Chief Engineer, Kanpur Municipal Corporation**

Ref no-D/888/C.E./24-25 Date-05/03/25

**E-Tender Notice**

Nagar Nigam Kanpur invites percentage rate bids on <http://etender.up.nic.in> from eligible bidders for the following works under the CM-VNY Scheme.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Total Estimated Cost of Work With 18% GST (₹ In Lakh)	Earnest Money Deposit (₹ In Lakh)	Duration of Construction Work (in Months)	Tender Fee Including 18% GST (In ₹)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Beautification work of Nehru Nagar Chauraha in Zone-4, Kanpur Nagar.	47.70	95400	03	2,923.00

**Timeline for Tender**

Sl. No.	Event	Date & Time
1	Availability of tender document on E-Tender portal.	07/03/2025, 03:00 P.M.
2	Date & Venue of Pre-bid meeting Online VC Link	11/03/2025, 12:00 P.M. at Meeting Hall, Kanpur Nagar Nigam, HQ. Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9405968108?pwd=LNlIsFDZvbmyVq3JutM18RMNjwF7Uz.1&amp;omn=89442383924">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9405968108?pwd=LNlIsFDZvbmyVq3JutM18RMNjwF7Uz.1&amp;omn=89442383924</a> Meeting ID: 940 596 8108 Passcode: 12345
3	Last date and Online for submission of bid on E-Tender Portal	26/03/2025, till 3:00PM
4	Opening of tender (technical bid)	26/03/2025, 4:00 PM or afterwards

Kanpur Nagar Nigam has right to issue corrigendum/addendum on e-tender portal which will not be published in any newspaper. All bidders are advised to keep watch on E-tender portal on daily basis. Any corrigendum/addendum or any other additional information related to the tender shall be available at Kanpur Nagar Nigam Website- [kmc.up.nic.in](http://kmc.up.nic.in) and tender can be seen at e-tender portal from 07.03.2025 i.e. <http://etender.up.nic.in> It will be mandatory to pay the Earnest Money and Tender Fee of the said tender online on e-tender portal. Any queries/complain related to tender can be sent to [chiefengineernagarnigam@gmail.com](mailto:chiefengineernagarnigam@gmail.com) & [mckanpur@yahoo.com](mailto:mckanpur@yahoo.com) before 24 Hrs. till date-10.03.2025 so that reply can be prepared for pre-Bid meeting. No queries/complain will entertained after 3.00 PM on 12/03/2025.

**Sd/- Chief Engineer, Kanpur Municipal Corporation**

**BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE**  
Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (West) BBMP, No-98, 8th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore - 560003 .

No: SADH(W)/TENDER/07/2024-25 Date: 06-03-2025

**SHORT TERM INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)**  
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)  
(Standard Tender Document - KW-1, KW-2 & KW-3)

The Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (West), (Referred to as Employer in these documents) invites tenders to Implement in accordance with KTPP rules 2000, from eligible and experienced Person/Agencies/Firms (Referred to as Tenderers in these documents) registered in Labour Department for Maintenance of Parks.

Sl. No.	Name of the Works / Category	Estimate Cost (in Rs.)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
1	Providing Security Services to Parks in Malleshwaram Assembly Constituency parks. (Others, KW-2).	2800000/-	56000/-
2	Providing Security Services to Parks in Gandhinagar Assembly Constituency parks. (ST, KW-3).	7600000/-	76000/-
3	Providing Security Services to Parks in Chamrajpete Assembly Constituency parks. (Others, KW-1).	2000000/-	50000/-
4	Providing Security Services to Parks in Rajajinagara Assembly Constituency parks. (Others, KW-2).	6600000/-	132000/-
5	Providing Security Services to Parks in Mahalalakshmpuram Assembly Constituency parks. (Others, KW-2).	5600000/-	112000/-
6	Providing Security Services to Parks in Govindarajanagara Assembly Constituency parks. (SC, KW-3).	10000000/-	100000/-

Stipulated period of Completion: Sl. No. 1, 3 & 6: 9 Months, 2 & 5: 11 Months. Sl.No. 4: 10 Months.

**Calendar of Events:** 1) Date of Notification: 06-03-2025. 2) Tender can be downloaded from Website <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal-portal-home>, 10-03-2025. 3) Pre bid meeting date: 11-03-2025 at 11.00 AM. (Sl. 2 & 6). 4) Tender closing Date: 18-03-2025 at 4.30 PM. 5) Technical bid Opening Date: From 20-03-2025 at 11.30 AM. 6) Financial bid Opening Date: After Approval of Technical bid (Sl. 2 & 6).

**Sd/- Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (West Zone) BBMP, Bengaluru**

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**DAY TODAY** BY PETER VIDAL

**ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**  
As far as a financial or business arrangement is concerned, it is no use pretending that someone else is in the wrong or imagining that you've had a raw deal. Put the past behind you and make your fortune. Love is the greatest gift.

**TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)**  
You are keen to show the world the full range of your talents. Just one word of warning, though: you may not be as genuinely skilled as you imagine in all areas. If you're out to impress, consult the experts first, otherwise you might come a real cropper.

**GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)**  
The challenging relationship between Venus, lady of love, and a number of other planets, decrees that even chance meetings could lead to fascinating alliances. You might even meet someone who attracts you in previously unimagined ways.

**CANCER (June 22 - July 23)**  
How about becoming more broad-minded about personal or domestic issues? Before the week comes to a close, you must make a firm resolution to be more tolerant, otherwise someone else will become more and more irritating until you finally want to scream.

**LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)**  
Current planetary activity is forcing you to conserve your energies, and about time, too. Remember the famous saying that we human beings do not live by bread alone. You must nurture your spirit if you are to feel truly satisfied and personally fulfilled.

**VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)**  
You're in a good position to feather your own nest, so don't let other people get the better of you. Your social stars are shining brightly, so you should have few worries on the personal score. Stick around and you may even share in a partner's good fortune.

**LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)**  
A series of highly significant aspects to your sign are now drawing to a close. However, as the dust settles, I think you'll see that, all in all, you've done extremely well, at least better than you once feared. A loved one is beginning to appreciate the effort you've put in.

**SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)**  
Why hurry? By all means slow down and take your bearings. There is no reason why you shouldn't hold things up for a while, giving yourself more time in the process. Others must now allow you greater leeway. If they don't, then you'll probably get fed up.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)**  
Hopefully the Moon has done a good job, and you should now be able to detect a ray of hope on the work front. Only if you are determined to shoot yourself in the foot will you fail to prosper. By the same token you will succeed if you take all elementary precautions.

**CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)**  
Life hasn't always been kind to everyone. Recent developments may have left someone close to you feeling rather bruised emotionally. If you have any compassion, and I know that you have, help others.

**AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)**  
It is your own lack of self-confidence which has prevented you from going the whole hog over career or emotional matters. From now on, you should press ahead with confidence and faith in your own future. After all, if you don't believe in yourself, it will be difficult for give you full support.

**PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**  
If you are prepared for a parting of the ways, you'll probably do rather well. The current set of Venusian alignments falls in favourable regions of your horoscope, and there could be fun just around the corner. At the very least, you can begin to change your own behaviour.

**SALUTE THE SOLDIER**

**BORDER SECURITY FORCE**  
**CT RAMACHANDRAN KP, PMG 25.01.1972- 07.03.2000**  
Bordermen Salute and proudly remember today their brave comrade, who made supreme sacrifice while fighting militants in Senvon area, Manipur.

**CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE**  
**7 March 1988**

**7 March 1988**  
Amid escalating terrorist activities, 28 Battalion of CRPF was deployed in Sangrur, Punjab, to assist the state police in restoring law and order. On 7 March 1988, a police party, accompanied by a CRPF section, was ambushed near PS. Dhuri. Braving the attack, Constable N. Manikkam fiercely engaged the terrorists, pinning them down and inspiring his comrades to fight back. Despite being gravely injured, he continued firing till his last breath, saving his colleagues' lives. For his exceptional courage and supreme sacrifice, he was posthumously awarded the President's Police Medal for Gallantry.

**CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE**  
**7 March 1989**

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Constable Dvr Ravinder Kumar of 32 Battalion of CRPF was on an anti-terrorist operation in Punjab when terrorists opened fire on his vehicle. Despite being shot, he kept driving, ensuring the vehicle reached a safe distance before it overturned. He made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty, exemplifying unwavering courage in service of the Nation.

**CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE**  
**7 March 1989**

**7 March 1989**  
Amid rising militant activity, 24 Battalion of CRPF was deployed in Srinagar. On 07 March 1990, while returning from duty in Chanapora, a patrol party was ambushed by armed militants. Despite retaliating, the attackers escaped into the densely populated area. Constable Kailash Chand and Constable R.Hari Singh Bhai sustained bullet injuries and made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty.

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**e-tender Notice**

No. BS10/041579/2024 Date : 06.03.2025

**Green Gram (Whole) E-tender No.BS10/041579/2024 -TNCCSC/24-25**

Online electronic tender for the "Purchase of 500 MT. of Green Gram (Whole) to deliver at all the TNCCSC's godowns in all Regions for issuing under PTMGR NMP scheme and ICDS.

Complete e-tender document can be viewed and downloaded through <https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app>

The bidders have to participate online bidding only with Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class-II or Class-III

**Last Date and Time for Online Submission : Up to 22.03.2025 Upto 11.30 AM**

**Managing Director**

DIPR/927/Tender/2025



Australia's Paul Reiffel and England's Richard Illingworth will be the on-field umpires, while Sri Lanka's Ranjan Madugalle will be the match referee for the Champions Trophy final. Trinidadian Joel Wilson with Kumar Dharmasena of Sri Lanka will be the third and fourth umpire respectively.



Kiwi captain says India has an edge.

## Santner ready for Sunday showdown

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
DUBAI, MARCH 6

INDIA COULD be the favourites to lift the Champions Trophy—in terrific form and the beneficiaries of playing all their games at one venue, Dubai—but New Zealand skipper Mitchell Santner on Thursday stressed that the Black Caps are ready for 'a scrap.'

"They've played all their games here in Dubai and know that surface. Obviously, the surface will dictate a little bit of how we want to operate. It might be a little bit slower than what we got in Lahore. It might be more of a scrap, but we're down to scrap," Santner said after landing in Dubai on Thursday evening.

An incredibly practical and resourceful side, they would have learned from the mistakes from the 44-run defeat at India's hands in the group game. The game was in the balance, until Varun Chakaravathy wove his magic. "We've come against a good side. I think we'll be better for the run we had the other day against them. We've had a bit of a roll on. Hopefully, it continues," he said.

The frantic travelling—Santner and Co had to travel back and forth between Pakistan and Dubai for their last group match, semifinal and the final in a week's span—has not fussed Santner. "It's just the general feel of this tournament, moving around a lot. It's all part of the challenge. I think we've been to every place here. Obviously, in Pakistan and Dubai. I think the guys understand it's part of it these days. As long as you're ready to go for the game, it's fine," he said.

### Miller blasts scheduling

South Africa swashbuckler David Miller, though, criticised the scheduling and said he will be supporting New Zealand, who beat them in the semifinal, in the title clash. "I'll be honest with you. I think I'll be supporting New Zealand," Miller was quoted as saying by ESPNcricinfo.

"It's only an hour-and-40-minute flight, but the fact that we had to do that. It's early morning, it's after a game, and we had to fly. Then we got to Dubai at 4pm. And at 7:30 in the morning we had to come back. It doesn't make it nice. It's not like we flew five hours, and we had enough time to recover and recuperate. But it was not an ideal situation still," Miller detailed the logistical woes.

India's favourable draw has been a talking point in the whole tournament. Pundits and former cricketers had come own heavily on them. An exception was Steve Smith, the Australian captain who retired from the format after the semifinal defeat. "Yeah, look, I'm not buying into it. I think it is what it is. India obviously played some really good cricket here. The surface kind of suits their style with the spinners that they've got and the seamers that they have at their disposal for a wicket like that. They played well, they outplayed us, and they deserve the victory," Smith said in the post-match press conference on Tuesday night.

With his typical bluntness, India coach Gautam Gambhir too lashed out at the critics. "Even if this tournament was held in Pakistan, we would have still gone with two spinners. The idea that we have some kind of edge in Dubai is completely unfounded," he said after the semifinal win.

Miller, though, predicts a close game. "They're both incredibly good teams. India have shown the world how really good they are. They've been playing some good cricket for a number of years now. It's going to be a great game," said Miller.



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VENKATA KRISHNA B  
DUBAI, MARCH 6

COME SUNDAY, apart from India which already feels at home in these 'neutral conditions', New Zealand too would feel they are in with genuine chance. These conditions, similar to Chepauk, is familiar territory for the likes of Rachin Ravindra, Devon Conway, Daryl Mitchell, Mitchell Santner and Matt Henry. Through their long stints with Chennai Super Kings, they would be familiar with the characteristics of the pitches.

This has been the theme of the pitches in Dubai in the in the four Champions Trophy games—slow and sluggish at times; getting slower and slower as the game progresses; a bit of turn to keep the batsmen guessing; low bounce and a decent carry where the wicketkeepers largely collect the ball around the midriff. If Stephen Fleming packs this square and places it at the MA Chidambaram Stadium later this month, CSK would look completely at home.

Prior to this season, which included Tests in Sri Lanka and India and a tri-series and the Champions Trophy, Rachin trained on similar pitches at the CSK Academy in Chennai. On the back of it, he enjoyed a productive outing everywhere and is second-highest run-getter (226 runs) with two centuries in this tournament. Before Rachin, fellow opener Conway trained in Chennai when the IPL was on before joining the Black Caps. "There is definitely some element to it," Sriram Krishnamurthy, the head coach of CSK Academy, tells The Indian Express.

"Ultimately, we have to understand sometimes the advantages of where they are from. The New Zealand cricket calendar is not as crowded as maybe the English calendar or an Australian one. So, from that perspective, some of these players have windows which they can dedicate to taking their games forward. Ultimately, adapting is only going to happen when you are going to get familiar with conditions," he explains.

Familiarisation is key, he emphasises. "Maybe like with almost 50 per cent of cricket being played in the subcontinent, they don't travel to these parts frequently. So, if you are able to familiarise yourself in between, nothing like it. IPL obviously gives some of these players the ability to experience these subcontinental conditions," says Sriram, who was earlier the coach of Northern Districts.

Once here, the likes of Rachin, Conway and Mitchell have ensured they are able to fit their game into what the conditions demand rather than looking for new solutions. While visiting batsmen to Indian shores usually rely extensively on sweeps against spinners, New Zealand have been different. Be it using their feet or covering both their edges and ensuring there is a fine line between attacking and defending, they have emerged successful.

### Diverse methods

Each has different ways. For Conway, easily the best player against spin amongst them, the challenge according to Sriram has been to understand the conditions. During his time at CSK Academy, Rachin trained to get used to do it in slow, turning pitches while also learning to use his feet more to get down the pitch. In the absence of a conventional sweep, Rachin learnt to put slog sweep to good effect. Mitchell, with spinners knowing he enjoys the sweeps and reverse-sweeps, looked to come down the pitch more and hit them straight.

"There is a vast difference to how you play spinners in New Zealand to here. If you have the same game, you will get exposed. When you have multiple options against the same ball, it sort of empowers you to put more

Featuring in his maiden Champions Trophy edition, Henry tops the charts with 10 scalps, building on from his best ODI season in 2023 when he scalped 25 wickets in 17 games. He's nearly achieved the same numbers this year in double-quick time – 24 in nine games with a wicket every 19 deliveries. Having jolted India in Dubai last Sunday with a five-for and quite famously in the 2019 World Cup semifinal in Manchester, Henry, shoulder willing, is poised to recreate the new-ball menace again in Dubai. Numbers back him to do so and put him in the same bracket as his teenage heroes, "Pigeon" and "Bondy".

### Powerplay surge

Relegated to the shadows of Tim Southee and Trent Boult for nearly a decade since his ODI debut in 2014, Henry has subtly climbed up to 165 wickets in 91 matches with an impressive strike rate of 28.6. Only contemporaries Mohammed Shami (25.71) and Mitchell Starc (26.68) have acquired more



If one team other than India can effortlessly get used to the conditions in Dubai, it is the New Zealand unit that has a number of CSK players.

pressure on the bowler and that's what is needed in these conditions. That is the layer they have added to their batting. I think all New Zealand cricketers, ultimately, all pride themselves on being smart. Alongside, they develop the requisite skills that are going to support that thinking," Sriram says.

Sriram, during his stint with the High Performance Centre in New Zealand, has also seen how creative the Kiwis get in terms of improving their game against the spinners even if it means they have to train indoors during the off season. "If they are coming just three-four days before a tour starts, they don't give it as an excuse. Their preparation starts with how they get creative with practice in that pre-camp in New Zealand. It might be as simple as just asking for the curators to leave very dry pitches so they can prepare, bat and bowl on dry pitches. If it is an indoor facility, they will spill some sand and gravel on the floor, maybe some nets and nettings too. So ultimately, they don't complain. They come prepared," Sriram says.

Of course, this is not just limited to batsmen. Their captain Santner, since the 2018 IPL season, has been Ravindra Jadeja's understudy. During the IPL months, in each of their training sessions, Santner would keep a close tab on how Jadeja goes about. In five seasons with CSK, he played only 18 matches, but every time he heads back to New Zealand, he has taken home valuable lessons that he has been putting to use here like the subtle variations in speeds.

"When somebody isn't playing they can easily get distracted and lose sight of the fact that they can still make it productive. When he isn't playing, his attitude is to see how best he can learn. And obviously having someone like Jadeja at CSK would have definitely helped him because they have similar skills. Previously, he was known to be more of a bowler who can bowl on the quicker side and was not a big turner. But when you look at him for the last 2 or 3 years, you can see he is able to slow the ball down now. He is able to get more turn," Sriram says.

Last Sunday against India presented the most challenging conditions they have encountered so far in Dubai. But going into the final against the same opponents, India know they have a real task in their hands. If one team other than India can effortlessly get used to the conditions in Dubai, then it is hard to look beyond New Zealand.



Matt Henry, an epitome of accuracy.

### INDIA VS CSK

# Black Caps in Yellow

The slow, sluggish conditions are akin to Chepauk, familiar territory for CSK boys Rachin, Conway, Mitchell, Santner, Henry

## Hardik, India's fear factor

Team will once again need Pandya the bowler as much as Pandya the batsman

VENKATA KRISHNA B  
DUBAI, MARCH 6

LET'S KEEP aside the numbers for a bit. In a second consecutive ICC tournament Hardik Pandya is showing what India exactly missed at the 2023 World Cup where despite being the stand-out team, they ended up as runners-up. As India now stand in the final of the Champions Trophy looking to add to the T20 World Cup title they won eight months ago, one aspect has again stood out behind their invincibility – the depth in batting and bowling, which wouldn't have been possible without the balance that Pandya provides.

Apart from doing their homework right in terms of what to expect here in Dubai, where spinners were expected to be their leader of the bowling pack, India's think-tank also realised depth in batting is absolutely necessary. In slow conditions, where they have to at times take necessary risks to keep the tempo going, losing wickets is inevitable. And in such circumstances, the batting depth becomes all the more essential where specific roles come into play.

As head coach Gautam Gambhir revealed after their win over Australia in the semi-final, as batting group India's plan has been simple. To get a rapid start and ensure they go unscathed in the middle-overs and keep wickets in hand when they enter the last 10 overs. In the World Cup final against Ahmedabad, India missed this depth, which meant after they lost Shubman Gill, Rohit Sharma and Shreyas Iyer by the 11th over, Virat Kohli and KL Rahul had to take the game deep by sacrificing a more intent-driven approach as they had Mohammed Shami coming in at No 8.

Here, the story is different. With Pandya to play the finisher's role, India now have Ravindra Jadeja slotted for No 8. It has directly empowered the middle-order to take due risks; a leeway that the likes of Shreyas Iyer have been gladly taking on these pitches.

When India have really needed Pandya to finish off the innings in this campaign, he has done with superb efficiency. First against



India missed Hardik Pandya in the 2023 World Cup final against Australia.

New Zealand, in the most difficult conditions and their seamers taking pace off the ball, he still used his power to score 45 runs that proved to make a huge difference in the end when India defended a total of 249/9. Then in the semi-finals, as Australia sensed a slight opening following the dismissal of Virat Kohli, he walked in at No 7 and scored a 24-ball 28 with three sixes.

On pitches where batsmen have struggled for fluency, he has gone about aching the role. In the end overs, with softer balls and conditions making it difficult to get any pace to work around, Pandya has gone at a strike-rate of 108, which is the highest among all batsmen. Like KL Rahul, even he has been practicing the big shots at the nets, but the

difference has been the power.

### Pandya the bowler

Pandya's presence means India are also able to put their spin blueprint to good use. From the time they landed here, it has been evident that at some stage they could play their best four spinners. While their intention has remained the same, India's think-tank has also been wary of keeping the batting depth intact. And in the last two matches, they have managed to do so thanks to Pandya.

Before the limited-overs series against England, Pandya featured in the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 and Vijay Hazare Trophy (VHT) to show where he stands in terms of his bowling. Though he didn't bowl his entire quota of 10 overs in the VHT, he bowled up to seven overs, which is the sort of number India were looking from him. Here, the moment they decided to drop Harshit Rana and include Varun Chakaravathy, it showed how much India trusts in Pandya's bowling.

Against Pakistan, it was Pandya who cracked open the game, first by removing Babar Azam and then Saud Shakeel. Those two telling blows showed Pandya was the best seamer on the afternoon. Against New Zealand it was Pandya who once again gave the opening, removing Rachin Ravindra before the spinners capitalised. Then against Australia, he struggled a bit with his rhythm, but ensured he didn't end up conceding a big over that could potentially alter the course.

For a seamer who mostly hits the back of the length areas, which is the ideal area to bowl on these surfaces, Pandya has been managed to extract movement with the new ball. At the same time when he comes for his second spell, he has shown the maturity to use the cutters and slower balls, making it difficult for batsmen to score off. Eight months ago as India ended their ICC title drought, Pandya bowled two crunch overs, taking wickets of Klaassen and Miller.

On Sunday, India will once again need Pandya the bowler as much as Pandya the batsman. Without him, India isn't an India team that other teams fear.

### FILLING SHANE BOND'S SHOES

# Henry, the king in subcontinent that India has to play with caution

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THERE IS a smooth, unassuming nature to Matt Henry's efficiency in One-Day cricket. Even as his bristling action screams a Shane Bond likeness in the final motion at the crease, Henry was not gifted with the yards of extra pace as his Canterbury senior, one of his heroes growing up.

Henry would model his style on that of another bowling great from his boyhood days – an epitome of accuracy who sacrificed pace for line and length, Glenn McGrath.

He may not bear a flamboyant presence on the circuit. But Henry's impact, or the lack of it, will be grossly felt should he not be a 100 percent fit for New Zealand's ICC Champions Trophy final against India in Dubai after jamming his right shoulder on the field during the semi-final win over South Africa.



Matt Henry, an epitome of accuracy.

### BEST ODI STRIKE RATES AMONG PACERS

	M	W	SR	5w
Mohd Shami	107	205	25.71	6
Mitchell Starc	127	244	26.68	9
<b>Matt Henry</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>28.69</b>	<b>3</b>
Trent Boult	114	211	29.28	6
Brett Lee	221	380	29.43	9

ODI wickets at a better strike rate than Henry. The 33-year-old works his magic best in the first Powerplay, a phase where he has collected over 43 percent of his career wickets. Of the six bowlers who have picked up at least 50 scalps in that stage of a game since 2014, Henry's 72 wickets rank third behind Boult (90) and Chris Woakes (74). His 22.56

### BEST ODI STRIKE RATES FOR VISITING PACERS IN ASIA

	M	W	SR	Econ
<b>Matt Henry</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>5.6</b>
Allan Donald	27	50	27.1	4.32
Mitchell Johnson	46	84	27.6	4.75
Mitchell Starc	28	54	28.3	5.62
Kagiso Rabada	29	50	29	5.14

average in the phase ranks third-best (for min. 50 wickets) among all bowlers since 2000, only behind McGrath (100 wickets at 20.01) and Bond (65 at 21.29).

With the two wickets in the semifinal that helped him cross the 50-wicket milestone in Asia, Henry also uncannily matched his compatriot Bond's numbers as an open-

ing bowler in ODIs.

While all 147 of Bond's career wickets from 80 innings came as an opening bowler, Henry picked up his 148th wicket in his 80th innings as an opening bowler on Wednesday in Lahore, sharing almost identical strike rates with the former Kiwi quick!

### Asian expert

As New Zealand hope to end the white-ball ICC trophy drought on Sunday, they have one of the finest visiting seam bowlers in Asia at their disposal. Of the 26 visiting bowlers who have picked up at least 50 ODI wickets in Asia, Henry's 25.9 strike rate stands distinctly clear at the top.

Henry has also had the wood over India's superstar top order. Having accounted for each of Rohit Sharma, Shubman Gill and Virat Kohli twice in the format at a combined average of 29.66, it is a no-brainer that India's first major hurdle with the bat in the final will be against New Zealand's new ball king, Henry.



