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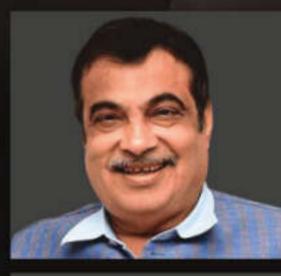




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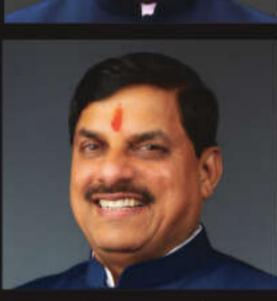
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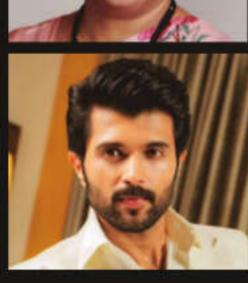












































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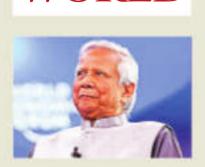
THE WORLD



TRIAL OVER CAMPAIGN 'FINANCED BY GADHAFI REGIME' PROSECUTORS SEEK 7-YR TERM FOR SARKOZY

French prosecutors on Thursday requested a seven-year prison sentence and a 300,000euro (around \$325,000) fine for former President Nicolas Sarkozy, in connection with allegations that his 2007 presidential campaign was illegally financed by former Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's government. AP

TOPOFTHE WORLD



Chief Advisor Muhammad Yunus. File

CHINA

Yunus attends Hainan meet, set to meet Xi today

Beijing: Gearing up for his meeting with President Xi Jinping, Bangladesh's Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus on Thursday asked China to reduce interest rates for Chinese loans and waive commitment fees on Chinese-funded projects. Yunus, who met Chinese **Executive Vice Premier** Ding Xuexiang on the sidelines of the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference in Hainan, sought Chinese support in an array of developments, Bangladesh media reports said. He also called for a reduction of interest rates for Chinese loans from three per cent to 1-2 per cent to Bangladesh. Yunus, who arrived in Hainan on Wednesday on a four-day visit, is due to meet

Not all agree on a peace force plan,

says Macron

JOHN LEICESTER, **SAMUEL PETREQUIN** & BRIAN MELLEY PARIS, MARCH 27

FRANCE AND Britain will continue to forge ahead with plans to deploy troops in Ukraine to defend an eventual peace deal with Russia but only some other nations want to take part, French President Emmanuel Macron said Thursday after a summit of countries that have been mulling the proposal.

Macron said "several" nations other than France and Britain want to be part of the armed force but added, "It is not unanimous." Paris and London say such a force would aim to secure any peace deal by dissuading Russia from attacking Ukraine again.

"We do not need unanimity to achieve it," Macron said. French and British military officials will work with Ukraine to determine where the contingents should be deployed and how many troops they'd need to be a credible deterrent, the French leader added. "There will be a reassurance force with several European nations that will deploy," he insisted.



Europe's 'coalition of willing' weighs

FRANCE HOSTS NEARLY 30 LEADERS, CHIEFS OF NATO, EU

Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy with French President Emmanuel Macron, right and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer at the Elysee Palace in Paris on Thursday. AP

The summit of leaders of nearly 30 countries plus NATO and European Union chiefs came at a crucial juncture in the more than three-year war, with intensifying diplomatic efforts to broker ceasefires, driven by pressure from US President Donald Trump. But fighting rages on.

Before the leaders met in the luxury of the French presidential palace, Russian drone attacks overnight wounded more than 20 people and heavy shelling

Thursday afternoon killed one person and knocked out electricity in parts of Kherson, Ukrainian officials said. Macron and other summit participants accused Russia of only pretending to want a negotiated settlement.

"They are playing games and they're playing for time," said U.K. Prime Minister Keir Starmer. "We can't let them drag this out while they continue prosecuting their illegal invasion."

US-brokered agreements

this week to safeguard shipping in the Black Sea and last week to halt long-range strikes on energy infrastructure were greeted as first steps toward peace. But Ukraine and Russia have disagreed over the details and accused each other of deal violaforeshadowing contentious process ahead.

European countries are balking at a potential deployment in Ukraine is because it's unclear

whether Trump would support such a contingent with air power and other military assistance. "This will require the... support of the US," Starmer said. "That's a discussion we've had with the president on many occasions."

Macron suggested they may have to do without U.S. backing. "You have to hope for the best, but prepare for the worst," he said. "My hope is that the Americans will be on our side and that the Americans will support, even play an active role."

"But we have to be prepared for a situation where perhaps they won't join in," he added. Building a force big enough to act as a credible deterrent — U.K. officials have talked about possibly 10,000 to 30,000 troops would be a considerable effort for nations that shrank their militaries after the Cold War but are now rearming.

Starmer's office said military planners from Europe and beyond have been drilling down into details, examining "the full range of European military capabilities including aircraft, tanks, troops, intelligence and logistics."

One nation that publicly rejected sending troops was Greece. Prime Minister Kyriakos One reason why some Mitsotakis said those discussions were "somewhat divisive" and distracted from the goal of ending the war as soon as possible. AP

Khamenei aide: Iran ready for indirect US talks

Tehran will evaluate letter by Trump, state its own conditions, says Kharrazi

REUTERS DUBAI, MARCH 27

KAMAL KHARRAZI, an adviser to Iran's supreme leader, said on Thursday Tehran has not closed all doors to resolve its disputes with the United States and is ready for indirect negotiations with Washington.

Tehran has so far rebuffed U.S. President Donald Trump's warning it to make a deal or face military consequences. Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei called the message deceptive and Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi said talks are impossible unless Washington changes its "maximum pressure" policy.

"The Islamic Republic has not closed all doors. It is ready for indirect negotiations with the United States in order to evaluate the other party, state its own conditions and make the appropriate decision," Kharrazi said, according to the semi-official Iranian Students News Agency.

Iran is meant to soon reply to Trump's letter, with Aragchi saying last week that Tehran would take into consideration both Trump's threat and opportuni-

ties in its response. In his first 2017-21 term,

Trump withdrew the U.S. from a 2015 deal between Iran and world powers that placed strict limits on Tehran's disputed nuclear activities in exchange for sanctions relief.

After Trump pulled out in 2018 and reimposed sweeping U.S. sanctions, the Islamic Republic breached and has since far surpassed those limits in its escalating programme of ura-

nium enrichment. Western powers accuse Iran of having an clandestine agenda to develop nuclear weapons capability by enriching uranium to a high level of fissile purity, above what they say is justifiable for a civilian atomic energy programme. Tehran says its nuclear programme is wholly for civilian

energy purposes. Earlier this week, U.S. special envoy Steve Witkoff had said that Trump's outreach to Iran's top authority, Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, on a possible new nuclear deal is an effort to avoid military action.

"Our signal to Iran is let's sit down and see if we can, through dialogue, through diplomacy, get to the right place. If we can, we are prepared to do that. And if we can't, the alternative is not a great alternative."

ing the government until Friday to

answer why Ozturk was being de-

tained. As of Wednesday evening,

the US Immigration and Custom

Enforcement's online detainee lo-

cater system listed her as being

held at the South Louisiana ICE

Processing Centre in Louisiana.

A senior DHS spokesperson

Ozturk was one of four stu-

confirmed Ozturk's detention

and the termination of her visa.

dents last March who wrote an

op-ed in The Tufts Daily criticising

the university's response to its

THAILAND

Thai cabinet approves draft law for casinos

President Xi Friday. **PTI**

Bangkok: Thailand's cabinet on Thursday approved a draft law for casinos and entertainment complexes, as the government looks to attract more tourists and build a major gaming industry. Gambling is mostly banned in Thailand apart from statecontrolled horse racing, the lottery and on some sports but successive governments have pressed the case for allowing casinos to draw in more foreign visitors. But the latest draft approved by cabinet will limit how many Thai punters can go to casinos, with an entry fee of 5,000 baht and proof of at least 50 million baht in bank deposits, effectively blocking large swathes of the population. **REUTERS**

QATAR

US nod for Qatar purchase of drones for \$2 bn

Dubai: The United States has given an initial approval for the energy-rich Mideast nation of Qatar to buy eight armed MQ-9B Predator drones for its military, an estimated purchase worth nearly USD 2 billion. The approval announced Thursday comes after Doha had been trying to purchase the drones during the Biden administration, but hadn't gotten the OK despite serving as an interlocutor for Washington to the Taliban in Afghanistan, Iran and Hamas in Gaza Strip. AP

Pro-monarchists give Nepal govt a week to agree to demands

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE KATHMANDU, MARCH 27

NEPAL'S PRO-MONARCHISTS announced Thursday they would intensify protests to restore the monarchy, given that the government has not reached an agreement with them in a week. The newly formed Joint People's Movement Committee said they would conduct a rally on Friday near the Tribhuvan International Airport.

Speaking to media, the body's convener, Nabaraj Subedi, an 87year-old staunch supporter of former King Gyanendra, said: "We give all pro-republic parties and the government a week to ponder over our demands, which we are pursuing peacefully, and failure to respond to them positively will compel us to intensify protests until our goal is achieved."

Subedi urged the government to accept the 1991 constitution that had a constitutional monarchy with a multi-party parliamentary democracy and a unitary Hindu Nepal as its fundamental features. Subediasked the government to make suitable amendments in the current constitution

to accommodate these features. On Friday, the Socialist Forum, a four-party alliance, is also organising a demonstration in favour of the republic system at Bhrikutimandap area of Kathmandu to counter the promonarchists. Communist Party of Nepal-Maoist Centre, CPN-Unified Marxist Leninist, among others, are joining the demonstra-

tion to strengthen the republic. The Socialist Forum said the Nepali people have fought and sacrificed for the republic and will not let the Monarchy be restored.



Police personnel gather near the Dam Square in central Amsterdam on Thursday. AP

Five injured in central Amsterdam stabbing, police arrest suspect

Motive of assailant under probe: Cops

ASSOCIATED PRESS AMSTERDAM, MARCH 27

AT LEAST five people were wounded in a stabbing in Amsterdam on Thursday, police

said. One person was arrested. The stabbing happened near Dam Square in the central part of the Dutch city. Police cordoned off the area and multiple ambulances and a trauma helicopter responded.

When asked about a possible motive, Amsterdam police spokesperson Esther Izaks told The Associated Press that "it's too

early to tell." "The suspect was overpowered with the help of a citizen ... As his leg was injured, he was taken to a hospital," police said in a post on social media platform X.

Police had earlier put the number of victims at four.

They said they had no further information on their condition. The motive of the assailant was unclear and under investigation, police added.

The area is a popular tourist destination and visitors could still be seen on the top of the nearby Nieuwe Kerk, or New Church. Nearby public transportation has been halted.

Police urged people who may have witnessed the stabbing to come forward with any images that could assist in the investigation. No further details were immediately available.

Local media reported that a city council meeting involving Amsterdam Mayor Femke Halsema was interrupted because of the stabbing.

WITH REUTERS INPUT

people, Tufts University says visa cancelled **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

SOMERVILLE, MARCH 27

ATURKISH national and doctoral student at Tufts University has been detained by US Department of Homeland Security agents without explanation, her lawyer said on Wednesday.

Rumeysa Ozturk, 30, had just left her home in Somerville on Tuesday night when she was stopped, lawyer Mahsa Khanbabai said in a petition filed in Boston federal court. A video obtained by AP appears to show six people, their faces covered, taking away Ozturk's phone as she yells and is handcuffed. "We're the police," members of the group are heard saying in the video.

A man is heard asking, "Why are you hiding your faces?" Khanbabai said Ozturk was meeting friends for iftar. "We are unaware of her whereabouts and have not been able to contact her. No charges have been filed against



Turkish student in US detained by masked

Rumeysa Ozturk is detained by Homeland security officials in Sommerville on Tuesday. AP

Rumeysa to date," Khanbabai said. Neighbours said they were rattled by the arrest, which hap-

pened at 5:30 pm (local time). "It looked like a kidnapping," said Michael Mathis, a 32-year-old software engineer whose surveillance camera captured the arrest.

"They're covering their faces.

They're in unmarked vehicles." **Tufts University President** Sunil Kumar said that the school

learned that officials detained an

international graduate student

and the student's visa had been terminated. US district judge Indira Talwani has issued an order giv-

community union Senate passing resolutions that demanded Tufts "acknowledge the Palestinian genocide", disclose its investments and divest from companies

> with direct or indirect ties to Israel Meanwhile, hundreds of people demonstrated in a park later Wednesday, with speaker after speaker demanding Ozturk's release and accusing both major political parties of failing to protect immigrants and

stand up for Palestinians.

INDIANS, RUSSIANS, NORWEGIANS, SWEDES AMONG PASSENGERS, 39 RESCUED

6 killed as tourist submarine sinks off Egypt

MOHAMEDEZZ & NAYERA ABDALLAH CAIRO, MARCH 27

SIX RUSSIANS died on Thursday and 39 foreign tourists were rescued when a viewing submarine sank off the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Hurghada, the local governor's office said on Facebook, adding that no passengers or crew were still missing.

The Red Sea Governorate said submarine, named "Sindbad", had 50 people onboard: 45 tourists of different na-



The hospital in Hurghada on Thursday. AP

tionalities from Russia, India, Norway, and Sweden, and five Egyptian crew members. "Most of those on board were rescued and taken to their hotels and hospitals in Hurghada," the Russian consulate in Hurghada said.

The submarine was equipped with large portholes to let passengers see the Red Sea's spectacular corals and marine life, and was able to descend to a depth of 25 metres, according to the company's website. The pleasure craft was a far cry from the extreme adventure submersible that imploded thousands of metres below the Atlantic near the sunken Titanic in June 2023. Egyptian authorities are conducting investigations with crew members to determine the causes of the submarine sinking, Red Sea Province

Governor Amr Hanafy said. There have been several recent incidents of tourist boats capsizing. Last June, a boat sank after suffering severe damage from high waves, though no casualties were reported.

The Tourism Ministry and the Chamber of Diving did not respond to Reuters requests for **REUTERS** comment.

LAUNCHED IN 2014, SPINNING OBSERVATORY PROVIDED INFORMATION ABOUT NEARLY 2 BN STARS, LEADING TO OVER 13,000 STUDIES

Gaia, European spacecraft that mapped the Milky Way for a decade, shuts down

KATRINA MILLER

MARCH 27

FROM ANCIENT star streams to the innards of white dwarfs, the Gaia space telescope has seen it all. On Thursday, mission specialists at the European Space Agency will send Gaia, which is low on fuel, into orbit around the sun, and switch it off after more than a decade of service to the world's astronomers.

Gaia has charted the cosmos since 2014, creating a vast encyclopedia of the positions and movements of celestial objects in

our Milky Way and beyond. It is difficult to capture the breadth of development and discovery that the spinning observatory has enabled. But here are a few numbers: nearly 2 billion stars, millions of potential galaxies and some 150,000 asteroids. These observations have led to more than 13,000 studies, so far, by astronomers.

Gaia has transformed the way scientists understand the universe, and its data has become a reference point for many other telescopes on the ground and in space. And less than a third of the data it has gathered has so far been released to scientists.

"It's something that is now underpinning almost all of astronomy," said Anthony Brown, an astronomer at Leiden University in the Netherlands who leads Gaia's data processing and analysis group. "I think if you were to ask my

astronomy colleagues, they couldn't imagine anymore having to do research without Gaia being there."

Launched in 2013, Gaia's primary goal was to reveal the history and structure of the Milky Way by building the most precise, three-dimensional map of the positions and velocities of 1



Deployment testing of Gaia's sun shield at Europe's spaceport in French Guiana, where the mission launched in 2013. NYT

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billion stars. With only a fraction of that data, astronomers have estimated the mass of the halo of dark matter engulfing our galaxy and identified thousands of trespassing stars, ingested from another galaxy 10 billion years ago.

Measuring ongoing vibrations in the disk of the Milky Way has also led to evidence of an encounter with a satellite galaxy that orbits our own much more recently than scientists believed. That could be why the Milky Way appears warped when viewed from the side.

Gaia's reach extended be-

our galactic address. The spacecraft has helped observe moons orbiting other worlds in our solar system, captured starquakes and spotted hyperfast stars zipping across the Milky Way. Within its catalog of stars, astronomers have found hints of new planets and black holes, including the closest known to Earth. Cosmologists have used Gaia's records of pulsing stars to help measure the expansion rate of our universe.

yond what can be gleaned about

"Gaia has been and will be incredibly important to our understanding of the cosmos," said Lisa Kaltenegger, an astronomer at Cornell University who, in 2021, used Gaia's catalog to learn which alien worlds might be able to see us. For more than 10 years, it has

twirled slowly in space 1 million miles from Earth, where the gravity from our planet and the sun balance with the motion of the satellite. Twin telescopes, pointed in different directions on the spacecraft, scanned the sky, capturing optical light that streaked across its field of view. From this data, scientists inferred information about temperature, mass and chemical composition.

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Over half of IITs saw 10 percentage point drop in placement since '21-22: Govt data

House panel says 'unusual decline'; among older IITs, sharpest fall in Delhi

MORE APPEAR, FEWER GET PLACEMENTS

Students appeared

for placements

Source: Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education,

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ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

IN MORE than half of the country's 23 Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), placements for BTech students dropped by more than 10 percentage points in 2023-24 compared to 2021-22, according to the first such disclosure of data by the Union government.

Barring IIT (BHU) Varanasi, 22 of the 23 IITs have seen a drop in placements in 2023-24 compared to 2021-22, according to information provided by the government to the Parliamentary

Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports.

In its report on the Department of Higher Education's demand for grants 2025-26, the Parliamentary Standing Committee headed by Congress MP Digvijaya Singh noted that there is an "unusual decline" in placements in IITs and IIITs between the year 2021-22 and 2023-24.

Among the IITs that saw a drop of more than 10 percentage points in BTech placements in 2023-24 compared to 2021-22, were the older IITs — Delhi (drop of around 15 percentage points,

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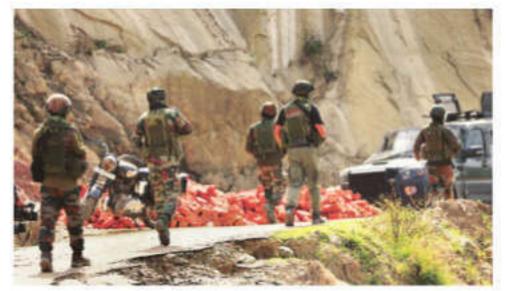
3 policemen killed in gunbattle during J&K search for terrorists

3 from terror group also killed, 5 days after forest sighting; likely came from Pak

ARUN SHARMA JAMMU, MARCH 27

THREE POLICEMEN and three militants were killed in a fierce gunbattle that broke out Thursday in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, sources said.

The militants are suspected to be part of a fresh group of around half a dozen who crossed over from Pakistan, and were



Security personnel at the site of an encounter with militants in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday. PTI

first spotted by a local couple in the forests at Saniyal village near the International Border on Sunday. After the local residents raised the alarm, security forces

began searches, and on Sunday evening, briefly exchanged fire with the militants.

The encounter on Thursday took place on the fifth day of the

combing operation by joint security forces in Hiranagar subdivision of Kathua.

The policemen killed Thursday were identified as Selection Grade Constables Tariq Ahmad from Reasi, Jaswant Singh from Londi in Hiranagar, and Balwinder Singh from Kanna Chak in Kathua.

Sub-Divisional Police Officer (Border) Dheeraj Katoch was among four injured security personnel. The other injured personnel were Constable Bharat Chalotra, Special Police Officer Happy Sharma, and Army's Naik Gurinder Singh.

After the brief encounter on Sunday, there had been no contact with the militants until Thursday. Several senior officers

took part in the combing CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

HIS FIRST SINCE WAR BEGAN

Putin will visit India, we share call for talks on Ukraine: Russia

Lavrov praises Modi and his govt for 'balanced position' on the conflict

DIVYA A NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

PRAISING THE Indian government and Prime Minister Narendra Modi for "consistently" taking a "balanced position on the Ukrainian crisis" and for advocating its "resolution through dialogue", Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Thursday that President Vladimir Putin will visit India this year and preparations for it are underway.

This will be Putin's first visit to India after the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. The announcement of the visit comes at a time when US President Donald Trump has taken the lead in mediating a ceasefire between the Kremlin and Kyiv. Trump is also expected to visit India for the summit of Quad leaders later this year.

In a video address to a conference titled 'Russia and India: Together Towards a New Bilateral Agenda', hosted by the Russian International Affairs Council and the Indian Embassy in Moscow, Lavrov said, "It is symbolic that Prime Minister Modi made his first bilateral foreign visit after his re-election last year to Russia. Now it is our turn. Russian President Putin has accepted the invitation of the head of the Indian government. The





EXPLAINED The war

and Delhi

THE RUSSIAN invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 did put India in a diplomatic pickle, but Delhi has been one of the few Capitals regularly talking to both the Kremlin and Kyiv at various levels, maintaining that the two sides need to do direct negotiations and find a way out of the crisis.

visit of the head of the Russian state to the Republic of India is being prepared."

The visit is part of a protocol

between India and Russia for reciprocal annual visits by their leaders. Once the Ukraine war **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Meerut police warn namaz-on-road can lead to passport cancellation; Orwellian, says MoS

AMIT SHARMA & NEETIKA JHA

MEERUT, NOIDA, MARCH 27

STEPPING UP security measures ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr, police in UP's Meerut have warned against namaz on streets, saying violators would face legal action that could lead to registration of criminal cases, cancellation of passports and licences.

This has drawn a sharp response from Union Minister of State and RLD chief Jayant Singh



Chaudhary who, in a post on X, said: "Policing towards Orwellian 1984!". He was referring to the Thought Police with sweeping powers in Orwell's 'Nineteen Eighty-Four'.

On Wednesday, Meerut police submitted a list of eight per-

sons to District Magistrate Dr Vijay Kumar Singh, saying they violated last year's order prohibiting namaz on the streets during Eid. Police have initiated steps for cancellation of their licences and passports.

Meerut City SP Ayush Vikram Singh said: "We have appealed to people that they offer namaz at a nearby mosque or reach the Idgah on time. We have given strict instructions that under no condition will prayers be allowed on roads."

He said last year a few people

had offered namaz on a road on Eid. "We registered an FIR against them... This time too if someone sits for prayers in the open, very strict action will be taken. We are making continuous appeals." Singh said in case a criminal

case is registered against a person, it can lead to cancellation of licence and passport. The person booked, he said, will not get an NOC(no-objection certificate) to apply for a passport or licence. Meerut range DIG Kalanidhi

Naithani said violators will face CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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MOST POWERFUL INDIANS

BRENDAN DABHI

AHMEDABAD, MARCH 27

THE GUJARAT Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) claims to have found

a link between two persons ar-

rested this month for allegedly

smuggling "fentanyl precursors"

to Mexico and Guatemala and a

Hyderabad-based pharma com-

pany, whose top executives have

been indicted in the United States

Rap to Rahul to House norms, Opp unites to approach Speaker

LIZ MATHEW & ASAD REHMAN NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

IN A show of unity, Opposition leaders of the INDIA bloc Thursday approached Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to register their protest at "disregard for Parliament and parliamentary procedures by the government" in the functioning of the House, handing him a letter signed by them.

The floor leaders of the Opposition parties also flagged "denial of opportunity" to Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi to speak in the House. Birla's suggestion on Wednesday that the

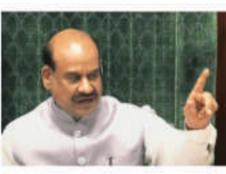
for unlawfully importing the pre-

cursors, *The Indian Express* has

Sutaria and Yukta Ashishkumar

based pharma companies, for al-

On March 17, the Gujarat ATS



Speaker Om Birla in Lok Sabha on Thursday. PTI

Congress leader wasn't upholding the dignity of the House, followed by a quick adjournment of the Lok Sabha, was being "politicised", they said.

Sources said the Opposition letter raises 12 points, including

the non-appointment of a Deputy Speaker in the Lok Sabha, "disregard" for Business Advisory Committee (BAC) decisions, "neglect" of adjournment motions, "exclusion of key ministries" in Budget discussions, and "switching off of microphones" of Opposition leaders.

The Speaker, who met the Opposition leaders during Zero Hour, reportedly assured them that he would go through the issues and get back.

While INDIA bloc leaders **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

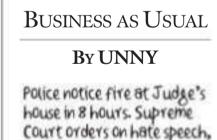
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Two smuggling fentanyl inputs got

it from firm indicted in US: ATS air cargo from Maharashtra. Officials claimed that over the past year, the two accused smuggled at least 100 kg of fentanvl

> precursors out of India. arrested Satishkumar Haresh On March 20, three days af-Modi, partners in three Suratter the arrest, the US Department of Justice indicted legedly exporting fentanyl pre-Vasudha Pharma Chem Ltd and cursors — basic chemicals that three of its employees on form fentanyl, an opioid analgesic charges of illegally importing fentanyl precursors. used in anaesthesia — illegally to Mexico and Guatemala through

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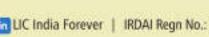












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HAMZAKHAN JAIPUR, MARCH 27 ARRIVING AT the birthday celebrations of Rashtriya Loktantrik Party (RLP) founder and Nagaur

MP Hanuman Beniwal's son Ashutosh, Union minister Nitin Gadkari told the 10-year-old jokingly, "Become anything but a

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leader." But going by the celebrations for Ashutosh's birthday, with a



Gadkari meets Chandrashekhar Azad

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Union Minister Nitin Gadkari at the birthday celebrations of

VVIP visitor list that started coming in Tuesday and has not flagged since, the boy's fate may be predestined. Beniwal is the lone MP of his

party, with no MLAs. But Ashutosh's birthday festivities have drawn several Union ministers and former Chief Ministers, as well as a surfeit of sitting and former MPs and MLAs. Including from Beniwal's home state Rajasthan.

One explanation is the friends Beniwal has picked up across parties in his shifting political career — and the potential

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Woman's body found in suitcase in Bengaluru house, suspect husband held from Maharashtra

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU, MARCH 27

POLICE RECOVERED the body of a 32-year-old Maharashtra woman from a suitcase in her flat in Bengaluru and detained her husband on suspicion of murder from Maharashtra.

According to the police, the victim Gouri Khedekar's husband called the house owner, informing him about the body of his wife in the flat. The house owner informed the police.

Gouri was living with her husband Rakesh Rajendra Khedekar in the apartment in Doddakammanahalli area under the Hulimavu police limits. Rakesh worked as a project manager at a private firm and he was detained from Maharashtra, police said.

A police officer, who was tipped by the control room, said initially they thought it was a case of suicide, but when they reached the spot, Gouri's body was found in a suitcase. "Forensic analysts have found a stab injury on the body," police said.

"The woman's body was found in the suitcase kept in the



The victim Gouri Khedekar

washroom," Deputy Commissioner of Police (Southeast) Sarah Fathima said.

The Maharashtra couple, married for two years, was moved to the third floor of the rented house in February 2025. Gouri was a homemaker and was looking for a job.

Police officials said that the house owner alerted the control room at around 5.30 pm and a team was dispatched to the spot. The officers found the house locked and they broke the locks for entry and found the suitcase in the washroom.

The circumstances and the motive behind the murder were yet to be ascertained. The parents of the victim have been informed, the police said.

We believe in *vasudhaiva kutumbakam*, but unable to remain united even with close kin, says SC

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

RAISING CONCERNS over the "erosion" of the institution of family, the Supreme Court on Thursday said in India people believed in the maxim "vasudhaiva kutumbakam" but failed to remain united even with the close

A bench of Justices Pankaj Mithal and SVN Bhatti said the concept of "family" was being eroded leading to a one-person-onefamily system.

"In India we believe in vasudhaiva kutumbakam, i.e., the earth, as a whole, is one family. However, today we are not even able to retain the unity in the immediate family, what to say of building one family for the world. The very concept of 'family' is being eroded and we are on the brink of one person one family," the bench said.

The top court's observation came on a plea filed by a woman seeking eviction of her eldest son from her house.

It came on record that one Kallu Mal, who passed away eventually, and his wife Samtola Devi had five children, including three sons and two daughters.

The parents did not share cordial relations with the sons and on August 2014 Kallu Mal made a complaint to the local SDM, alleging mental and physical torture by his eldest son.

In 2017, the couple initiated proceedings for grant of maintenance against their sons which came to be registered as a criminal case before a family court in

The family court awarded Rs 4,000 a month each to the parents payable equally by the two

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THE US Embassy in India has said

its consular team is "cancelling"

about 2,000 visa appointments

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it has "zero tolerance" for agents

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sons by the seventh day of each calendar month.

In 2018, the eldest son married a woman from a different caste against the wishes of the parents, who initiated proceedings under the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 before the Maintenance Tribunal, Sub-Division Tehsil Sadar District Sultanpur.

Kallu Mal alleged his house was a self-acquired property, including shops in the lower portion. In one of the shops, he was running his business since 1971 till 2010.

However, he fell ill, and "taking advantage" of the situation, his eldest son took over the business only pressure his father later to sell the house.

The father alleged his eldest son did not take care of his daily and medical needs.

As a result, he pleaded with the tribunal to evict his son from the property.

The tribunal directed the son not to encroach upon any part of the house without the permission of his parents except the shop in which he was carrying out the business and warned of eviction proceedings if he continued to humiliate his parents.

The parents, feeling aggrieved, moved in appeal before the appellate tribunal, which set aside the SDM's order and ordered the eldest son's eviction.

The eldest son moved the Allahabad High Court which set aside the eviction order but maintained the other directions given by the tribunal.

The top court in its judgement said it couldn't be said that the father was the exclusive owner of the property, holding the son had a right or share in it.

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operations in Kathua since Sunday, including J&K Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat. Sources said seven people

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3 policemen killed

in gunbattle during

were taken into custody during this period on suspicion of providing logistical support to the militants. Some of them had been picked up for questioning last year, too, in connection with allegedly helping militants, the sources said.

On Tuesday, police and other security personnel had expanded their search area closer to the International Border — nearly 5 km from Saniyal village — and to-

J&K combing ops wards the Jammu-Pathankot national highway.

> Thursday's encounter took place 30 km from Saniyal, where the militants were first spotted.

> The search parties on Tuesday had recovered two grenades and some empty shells of M4 ammunition from the forests. A day earlier, several magazines of M4 carbine, a bulletproof jacket and other material left behind by the militants were found.

> Sources said the combing operation was taking time because the militants were hiding in dense forests.

Meerut police warn namaz-on-road can lead to passport cancellation; Orwellian, says Minister of State

immediate punitive measures, including case registration and possible arrest.

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Bishnoi said police have issued an advisory against performing prayers on roads. "Nobody will perform namaz on roads. Collective namaz in houses will not be allowed. People can offer prayers at their house. But they should be careful that there's no untoward incident," he said.

Aligarh SP Mriganik Shekhar Pathak said no specific order has been issued regarding Eid prayers. "We are going by the advisory of the UP government that no prayers will be offered in public places. A peace committee meet-

ing was called and the advisory was conveyed to people," he said. Hathras SP Chiranjeev Nath

Sinha said they too have not issued any specific order. "We will not be allowing anyone, irrespective of community, to offer prayers on roads or in any public place. It is a people's festival and they can celebrate in their house," he said.

Ghaziabad Police said if there is crowding, people will be asked to offer prayers in shifts. "We have deployed forces in all sensitive areas and near mosques and the Idgah... There will be continuous surveillance by drones," Dasarath Nimish Patil, DCP, Trans-Hindon, said.

• Putin will visit India, we share call for talks on Ukraine: Russia

began, the visits stopped, and resumed only in July last year when Modi travelled to Moscow with the message that "a solution cannot be found on the battlefield".

Lavrov said, "I would like to separately express my gratitude... for the fact that India, and personally Prime Minister Modi, consistently take a balanced position on the Ukrainian crisis and advocate its resolution through dialogue and the elimination of the root causes of this conflict."

He said Russia "fully shares this approach and from the very beginning of the crisis, we have been talking about Russia's openness to negotiations, which should lead to the end of the conflict and the establishment of a lasting peace by eliminating its root causes".

"The relations between our countries have a long history. We can say that they have stood the test of time more than once. Today, Russia and India are developing equal cooperation based on sincere, mutual respect and consideration of each other's interests. It is difficult to overestimate the contribution of our leaders to this process," he said.

He mentioned the expanding trade and economic cooperation between the two countries, despite India facing flak from the West for purchasing Russian oil. "Trade and economic cooperation are steadily expand-

ing. We are successfully over-

coming the attempts of individ-

ual ill-wishers to prevent this. In

2024, bilateral trade exceeded \$60 billion. This is the highest result in the entire modern history of relations," Lavrov said. The Ukraine war has put India in a delicate diplomatic position with its Western allies.

India has also abstained from

voting against Russia in several resolutions at the United Nations. Lavrov said, "Moscow and New Delhi have close or even coinciding views on the objectively emerging multipolar world order which, in our common conviction, should be based on a variety of development models

with the principles of the UN Charter not selectively, but in their entirety and interrelation." He mentioned India and

Russia collaborating at various

and compliance by all states

multilateral forums, echoing India's motto of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. "We share the philosophy of the Indian foreign policy concept 'The whole world is a family'... and value our joint work in the UN, G20, BRICS and SCO," he said.

Earlier, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, in a video message, spoke about India and Russia navigating a "complex geopolitical landscape" and underlined that the "era of multipolarity" necessitated greater cooperation between the two countries.

relationship with Russia and the two nations remain committed to nurturing this deep friendship and exploring new frontiers of cooperation," he said.

"This relationship with deep historical roots, and a long tradition of trust and mutual respect, continues to expand and deepen in the backdrop of a dynamic world order," Jaishankar said, adding "India and Russia have set a target of increasing bilateral trade to \$100 billion by 2030."

In July last year, while thanking Putin for the "gracious hosvisit India in 2025 for the 23rd India-Russia Annual Summit, the Ministry of External Affairs had said then. Modi also travelled to Kyiv

pitality" extended to him and his

delegation, Modi invited him to

last August and met Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, asking him to sit with Putin to "find a way out of the crisis".

He visited Russia again in October, this time for the BRICS Summit in Kazan. He has also been invited to the Russian Victory Day celebrations in May this year – there is no official "India immensely values its word from Delhi so far on the likelihood of his visit to Moscow.

> Earlier this month, in a wideranging interaction with podcaster Lex Fridman, Modi, speaking on the Ukraine war, said a resolution is possible only when both Ukraine and Russia come to the negotiating table, and that he can also tell Zelenskyy in a "friendly way that brother, regardless of how many people stand with you in the world, there will never be a resolution on the battlefield... Ukraine may hold countless discussions with their allies, but it will bear no fruit".

benign shipments such as salt,'

On the import company that

received the consignments, an

officer said, "While we have

asked for further details from

our sources and law enforce-

ment in Mexico, we primarily

have reason to believe, through

trading data and other OSINT

(open source intelligence), that

there is a string of shell compa-

nies purchasing precursor

chemicals, one of which is the

imports company. We are also

trying to determine its owner-

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said an investigation officer.

points, from 96.11% to 83.39%): Madras (drop of 12 percentage points, from 85.71% to 73.29%); and Kanpur (drop of 11 percentage points, from 93.63% to 82.48%).

In 2021-22, the percentage of students who secured jobs out of those who appeared for placements ranged from 83.15% at IIT Varanasi to 98.65% at IIT Goa, with 14 of the 23 IITs recording

In 2023-24, only three IITs –

Jodhpur, Patna, and Goa – recorded over 90%, with the highest percentage of 92.98% at IIT Jodhpur and the lowest of 65.56% at IIT Dharwad. The sharpest drop was at IIT

over 90% placements.

Dharwad where placements fell by around 25 percentage points in 2023-24 as compared to 2021-22 (90.20% to 65.56%), followed by IIT Jammu (92% to 70%). The country's oldest IIT, at

Kharagpur, saw the smallest drop (of 2.88 percentage points) from 86.79% to 83.91%.

While the committee's report pointed to a similar trend in NITs, and a decline in the average financial package secured by each student placed between 2022-23 and 2023-24, the corresponding data was not included.

Observing that placements are dependent on market trends and "there could be various reasons for this decline like students opting for higher education or pursuing start-up ventures", the committee suggested that the department find ways to "enhance employability accord-

ingly". Data shows that at some IITs placements improved in 2021 22 compared to the previous vear. The figures then dropped in 2022-23, and fell further in 2023

24. At IIT Kanpur, for instance, around 81% of those who ap-

peared for placements secured jobs in 2020-21. This jumped to around 94% in 2021-22, but fell to 89% in 2022-23, and dropped further to 82% in 2023-24.

Save for IIT Tirupati, all other IITs have recorded an uptick in the number of students appear-

ing for placements in 2023-24 as compared to 2021-22.

Opp unites to approach Speaker

have earlier too come together on issues in the 18th Lok Sabha, the Trinamool Congress also joined them this time.

A Congress leader underlined the significance of this, adding that "the issues we have raised in the letter are also significant".

Congress Deputy Leader in the Lok Sabha Gaurav Gogoi told reporters after meeting the Speaker: "We conveyed our collective concern and collective disappointment... on how the ruling side is violating traditions, rules and culture of the House."

The INDIA bloc delegation included the Congress, TMC, SP, DMK, Kerala Congress, RJD, IUML, Rashtriya Loktantrik Party, Shiv Sena (UBT) and MDMK, while the letter given to Birla also carried the signature of the RSP.

Gogoi again referred to the fact that the Speaker had not indicated the reason for his observation against Gandhi during the Sabha proceedings Wednesday. "The whole country saw it. The LoP is a Constitutional post, remarks were made about him (Gandhi), but he was not allowed to speak. There was no clarity on what incident the Speaker was referring to, but the BJP IT cell is politicising the issue,"

Soon after the incident in the Lok Sabha, BJP IT department head Amit Malviva suggested on X that the Speaker's remarks were prompted by Gandhi affectionately cupping the face of his sister and MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra during proceedings in the House on March 18.

the BJP and its IT cell outside Parliament. But inside the House, the conventions of Parliament and the dignity of posts have to be protected," Gogoi said. One of

raised, as per sources, was BJP MPs greeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi with slogans of "Modi. Modi" whenever he came to the House, despite this not being allowed by the Speaker.

However, as per sources in the

NDA, there have been "many complaints to the Speaker" about Gandhi's conduct inside the House, including on March 18 "There are Akhilesh Yadav and his wife Dimple Yadav... they always behave like two MPs, not as a couple," an NDA MP said.

Congress leaders say that if

Birla took exception to this, he could have called Gandhi to his chambers and spoken to him, instead of making a statement in the House.

On the Deputy Speaker's post, the letter submitted by the Opposition says it has been vacant since 2019 despite Article 93 of the Constitution mandating the same. "The absence of a Deputy Speaker sets a dangerous precedent, affecting the neutrality and functioning of the House.

reads the letter. The letter adds: "Also, by convention, whenever the LoP stands up, he or she is usually allowed to speak... However, the present government repeatedly denies the LoP an opportunity to speak

even when formally requested." A party leader said another point they had raised was that the "unilateral" introduction of business in the House by the government "without prior consultation or information". "The Prime Minister's statement last week on Kumbh Mela was not scheduled nor was the House in-

The Opposition also talked about private member's Bills and resolutions not getting sufficient time, and some key ministries being kept out of discussions.

formed."

• Two smuggling fentanyl precursors got it from firm indicted in US: ATS International Special Surveillance "foreign terrorist organization" According to investigators, land border to Mexico, where they are banned, hidden among

the persons arrested by the ATS purchased the precursors from two companies, including the one based in Hyderabad. Investigators refused to name the other citing the ongoing

According to the ATS, Sutaria and Modi, who are currently in judicial custody at the Lajpore Central Jail in Surat, sourced the precursors using forged enduser certificates, which claimed the chemicals were meant to either produce active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) for anaesthetics drugs or manufacture herbicides and pesticides. They then allegedly mislabelled these chemicals as Vitamin C to dupe regulators and illegally exported them out of India.

'Shipped as Vitamin C'

Given their use by drug cartels to make illicit fentanyl, precursor chemicals are considered psychotropic substances and severely restricted, being on watch lists in several countries as well as under international conven-

They are on the Red List of the **International Narcotics Control** Board (INCB) of the United Nations as well as on the

List(ISSL) of the Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN), which is under the Ministry of Finance in India. During the open hearing of

the US Senate Select Committee on Intelligence on "Worldwide Threats" on March 25, Tulsi Gabbard, the US Director of National Intelligence, said that Mexico-based Transnational Criminal Organisations are the main suppliers of illicit fentanyl to the US market and "are adapting to enforcement and regulatory pressures by using multiple sources and methods to procure precursor chemicals and equipment primarily from China and India".

The '2025 Annual Threat Assessment' released March 25 also named India and China as "sources of precursors and equipment for drug traffickers".

According to investigators from the ATS, the suspects smuggled the fentanyl precursors disguised as Vitamin C out of Maharashtra to an import company. Investigators believe the company is "suspected to be a front for the Sinaloa drug cartel", a transnational drug trafficking syndicate based in Culiacán, Sinaloa, and Mexico that the US had designated as a

on February 20. The Gujarat ATS had also

seized 50 kg of N-Boc, one of the precursors, from a warehouse in Surat, where the accused allegedly stowed it away to prevent detection by the Maharashtra Customs Department.

Multi-nation op

An ATS officer said the department was working with law enforcement agencies across the world, including the US, to crack down on the fentanyl precursor trade. "We are working with the US

Drug Enforcement Agency, the US Department of Justice which includes the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the US Department of Homeland Security as well as federal law enforcement agencies in Mexico and liaising with the Narcotics Control Bureau in India," the officer said.

According to Sunil Joshi, the DIG of the Gujarat ATS, Sutaria's and Modi's arrests were based on intelligence reports collected since November 2024.

"The fentanyl precursors would first be sent from India to Guatemala where they are not regulated. From there, this cargo would be transported across the

that the value of 1 kg of fentanyl is 1.6 million USD in the international market. Investigators believe the accused allegedly made at least five

shipments of 20 kg in the last year. Significantly, 1 kg of these precursors can theoretically be used to synthesise 1.83 kg of fen-

"The accused earned Rs 10-15 lakh in profits per 20 kg shipment of precursors while acting as middlemen in these dealings, purchasing it for Rs 15 lakh and selling it at about Rs 23-25 lakh," an officer said.

ing in the Lok Sabha, Beniwal ac-

cused "the previous state

(Rajasthan) government" of cor-

ruption in the Jal Jeevan Mission,

without naming the Congress or

Raje has also been in Beniwal's

crosshairs. And last year, after BJP

Rajasthan in-charge Radha

Mohan Das seemed to suggest

that the RLP chief was a "chuha

(rat)", Beniwal shot back saying

that if Das "misbehaves too much,

Former BJP CM Vasundhara

Ashok Gehlot.

Rajasthan".

• Gadkari meets Chandrashekhar Azad meet Akhilesh: Party to beat all parties

new ones he seems open to making. The fact that he is a Jat leader and a farmer voice doesn't hurt.

Elected for the first time on a BJP ticket from the Khinwsar Assembly seat in 2008, Beniwal had moved on from the party by the time of the next elections. Contesting from Khinwsar in 2013 as an Independent, Beniwal had won again. By 2018 and his third win from the seat, he had his own party RLP.

Come 2019, Beniwal aligned his party with the BIP and won the Nagaur Lok Sabha seat, but then parted ways over the nowrepealed three farm laws. In the 2023 Assembly polls, Beniwal was elected as an MLA from Khinwsar. In last year's Lok Sabha elections, he became an MP from Nagaur, this time in alliance with the INDIA bloc.

While he did take a brief pause in the general elections, Beniwal has taken up his constant criticism of the Congress and its leaders since, especially in Rajasthan, his humour making it go down easy somewhat – and reinforcing the

And so the VVIPs have come calling through them, for his son's birthday. Apart from Gadkari, the Union ministers who have visited include Giriraj Singh (BJP, MP from Bihar's Begusarai), Chirag Paswan (LJP-RV, MP from Hajipur, Bihar), Jayant Chaudhary (RLD Rajya Sabha MP from Uttar Pradesh), Ravneet Singh Bittu (BJP Rajya Sabha MP from Rajasthan), S P Singh Baghel (BJP, Agra), Sanjay Seth (BJP, Ranchi), and Krishan Pal Gurjar (BJP, Faridabad).

Among former CMs, Akhilesh Yadav (Samajwadi Party, Uttar Pradesh) and Biplab Kumar Deb (BJP, Tripura) have come calling, as have Jagdambika Pal (BJP MP, Himachal Pradesh),

UP, and head of the Joint Committee of Parliament that deliberated the Waqf Bill) and former Union minister Anurag Thakur (BIP MP, Hamirpur, The list goes on – Rajya Sabha MPs Tiruchi Siva (DMK, Tamil Nadu), Sanjay Singh (Aam Aadmi Party, NCT of Delhi); Lok Sabha UP

Nagina): Independent MP aligned with the Congress Rajesh Ranjan alias Pappu Yadav (Purnea in Bihar); and former MPs Ramesh Bidhuri (BJP, South Delhi) and Harish Dwivedi (BJP, Basti in UP). Of course, MPs from Rajasthan have also registered their pres-

ence – the BJP's Lok Sabha MPs C P Joshi (Chitttorgarh), P P Chaudhary (Pali) and Lumbaram Choudhary (Jalore); and Congress Lok Sabha MPs Brijendra Ola (Ihunjhunu), Harish Meena (Tonk-Sawai Madhopur), Bhajanlal Jatav (Karauli Dholpur), Kuldeep Indora (Ganganagar), Sanjna Jatav (Bharatpur), Rahul Kaswan (Churu), and Murari Lal Meena (Dausa).

Rajkumar Roat, the Bharat Adivasi Party MP from Banswara, and a fast-rising tribal leader of Rajasthan, who won as an INDIA bloc candidate, has also been to celebrate Beniwal's son. As have Rajasthan Congress MLAs Indira Meena and Mukesh Bhakar, and former Congress MLA Chetan Former RLP leader Ummeda Ram Beniwal is now the Congress MP from Barmer and Revant Ram Danga is the BJP MLA from Khinwsar. Both the switches hurt - Ummeda was considered one of Beniwal's confidants while Danga ousted the Beniwal family

Beniwal claims he is undeterred by this, saying: "I will re-

time since its creation.

he will get beaten with shoes in He has also accused both the BJP and Congress of trying to Gogoi said. weaken him and his party.

from its home turf for the first "We are capable of taking on the things Opposition leaders

MPs Neeraj Maurya (SP, Aonla), policies," the embassy wrote on students, and the US consular the social media platform. Anand Bhadauria (SP, Dhaurahra), main their political papa (father)." team in India had in 2023 issued idea that he may be loyal to his Among voters, Beniwal's pop-The notice shared in the post over 1,40,000 student visas -constituents but that his doors are Chandrashekhar Azad (Azad ularity draws from his outspo-For now, "papa" is doing just underlined that the team has more than in any other country. Samaj Party-Kanshi Ram, kenness. Recently, while speakopen for everyone. epaper.indianexpress.com









Uttarakhand Content Creator Contest 2025



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Narendra Modi Prime Minister

Pushkar Singh Dhami Chief Minister, Uttarakhand

With the aim of promoting the culture of State of Uttarakhand and promoting perennial tourism, developing the State as a wedding destination, the Uttarakhand Film VikasParishad is organizing a Content Creators Competition to invite the Social Media Content Creators as per the appeal/call of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and as per the instructions of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami. For the said event, mainly two categories i.e. 01 minute reel and 05 minutes short films have been included under the following 8 topics, one best film would be awarded in each category.

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- Perennial Tourism of Uttarakhand
- Mythical Temples and Pilgrimage of Uttarakhand (relatively less famous)
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Unseen Colors of Tourism, Visit Uttarakhand



Adventure Tourism

Uttarakhand, which has its own distinct identity in the field of tourism in the country and the world, is a stronghold of adventure tourism activities along with being a land of Gods. Along with the religious tourism, the State Government has taken special initiatives to promote the adventure tourism. The tourists coming to the State can enjoy adventure thrills in Rishikesh through activities like rafting as well as bunges jumping flying for river can enjoy adventure thrills in Rishikesh through activities like rafting as well as bungee jumping, flying fox, river crossing and paragliding. The Tehri Lake situated in the lap of the mountains, captivates tourists with its enchanting natural beauty. Tourists are enjoying various activities in this lake like floating houses, Shikara boats and cruises, boating, jet speed boat rides, water skiing, zorbing, banana boat rides, bandwagon boat rides, hot air balloon rides and paragliding.



Paragliding

Uttarakhand which is called the center of tourism, along with pilgrimage, adventure tourism activities are also attracting the tourists from India and abroad. Effective steps are also being taken in the field of air and water sports by the Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board. Due to which the adventure tourism of Uttarakhand is getting recognition on a wide scale. The State is moving ahead towards the creation of employment along with tourism especially in the hills areas. The world, which has bowed before the spiritual powers of all the monasteries and temples including the Char Dham, is now also being attracting towards the tourism activities in the Uttarakhand.

Trekking

Uttarakhand is full of hills & terrains which makes the State one of the best tourist destination for the trekking in the Country. Here you can test your physical fitness. Uttarakhand has been a favourite trekking destination for the passengers owing to its hills trails and untouched grandeur. For the adventurous and enthusiastic people, Uttarakhand offers endless spaces to discover something new through trekking.

Munsiyari-Martoli-Milam-Ralam Glacier Trek in Pithoragarh District and Sunderdhunga-Pindari-Kafni Glacier Trek in Bageshwar District are one of the most popular trekking routes here.





Stargazing

Stargazing is a magical way to bring Science to life and experience the beauty of our natural world. Looking up at the vast canopy of space is a thrilling experience that everyone can enjoy. If you like to gaze at the starry sky, then there are many places in Uttarakhand to turn this experience into memorable moments.

Some of the places in the State that offer clear stargazing views include GursonBugyal near Auli, Jyoalikot near Nainital, Kedarkantha in Uttarkashi, Munsiyari in Pithoragarh, Majkhali (a small village near Ranikhet), Chakrata and Chaukodi. The Stargazing can also be enjoyed from there.



Bungee Jumping

Bungee jumping is not just about tying a rope and jumping from a height, it is much more than a daring leap. This is a jump that removes fear from your heart forever and creates courage to face the fear. There can be no better place in the State than in the lap of nature surrounded by hills. Rishikesh in Uttarakhand has one of the highest bungee platforms in the Country, which is about 83 meters (about 272 feet) high.

Uttarakhand Homestay

Feeling like home, with Uttarakhand Homestay



Homestay on trekking route also

To give an another unique experience to the tourists, the Uttarakhand Government has started the Trekking Traction Centre Home Stay Scheme. This innovative effort has provided the tourists a feeling of home-like comfort and safety on the trekking routes as well as the local people have got the gift of progress through selfemployment. Under the Trekking Traction Centre Home Stay Subsidy Scheme the 15 Trekking Traction Centres have been notified in Uttarkashi, Tehri, Bageshwar, Pithoragarh, Chamoli and Rudraprayag in Uttarakhand. That means a total of 87 villages have been notified in 6 Districts. A about 215 beneficiaries have been selected sofar and the financial support is being provided by the Uttarakhand Government for making the homestays in villages falling within 2 km radius of the Trekking Traction Centre.

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SKYWATCH

'Grand schemes only on paper': BJP slams AAP for misleading Capital's poor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

THE RULING BJP on Thursday accused the previous AAP-led Delhi government of continuously misleading the city's Dalit community and the poor through "grand schemes", which it alleged were "only on paper".

"Over the past five years, the Kejriwal government introduced several schemes to attract Dalits and the poor politically, spending millions on their advertisements. However, in reality, Kejriwal only deceived them," Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva alleged during a press conference.

Reacting to this, the AAP said Sachdeva seemingly had one job, which was "to wake up, hurl abuses at AAP chief Arvind Keiriwal, and go back to sleep".

Sachdeva further alleged that the Kejriwal government had announced schemes worth over Rs 200 crore for improving residential settlements of Dalits and the poor between 2020-21 and 2023-24, but only Rs 120.60 crore was spent.

The AAP, meanwhile, asserted it considers Babasaheb Ambedkar "our guiding principle, and has always followed the path he showed — prioritising health and education".

PROBES INITIATED DURING AAP RULE

Assembly disposes all 311 inquiries by House committees against officers

GAYATHRI MANI

NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

IN A major relief for bureaucrats, the Delhi Legislative Assembly has decided to dispose all pending inquiries — a total of 311 — by the Assembly's House Committees. Most of these inquiries had been initiated by the previous AAP regime. Assembly Speaker Vijender Gupta said, "I feel Committees of the 8th Legislative Assembly should start with a clean slate and not get entangled in cases that appear to be motivated." He further said, "We need to consider whether it befits the legislature or its committees to keep officers, some of whom have now retired, under stress."

The Committee on Privileges, Committee on Petitions, and Committee on Questions and References look at cases related to government departments and issue notices to officials to appear before them.

According to Gupta, in a meeting on December 4, 2024, the 7th Legislative Assembly passed three resolutions to the effect that incomplete work of the Committees should be examined by the respective Committees of the 8th Assembly. "At the time of the dis-Legislative Assembly under Rule solution of 6th and 7th Legislative 183. Under this rule, any incom-Assemblies, the Assembly had

poration used to seal these dairies,

but owners have been breaking the

seals. Now, we will go a step further

sealing not just the dairies but

also cutting electricity and water

tions of dairy owners," he said.

tended to the homes of dairy op-

level meeting with officials of local

bodies during which actions that

are to be taken against stray cat-

tle, issues of cleanliness and basic

amenities, potholes, dust and

sewer blockage were discussed.

"It was decided that a special

campaign should be run to re-

move stray animals from roads.

Proper shelters should be

arranged for cows and a special

campaign should be run for

dogs. A plan should be prepared

to identify stray animals in each

ward for their rehabilitation or

transfer," the CMO said in a

statement.

On Wednesday, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta's convoy was

CM Gupta also held a high-

erators as well.

CASES BEFORE THE COMMITTEES

■ In 2018, former Delhi **Chief Secretary Anshu** Prakash was allegedly assaulted at ex-CM Arvind Kejriwal's Civil Lines residence. Days after, the **Assembly House panel** recommended privilege proceedings against him for contempt of the House after he did not attend committee summons, including one in relation to a scam in the Delhi Nagrik Sehkari Bank. Prakash and several bureaucrats moved

■ In 2023, the Committee on Petitions presented its investigation report, 'Sabotaging the functioning Of OPD counters in Delhi government hospitals at

the HC against the panel.

the behest of the Hon'ble plete work of a committee before dissolution of the Legislative Assembly can be forwarded to a committee of the new Legislative

Lieutenant Governor of Delhi' before the House. Alleging that delay by the Finance Dept in inviting tenders caused suffering to patients, it requested the **President and Home** Minister to suspend the Chief Secretary and the Finance Secretary.

Other bureaucrats against whom committee proceedings were underway included IAS officers Dr M M Kutty, Varsha Joshi, Amjad Tak, Sanjeev Khirwar, Amit Singla, Jaidev Sarangi, Rupesh Thakur and Nidhi Srivastava.

■ The next hearing date for all 8 cases is scheduled on April 30 in the Delhi HC.

passed resolutions to carry forward incomplete work of these three committees." he said.

However, after reviewing pending inquiries before the committees, Gupta concluded that "these should not have been

forwarded". He further noted that the decision to dispose of the cases followed a resolution moved by Chief Whip, Laxmi Nagar MLA Abhay Verma, in the ongoing Budget session.

 $The \, Speaker \, emphasised \, that \,$ "if the complaints were genuine, the committees should have investigated these cases and reported to the House". However, he pointed out that "the reasons for which they were kept pending by the then members of the committees are best known to them".

The Committee on Privileges had 59 inquiries pending from the 6th Legislative Assembly and 69 inquiries from the 7th.

Former minister and AAP MLA Saurabh Bharadwaj, was one of the members of the Privileges Committee, and ex-MLA Akhilesh Pati Tripathi was the chairman.

Gupta said, "As per Rule 223, the Committee on Privileges is generally required to submit its report in a month. Most complaints were filed by members of the then ruling party against officers of the Delhi government."

According to the House, the Petitions Committee has 107 inquiries pending from the 6th Legislative Assembly and 72 from the 7th Assembly. The Committee on Ouestions and References also has four pending inquiries from

the 7th Legislative Assembly. Gupta highlighted that some of

these inquiries have been pending since 2016, with no meetings held for investigation. Furthermore, some officers sought protection from the courts, and eight of these cases are now before the Delhi High Court. He requested the House to decide whether these cases should be carried forward or dropped, and the resolution was passed by the House.

The Chief Whip said, "A significant number of pending cases have either not been examined by the committees or have remained pending for several years without any report being submitted. Certain cases involving officials of the Delhi government have also led to the filing of cases in the High Court of Delhi."

"This House resolves that no further action be taken on the pending cases referred to the Committee on Privileges, the Committee on Petitions, and the Committee on Questions and References during the Sixth and Seventh Legislative Assemblies and that they be considered as disposed," Verma added.

An official alleged, "Several cases filed by the previous government were political and officials were called to the meeting and shouted at.'

CM DURING BUDGET SESSION

'AAP spent more on publicity than helping kin of Covid victims'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

CHIEF MINISTER Rekha Gupta Thursday lashed out at the Opposition AAP and its chief Arvind Kejriwal, alleging it has prioritised advertisements and publicity over providing financial assistance to Covid victims.

She said the erstwhile AAP government gave financial assistance of Rs 1 crore each to only 97 families of Covid warriors, but spent Rs 17 crore on "publicity".

She was speaking in the Assembly during the ongoing discussion on the Budget. Her attack on the AAP came after Leader of Opposition Atishi criticised her for presenting a "hollow" budget of Rs 1 lakh crore, and accused the BIP government of reducing budgets in the health sector.

"During Covid, these people, who did no work except spending crores of money on their publicity, provided financial assistance to only 97 families and spent Rs 17 crore on advertising it. Did only 97 people die during Covid period in Delhi?" she asked.

Gupta also alleged that the government's ambitious plan to hold a shopping festival in the city never took off but expenditure of Rs 8 crore was reflected. "I asked what this festival was,

where it was held... Did people come from across the city to attend this... then I got to know, it was not held...," she said.

Further, the CM also accused the AAP of misusing funds in various welfare schemes meant for the public and said, "You not only stole from the government but from the people... you stole the entire future of the children."

"They are continuously trying to prove faults in the Budget and are asking from where will the money come from? I want to tell Atishi ji that we will stop all leakages and put a stop to all the theft you did during your tenure.. People gave you a chance to sit in the opposition, don't criticise them too much, you will not get this chance next time," she said while pointing to the AAP MLAs.

Atishi criticised the Budget calling it a "hollow projection" due to the Delhi Economic Survey for the year not being presented

Calling BJP's Rs 1 lakh-crore budget an "illusion," she said, "For the first time in Delhi's history, the BJP government is set to create a record-high fiscal deficit of Rs 13,702 crore. The actual Budget is of Rs 78,000 crore, not Rs 1 lakh crore because the government will not be able to take loans under the Small Savings Scheme or receive expected funds from the Centre," she said in the House.

Cows obstruct CM's convoy: MCD warns of action against dairies

'Illegal construction to be demolished'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

ON WEDNESDAY, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta's convoy was halted by stray cows in Haiderpur for 15 minutes. A day later, the MCD decided to intensify action against illegal dairies and their owners.

In a zonal committee meeting Thursday, officials resolved to not only seal unauthorised dairies but also demolish illegal constructions linked to them and impose penalties. The action will also extend to illegal electricity and water connections at the dairy owner's residence.

The development comes after a herd of four to five cows suddenly appeared in front of the CM's convoy on the Haiderpur flyover. She was on her way to carry out a spot visit to inspect the city's Metro pillars when the animals obstructed her path. "Due to the driver's presence of mind, an accident was averted," a source said.

Keshavpuram Zone Chairman Yogesh Verma stated that dairy operators routinely release cows onto the roads after milking them, leading to frequent accidents. "The cormeat, fish shops: **PWD Minister EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

> PWD MINISTER Parvesh Sahib Singh said he has given directions to all departments concerned to remove "illegal" encroachments including stalls of

Remove illegal

connections and taking action This was in response to a query against illegal residential construcraised during question hour in the Delhi Assembly Thursday, after Shakur Basti MLA Karnail Singh So far, the MCD has primarily been taking action against illegal said meat is being sold openly in dairies, especially in the Bhalswa shops on roads and footpaths durarea due to its proximity to the ing Navratri and it hurts the sentilandfill site. However, this will be ments of Hindus. He asked the the first time action is being exminister to take action.

meat and fish sellers.

Singh said, "I have instructed all officials to remove illegal shops encroaching roads... I also urge all MLAs to report encroachments in their area and participate in a drive which will take place soon."



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View of a dry river bed of the Yamuna near ITO, Thursday. Tashi Tobgyal

Atishi, Speaker in exchange over law & order

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

LEADER OF Opposition (LoP) Atishi and Delhi Assembly Speaker Vijender Gupta got into a heated altercation on Thursday after the AAP leader sent a letter to the latter alleging that several party legislators have not been allowed to raise the issue of law and order in the city in the ongoing session of the House.

"In the Vidhan Sabha session today, the time has been fixed for special mention under Rule 280. Many AAP MLAs submitted issues of rising crime in their areas to the Vidhan Sabha office for special mention. I got a call from the Vidhan Sabha Secretariat late last evening. I was told you have re-



LoP Atishi. Amit Mehra

jected Special Mentions of five MLAs because they are on issues of rising crime, and 'law and order' does not fall under the jurisdiction of the Vidhan Sabha," Atishi wrote. Reacting to the letter. Gupta

alleged members of the Opposition have been trying to cause disruptions by "not raising real issues affecting the public".

Asserting that the notices submitted by the Opposition — which he did not accept — were an attempt to misuse House procedures and create organised disruptions, Gupta said: "I would like to inform the Honourable members that they should raise questions or engage in discussions only on subjects for which the minister concerned can provide answers or take appropriate action. However, considering the nature of issues raised in the House, the Speaker may allow notices on reserved subjects only if they are deemed extremely urgent and important matters affecting the Delhi people and requiring immediate attention of the House." In her letter. Atishi also took a

dig at the ruling BIP government over law and order. "It seems you want to stop this discussion because of the inability of the BIP-led Central government to stop rising crime in Delhi. Before the elections, BJP used to say it would solve problems of Delhi with the coming of the double-engine government, but after winning the elections, it is saying it will not let anyone speak on the problems."

Hitting back at Atishi, Gupta said: "I will not allow this. Issues raised under Special Mention must be related to matters of urgent public importance. However, instead of focusing on real issues affecting the public, the Opposition members are more interested in creating disturbances."

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at the MoU signing with BIG, Thursday. Amit Mehra

Delhi CM Rekha Gupta and Education Minister Ashish Sood

1.6 lakh Delhi govt school

students will now get free

NEET & CUET coaching

NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

THE DELHI government will soon be offering free online coaching classes to Class XII students of government schools, preparing for the National **Eligibility cum Entrance Test** (NEET) and Common University Entrance Test (CUET UG).

On Thursday, the Education Department signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bharat Innovation Global (BIG) Private Limited in this regard. BIG is a collaboration between the National Skill Development Corporation International the Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, and ed-tech company Physics Wallah Limited.

Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, who attended the MoU signing at the Assembly, said the initiative aims to help over 1.63 lakh students of Delhi government schools secure admission to medical colleges and central universities."With this support, more students will have the opportunity to pursue their dreams of becoming doctors and securing admissions

in top universities," she said.

Education Minister Ashish Sood called the initiative a "landmark" move, and assured it will help aspirants in securing admissions to "top medical col-

leges and central universities." Physics Wallah, a popular coaching institute based in Noida, has been roped in to provide classes for 30 days from April 2.

Students will attend six hours of classes every day, which will run until May 5. The course will cover subjects such as Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics General Aptitude, and English PDF notes for revision, regular tests, and a doubt resolution portal will also be made available Additionally, a subject-wise study

plan will guide students through the preparation process. A similar programme was launched by the previous AAP-led government under the Jai Bhim Mukhyamantri Pratibha Vikas Yojana, which provided free coaching to students from SC, ST, OBC and EWS categories for entrance and competitive exams. It was discontinued in 2022 due to funding disputes. Last year, the government announced it would revive the scheme ahead of the polls.

AHEAD OF EID

halted by stray cows. Express

Chapli kebabs to Afghani samosas: Smells of Iftar waft through Zakir Nagar

UPASIKA SINGHAL

NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

AS THE evening call to prayer drifts from a nearby mosque on Thursday, the usually teeming alleys of Zakir Nagar in Southeast Delhi fall into an unusual hush. The smell of sizzling *kebabs* lingers in the air, creating a medley of aromas with the fried snacks and sweet syrup-soaked treats. A few motorbikes zip past, weaving through the narrow lanes, now momentarily emptied, their riders rushing home for Iftar. In this

brief pause before the fast is bro-

ken, the neighbourhood, normally

a whirlwind of movement, holds its breath waiting for the first bite. It is the 26th day of Ramzan. Eid is a few days away.

A blaring siren rips through the street, marking the break of the day's fast. The lanes, which were empty minutes ago, begin filling up with a trickle of people. A little girl, barely eight years old, stands behind her cart heaped with glass bangles while chomping down on a slice of watermelon. The glitter twinkles and winks, catching the light of the

lights strung overhead. A pineapple seller beside her chews a mouthful of his ware, wipes the juice from his mouth, and

gestures at the fruit, "Take them. They're sweet, I promise," he smiles.

As one peeks inside shops and restaurants, owners wave away customers. "Come back after we're done," says one, sitting on the floor and breaking his fast with a few other men.

"The real action starts after 8 or 9 pm," says Mohammad Faizan. "People finish eating at home and go out with friends or family... that's when they usually stop for a snack or buy some clothes for Eid."

Faizan stands behind a steaming hot *tawa*, oil bubbling in the centre. His hands deftly knead the meat into balls before he coolly flattens it on the pan. His fingers



don't flinch when he dips them in oil as he drops the kebab in. "I don't fast. If I have to serve good food, I have to taste it," he says.

Mohammad Alam Khan stands in front of a massive chunk of meat being seared at the broiler. Next to them, piled high, are samosas made with naan and stuffed with cabbage and meat. He calls it Afghani Samosa. "It's light and easy on the stomach after fasting all day," he says, squeezing a grill shut over a dozen samosas to reheat them.

At Zakir Nagar on Thursday evening. Express

Next to him, his boss, Ahmed Amir is frying a few chapli kebabs. "This kebab is not like what your ammi, bua or khala makes, filled with mirch masala. It's eggless and without spices... easier on the stomach," Khan says, em-

phasising on the latter. Amir smiles politely, as he presses the kebab against the hot pan. The fat sizzles and the aroma is buttery and earthy. It clings to the air, swirling through the cramped alley, almost stopping anyone who happens to pass by in their tracks. An invisible invi-

tation, impossible to ignore. On the opposite side, almost as if competing with Amir's shop is Anwar from Katihar in Bihar. His cook is grilling fish on coals. "You haven't seen anything like this on Iftar, eh?" he asks smugly.

The Tilapia's skin, charred and crackling, glistens with a thin sheen of butter, releasing a smoky, almost caramelised aroma. Beneath the crisped exterior, the delicate white flesh flakes apart at the slightest touch, its juices pooling underneath it. The coals beneath glow a deep, smouldering red, crackling softly. "Come at midnight, you won't

find a place to keep your foot,' says Anwar, barking out a laugh. "We'll be here till 5 am... come and see. There are only celebrations.'

EDUCATION MINISTER INFORMS ASSEMBLY

Two children

Pay Rs 40 lakh for occupying Lodi-era monument: SC to Defence Colony RWA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

THE SUPREME Court has asked the Defence Colony Residents' Welfare Association (DCWA) to pay Rs 40 lakh as compensation for occupying a Lodi-era monument, 'Gumti of Shaikh Ali', for more than 60 years.

A bench of Justices Sudhanshu Dhulia and Ahsanuddin Amanullah Tuesdav directed that the amount be paid to the Department of Archeology, which has been entrusted with the work of conservation and rehabilitation of the

Built during the late 14th or early 15th century of the Lodi era, not much information has been documented on the octagonal structure. During the 1990s, the building underwent a significant transformation — not a carefully planned restoration but a 'modern' one to house the office of the DCWA.

The counsel appearing for the RWA said the colony was established as a society for defence

Four booked for

ATM heist, over

Rs 3 lakh stolen

New Delhi: Four unidentified

persons have been booked for

allegedly uprooting and stealing

an ATM – containing

Rs 3.71 lakh — from a bank kiosk

area on Thursday, police said.

in Southeast Delhi's Govindpuri

Technical surveillance re-

vealed that the four suspects

had reached the area in an SUV

between 4 am and 4.30 am, en-

tered the kiosk, and then fled

with the machine, police said.

Singh said a case has been regis-

tered and an investigation has

been initiated.

police said. **ENS**

DCP(Southeast) Ravi Kumar



Gumti of Shaikh Ali in Defence Colony. Archive

personnel and, at least in the initial years, it was totally inhabited by Army officers and their families and the composition of the residents has changed over the last many years.

The court said, "This consideration we have kept in our mind and for this reason, we are taking a lenient view on the compensation to be paid, but considering that 1,600 plots (4,000

units) have already been constructed, we quantify the compensation as Rs 40 lakh..."

The counsel submitted that this amount shall be recovered from funds collected from the residents.

Additional Solicitor General S D Sanjay, appearing for the government, said the rest of the amount needed for conservation and restoration of

the monument shall be funded by the Government of India and the Government of NCT of

The SC bench was hearing a petition filed by Defence Colony resident Rajiv Suri, seeking its intervention to declare the structure as a protected monument under the Ancient Monuments and Archeological Sites and Remains Act of 1958. He had initially approached the Delhi High Court, which declined to intervene.

Delhi equally.

Hearing the plea in August last year, the SC had asked the CBI to conduct a preliminary enquiry to find out how it came to be occupied by the DCWA. Perusing the report, the court had pulled up the Association and the Archeological Survey of India (ASI) over the alleged encroachments.

In November, the Supreme Court slammed both the DCWA and the ASI. "How dare you (DCWA) enter this? How dare you?" a livid bench of Justices Sudhanshu Dhulia and Ahsanuddin Amanullah had said.

On Tuesday, ASG Sanjay told the bench that the land belongs to the Union of India.

Taking note, the court said, "For all effective purposes, we direct that the land be handed over to the Union of India through the Land & Development Officer (L&DO) within one week from today. The L&DO will, in turn, give ingress and egress facility to the Department of Archeology, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, which has been given the responsibility for conservation and restoration of the monument so that no hindrance is put on their work in any manner."

The bench also directed that the L&DO, in the meanwhile, remove all encroachments and ensure that no parking is permitted in that area henceforth. It further asked the officer to file an affidavit appraising the court about the action taken within a week. Suri's plea referred to several historical records and said the structure found a mention in a survey of Delhi monuments conducted in 1920 by Maulvi Zafar Hasan, a British-era archaeologist.

Additionally, nursery to Class 8 students will have "bagless" Saturdays under the 'Shiksha Saathi Buddy' scheme — wherein a senior student, a personal mentor and guide, would be allotted to a group of 10 children. In the Rashtraneeti curriculum — aimed

Kalam language labs.

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Delhi, in tune with the Centre's

'PM Shri' schools, outlined Delhi

Education Minister Ashish Sood

Minister Rekha Gupta had an-

nounced a budget of Rs 19,291

crore for the education sector,

against Rs 16,396 crore the previ-

ous fiscal year. The BIP govern-

ment has announced fresh initia-

tives in the sector, including a

Rashtraneeti Curriculum, New Era

of Entrepreneurial Ecosystem and

Vision (NEEV) Entrepreneurship

Programme, Mahamana Pandit

Madan Mohan Malaviya Vidya

Shakti Scheme, and Dr A P J Abdul

Earlier on Tuesday, Delhi Chief

in the Assembly on Thursday.

NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

'CM Shri schools with fall into Bawana canal, drown robotic labs; bag-free Saturdays till Class 8' **PRAGYNESH**

NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

TWO BROTHERS playing with their friends along the banks of the old Bawana canal drowned after they fell in on Thursday morning, the Delhi Police said.

The children have been identified as Rohit, 13, and Mohit, 9, Police said Rohit's body has been recovered while the search is on for the younger sibling, the police said. Police said a call was received at 7.15 am that two children had drowned in the old Bawana Nahar, near Dariyapur Akhada, in Outer North Delhi. On reaching the spot, a 10-year-old friend of the victims informed the police about the incident.

"He said Rohit and Mohit. residents of Vijay Colony, had drowned while playing near the bank of the nahar," DCP (Outer North) Nidhin Valsan said.

A team, comprising personnel from the Delhi Fire Services National Disaster Response Force, and local police started a rescue operation, recovering the body of the elder child, police said. Rohit was taken to MV hospital in Bawana, where he was declared dead upon arrival. "The doctor declared him brought dead. The deceased's body was later moved to the Forensics Department of BSA Hospital, said DCP Valsan.

Efforts are underway to trace Mohit, police said.

17 women among Bar Association poll winners

Polls to bar associations across 5 court complexes were held on March 21

NIRBHAYTHAKUR NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

THIS YEAR, the bar associations in Delhi have more women representation after the results of its elections held on March 21, in line with the Delhi High Court order last month. It recorded 17 women winners i.e. 28 per cent of the total 61 winners across five court complexes — Patiala House, Rouse Avenue, Tis Hazari, Rohini, and Dwarka.

This is a jump of 12 percentage points from the last elections CCTV footage is being analysed to trace the accused, when seven (16 per cent) of the 43 winners (excluding Rouse

Avenue Court where polls have been held for the first time) were women. In the Saket and Karkardooma court complexes, elections were postponed due to alleged mismanagement. Repolling is likely after directions from the Delhi High Court.

While the elections concluded in the Patiala House court for the New Delhi Bar Association, a petition was filed in the Delhi High Court challenging the polls. It was directed by the High Court on March 25 that the court elections would be subject to the outcome of the

As many as 359 candidates



At the Rouse Avenue Court in New Delhi. File

contested the elections for the posts of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and member executive among others, across the five court complexes. Close to a fourth of the candidates – 86 – were women. However, women candidates won only reserved posts — treas-

urer, lady member executive, senior member executive (woman), and member executive (woman).

In the Delhi High Court Bar Association elections, fought for five posts among 17 candidates, a woman won the treasurer's post (20 per cent of the total); three of the contenders i.e. 17 per cent were women.

A similar pattern was observed in the number of women judges, which is 44 per cent in lower courts of Delhi — a massive jump of 11 percentage points over the past six years.

However, the number plummets as one moves up the hierarchy. In the Delhi High Court, only 24 per cent of the judges are women, and the figure is just 6 per cent in the Supreme Court.



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Under the 'Shiksha Saathi

Buddy' scheme, nursery to

at instilling governance and pol-

icy-making skills among school

students — Youth Parliament,

MUNs, and policy simulations

would be organised, the House

was informed. "... NEEV would

provide funding up to Rs 20,000,

but with the right team, right

mentorship, and real-world exe-

cution," Sood told the Assembly.

would be provided to those ex-

celling in Class 10 board exams, he

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Walk in Interview

A walk-in-interview for engagement of **Technical/Office Assistant** (One) under "Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana-RAFTAAR-Agri-Business Incubator (R-ABI)" Scheme funded by GoI, DA&FW, will be held at Committee Hall, RKVY-RAFTAAR, ATIC Building of this Institute on 15th April 2025 at 10:00 AM. The appointment is purely on temporary basis initially up to March 2026 which is likely to be extended. For more details about qualifications, experiences, age limit, emoluments, terms & conditions, please visit ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar website www.ivri.nic.in. No TA/DA etc. will be given/paid to the candidates for attending the interview.

For more details please contact: PI-RKVY-RAFTAAR (R-ABI), IVRI

ALLEGED HATE SPEECH CASE

HC refuses to stay trial court proceedings against Sharjeel Imam

SOHINI GHOSH NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

THE DELHI High Court Thursday refused to stay the trial court proceedings on the framing of charges against student activist Sharjeel Imam in a 2019 case where he is accused of hate speech and criminal conspiracy. Imam approached the HC to

challenge a March 7 order by a Saket court, which directed the framing of charges against him in the case. The trial court, while issuing the direction, observed that Imam's speech of December 13, 2019, near Jamia Millia Islamia in Delhi was "venomous", "pitted one religion against another" and was "indeed a hate speech".

The trial court directed to frame charges under section 109 (abetment) of the IPC read with sections 120B (criminal conspiracy), 153A (promoting enmity between different groups), along with offences pertaining to unlawful assembly, rioting, assault on public servants, attempt to culpable homicide, as well as for charges under the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act (PDPP).

Imam, in his revised petition, has pointed out that the trial court failed to record any prima facie finding on the essential ingredients of IPC Section 153A being satisfied, and failed to record any piece of evidence connecting Imam's speech on December 13, 2019, to the subsequent violence that broke out on December 15, 2019.

He was arrested in this case on February 17, 2021. He is also seeking an ad-interim stay on the trial court's order.

Imam, in his plea, also highlighted that he was not at the place of occurrence at the alleged time of violence, with call

detail records, too, attesting his presence at Shaheen Bagh at the time and not Jamia University.

On Thursday, Justice Sanjeev Narula issued notice on Imam's main revision plea seeking setting aside of the trial court's order on framing of charges, as well as on an application seeking an interim stay of the order, while orally remarking, "I'm not staying any order."

In a separate plea filed earlier, Imam also sought to set aside the supplementary chargesheet against him, stemming from this same FIR, primarily on the ground that there cannot be multiple proceedings for the same incident or offence against the same person.

The prosecution is anticipated to submit its response by April 24, when the court will consider both of Imam's pleas together.

An FIR was registered at the New Friends Colony (NFC) police station under various provisions of the IPC, PDPP Act and the Arms Act following an incident of rioting at the Jamia University and Mata Mandir Marg on December 15, 2019.

Imam was not named in the FIR and was only implicated in this case in the first supplementary chargesheet filed by police in April 2020.

On January 25, 2020, an FIR was registered at the Inter-State Cell, Crime Branch, against Imam for having delivered two speeches during anti-CAA protests — including the one at Iamia on December 13, 2019 under IPC sections 124A (waging war against the state), 153A (promoting communal enmity) and other offences.

Despite this FIR, Imam was booked for the same offences in a supplementary chargesheet filed in relation to the 2019 NFC police FIR.



No.- F.TU/Teach-Rec/2025 EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION Date: 27.03.2025 for filling up various vacant teaching positions of Tripura University The filling up of online application form will start from 29th March, 2025. Last late of Submission is 18th April, 2025. Details are available in the Tripura University website: www.tripurauniv.ac.in and https://eurec.samarth.ac.in (NB: Hindi



(July-December, 2025 session)

Applications are invited from the eligible candidates for admission in Ph.D programmes in Academic Departments (Engineering, Science, Management, Humanities & Social Sciences) at NIT Agartala for July-December, 2025 academic

Application for admission may be made on-line only on payment of a fee (non-refundable) of Rs. 500/- (Rs.300/- for SC/ST/PwD candidates). The detailed notification can be seen at the institute website www.nita.ac.in.

Registrar, NIT Agartala



F.NITA.5/(55-Acad)/MBA/2025-26 Date: 23.03.2025 **MBA ADMISSION NOTIFICATION FOR 2025-26**

Online applications are invited from the eligible candidates intending to pursue a two-year fully Residential full-time MBA program in the Department of Management, Humanities & Social Sciences of NIT Agartala, commencing in July 2025. Start date of online application is 24.03.2025. Eligibility: Graduates of full-time regular course in an Engineering discipline with 60% marks [CGPA/CPI of 6.0 on 10 point scale] and for any other disciplines with 55% marks [CGPA/CPI of 5.5 on 10 point scale] with a valid CAT/CMAT/GMAT/MAT/Institute Level Test (ILT) score. A relaxation of 5% in marks or 0.5 in CGPA/CPI on a 10-point scale on graduation marks may be extended to the SC/ST candidate. Final-year appearing candidates may also apply. For application and further details, kindly visit the institute's website: www.nita.ac.in.

Registrar, NIT Agartala

PUBLIC NOTICE ON CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT & CONTROL OF CONATUS FINSERVE Pvt. Ltd. (CFPL*)

This Public Notice is jointly issued by the below parties in compliance with para 42.3 of Master Direction- Reserve Bank of India (Non-Banking Financial Company- Scale Based Regulations) Directions, 2023 dt. Oct 19, 2023, as amended from time to time & as advised by the RBI's Department of Supervision, Bengaluru vide letter dated 13" Mar 2025. Shri, Ganesh Ramanand Rao, Bhaskar Priyadarshi, Murli Manohar, Mijar Rajaram Kamath,

Smt.Gitanjali Narayanan, Late Govindarajan Parthasarathy through legal heir Smt.Gitanjal Narayanan, and CFPL RBI in the said letter has conveyed approval for acquisition of shareholding of 60.35% of CFPI (NBFC) by Ganesh Ramanand Rao and for appointment of Bhaskar Priyadarshi and Murl

Manohar as Directors in terms of para 42.1.1 of Master Direction- Reserve Bank of India(Non-Banking Financial Company- Scale Based Regulations) Directions, 2023 dated Oct 19, 2023, as As per para 42.3.1 of the said Master Directions and the RBI letter dated 13" Mar 2025, the

Change in Control & Management as mentioned above will be effective post 30 days of publication

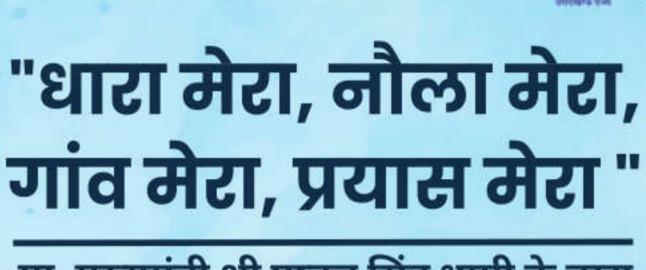
Particulars of Transferee:Ganesh Ramanand Rao intends to acquire 51.17% of the shareholding from the below transferors:

Name of the transferrors	No. of Equity Shares to be transferred	Percentage of Shareholding after transfer	Change in percentage of shareholding
Mijar Rajaram Kamath	17,49,980	0%	- 12.44%
MijarRajaram Kamath(assuming partly paid equity shares to be converted into equivalent number of fully paid equity shares to the extent paid up)	5,79,510	0%	- 4.12%
Late Govindarajan Parthasarathy through legal heir Gitanjali Narayanan	7,50,000	0%	- 5.33%
Gitanjali Narayanan	41,20,000	0%	- 29.28%
Further, the NBFC proposes to issue & allot	60,61,342 (Sixty	Lakh Sixty One 1	Thousand Three

Hundred Forty Two) equity shares on a Private Placement basis to the existing shareholders & the new Directors; Reasons for Change: To enhance its capital adequacy, management depth, operational effectiveness and position the NBFC for future growth and expansion

Any clarification /objection in this regard may be addressed to the NBFC within 30(thirty) days from the date of this notice, addressed to Shri. Ganesh Ramanad Rao Director of the Company at the registered office of the Company at : No.555, 1st Floor, 60 Feet Main Road, F Block Sahakaranagara, Kodigehalli, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore, Karnataka, India, 560092 o at email ganesh.r@conatus.co.in, Regional Office of the Reserve Bank of India at the email id dorbengaluru@rbi.org.in A copy of this Notice is also available on the website of the Company at www.goconatus.com

Date:28/03/2025 Sd/- Ganesh Ramanand Rao Place: Bangalore



मा. मुख्यमंत्री श्री पुष्कर सिंह धामी के द्वारा "भगीरथ ऐप" का शुभारंभ 28 मार्च 2025



जल स्रोतों के संरक्षण में चाहिए आपकी भागीदारी

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IN PARLIAMENT BUDGET SESSION

QUESTIONS IN HOUSE

GOVT DATA SHOWS SCHOOL **ENROLMENTS DROP** IN LAST 2 YEARS

New Delhi: The country has reported a drop in school enrolments in 2023-24, especially at the elementary level where numbers declined by around 8 percentage points compared to 2021-22, according to government data presented in Parliament Thursday. Replying to a question on the living standards of tribals, Union MoS for Tribal Affairs Durgadas Uikey told LS gross enrollment ratio of tribal students at elementary level declined from 103.4% in 2021-22 to 97.1% in 2023-24. In comparison, the GER of students from all communities dropped sharply from 100.13% in 2021-22 to 91.7% in 2023-24. For students from all communities, GER at the secondary level decreased from 79.56% in 2021-22 to 77.4% in 2023-24. PTI

669 ASIATIC LIONS DIED IN PAST 5 YRS. HIGHEST IN 2024

New Delhi: A total of 669 Asiatic lions died in last five years but no deaths were recorded due to poaching, the government said Thursday. The Gir forest in Gujarat is the only natural habitat of the Asiatic lions. Replying to a question in RS, Union MoS for Environment Kirti Vardhan Singh said 142 lions died in 2020, 124 in 2021, 117 in 2022, 121 in 2023 and 165 lions died in 2024. "As reported by the (Gujarat) state government, the reported causes of lion deaths include old age, illness, injuries from fights, cub mortality, falling into open wells, electrocution, accidents etc," he said.

V-P rejects Cong privilege notice against Shah

New Delhi: Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar Thursday rejected a privilege notice filed by Congress against Union Home Minister Amit Shah following Shah's authentication of his statements relating to the presence of Opposition party's leaders in the management of Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF).

The notice was given by Congress chief whip Jairam Ramesh. Ramesh alleged that Shah had cast aspersions on **Congress Parliamentary Party** chairperson Sonia Gandhi regarding the functioning of the PM Relief Fund during his reply on the Disaster Management Bill, 2024.

In his authentication. Shah cited a January 24, 1948, press note by the PIB in which the then PM Jawaharlal Nehru announced the creation of PMNRF, and which described the composition of the committee. Dhankhar cited the note and said the committee managing PMNRF is composed of the PM, Congress president, deputy PM and other members. "... I find there has been no transgression, absolute adherence to truth, which is vindicated by a document..." he said.

LS CLEARS IMMIGRATION AND FOREIGNERS BILL, 2025

'India not dharamshala': Shah says action against those coming to create conflict

Refer Bill to joint **Parliamentary** panel, says Opp

VIKAS PATHAK NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

UNION HOME Minister Amit Shah Thursday said that those who come to India for development are welcome but strong action will be taken against those coming to "create conflict" as the Lok Sabha passed the Immigration and Foreigners Bill 2025, aimed at regulating immigration, entry, and stay of foreigners in India, by a voice vote.

Replying to a debate on the Bill, Shah said, "To bolster national security and economy, to make our universities global, to lay the foundation for R&D, and to make this country the best in 2047, this Bill is very important... Whoever enters our territory, when, for what time period, and with what intent, it is important for us to know. We will track in detail the entry of each foreigner in India."

"Parsis came to India from

IN LOK SABHA

DHEERAJ MISHRA

NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

THE SHARE of 4-lane and above

national highways has increased

to over 33% of the total NHs net-

work of India in the last 10 years,

Minister of Road Transport and

Highways Nitin Gadkari told the

lane/intermediate lane has de-

creased by 52% in the last

decade, the minister said, at-

tributing the development to in-

creased budgetary allocation

and push for multi-lane National

Highways (NHs) over the years.

shows that out of 1.46 lakh km

of total national highway net-

work, the length of 4-lane and

above NHs is 48,430 km. The

length of single lane/intermedi-

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traffic capacity, has been cut

down to 13,000 km, which is al-

most 9% of the total NHs net-

work. The share of 2-lane NHs is

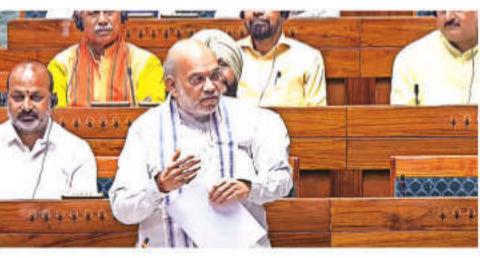
still the highest — 84,774 km or

58% of the total NHs network of

The data tabled in the House

Also, the proportion of single

Lok Sabha on Thursday.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Lok Sabha, Thursday. PTI

is one smallest minority that stays with self-respect anywhere, it is here. Jews also came from Israel to India. Through CAA, we opened the doors for persecuted minorities," he said.

"Under Section 3, there is a provision for denying entry to someone who is a threat to national security. This country is not a dharamshala. Now the blacklist has a legal backing," Shah said.

Being the fifth largest economy in the world, people coming to the country is natural, Shah said. "We welcome those who come for developing India, but be it Rohingya or Persia and are safe here. If there Bangladeshi, if they come to cre- tion of foreigners arriving in

ate conflict here, we will act tough against them," Shah said. "We will have a database of

all those who come to India. It will help medical tourism, ecotourism, heritage tourism, and the hospitality sector. It will help in employment and in GDP growth... Cartels of drugs, infiltrators and hawala traders will also be finished off through this Bill. It will prevent people from staying illegally in India. There will be penal provisions for them... We are replacing colonial laws on immigration with a new law in our new Parliament."

The Bill mandates registra-

India, empowers the Centre to disallow a foreigner entry to India or exit from India, and to decide what kind of activity the foreigners shall not engage in. The keepers of accommodations, say hotels, and authorities of universities and hospitals, will be mandated to provide online information regarding the stay of foreigners. The onus to prove that the person is not a foreigner will under the Bill lie with the one suspected to be a foreigner. Under the Bill, any foreigner

entering India without a passport and visa will be liable to a sentence of up to five years in jail or a fine of up to ₹5 lakh, or both. Regarding there being no ap-

peal against the authorities' decision, Shah said be it America, England, Germany or France, there is no appeal apart from court and the same will be the case here.

Targeting the CM Mamata Banerjee-led government in West Bengal, Shah said there is a delay fencing 450 km on India-Bangladesh border as Bengal government has not given land. "Who gives illegal immigrants Aadhaar and voter cards? They all get 24 Parganas Aadhaar cards," he said.

Asked by DMK's K Kanimozhi

what the government was doing for Tamil refugees, Shah said that the Modi government had continued the policy of the previous UPA government, which DMK was part of, and willing to consider new suggestions. He also defended the CAA, saying that it was to benefit those who had fled neighbouring countries to defend their religion and families, but added that those who infiltrated into India would be dealt with differently and sternly. Initiating the debate, Congress

MP Manish Tewari said that the Bill gave "arbitrary powers" to the Centre and made the decision of an immigration officer final and binding, and demanded that the Bill be sent to a Joint Parliamentary committee, which was backed by other Opposition MPs.

Tewari flagged a provision that empowers immigration officers to seize damaged passports without clearly defining what constitutes "damage". "This provision allows for arbitrariness and gives immigration officers unchecked power to harass individuals by declaring their passports damaged and seizing them. Worse, there is no appeal against such decisions." he said.



EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

THE CENTRE'S move to remove the 6% equalization levy on digital ads has nothing to do with today's global situation, and is part of an ongoing process, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in Raiya Sabha on Thursday.

She was responding to Opposition members who said that the Centre's move was a response to tariff announcements made by US President Donald Trump.

"On withdrawing levies and if it is a reaction to President Trump's tariff war... there were two types of equalisation levies — 6% levy imposed in financial year 2016, and 2% levy imposed in 2020. The 2% levy was removed in the July Budget, after stakeholder consultation, to ease compliance burden. That was much before President Trump took office. So, 6% levy which is being removed is part of that process," she said.

"We have been doing this since 2023... steadily, every year, newer items are being brought in, keeping in mind Atmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat's needs. This is an ongoing process. It has nothing to do with today's global situation, but a process which will continue even in future," she said.

Sitharaman was responding after Rajya Sabha considered the



Thursday. PTI

Appropriation (No.3) Bill 2025 and the Finance Bill 2025.

As part of amendments to the Finance Bill 2025, the government had proposed to remove the equalization levy on online advertisements, which applies to payments exceeding ₹1 lakh a year to non-resident service providers.

On reduction in customs duties, she said, "By bringing down customs duty or removing it, we are benefitting small and medium industries which import raw materials... Budget after Budget we are coming up with reduction in duties so that India's aspirations of being a manufacturing hub, and aspirations in building capacities for battery manufacturing are being supported," she said.

On fiscal deficit, she said: "In 2014, when PM Modi-led government was formed, India was the 10th largest economy. Today, we have reached the stage of fifth largest economy, and in a few years we will be third largest... we faced a crisis, but India is one of the fastest growing economies today. You (previous UPA governments) faced the crisis and outcome was 'fragile five'."

Multi-lane highway share rose to 33%, 1-lane cut to 9% in 10 yrs: Govt and 8,852-km length have been completed. "...193 NHs projects of four/six/eight laning in 5,496 km length costing ₹2.18 lakh crore have been approved/awarded in the country. At present, 24 NHs projects of eight-laning in 546 km length costing ₹44,401 crore are under construction in the **Union Minister Nitin** country," said Gadkari. Gadkari in LS, Thursday. ANI According to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, the traffic capacity for 4-lane NHS is 10,500 passenger car units or PCUs, 22,500 PCUs for 6-In the light of changing socioeconomic conditions in the lane highways and 34,000 PCUs for 8-lane NHs. country and in order to ensure safe and comfortable mobility of Some of the key multi-lane road users and reduction in ac-NHs approved in 2024-25 are 88km-long 6-lane Agra-Gwalior cidents, widening of roads is one National High-Speed Corridor, of the important projects of the 231-km-long 4-lane Kharagpur-

TEAM HUDDLE

Trinamool Congress members Mahua Moitra, Derek O' Brien and Kirti Azad at Parliament House on Thursday. ANI

House panel: Judiciary, Govt synergy must to ensure timely processing of recommendations, appointments

Maharashtra.

Moregram National High Speed

Corridor, 68-km-long 4-lane

Ayodhya Ring Road, 47-km-long

6-lane Ring Road around Kanpur,

8-lane Elevated Nashik Phata

Khed Corridor near Pune and 6-

lane access-controlled NH from

INPA Port (Pagote) to Chowk in

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

A PARLIAMENTARY committee on Thursday called for synergy between the Executive and the Judiciary for timely filling up of vacancies of judges in the 25 high courts and said there was a need to develop an institutional mechanism to align new appointments with retirements.

It also said that the process of judicial appointment and pen-

dency of cases are critical issues that require "urgent attention".

Responding to the questions

raised by Sanjay Haribhau

Jadhav, a Shiv Sena (UBT) MP

from Parbhani in Maharashtra,

Gadkari said currently, a total of

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ministry.

In its report on demands for grants for 2025-26 of the Department of Justice in the Law Ministry, the committee said, "There must be synergy between the Judiciary and the Government to ensure timely processing of recommendations and appointments. The committee feels that a coordination mechanism should be developed between the Judiciary and the Ministry of Law and Justice to track the status of appointments delays."

It said an institutional mechanism "may be" developed wherein the process of the retirement of a judge and the appointment of his or her successor is aligned which would ensure that the vacancy is filled immediately after the retirement.. The high courts with the most

significant backlog — Allahabad, Bombay, and Rajasthan — should be prioritised for judicial appointments, it proposed.

The panel said the judicial workforce could be augmented by hiring more administrative staff, junior judicial officers, and court assistants to ensure

smooth and efficient operations. During its recent study visit to the Kerala High Court, the committee had observed the successful deployment of mobile legal aid Units (Mobile Esewa Kendras) which get stationed periodically in the districts in remote areas.

These units have been ac-

House panel recommends framework for direct recruitment in

CBI, law to probe national security cases without general consent

CBI should strive to establish permanent cadre with structured career progression to ensure long-term stability: Panel

tively providing legal services to people in far-flung locations, particularly in large tribal population, where they have played a crucial role in delivering justice.

The parliamentary committee recommended the expansion of the services to other remote areas to conduct awareness sessions and assist people in accessing legal services, in the country. As on March 1, out of a sanctioned strength of 1,122 judges, the high courts had 359 vacancies.

Chidambaram: How will Govt respond if Trump imposes tariffs?

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

WHAT WILL the government's response be if US President Donald Trump presses tariffs on India, for-Finance Minister P Chidambaram asked in Rajya Sabha on Thursday.

"President Trump has made it clear that he will launch a tariff war on April 2. If he presses tariffs on India on April 2, what is the government's response? What is India's response? There has been no statement of policy, no discussion in parliament, no consultation with the Opposition parties. The government is holding its cards close to its chest, if it has any cards at all," Chidambaram said, adding that this can be contrasted with the "openness" of Canada M Mark Carney.

He referred to the Centre's move to remove the 6% equalization levy on digital ads, saying: "The Finance Minister announced some tariff reductions in February. Obviously, Mr Trump is not satisfied." "If concessions and flattery have failed, and if tariffs are going to be imposed... I want to know what is the government's response," he

Chidambaram was speaking during a discussion to consider the Appropriation (No.3) Bill 2025 and The Finance Bill 2025.

He also pointed to the government's fiscal deficit. "The Finance Minister said that the endeavour will be to keep the fiscal deficit each year such that the Central government debt remains on a declining path as a percentage of the GDP. The intent is good. Looking at the performance, I'm afraid we have to reconsider that statement. When this government assumed office in 2014, the fiscal deficit was 4.5% at the end of the previous year. In the middle of this government's tenure, it improved to 3.4% in 2018-19. But at the end of 2024-25, it is 4.8% Effectively, the country's economy is back to where it started. The

Congress MP

PChidambaram

in RS, Thursday.

faces crises," he said. Opposition members raised matters of fiscal devolution, unemployment, and private consumption. Asking where the promise of fiscal devolution is, BJD's Sasmit Patra said: "Consider the allocation of Central funds for flagship schemes...States have very little say in policy. Is the Centre treating States as equal partners in India's journey?"

government will say Covid hap-

pened, but every government

He called for reducing cesses and surcharges, allowing States more discretion over Central funds and greater autonomy in designing and implementing programmes, and ensuring "fair devolution" by honouring the "federal spirit of the Constitution".

TMCMP Sagarika Ghose said: "Where is achhe din? The economy faces a crisis of consumption. Private consumption is simply not reviving. Private investment has slumped."

Cash discovery row: Cong demands Law Minister's statement

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

CONGRESS MP Manish Tewari on Thursday said Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal should make a statement in the House on alleged discovery of cash from the resi-

dence of Justice Yashwant Varma. Speaking in LS during Zero Hour, Tewari said, "The reports about alleged aberrations in the judiciary have disturbed the conscience of all right-thinking citizens." He said that "nobody is saying that anyone is innocent or guilty" and that "nobody is

trying to apportion guilt". "The CJI has appointed an in-

house inquiry, I think we should respect the process and wait for that report. However, in the meantime, the Law Minister should come to this House and relate the chronology of events as they have transpired," he said.

"Under Articles of Constitution and the Judge's (Inquiry) Act, this Parliament has the responsibility of exercising that superintendence... My demand is to let Law Minister come before this House and make a statement as to what actually transpired, what does the government know?" he said.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI. MARCH 27

NOTING THE shortage of suitable deputations to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) where a significant number of posts are filled on deputation from various organisations — a Parliamentary committee Thursday recommended that the organisation develop an independent framework by allowing direct recruitment through SSC, UPSC, or a dedicated CBI ex-

The committee said that the

amination.

organisation should also introduce lateral entry for specialists in cybercrime, forensics, financial fraud, and legal domains.

With the organisation also dependent on state consent to investigate matters, the 145th report of the Department-related Standing Parliamentary Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice on the Demands for Grants (2025pertaining to the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) also recommended a separate or new law that would grant CBI wider investigative power without the consent of the states in cases affecting national security and integrity.

When it comes to human resources, the committee noted the challenges CBI faces in receiving nominations. The CBI has informed the committee that it was not receiving sufficient or suitable nominations from state police that was traditionally a major source of induction, particularly for the rank of inspector and below.

It added that nominations weren't being received because of the shortage of manpower within the lending departments.

The organisation also noted delay in sending relevant documents by the lending department after identifying the personnel. It also pointed out that, selection of candidates without suitable skills result in non-selection even after scrutiny. The committee noted that the lack of incentives for the lending department also discourages them from deputing personnel.

"The CBI should strive to establish a permanent cadre with structured career progression, this in turn will help CBI in ensuring long-term stability. An inhouse expertise team should be constituted which will make it less reliable on outside experts," the committee said, adding that deputation may be retained only for select senior posts.

When it comes to its investigative powers, the organisation said that states have granted it a general consent for investigating a specified class of offences against specified categories of people. For investigating any matter that is not covered by the general consent, specific consent of the state government is required to investigate in the state. To add to the challenges, the

committee noted that eight states had withdrawn the general consent as well "limiting severely its ability to investigate corruption and organised crime.

Hence, the committee recommended a separate law allowing the agency to investigate matters of national security and integrity without the consent of the state.

"The law should also include safeguards to ensure impartiality, preventing state governments from feeling powerless. This reform is essential to ensure timely and unbiased investigations," said the committee.

GOVT & POLITICS





(From left) Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Priyanka Chaturvedi, DMK MP Thamizhachi Thangapandian, and CPM MP John Brittas at Sharad Pawar's residence in New Delhi

IN GOOD BOOKS

DMK MP THAMIZHACHI Thangapandian, a Tamil poet and writer, has often surprised her MP friends with her versatility. Her popularity among the members was evident from the audience that attended the launch of her new book — Beatrice Webb: Portrait of a Reformist — in the Capital. The event, hosted by NCP MP Supriya Sule and Thangapandian's party colleague K Kanimozhi at the official residence of NCP(SP) chief Sharad Pawar, was attended by MPs of several parties, including the Congress, DMK, Left parties, TMC and TDP, from both Houses. The panel discussion had Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Priyanka Chaturvedi, CPI(M)'s John Brittas besides DU professor Swati Pal. Many in the audience admitted that they were not familiar with Webb, a social reformer and co-founder of London School of Economics.

GROUNDED PLAN

During a discussion on the UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik) scheme, Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu on Thursday faced a barrage of questions from Opposition MPs on high airfares. Naidu explained that the government is taking several steps at multiple levels to offer affordable air travel. With members from both sides seeking permission to raise questions, Speaker Om Birla proposed a debate on the issue. His suggestion received applause from the MPs, but many members were visibly disappointed when Birla said they could stay back on Friday afternoon to discuss the issue during the Private Member Bill discussion. With Monday being Eid holiday, many MPs are likely to leave for their constituencies by early Friday afternoon.

Guess(T) Who

In the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), there is an unwritten rule that party leaders should neither attend family functions of leaders of other political parties nor invite them to their family functions. A source said when BSP chief Mayawati expelled former party MP Ashok Siddharth on charges of indiscipline last month, one of the reasons for the strict action was the presence of a BJP MLA at a marriage function of Siddharth's family in Agra. After learning about the reason, many BSP leaders who attended the function are now trying to find out who the MLA was.

Collegium recommends transfer of Delhi HC judge to Calcutta HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

THE SUPREME Court Collegium on Thursday recommended the transfer of Delhi High Court judge Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma to the Calcutta High Court.

Sources said that at the meeting on Thursday, Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna proposed the transfer. Justice Sharma, who currently ranks 18th in seniority in the Delhi High Court, was appointed a HC judge in 2022. He was the District and Sessions Judge, New Delhi and Registrar

(Vigilance) of the Delhi High Court before his elevation. Justice Sharma's transfer

comes on the heels of two other transfers from the Delhi HC.

Delhi High Court judge Iustice Yashwant Varma, in whose residence wads of cash were discovered when a fire broke out on March 14, has been recommended for a transfer. Another judge, Justice CD Singh, was also recommended for a transfer from the Delhi HC, back to Allahabad HC, which is his parent HC, in November. Both transfers are yet to be notified by the Centre.

'Forced to leave' India last yr, French journalist says allowed to resume work

DIVYA A NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

FRENCH JOURNALIST Vanessa Dougnac, who had alleged that the government had "forced" her to leave India in February last year, said Thursday that she has been issued a one-year permit to resume work in the country.

She said in a statement: "The Government of India has authorised me to resume my profession as a foreign correspondent based in New Delhi. A one-year work permit has been granted to me by the relevant authorities."

Dougnac, who has covered South Asia from New Delhi for French publications including La Croix, Le Point, Le Soir and Le Temps, had said that she had been denied permission to work as a journalist in India in September 2022.

While she was able to stay on in the country because of her Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) status, the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) issued her a notice in January 2024 ac-

cusing her of "malicious" reporting. The agency, which operates under the Ministry of Home Affairs, sought an explanation for why her OCI status should not be cancelled for violation of rules.

A month later, Dougnac left the country saying she was "being forced to leave by the Government of India". Dougnacis married to an Indian national and has written on a range of subjects including the Maoist insurgency.

She said in her statement Thursday: "I am very pleased that my professional rights as a journalist to work in India have been reinstated. As always, I have only ever wanted to do my job as a journalist, with integrity and rigour, in a country I love and respect."

"With my permit suspended

however, I had to abandon my position as a regional correspondent in India and South Asia for several publications and everything I had built over twenty-five years in Delhi. Under the threat of serious accusations and the possibility of expulsion, I was forced to leave India suddenly in February 2024."

Ready to work with India for fair boundary solution: China's PLA

KJM VARMA

BEIJING, MARCH 27

THE CHINESE military said Thursday it is willing to work with its Indian counterpart to implement a fair and just solution to the border issue besides sound and stable defence ties.

A spokesman for China's National Defence, Senior Colonel Wu Qian, made the remarks at a media briefing here while replying to a question about the disengagement and the follow-up process at the eastern Ladakh part of the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

"The Chinese military is willing to work together with our Indian counterparts to implement a fair and just solution on the border issue," Wu told reporters. He said the Chinese military would also like to "contribute our wisdom and strength to the beautiful vision of a shared dance between the dragon and

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

LEADERS OF six high court bar as-

sociations on Thursday met Chief

Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna and

sought the withdrawal of the rec-

ommendation to transfer Justice

Yashwant Varma to the Allahabad

Allahabad High Court Bar

Association chief Anil Tiwari said

the CII had assured them that he

would consider the demands.

The CJI, however, did not prom-

ise anything, said sources privy

High Court Bar associations of

Allahabad, Gujarat, Kerala,

Jabalpur, Karnataka and

Lucknow met the CJI and four

collegium members, Justices B R

Gavai, Surya Kant, Abhay S Oka

and Vikram Nath. They raised

several demands, including set-

ting in motion criminal action

over the discovery of cash at the

judge's official residence. They

also flagged the "larger issue" of

collegium) listened to us very

carefully and told us in a positive

way 'each and every point raised

by you in writing will be consid-

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE THREE-MEMBER commit-

tee of judges looking into the dis-

covery of cash at Justice

Yashwant Varma's residence has.

over the last two days, recorded

the statements of five police per-

sonnel who were among the first

responders to the March 14 fire

Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna, is

also learnt to have recorded the

statements of three security per-

The panel, formed by Chief

NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

"The five members (of the

corruption in the judiciary.

The representatives of the

to the development.

Soon after the meeting,

NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

High Court.

elephant and a sound and stable military-to-military relationship."

The dragon-elephant dance has become a constant theme of China of late as the two countries ended the over four-year freeze of relations after reaching agreement over the disengagement process in eastern Ladakh last October. This was followed by a meet-

ing between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the BRICS summit in Russia last year and a number of high-level meetings to normalise relations. Chinese Foreign Minister

Wang Yi, in his annual press con-

ference on March 7, said "coop-

erative pas de deux", a ballet be-

tween the dragon and the

elephant is the "only right choice both sides". On March 17, the Chinese Foreign Ministry reiterated the same while welcoming Modi's

remarks on Sino-Indian ties

Bar leaders meet CJI, oppose

judge's Allahabad HC transfer

Members of Bar associations arrive at the Supreme Court to

High Court, he said.

entire judiciary."

Court Bar Association, said: "One

thing we pointed out to the chief

justice and his collegium is our

concern is not Justice Yashwant

Verma per se.... we have pointed

out that when the courts or in

the collegium is unable to pull

out the bad apples, it affects the

the concerns and said they want

The station house officer of

Tughlaq Road police station and a

sub-inspector recorded their

statements on Thursday morning.

Justice Varma were also called

and their statements were

recorded. One of them was pres-

ent in the house when the fire in-

cident took place. During ques-

tioning, they were asked about

the duration of their tenure,

whether the door was locked or

opened earlier, and if they were

aware about the coverage area of

CCTV cameras," the source said.

it states. The resolution noted

bilisation are yet to be achieved".

with the freeze on the number

of Parliamentary seats, taking

State as a unit, redrawing the

boundaries of Parliamentary

constituencies can be taken up,

duly augmenting the SC and ST

seats as per latest population and

"Hence, while continuing

"Three security personnel of

Their phones have been seized.

a "clean judiciary", he said.

The collegium understood

meet CJI Sanjiv Khanna on Thursday. PTI

ered by us strictly within the

premises of law. Don't worry at

all'. This is a very big statement

by five senior judges," Tiwari told

media persons soon after the

body will now discuss whether

to continue with its indefinite

strike, launched on March 25 to

protest the repatriation of Justice

Varma to his parent high court.

referred to the reasons behind

collegium's recommendation to

transfer Justice Varma. The CJI

said that in any case, Justice

Judges' panel records statements

of police, fire, security personnel

three firefighters.

Friday morning.

sonnel of Justice Varma, Delhi

Fire Services chief Atul Garg and

have asked the CRPF personnel

stationed at Varma's home to

record their statements on

following the directions of the

panel, New Delhi district DCP

Devesh Kumar Mahla sealed the

store room where the cash was

stables and a constable were ques-

tioned on Wednesday afternoon.

A source said two head con-

discovered after the fire.

On Wednesday afternoon,

The committee is learnt to

According to Tiwari, the CJI

He said the Allahabad bar

favouring dialogue over discord. "China appreciated Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent positive statements on China-India relations," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning told a

media briefing while responding

to a question about Modi's re-

marks in conversation with

American podcaster Lex Fridman.

On Tuesday, India and China held a fresh edition of diplomatic talks in Beijing focusing on ensuring effective border management and early resumption of cross-border cooperation and exchanges, including on transborder rivers and Kailash-

Mansarovar Yatra.

In the meeting of WMCC (Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination) on China-India Border Affairs, the two sides explored various measures and proposals to give effect to the decisions taken during talks between NSA Ajit Doval and Chinese Foreign Minister

Wang Yi at the Special Representatives (SR) dialogue in

On Wednesday, Gourangalal Das, Joint Secretary (East Asia) in the Ministry of External Affairs, who led the Indian delegation at the WMCC meeting, met Liu linsong, Director General at the Chinese Foreign Ministry's Department of Asian Affairs, during which they explored ways to rebuild ties and agreed to initiate efforts to promote people-topeople exchanges, including arrangements for resumption of direct flights and resume Kailash Manasarovar Yatra this year.

In the meeting, the two sides also discussed the resumption of dialogue mechanisms in a "stepby-step" manner to utilise them to address each other's priority areas of interest and concern and move the relations to a "more stable and predictable path", the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in a press release. **PTI**

by 2-7% for FY26

NEW DELHI, MARCH 27 THE CENTRE has hiked the

SC to hear plea today for

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE SUPREME Court on Friday will hear a petition seeking the registration of an FIR against Delhi High Court judge Justice Yashwant Varma over the discovery of cash at his official residence

Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan.

Varma would not discharge any judicial function at the Allahabad Advocate Yeshwant Shenoy, Supreme Court judge. president of the Kerala High

The petition challenges this. "The consequence of the aforesaid direction, that no FIR shall be filed, was certainly not present in the minds of the Hon'ble judges. The said direction creates a special class of privileged men/women, immune from the penal laws of the land. Our judges, except for a minority... are men and women of the greatest of erudition, integrity, learning and independence... But incidents where judges are caught red handed accepting money... cannot be denied. The judgement in K Veeraswami's case, to the knowledge of the petitioners has stood in the way of an FIR being registered even in an offence involving POCSO," the plea said.

none," it said.

DISCOVERY OF CASH AT JUSTICE VARMA'S HOUSE FIR against **Justice Varma**

NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

during a fire on March 14 night.

The plea by Advocate Mathews J Nedumpara will be heard by a bench of Justices A S

The Supreme Court had in the 1991 ruling in *K Veeraswami* Vs. Union of India held that approval of the Chief Justice of India is mandatory for registering a criminal case under Section 154 of the Criminal Procedure Code against a sitting High Court or

CJI Sanjiv Khanna had on March 22 set up a three-member committee to conduct an inquiry into the allegations against Varma in the wake of the cash discovery. Nedumpara's petition also guestions this and says only the police can investigate the matter. "The resolution of the Collegium investing the committee power to conduct such an investigation is rendered void ab initio inasmuch as the Collegium cannot confer jurisdiction upon itself to order so where the Parliament or the Constitution has conferred

In Haryana, the NREGS wages for 2025-26 will touch the ₹400 per day mark, the highest in

Centre increases

NREGS wages

wages under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural **Employment Guarantee Scheme** (MGNREGS) in the range of 2-7% for the financial year 2025-26. The Ministry of Rural

Development (MoRD), which is the nodal ministry to run the rural job guarantee programmes, on Thursday issued a notification revising the NREGS wages for the FY 2025-26. The government notifies the

HARIKISHAN SHARMA

NREGS wage rates under subsection (1) of Section 6 of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005. The new rates become effective from the 1st day (April 1) of the financial year.

The NREGS wage rates are fixed according to changes in the **CPI-AL** (Consumer Price Index for Agricultural Labourers), which reflects the increase in inflation in rural areas.

According to notification, the NREGS wage rates for 2025-26 has been hiked in the range of 2.33-7.48%. Several states, including Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and Meghalaya, have seen 7% hike in the NREGS wages for 2025-26 fiscal over the prevailing rates. States like Assam, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have seen a hike of 2-3%.

In Haryana, the NREGS wages will touch the ₹400-mark during 2025-26 from its current rate of ₹374 per day. This is the first time that the NREGS wages will touch the ₹400 figure in any state.

In the current financial year (2024-25), Goa had seen the maximum hike of 10.56% over its previous year (2022-23) wage rate; any state so far.

Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand recorded the lowest 3.04%.

During the current financial year (2024-25), 5.66 crore house holds have availed the rural job guarantee scheme till March 19. Under MGNREGA, every rural household, whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work, is entitled to get at least 100 days of wage employment in a financial year.

While Section 3 (1) of MGN-REGA provides for "not less than 100 days" work per rural household in a financial year, it has become de facto upper limit as the NREGA software does not allow data entries for employment above 100 days to a household unless specifically requested by the State/UT.

In some cases the government allows additional 50 days of wage employment (beyond the stipulated 100 days). For instance, every Scheduled Tribe household in a forest area is entitled to get 150 days of work under NREGS, provided that such families have no other private property except for the land rights granted under the Forest Right Act, 2016.

Besides, the government, under Section 3(4) of MGNREGA can also provide an additional 50 days of unskilled manual work in a financial year in such rural areas where drought or any natural calamity (as per Ministry of Home Affairs) has been notified

PM writes to Yunus, calls for 'mutual sensitivity' to each others' concerns

DIVYA A NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

AMID THE chill in Delhi-Dhaka ties over violence against minorities, Prime Minister Narendra Modi wrote to Bangladesh Chief Adviser Mohammad Yunus on March 26, the country's National Day, and called for taking forward bilateral ties based on sensitivity to each others' concerns.

Greeting the people of Bangladesh, Modi wrote: "This day stands as a testament to our shared history and sacrifices that have laid the foundation of our bilateral partnership. The spirit of the Liberation War of Bangladesh continues to remain a guiding light for our relationship, which has flourished across multiple domains, bringing tangible benefits to our people."

"We remain committed to advancing this partnership, driven by our common aspirations for peace, stability, and prosperity, and based on mutual sensitivity to each other's interests and concerns," he said in his note sent Wednesday. India's relations with

Bangladesh have taken a hit af ter violence against Hindu minorities under the Yunus-led interim government after Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's ouster in August last year. The Ministry of External Affairs has repeatedly condemned the violence while urging Bangladesh to protect them and religious institutions.

Modi's outreach comes after the Bangladesh interim government sought a meeting between Yunus and the Indian Prime Minister on the sidelines of the BIMSTEC summit, to be held early April in Bangkok. The meeting is not confirmed yet External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar had told a consultative panel of MPs last week.

The Ministry of External Affairs has said that over 2,374 incidents of violence against minorities were reported in the neighbouring country between August 5, 2024, and February 16, 2025, but police verified only 1,254 of them. It said Dhaka had deemed 98% of these incidents "political in nature".

Telangana Assembly passes TN Assembly passes resolution resolution against delimitation against proposed Waqf Bill

NIKHILA HENRY HYDERABAD, MARCH 27

TELANGANA CHIEF Minister A Revanth Reddy moved a resolu-

tion against delimitation in the Assembly on Thursday. "The house expresses its deep concern on the manner in which the impending delimitation exercise is being planned, without transparent consultations with stakeholders," it read.

The resolution, was later adopted by the House and passed. The resolution is in line with Reddy's statement at the meeting hosted by Tamil Nadu CM M K Stalin in Chennai on March 22. "The House urges that any de-



Telangana CM Revanth Reddy

limitation exercise should be car-

ried out transparently and after extensive consultations with all state governments, all political parties and all stakeholders. The States which have effectively implemented the population con-

also providing for reservation for trol program pushed by the women," it states. Centre, and consequently whose The resolution also sought an population share has come increase in the seats in the state down, should not be penalised Assembly from 119 to 153, as and population should not be the sole yardstick for delimitation,"

promised in the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014.

ARUN JANARDHANAN that "the purpose and intent behind the 2nd, 84th and 87th CHENNAL MARCH 27 Constitutional amendments aimed at national population sta-

THE TAMIL Nadu Assembly passed a resolution Thursday urging the Union government to Waqf the withdraw (Amendment) Bill, 2024, calling it a direct infringement on the religious and property rights of the Muslim community.

Chief Minister M K Stalin. while moving the resolution, accused the BJP-led central government of "systematic discrimination" against minorities and non-BIP-ruled states.

"The Waqf (Amendment) Bill is yet another attempt by the Union government to interfere



Nadu CM M K Stalin

Tamil

in the religious administration of Muslims," Stalin said in his address. "This law increases government control over Waqf properties, undermines their autonomy, and threatens the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution," he said.

The resolution asserts that the Bill "severely harms the rights and interests of the minority Muslim community" and demands its "complete with-

drawal". Stalin said that Tamil Nadu had already registered its opposition before the Parliamentary Joint Committee but was disregarded, leaving no option but to formally oppose it in the Assembly. Stalin framed the Bill as part of a broader trend of exclusion-

ary policies by the BIP government. "Whether it is the Citizenship Amendment Act, the imposition of Hindi, financial discrimination against non-BJP states, or anti-social justice policies like NEET and NEP – every action of the Union government targets specific communities, Stalin said. He accused the BJP of introducing "a divisive agenda" in governance.

Death of ex-MLA

after surgery: Kin

SREENIVAS JANYALA

HYDERABAD. MARCH 27

vation for women in legislative

bodies, is seeking answers after

she underwent surgery and

never regained consciousness,

eventually passing away on

and author Kapil Komireddi,

through his lawyers, sent a "for-

mal demand for clarification" to

Dr Devi Shetty, a cardiac surgeon

and chairman and founder of

Narayana Health, seeking a re-

sponse to several queries. These

range from questioning the pro-

priety of the process to decisions

taken by the surgeon and the

hospital. Dr Shetty did not re-

Jyothi Devi (70) underwent

surgery at Narayana Health,

Bengaluru, on October 30 after

being diagnosed with a rare con-

dition called porcelain aorta

without being adequately made

aware of the risks involved. "The

explanation of risk was wrapped

in a blanket of reassurance and

tied with a bow that carried a

warning of the consequences of

and Associates LLP to Dr Shetty.

dated March 17, read: "In April

2024, my client consulted you

with his mother and later via

video call in June. You reassured

him that her case was less risky

than others you had handled...

However, three doctors in

Singapore advised against sur-

gery due to her age (70) and the

A letter from Komirreddy

not taking the risk," he said.

emails seeking comment.

with aneurysm.

On March 17, her son, writer

November 8 last year.

seek answers from

Assam reporter arrested again; 'he's not even a journalist', says Sarma

SUKRITA BARUAH

GUWAHATI, MARCH 27

A DAY after a court in Guwahati granted him bail, Assam journalist Dilwar Hussain Mozumdar was held again late Thursday evening in a separate case. This case is based on a complaint by the managing director of the Assam Co-operative Apex Bank (ACAB), whom he had questioned regarding alleged irregularities on Tuesday.

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma is the director of the ACAB, and BJP MLA Biswajit Phukan is its chairman.

Mozumdar, a reporter with

the Assam-based digital media portal The CrossCurrent, was detained in the Pan Bazar police station on Tuesday after he went to cover a protest against the ACAB. He was arrested late Tuesday night based on a complaint filed by a security guard at the bank, who alleged criminal intimidation and violation of the SC/ST Act.

The court of the Chief Judicial Magistrate granted Mozumdar bail on Wednesday evening, but he remained in the Guwahati Jail throughout Thursday. Around 8 pm, he was taken from the jail to the Pan

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hereinafter collectively referred to as "Guarantors").

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"He has been arrested in con-

Bazar police station again.

nection with another FIR based on a complaint by the bank MD. He will be produced before the court tomorrow; we will move for his bail in this case as well," said his lawyer, Santanu Borthakur. In this FIR, the MD, Dombaru

Saikia, whom Mozumdar had approached for a comment, has alleged that the journalist unlawfully entered the first floor of the bank and attempted to take away documents. Before Mozumdar was arrested in the second case, Chief Minister Sarma told reporters that "two-three cases" had been registered against him and he would be arrested in all. Sarma also said he could seek bail. Journalists and journalist

bodies had protested against Mozumdar's arrest on Wednesday, calling it an attack on press freedom. However, on Thursday, Sarma questioned whether Mozumdar can be called a journalist, saying that the Assam government does not officially recognise people working in news portals as jour-

"Legacy media is recognised as journalists by the Assam government. But YouTube channels, portals – the recognition of these is just something that is being dis-

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cussed. A decision has not been made on this... We don't register them, we don't give them advertisements, we don't give them ID cards. So this person does not come under the Assam government's understanding of journalist," he said. He also alleged that he should be considered a businessman and claimed that he owns a dumper business.

He also stated that Mozumdar was not arrested on journalism-related charges.

"He went to a bank, he is not even a journalist... He might have gone for personal work; no one can say... If a journalist goes and fights with someone, will he not be arrested?... We will not arrest for any write-up. If you write something against me, you will not be arrested for that... The freedom that journalists have is for writing, but what they go and speak about in an office; that is a different issue," he said.

He also posted a statement on X, stating: "I would like to clarify that Assam police has not arrested any journalist in recent times."

The CrossCurrent editor Arup Kalita, however, pointed to Mozumdar's career of over a decade in different organisations and the fact that he is the Assistant General Secretary of the Guwahati Press Club.

(Amt in Rs.)

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Congress activists during a protest near the Assembly in Bhubaneswar on Thursday. PTI

Violence rocks Odisha Assembly area as Congress workers clash with police

SUJIT BISOYI

BHUBANESWAR, MARCH 27

THE ODISHA police Thursday resorted to lathi charge, used water canons and fired tear gas shells as Congress workers broke barricades and proceeded towards the state Assembly as part of their 'Vidhan Sabha gherao' programme over "rising crimes against women" under the BIP

Several Congress workers and personnel sustained injuries during a confrontation at the Bhubaneswar.

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Heavy police deployment was made in view of the protest, with over 80 platoons of forces mobilised and multi-level barricades erected around roads connecting the state Assembly.

Police said they resorted to lathi charge and used other tactics to disperse the agitators, who pelted stones and chairs at the personnel guarding the barricades. The police also alleged that the Congress workers tried to torch a police vehicle, which was averted.

Hundreds of Congress workers took out a rally from the Ram government for "failing to protect the dignity of women in Odisha".

Many senior Congress leaders, including state PCC president Bhakta Charan Das, were detained by the police.

"We were staging peaceful protests and tried to march towards the assembly. But the police fired tear gas shells at our leaders and workers. Many sustained injuries. The government cannot silence us using police force. We will take this fight to the streets and every village. We will soon launch Nari Nyay Satyagraha throughout the state," said Das.

Bengaluru hospital high procedural risks. Despite this, your office repeatedly pursued my client, leading to the surgery on or about October 31, THE FAMILY of Jyothi Devi which lasted at least 10 hours. Komireddy, the former Congress Mrs Komireddy never regained MLA from Telangana's Metpally consciousness and passed away who fought for 33 per cent reser-

on November 8." Kapil's lawyer asked: "Why was the surgery delegated, in part or whole, to your son rather than performed entirely by you?"

He also asked why the intensivist was "not physically present during the surgery and the immediate post-operative period".

"You met my client on October 31 but did not see them again until November 4... On November 4, you assured my client that his mother was stable and improving, yet your intensivist stated minutes later that she was unlikely to survive. What accounts for this stark contradiction?" the lawyer wrote.

spond to calls, messages and "Why was my client not informed that his mother had suffered a brain herniation and instead learned of this incidentally from a junior staff member?" he wrote. "My client requested that his mother's body be returned in good condition. You assured him this would be done, yet on Speaking to The Indian Express, Kapil Komireddy said November 9, it was delivered with that he was misled, coerced and blood on her face and an A4 sheet lied to to opt for the surgery pinned to her chest," he wrote.

Ivothi Devi was a one-time MLA from the Metpally assembly constituency, which was later merged into the Korutla seat. She won the by-election in 1998, defeating BJP's T Venkata Ramana Reddy.

She served as an MLA for 17 months but it was during her term as president of the All India Women MLAs' Association that she made the biggest impact, leading the campaign for 33 per cent reservation for women in legislative bodies. Her husband. senior Congress leader Komireddi Ramulu, won from the same constituency in 2004.

lower PMG square in Mandir square towards the protest venue, slamming the BIP

Karnataka to go for fresh survey of SCs

Justice Nagamohan Das was also ex-

The term of the Commission under

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU, MARCH 27

THE KARNATAKA Cabinet Thursday accepted the interim report on internal reservation submitted by a oneman Commission and approved its recommendation of conducting a fresh survey for a scientific classifica-

tion of sub-castes in the Scheduled

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Caste (SC) category.

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tended by two months to complete the survey of SC groups in the state, after which the state would announce the internal reservation to SC communities in the state, Law and Parliamentary Affairs minister H K Patil said. The high-level committee for the survey will be headed by the chief secretary.

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End Dt. 28.04.2025 at 12.00 Hrs.

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The chief secretary will deploy of-

ficials in around 6,000 gram panchayats. 300 town and municipal corporations to ascertain the number of subcastes. "Within two months, the survey will be completed and a report submitted to the government," Patil

The Justice Das Commission submitted its interim report to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday morning after which it was taken up during the Cabinet meeting.

Temple 'washed after Kanhaiya's visit'; non-BJP parties untouchables, asks Cong

SANTOSH SINGH

PATNA, MARCH 27

THE PURPORTED The purported washing of a temple in Bihar's Saharsa district after Congress leader Kanhaiya Kumar's visit has caused a controversy on Thursday, with the Congress asking if supporters of non-BIP parties "would be treated as untouchables" and the BJP saying the incident showed a "rejection" of Kumar's politics.

The incident took place at the Goddess Durga temple at Bangaon village, which Kumar visited during his ongoing Palayan Roko, Naukri Do (Stop Migration, Provide Jobs) vatra.

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Kumar had delivered an address from the temple premises.

A video, which has gone viral, showed that some people purportedly washed the temple soon after Kanhaiya Kumar left the village.

While Kumar refrained from commenting on the matter, Congress spokesperson Gyan Ranjan Gupta told The Indian Express: "We want to know if only RSS and BJP supporters are pious people and the rest are untouchable. The act has disrespected the descendants of Lord Parshuram. Have we entered a new phase of ultra-Sanskritisation in which non-BIP parties and supporters will be treated as untouchables?"

BJP spokesperson Asit Nath Tiwari, however, said: "In the first place, we should first verify the identity of those who washed the temple after Kanhaiya Kumar's visit. And if a temple is washed after the Congress leader's visit, it shows the kind of rejection towards Kanhaiya

Kumar's brand of politics." A Bangaon village resident said that, usually, people from all caste groups and backgrounds are allowed inside the temple. "It (washing of the temple after Kumar's visit) could be the work of some miscreants," the elderly resident said. Kanhaiya Kumar belongs to the upper-caste Bhumihar community.

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Congress leaders Mallikarjun Kharge, Rahul Gandhi and K C Venugopal at DCC meeting in New Delhi on Thursday. Anil Sharma

Cong considering power decentralisation in ticket distribution, says Khera

ASAD REHMAN

NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

THE CONGRESS is considering a proposal to decentralise powers in ticket distribution for elections, said party's media and publicity department chairman Pawan Khera following a meeting of district Congress leaders from 13 states and three UTs at the new party headquarters in Delhi on Thursday.

A total of 338 DCC (District Congress Committee) office-bearers attended the meeting. The meeting came amid the Congress's "efforts to shift to a more decentralised organisational model in which the party's district units are more autonomous".

Khera said the proposal to give a role to the DCCs in ticket distribution for elections was received "favourably" at the meeting and that "in the days to come, there will be some announcements". "The party is working to make DCCs financially empowered so they can implement programmes of the AICC and PCC. The AICC is going to take some decisions for the DCCs to be economically empowered," he said.

The meeting was chaired by party president Mallikarjun Kharge. Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi and general secretary K C Venugopal also present.

Aurangzeb row attempt to make Maharashtra communal lab, says NCP-SP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

THE NATIONALIST Congress Party (Sharadchandra Pawar) on Thursday called the recent violence in Nagpur and the controversy over Mughal emperor Aurangzeb's tomb, an attempt to turn Maharashtra into a communal laboratory.

NCP (SP) extended national working committee in its meeting in New Delhi discussed the controversy over Aurangzeb and several leaders said that there was an attempt being made to turn Maharashtra into a communal laboratory just like was done earlier in Gujarat, MP and UP, said Jitendra Awhad, party national secretary.

Party chief Sharad Pawar said he was not the one to get disheartened by one electoral defeat and urged party workers to gear up for future elections.

Pawar stressed strengthening the organisation and focusing on regions where it can bring about a change in the election-going states such as Bihar and Kerala. On the action against come-

dian Kunal Kamra for allegedly making derogatory remarks against Deputy CM Eknath Shinde, Awhad said that the issue was overhyped. - PTI INPUTS

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LARRY KRAMER, PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR, LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

'US varsities have helped the world, Trump crackdown damaging that'

THE EXPRESS

INTERVIEW

LARRY KRAMER, President and Vice-Chancellor of the London School of Economics and Political Science, is in India as part of the institution's efforts to build and strengthen connections across the board with alumni and prospective Indian students. The former Dean of Stanford Law School spoke to **RITIKA CHOPRA** on a range of issues — from the financial crisis facing the UK's higher education sector to the US crackdown on campuses and foreign students, to generative AI's threat to academic integrity.

With UK universities exploring campuses in India, is LSE considering a footprint

in India? There's a range of opportunities from a full-fledged branch campus to in-country programs to partnerships with universities. We'll explore all options to see what makes most sense for us. It's different for different universities, so we haven't made a decision yet.

What led to the financial crisis where nearly three-quarters of UK institutions are expected to face deficits by September 2025?

UK universities traditionally depended on government support, which shifted in the 1990s towards government-subsidised loans. In 2010, they capped fees and haven't raised them since. This strained most schools with predominantly UK students. LSE avoided this problem because we can charge market rates to international students, who make up 70% of our population. Most universities are now seeking more international students as their only way to increase resources. LSE foresaw this and also developed philanthropy and extended education programs, while many UK universities now struggle without these resources.

What according to you is the way out?

Labour government could choose options ranging from increasing fees to opening up to market rates, though the latter would be unpopular. Government could increase support as it used to. Universities must maximise efficiency while growing alumni support and extended education programs. Lifelong learning addresses rapidly changing skill requirements while generating income. I'm unsure if mergers or closures are inevitable. Mergers face cultural challenges, while closures harm students and staff. Better solutions must be found.

At a time when universities face staff cuts and course closures, how do you justify the £42.4 million spent on vice-chancellors' pay across 121 universities last year? Is this leadership by example during these challenging

Obviously it's unseemly for leadership to be paid grossly disproportionately to others. But compare what a vice chancellor

Several options exist: The

gets to a corporate president - it's not even close. The idea that vice chancellors are overcompensated given the challenges of the job today, I just don't accept. It's an incredibly difficult position with significant sacrifices. I took a 60% pay cut to come to the UK because the job is challenging and interesting. The real financial crisis comes from the government restricting our ability to charge fees proportionate to the cost of education we provide. The problem isn't money wasted on salaries. That's looking in the wrong direction.

But universities are being forced to let go of people. One might naturally think if you can't afford to keep staff, perhaps leadership salaries should be reconsidered..

The difference between what a vice chancellor gets and what

people might think reasonable won't save jobs. It's merely a gesture. The real problem is in the fee structure, how we're permitted to operate, and costs imposed by government bureaucracy. Sometimes it looks like they're trying to put us out of business. They impose massive costs for reports nobody will use, demanding outside review of exams and grading of scholarship. Universities spend enormous amounts preparing for these reviews - costs that dwarf anything spent on leadership salaries.

How does generative AI's threat to academic integrity compare to traditional plagiarism, and are existing policies adequate to address this new challenge?

AI is harder to detect than plagiarism because it creates unique content each time. You can spot patterns in AI writing, but detection isn't certain enough for punishment. But I believe this is the wrong approach anyway. Rather than controlling AI, we should embrace these tools as learning resources. The question becomes: what and how should we teach when students use AI?

At LSE, we've created a grant program for faculty to redesign courses around AI, with expert support for AI integration. Their materials are shared openly so others can learn from these approaches. We don't have a universal policy - departments establish their own guidelines while maintaining academic integrity standards. We must think of AI like calculators a generation ago. You don't ban them; you reconsider what to teach and how to assess learning with these tools. It's not about stopping AI use, but educating effectively in a world where it exists.

In the US, the Trump campaign has vowed to cancel student visas of those taking part in pro-Palestinian protests. What is

your view on such punitive responses? The U.S. university system has been

an enormously beneficial thing for the world. I think the actions the Trump administration is taking against it now are going to damage it hugely. I was a constitutional law

scholar. The First Amendment applies on US territory regardless of where the person is from. So it's wrong for any administration to punish people for exercising free speech. I think I'll stop there.

Are you concerned about the precedent this sets for academic freedom and the right to protest globally?

Certainly it won't for us. Well, I'm sure the British government is not going to do what the American government is doing.

How do you justify LSE becoming the first UK university to secure a court order last year against pro-Palestinian student protesters, and what message does this send about free

expression on your campus? We fully embrace free speech.

Initially, we allowed students to encamp inside a building and engaged in negotiations about their demands. However, they expanded to cover entire first floor with tents, blankets, posters, and electronic equipment, creating a significant fire hazard confirmed by two inspections. This forced us to shut down the building, displacing 400 faculty and staff and disrupting 450 planned events. We believe in free speech, but its limits are: you can't do anything illegal, harass individuals, or significantly disrupt school business. When protest crossed into substantial disruption, our hand was forced. We got the court order to vacate the building while still offering to continue conversations. At that point, we had no choice.

How should a university balance student activism with maintaining academic neutrality and free speech?

The limits are: you cannot do anything illegal, harass or bully individuals, or disrupt school business. Our obligation is to protect everyone. We have people not involved in protests who need to work and study. Students have paid to come study, and protests can't prevent them from doing their work. There's plenty of room to express ideas, which we fully support, but those are the boundaries we must maintain.

What is your view on academic institutions taking a stand on political issues?

I think it's a mistake for institutions to take positions because it inevitably shuts down free speech for those with different views on campus. Our role is to create a space where students, faculty and staff can engage in open exchange and debate. To protect their free speech, the institution should not take positions itself.

Given warnings about UK universities compromising academic freedom by becoming financially dependent on partnerships with authoritarian states like China, how does LSE navigate this tension while maintaining its principles? Are

there red lines you won't cross, even at the cost of funding? Yes, and they're clear when we enter into the partnerships,

whether it's with the government or a private donor. It's always the same, which is the university is going to protect the integrity of its processes and donors can't dictate what we're going to do, what the research is going to find or anything like that, that goes into the partnership at the front end.

How would LSE handle a situation like UCL's, where a teacher last year was barred

from teaching a course after complaints from Chinese students, considering your large Chinese student population?

That's different. It's not outside dictation but balancing competing demands within our community. You navigate case-by-case. We won't tell professors what to teach or say, nor force students to take classes with professors they object to. For elective courses, students can choose alternatives. We tell professors they have views but also responsibilities to create a welcoming environment for all students without ostracising anyone. These situations require ongoing balance.

Has LSE ever had to balance such "competing demands" given the large international student body on campus?

We haven't faced an explicit situation like that I'm aware of, certainly not since I've been there. What I would say is we're aware of the possibility. So an ongoing conversation in the university is about the difference between your responsibilities inside the classroom and your freedoms outside. Academic freedom protects your ability to teach what it is that you think you should teach, and your contractual responsibilities to the students require you to do it in a way that nevertheless does not exclude or ostracise some of them or make them feel completely unwelcome in the class-

Yogendra Yadav guest at **Explained.Live event today**



EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

A POLITICAL confrontation is building up with a year to go before the freeze on the delimitation exercise ends.

The DMK has taken the lead in opposing the exercise and is trying to get other Opposition parties on its side to demand that the exercise be put on hold for another 25 years. The exercise is carried out to ensure that every constituency has a similar number of people, so that every lawmaker represents, roughly speaking, the same number of people.

The issue has been extremely contentious in India. On the demand of the southern states, delimitation was frozen for 25 years, first in 1976 and then in 2001. The southern states had argued that they stood to lose out in the delimitation exercise because they had performed better on population control. The same argument is being made again by DMK and other parties as the Centre began talking about carrying out delimitation after 2026.

To understand some of the issues involved, and a possible way



TIME: 6 pm



forward, The Indian Express has invited Yogendra Yadav, member, Swaraj India, and national convenor, Bharat Jodo Abhiyaan, for an online Explained Live event Friday. Yadav, who has written extensively on the subject, will be in conversation with Monojit Majumdar, Editor Explained, and Amitabh Sinha, Deputy Editor.

Explained.Live is a series of explanatory conversations that The Indian Express hosts from time to time.

CM lays stone for township for Wayanad landslide-hit families

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM. MARCH 27

KERALA CM Pinarayi Vijayan Thursday laid the foundation stone for the township for survivors of the devastating landslides that hit Wayand last July.

The township will come up on 64 hectares of land taken over from Elstone tea estate under Kalpetta municipality in Wayanad.

The event was attended by members of the state Cabinet Opposition leaders and Congress Wayanad MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, among others.

Addressing the gathering, which included survivors and beneficiaries of the project, Vijayan said the Wayanad rehabilitation programme sends a message that no disaster can defeat Kerala provided that the government acts with will power and the people of the state stand with it.

"This rehabilitation will be marked as Kerala's own survival. It gives the message that nothing is impossible if the people are with the government," the CM

Vijayan said the cost of the rehabilitation was estimated as



CM Pinarayi Vijayan, Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and others during foundation stone laying ceremony for Wayanad landslide victims' township, Thursday. @pinarayivijayan/X

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Rs 2,221 crore. The state had expected aid from the Centre as a major source of funds for the rehabilitation programme, but so far, the Centre has only given a loan of Rs 529 crore, he said.

The township will have 430 single-storey, 1,000-square-foot houses constructed in small clusters. It will also have common amenities such as a health centre, market, health club, school and other centres for

community living. As many as 242 families are

included in the first phase of the rehabilitation. Of those, 175 beneficiaries have given their consent for a house in the township, while 67 others, who want to live outside the township, have agreed for a compensation of Rs

15 lakh each. The Wayanad landslides hit the villages of Mundakkai, Chooralmala and Attamala in Wayanad's Meppadi panchayat, claiming 298 lives. As many as 17 families were completely wiped out.

HC gives nod to Carbide waste disposal after successful trials

Jabalpur: The Madhya Pradesh HC Thursday allowed the state government to dispose of chemical waste from the defunct Union Carbide factory in Bhopal at a Pithampur plant after it was told that a trial incineration did not cause any adverse consequences. The hazardous waste shall be

disposed of in a safe manner at the plant in Dhar district within 72 days, said a division bench of CI S K Kait and Justice Vivek Jain. The government had asked for

72 days to complete the process. Some local organisations in Pithampur were opposed to the disposal of the waste near the town, but the government, in its affidavit filed before the court on Thursday, said the three trials of disposal were successful and did not lead to any adverse impact.

The court then directed the government to ensure all safety measures were taken, and dispose of the waste. The government was asked to file a report on June 30, said senior advocate Naman Nagrath, representing pe-

titioner late Alok Pratap Singh. Singh had filed the writ petition in 2004 regarding removal of the waste from the Union Carbide factory in Bhopal, the epicentre of the 1984 gas leak disaster.

Pune driver, who set bus on fire killing 4, arrested Confirming the arrest, DCP

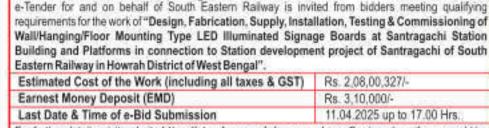
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PUNE, MARCH 27

THE PIMPRI Chinchwad police on Thursday arrested the 56year-old driver, who allegedly started a fire on a minibus at Hinjewadi IT hub, that killed four employees of a graphics printing company on March 19.

Vishal Gaikwad said that the driver, Janardan Humbardikar, was produced before a court which sent him to police custody till March 29. Humbardikar was undergo-

ing treatment for his burns and other injuries. He was discharged on Thursday and was placed under arrest by the police.



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Calcutta HC to JU: Don't invite political leaders, stick to academicians

TANUSREE BOSE KOLKATA, MARCH 27

THE CALCUTTA High Court on Thursday directed Jadavpur University (JU) administration to not invite any political functionary to programmes organised on the campus. Instead, the HC said, the university should invite only academicians. A Division Bench of CI TS

Sivagnanam issued the directive to the JU on a PIL seeking the court's intervention for safety and security on the campus in the wake of the March 1 incident in which Education Minister Bratya Basu's vehicle was allegedly damaged by protesting students. A student was allegedly injured by a vehicle in the minister's convoy.

During the hearing, the petitioner, Biswaroop Bhattacharya, demanded the installation of CCTVs and a permanent police outpost on the campus. "Our demand is university needs to be protected. The prevailing situation is unbelievable. Ministers are being attacked. Something has to be done regarding the security at the university... the state should come to the rescue of the university," Bhattacharya said. "There is an interim V-C

(vice-chancellor). Classes are

the petitioner told the court. Appearing for the West

IU," he said.

He claimed that following the June 2024 incident of a ragging death on the campus, the government had provided CCTVs, but they were taken away by students. "Police cannot enter the campus on their own... When they (university authorities) fail to control the situation, the blame comes to us (the government)," Banerjee told the Bench. Riju Ghosal, the counsel for JU, told the HC that during a virtual meeting of Interim V-C (Bhaskar Gupta), Pro Vice-Chancellor (Amitava Datta) and Registrar (Indrajit Banerjee) of the university on March 15, measures were taken



being held, but some of them are being disturbed... Outsiders and certain organisations are disturbing the classes. RSS is functioning inside the campus,"

Bengal government, senior counsel Kalyan Banerjee told the court JU has become "famous for all the wrong reasons in recent years". "The trouble in JU has been going on for a long time. It is being done by students as police can enter campus only when authorities make a requisition for it. This problem has become a chronic disease in

to improve security on the cam-WITH PTI INPUTS



10 GOVERNANCE AWARDS



Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting and Electronics & IT, flanked by Viveck Goenka, Chairman of The Indian Express Group, and George Varghese, CEO, The Indian Express; Anant Goenka, Executive Director, The Indian Express Group; Arjun Ravindran, Director, Vajiram & Ravi; Sudhakar Rao, Branding Director, ICFAI Group, jury members Wajahat Habibullah, former chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities and Amarjeet Sinha, Senior Fellow, Centre for Social and Economic Progress, with winners of The Indian Express Excellence in Governance Awards

Acts of Renewal and Rebuilding

The third edition of The Indian Express Excellence in Governance Awards saw bureaucrats, politicians and entrepreneurs applaud innovation and determination of some of the country's best district magistrates



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HE INDIAN EXPRESS Excellence in Governance Awards, held recently at ITC Maurya, New Delhi, honoured 16 district magistrates from over 450 entries across 29 states — for their pioneering work across categories from agriculture and disaster management to egovernance, healthcare, innovative education and social welfare.

From empowering students in Arunachal Pradesh with technology so that the classroom becomes a hub for innovation, helping farmers in Tamil Nadu take their produce to the world, floating community-based water conservation efforts in Jharkhand, starting projects for women in Odisha, providing over 40 villages with solar energy in Jharkhand to steering a 56-hour rescue operation after a devastating train tragedy in Odisha — these were stories of heroism, grit, determination and innovation.

At the third edition of the award ceremony, Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting and Electronics & IT, was the chief guest and the guest of honour was Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science and Technology and Earth Sciences; MoS, Prime Minister's Office; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Atomic Energy and Space.

In his address Singh said: "There is a huge democratisation of civil services. It is no longer confined to an elite section. Earlier on we had civil servants mostly from south India, now we have toppers from the most unlikely states like Punjab and Haryana. So that's a huge demographic change. You have a huge percentage of women civil servants coming in, almost 28-30 per cent, which was hardly 3-4 per cent earlier."

Vaishnaw qualified governance as "the ability to develop trust between the government and the society — when the society believes that we have a system which will be working for us, which will support us, and give us justice when we need it."

On the occasion, Viveck Goenka,

Chairman and Managing Director of The Indian Express Group, said, "The award-winning DMs bring the gains of freedom, governance and development to the most vulnerable of their fellow citizens. They secure and renew our democracy."

The winners were chosen by a distinguished jury headed by Wajahat Habibullah, former chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities and the country's first Chief Information Commissioner, and comprising Nirupama Rao Menon, former Foreign Secretary; KM Chandrasekhar, former Cabinet Secretary; and Amarjeet Sinha, Senior Fellow, Centre for Social and Economic Progress. PwC was the knowledge partner for the awards.

The evening also saw an audience of bureaucrats, politicians and entrepreneurs, including Minister of State SP Singh Baghel; Manish Tewari of the Congress; D Raja of CPI; Anil Baluni of BJP; KC Tyagi of JD (U); former Union Minister KJ Alphons; Hansraj Ahir, Chairman, National Commission of Backward Classes; V Srinivas, Secretary, Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances; Centre for Policy Research president Srinivas Chokkakula; Special CP (Crime), Delhi, Devesh Srivastava; Sudhakar Rao, Director Branding, ICFAI Group; Arjun Ravindran, Director, Vajiram & Ravi IAS; Sonali Mitra, Director Marketing & Communications, PwC India, besides ambassadors and lawmakers.



Viveck Goenka and George Varghese present Union Minister Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, a print of *The Indian Express* that was published on November 6, 1956, the day Singh was born



(Left) D Raja, General Secretary, Communist Party of India, with Congress MP **Manish Tewari**



Viveck Goenka with BJP's chief spokesperson Anil Baluni



Union Minister Jitendra Singh shakes hands with JD (U)'s KC Tyagi and (centre) former Union Minister KJ Alphons



(Left) Amarjeet Sinha, former advisor to the Prime Minister and jury member, with V Srinivas, Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms & **Public Grievances**



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Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw greets the audience as he arrives for the function



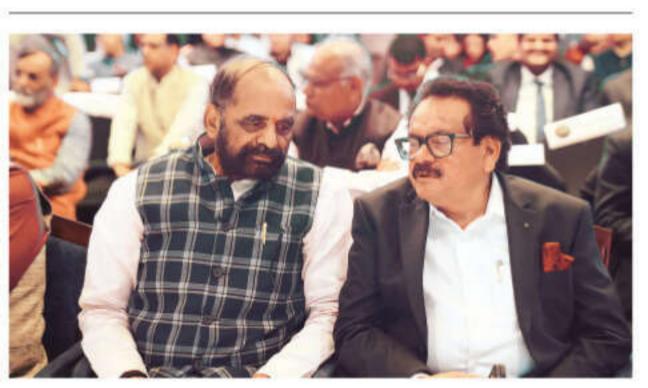
(Right) Anandrao Vishnu Patil, Additional Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, with winners Aditya Vikram Yadav and Suryawanshi Mayur Vikas (centre)



(Left) Sudhakar Rao, Branding Director, ICFAI Group, with KJ Alphons and KM Sarayu (winner)



(Left) Nanu Bhasin, Additional Director General, (Media & Communication), Press Information Bureau with OP Mishra, former Indian Police Service Officer



(Left) Hansraj Gangaram Ahir, Chairperson, National Commission for Backward Classes, with SP Singh Baghel, Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying



Wajahat Habibullah, former chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities and jury chair, interacting with the winners



Kausar Jahan, Chairperson, Delhi Haj Committee, talking to AP Abdullakutty, BIP National Vice President



(Left) Alka Lamba, President, All India Mahila Congress, with (Retd) Brigadier Dalbir Singh

'If you can face the man in the mirror and say what I'm doing is right, then that's the right choice for being a good officer'



Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on changes in the administrative services and the role of AI in the future for DMs. He was in conversation with Anant Goenka, Executive Director, The Indian Express Group

• You've been in the services and now you're leading the services as a minister. From your vantage point, what do you think has changed in the services

from when you started?

The people who are joining the services today are much smarter. They are far better exposed to today's technologies, resources and the kind of things that we would never be able to imagine that we could get in our districts.

Second, the fund flow in the districts is significantly higher compared to what it used to be in the past, so the opportunities to make a difference are much bigger.

Third, the work atmosphere has now expanded beyond State boundaries because of the use of technology. When I interact with young officers, they will tell me, 'You know, I saw this in Assam or Tamil Nadu, so I replicated that'.

• Ten years ago it would have been unfathomable to think of anybody sharing a portfolio with the Railways. Is it the technology that's kind of changed in how you administer the Railways? How do you view the administration of the Railways specifically?

The biggest strength of the Railway bureaucracy is its technical strength. They have hardcore technical people who understand technology, who understand railway operations, who understand what goes in making a bridge stable, what goes in making a tunnel stable. They are able to really calibrate themselves to the new challenges. I think that is the biggest strength of the Railways. Our Prime Minister always tells us that when you interact with the bureaucracy, you have to think of its strengths and play on that strength. So in the case of the Railways, if we use its technical strength then one can achieve a lot. That is what I have understood in my three-and-a halfyear old journey.

• You have other portfolios too, so are there any intersections?

Many. Today technology straddles across sectors and it is no longer vertical, it's a horizontal thing. For example, there are so many things that we did in railways which were useful for the telecom sector and things in telecom that were useful for the railway sector. There are so many things in electronics which are so useful in the railways that you can implement them straight away. And the experience of a large organisation like the railways gives the right inputs where we can make the correct innovation-friendly policies in IT.

 What's your advice to the young IAS aspirants or even the DMs? Is governance now less fragmented than

it used to be or is it more specialised?

The world today is very different from the world which was there, let's say, 20, 40 or 60 years ago. In today's world the role of specialisation is increasing day by day



RAPID FIRE

One thing that's changed for an IAS aspirant today compared to when you were studying?

I think too much information! How do you cope with so much GK? We'll require a chatbot to do the GK exam.

One thing that's not changed?

I think the level of aspiration in our villages throughout the country. In fact, it has expanded. Earlier, in many places like Maharashtra and Gujarat, people would generally not aspire to be an IAS officer but today (they do).

At some point, 'babudom' got a bit of a bad name in India. When and why was that?

I'm not a history student. I live in the present and think of the future.

One lesson from your Wharton MBA days that has helped your effectiveness as a minister and administrator.

The economic point of view. We can think of everything and anything in multiple ways. One way of thinking is that this is good, this is bad, this is moral, this is immoral. You are putting different types of frames of reference on things but when you study finance in a deep way, when you start understanding the nuances and then you start looking at things from an economic point of view, that makes a big difference in our day-to-day life.

The one lesson from the IAS that you think should be taught in

MBA schools around the world?

Creating a value system. Creating institutions is not something which is easy. When we want to build institutions in a country, we can learn from the IAS, especially the institution of a district magistrate.

so you would really be in a good stead if you pick one or two subjects that you like — somebody can work on sustainability, somebody on gender issues, on finance, on technology. You can study that subject and keep experimenting with it over a long

period of time.

Gone are the days when a pure generalist approach would do. Even in humanity-related (areas) like, say, the Ministry of Social Justice, the understanding of what caste is, of how caste interplays in a country, the understanding of how years of discrimination have shaped people's thinking — these are things which require specialised thinking. I think specialisation is very important. It's going to be even more important in the coming years.

• You studied at IIT, you were in the IAS and you then studied at Wharton. Is IIT and IAS a better combination to be a good administrator in the year 2025 or is a BA and IAS a better combination to be a good

Administrator?

None of the above. What's important is your value system. If your value system is strong, if you know that you can face the man or the woman in the mirror and look into the eyes and say that, yes, what I'm doing is right, then that's the right choice for being a good officer.

You are a techie. Do you worry about AI replacing the role of a DM or that it will make it tougher for people to administer in a world of AI?

On the contrary, I think AI and every technology would really empower DMs in doing things better, improving their efficiency and making sure that the communication between citizens and government improves. If we can develop that trust between the government and the citizens, I think that's the biggest definition of good governance... I think AI will really help with it. AI or any technology, if harnessed well, can make a big difference.

• The question about AI replacing jobs still stands. Is that something you think about?

I think the nature of jobs has been changing for the last thousands of years, right? Earlier the pace of change used to be in decades, then it reduced to years and now it's reducing further. The pace of change will be there but people in positions should make sure that our citizens are equipped with the right skills which can help them cope with this change, cope with this transition because this transition is going to take place. How we prepare others for it is what's going to matter.



Shyam Bagri, Founder, Bagrry's India Private Limited



Vivek Bharadwaj, Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj



AP Abdullakutty, BJP National Vice President



Pradeep Bhandari, National Spokesperson, BJP



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RAMNATH GOENKA

BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

RE-ENGAGING DHAKA

Given ongoing political churn, India must talk with Yunus regime more, but it should also broaden its outreach in Bangladesh

ANGLADESH HAS, ARGUABLY, been India's diplomatic success story in South Asia. With Sheikh Hasina at the helm, it provided India with an advantage in the region, strengthening economic and security cooperation, cracking down on cross-border insurgencies, and crucially, pushing back against Chinese influence. The dramatic change in Bangladesh's political circumstances since August last year have, unsurprisingly, complicated the picture. Now, Delhi's task is to recalibrate one of its most important relationships in the neighbourhood. Since Hasina's ouster, barring a congratulatory note to the Chief Advisor to the Interim Government, Muhammad Yunus, from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, bilateral engagement has been muted. PM Modi has yet to meet Yunus. A potential meeting on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly last year did not come to fruition, and it remains uncertain whether they will meet at the upcoming BIMSTEC Summit in Thailand. In this backdrop, PM Modi writing to Yunus on March 26, celebrated annually as Bangladesh National Day, reiterating India's commitment to advancing the partnership, is a strategic outreach that augurs well for India's neighbourhood policy.

Delhi's approach will have to contend with Dhaka's growing engagement with both Islamabad and Beijing. Even before Hasina's departure, Bangladesh had been strengthening ties with China, pursuing military acquisitions, agreeing to joint military drills, and joining the Belt and Road Initiative. Yunus is in China from March 26 to 29. Earlier this year, China's foreign minister met with Bangladesh's foreign affairs advisor and China's vice foreign minister held talks with Bangladesh's new ambassador. Earlier this month, a 21-member Bangladeshi delegation, including representatives from political parties, journalists, academics, and student leaders visited China. Pakistan, too, has taken steps to deepen its engagement with Bangladesh. A few weeks ago, four senior officials from the Inter-Services Intelligence Directorate travelled to Bangladesh, followed by a trip to Pakistan by a six-member delegation from the Bangladeshi military. India must recognise that with Hasina no longer in power, the civil and military establishments in Dhaka seek a return to close ties with Pakistan. While Dhaka aims to reduce its dependence on Delhi, Islamabad wants to curtail Delhi's regional dominance, and Beijing is unlikely to miss any opportunity to strengthen its own role in South Asia.

India should talk with the Yunus regime more, but it should also see the Interim Government for what it is — a government to manage the transition period post-Hasina. It will eventually be replaced by a popularly elected government after the impending elections. Given the ongoing political churn, India must broaden its outreach. Since the domestic political environment in Bangladesh continues to be uncertain, Delhi would do well to begin a dialogue with other political actors, such as the Bangladesh Nationalist Party and the newly formed National Citizen Party. It should not postpone this initiative in anticipation of an election outcome that it prefers. At the same time, Delhi must reinforce border security while collaborating with Bangladesh on trade, connectivity and counter-terrorism. The Interim Government, too, must take proactive steps to ensure the safety of the Hindu minority, an issue that has caused some diplomatic hostility.

ONE STEP FORWARD

SC task force on student suicides can help understand crisis better. But a solution calls for more

HE SUPREME COURT'S decision this week to set up a task force to address the alarmingly high rate of student suicides in the country is an acknowledgement of a crisis. The statistics speak of a system failing its most vulnerable. According to the most recent NCRB data, there were over 13,000 student suicides in 2022. As the Court noted, they're a "grim reminder" of how inadequate and ineffective existing frameworks have been in addressing the mental health concerns of students, and point to the need for a more "robust, comprehensive and responsive mechanism to address the various factors" that drive students to the final, irrevocable step.

That the Court has not turned its eyes away from a problem that only seems to worsen — a 70 per cent increase in the last decade — is welcome. However, the task force, which is to be headed by former Supreme Court Justice Ravindra Bhat, is not the solution; it is merely one step towards addressing the challenge. Its work, which will include representatives from various fields, could shed much-needed light on what remains a little understood problem. It has been mandated with drawing up a report on a range of factors that lead to student suicides, including academic pressure, ragging, sexual harassment, financial burden, mental health stigma and discrimination based on caste, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation. It will also carry out an assessment of existing frameworks and measures, and make recommendations.

But the larger picture of student well-being calls for the participation of all stakeholders: Parents and teachers who, with vigilance and compassion, must shepherd the young through the tough phases of life, instilling the understanding that there is life beyond a failed test; educational institutions that must invest in their students' welfare and staff trained to identify the red flags. The government, too, must make good on the promise of initiatives like the National Education Policy 2020, which emphasises student well-being and mental health, by prioritising reform that focuses on nurturing individual potential, rather than a one-sizefits-all model. Crucially, there needs to be a concerted effort to replace the hyper-competitiveness that characterises student life with a genuine love for knowledge, where curiosity, rather than rote learning, is rewarded. The Supreme Court's initiative is a beginning, but results will only come from the sustained and collaborative action of all stakeholders.

LIFE ON THE OUTSIDE

'Prince' Harry is discovering that the real world is even less of a fairy tale than the royal life

PARE A THOUGHT for the "spare". Harry of the House of Windsor has had a tough life — for a "royal". The spotlight has chased him practically from when he was born and a voracious public, obsessed with the powerful fiction that is the idea of royalty, has treated his family's triumphs and tragedies as entertainment. Perhaps, by all but cutting ties with the family he was born into, Harry thought he could escape the oppressions and pettiness. That by striking out on his own, with a partner who is not from the world of "insiders" he inhabits, he could be more than a second son. Unfortunately, the world outside has its share of cruel dramas, too.

Earlier this week, Harry resigned from a charity he founded. Sentebale was founded by the self-exiled prince and Prince Seeiso of Lesotho in 2006 to help families affected by AIDS. He has reportedly been closely involved with it ever since, even after he left England for the New World and tried to make it as a content creator for Netflix. Both Harry and Seeiso stepped down as patrons due to "untenable" differences with the charity's chairperson, Sophie Chandauka. Chandauka has accused Harry (in barely veiled comments) of turning

a blind eye to misgovernance and acting with apathy. There is little doubt that the reality show/soap opera that is British royalty can be oppressive. And Harry, having married an "outsider" would have had an even harder time of it. But squabbles and biases infect many a workplace and family. Harry, like most "royals", has never faced the pressures of work and the real world. Like the life he left behind, the one on the outside isn't a fairy tale either.

The colour of me

How do we fight internalised prejudices? Perhaps, as

with so many things, it is wise to begin with children



KANI KUSRUTI

TO BEGIN WITH, a memory: I'm a child, whose relatives advise her to wear only lightcoloured clothes. "If you wear black or any other dark shade, we can't see you," they complain, only half joking. This stricture — "don't wear black!" — breeds in me a distaste for lighter colours. Ask me now and I'll tell you how much I love black, and that I wear it all the time. And that, to me, it's just a colour, like blue or orange. But that's not all, is it?

In a post on Facebook that has now gone viral, Kerala's Chief Secretary, Sarada Muraleedharan, wrote about a comment that someone made regarding her tenure, "that it is as black as my husband's (her predecessor) was white". This is a loaded comment in any context, but in a society where the colour of one's skin is constantly remarked upon, where one's value is often determined by the tone of one's complexion, there is much more to be unpacked in any comment about "blackness" or "whiteness". "I need to own my blackness," Muraleedharan declared and recounted how, as a child, she asked her mother whether she could go back into her womb, so that she could emerge again, "all white and pretty".

White and pretty. I heard these words a lot, almost always paired with each other, during my childhood in Kerala. It is understood by everyone even today, but especially women and girls, that there is a hierarchy of colour, and therefore, of beauty. So deeply is this colourism embedded in our consciousness that upon entering any room, an automatic appraisal mechanism kicks in: Am I the darkest person in this room? Am I the fairest? Or am I somewhere in the middle? In school, my classmates and I would compare our skin tones, trying to determine who fell where on the scale of beauty. I would often be compared to my lighter-skinned cousins to my disadvantage, and my childhood friend bore similar comparisons to me.

Roiling under the surface of our colour prejudice are other deeper, more insidious prejudices. Take, for example, caste. In a society where everyone has the same skin tone, it might be harder for casteism to disguise itself as colourism. There is an outward acknowledgement today of colourism in our society, and I do come across people who say that darker skin tones are beautiful. But is this mere political correctness or do they truly appreciate beauty in all its diversity?

We were all assigned — or assigned ourselves — a place in the hierarchy, and if we were not beautiful, not "white", we would be offered reassurances of another kind. At least you're good at studies. You'll be fine.

I can imagine that Muraleedharan heard similar comments when she was growing up as a child. Everyone hears them: The many girls I know, dark-skinned and stunning, whose portfolios keep getting rejected by the selection committee of the Miss Kerala beauty pageant. The journalist, Arathi P M, one of the most articulate people I know, was told that she was not "presentable" enough to read news live on television. The TV host who interviewed me last year, asking for minute adjustments in the lighting set-up for the show and then turning to me and joking, "You see, I wouldn't show up on the camera otherwise." The colour prejudice we have all internalised shows up in these myriad ways, from the desperate plea of a child, hoping to be given a second chance to be "fair and lovely", to the defensive humour of a man who has perhaps heard one too many punchlines at his expense about the colour of his skin.

In her post, Muraleedharan calls for a change in attitude not just towards dark skin, but towards the colour black itself. She calls it, "...the most powerful pulse of energy known to humankind". Black, as she says, "is the colour that works on everyone, the dress code for the office, the lustre of evening wear, the essence of kajol, the promise of rain". I understand where she is coming from, because I have been there.

Yet, there is more at work than simple colour prejudice. This is what struck me when I read the scholar Rekha Raj's post, a response to Muraleedharan, where she writes, "...no one has made fun of me by saying that I am dark. Because everybody in my house and town is black!" Her words made me wonder about the many implications of colourism, the ways in which they manifest and how we respond. Because, let's not forget, roiling under the surface of our colour prejudice are other deeper, more insidious prejudices. Take, for example, caste. In a society where everyone has the same skin tone, it might be harder for casteism to disguise itself as colourism.

There is an outward acknowledgement today of colourism in our society, and I do come across people who say that darker skin tones are beautiful. But is this mere political correctness or do they truly appreciate beauty in all its diversity? Because the hard fact is that despite some progress, the standard of beauty remains what it has always been. Look at our films, for example. To an extent, we have learnt how to use make-up and lighting to better showcase the different types of beauty that exist here, but does the vast diversity of our people actually find representation on the screen? And it's about more than just the colour of a person's skin. It's about the shape of their nose, the size of their eyes. There is a certain template of sharp features and light skin which is, no doubt, attractive, but it does not reflect the diversity of beauty in this country. It conforms, instead, to an ideal we have drawn from our assumptions about what is beautiful and what is ugly.

How do we fight these prejudices that we have internalised? I wish I knew the answer. Perhaps, as with so many things, it is wisest to begin with children. Let's not saddle them with biases that we continue to struggle with and teach them to embrace diversity of every kind — colour, yes, but also so much more. The ugliness of prejudice in our society is, after all, not just skin deep.

Kusruti is an actor. Her most recent film is All We Imagine As Light



A Tax In Our Interest

The equalisation levy has been withdrawn even when there is no global tax deal

Suranjali Tandon

AS WE BID farewell to the equalisation levy, its genesis has piqued interest. The 6 per cent levy on online advertising was unconventionally brought to life through the Finance Act in 2016, rather than the Income-tax Act. The benefit of introducing the tax in such a way was that it would do away with the treaty override. That is, a taxpayer could no longer avoid the tax on grounds that the treaty did not recognise it as a tax applicable. As expected, large digital corporations were averse to such a tax even though many at the time reported fairly low rates of taxes across the world a feature that the European Court of Justice has repeatedly attempted to set right.

Directionally, the international tax landscape has been progressing to close loopholes for tax avoidance, but what became a severe challenge was that no mutually agreed solution existed on the taxation of digital companies. The OECD, while finalising its work on taxation of the digital economy under the BEPS programme, left options at the table. But there was no particular solution. India took the initiative to be the first to introduce the levy. Though mentioned among the plausible measures, it was seen as unilateral subversion of whatever exists as the notion of international tax diplomacy. In the years that followed, the measure came to be critiqued for resulting in double taxation and for imposing additional costs on consumers. Yet, this did not deter other countries. The shift in approach pushed the US — home to large tech companies — to take notice.

The international community of tax negotiators was simultaneously brokering an agreement that would fit the requirement of ensuring taxes are aligned with market size. The sore point of the negotiations was how much of the profits from bespoke services offered by digital companies were to be taxed in markets like India. While the US preferred to draw a line in the sand with only residual returns, India firmly believed that an agreed formulary apportionment of profits was the way ahead. Neither sat well with other countries.

The OECD began to create a more elaborate proposal that kept all members invested, although members, particularly the US, held a strong influence. In the process, the solution got lengthier and negotiators began growing tired of the deluge of consultations and discussions. In 2021, the US, which was distancing itself from the global tax deal, made a comeback with the Joe Biden administration asserting that it would throw its weight behind a solution that would tax top firms fairly. This would expand the focus from just US-based tech companies.

Based on the request of its principal financier, the OECD pivoted its approach slightly. India, too, invested its time and resources in the process. However, economic interests and size set the equation and India's efforts were not enough even though it received support from African countries. The fissures in international dialogue started to become apparent as reservations made their way into documents. Even as the OECD attempted to rescue the deal, developing countries began to wonder if it was time to shift to another forum.

The UN received resounding support from 110 countries in 2024 for the creation of an international tax convention. The UN tax committee recommended a simpler withholding tax on payments made for services that could be introduced to treaties to avoid double taxation. The withholding tax was a non-starter but for the very same reason that is now holding up the OECD approach-consensus. The UN framework convention has reestablished the truth about international tax law that there are alternative models and countries can negotiate to preserve their interests.

In the light of this reality, digital taxes are expected to have a longer life. However, political change in the US revived the dispute on the levying of taxes. In 2020, the US launched USTR investigations that found the expanded scope of India's equalisation levy on digital services discriminatory. In response, the US threatened to levy retaliatory tariffs. India eventually withdrew the 2 per cent tax. The threat of tariffs has returned with President Donald Trump and it is possible that the 6 per cent equalisation levy is being withdrawn to dial down the trade tensions.

Many argue that the equalisation levy is discriminatory and its costs were passed to consumers. But in the absence of taxation of profits, would these arguments still hold? Any tax can be passed forward and there is no evidence of that. Reportedly, revenues collected from the levy were Rs 40 billion in 2022. The timing of the withdrawal, especially in the absence of a global tax deal, is interesting. Unfortunately, a tax that served India's interests well will no longer be available. It will, however, always serve as an example of how much a developing country can achieve through domestic measures without having to serve the illusion of consensus.

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THE GOVERNMENT MAY announce a fresh initiative on Punjab. Governor Arjun Singh and his senior adviser, R V Subramaniam, in Delhi for consultations with the cabinet committee and the Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi, are believed to have brought the lists of Akali detainees for a review of their cases and possible release. Even the possibility of holding an inquiry into the November riots has reportedly been discussed.

'No Plot To Kill PM'

DR JAGJIT SINGH Chauhan went out of his way to deny a report that a plot was being

hatched in his so-called Khalistan house to kill Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi during his forthcoming visit to Paris, Washington, Cairo and Algeria. In a letter to Gandhi, he said, "I have no intention of causing you even a minor injury let alone killing you."

UPROAR IN LOK SABHA

THE LOK SABHA witnessed uproarious scenes during question time when Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi attempted to explain the controversial remarks he made last week on Calcutta in the Upper House. CPM members, agitated over Gandhi's observation that Calcutta was a "dying city", clashed with those on the treasury benches when they said the rules did not permit the Prime Minister to refer to his remarks in the other House.

UK MIGRATION RULES

PRIME MINISTER MARGARET Thatcher's government has announced an almost total ban on doctors and dentists from abroad coming to work in Britain. The Social Services secretary said immigration rules would be tightened from April 1. The London Times said the rules were aimed particularly at doctors from the new Commonwealth — the "Black", "Brown" and Asian countries of the association — and dentists from predominantly White Australia.

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

Netflix's 'Adolescence' has put the spotlight on the lengthening shadows of online lives. A parent and a young adult write in

Parenting without a compass

Adolescence is difficult, navigating it as a parent has no map in the digital age. Love, though, may still be the answer

We have passed

down the wisdom we

have grown up with —

don't talk to strangers,

look on either side

before you cross

the road, be careful

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Paromita Chakrabarti

IN HIS 13TH year, my son receives a T-shirt with graffiti on it: "I am an interesting person". Written beneath, in a bolder font, a single word: "Online". I am an interesting person. Online.

I insist it is untrue. He is a funnier person in real life, more annoying surely, but kind, gentle, if infuriatingly argumentative, I say. He refuses to rise to the bait. It is a gift that has struck a chord. He has only recently been initiated into social media and already he seems at home with its circadian rhythms. Every weekend, he spouts names of new games; apps and widgets flower on the home screen whose functions I have to Google to keep up. We run through the safety checks, negotiate the what and who with and for how long — and trust him to listen to us. We tamp down frissons of anxiety and hope we are doing enough.

The truth is, our generation doesn't really know what we are up against. We have passed down the wisdom we have grown up with don't talk to strangers, look on either side before you cross the road, be careful with your words, be kind — but we don't quite know how to navigate this vast, uncharted territory of the internet, on which one can be a million different people from one day to the next. Our finger on its pulse is indecisive, vacillating. We are trying to keep up but we don't seem to be keeping pace. So we do what we can. Ask and insist, read the riot act when online time threatens to overtake real life. We argue and fight, write notes to make up. And we talk.

About how sometimes friendships feel more real when the person is online. How the ether glow of the screen can be a pickme-up on days when nothing seems to be going right. How the only other thing that feels so exciting is a good book.

I think back to this as I watch the final, gut-wrenching episode of Stephen Graham and Jack Thorne's limited series on Netflix, Adolescence. Eddie and Amanda Miller, parents to 13-year-old Jamie, sit in their room, wondering where they might have gone wrong. Their son is incarcerated in a juvenile detention centre, awaiting trial for the murder of a classmate, a girl he has stabbed seven times because she made him feel inadequate; their lives are upended by all the signs they saw but couldn't read. "Did we make him?" they ask each other. "Should we have done more...?" asks Eddie in agony. "I think it'd be good if we accepted that maybe we should have done," his wife responds. Should we have done more? Could we

have done more? Did we take our eyes off the ball a little bit? Is there a way to make it better? Did we make him so? These are difficult questions to answer in hindsight. But these answers are not necessarily online. In a world that has so much advice for girls and women, the template for masculinity has remained disturbingly fixed across cultures — a game of one upmanship in which an emasculation of the loser seems to be the only right answer. Men like Andrew Tate might be the flag bearers of the global manosphere and its toxic brand of masculinity but it's hard to ignore the more insidious home-grown variants, offline. "Don't cry like a girl," boys are told; "chudiyan pehni hai kya (are you wearing bangles)?" they are taunted. The crossover into the shadowy realm of "bois locker room" and deepfakes, double-entendre emojis and alpha males in love or loathing with themselves, seems only a step away. In this hierarchy, women are always pegged lower, more a sexualised fantasy, a conquest, less a companion. In this world, anger and loneliness go hand in hand.

In the final scene. Eddie steps into Jamie's room, trying to find remnants of a childhood he hadn't known was in the past. The space-themed wallpaper, the teddy bear on the bed, the drawings on the wall speak of the "gormless" little boy far removed from the teenager who had turned his loneliness and hurt into a weapon: "I'm sorry son, I should've done better," Eddie says.

Perhaps, he could have. Perhaps, it might still not have made a difference. Or, perhaps, like the Sheenagh Pugh poem, it might have saved them all: "Sometimes our best efforts do not go/ amiss, sometimes we do as we

meant to./ The sun will sometimes melt a field of sorrow/ that seemed hard frozen: may it happen for you."

Adolescence is a difficult time. But it need not be lonely. For a generation adrift on the world wide web, there's one thing that we have going for us. Our capacity to love. There's comfort in the knowledge that sometimes we know our boys, still not fully formed, better than themselves - the frailties they won't admit to, the quiet strengths they are yet to realise. Every day, there are parts of them that recede further and further away from us as they become their own person. But the face of the young adult will always be familiar, like a warm hug after a hard day.

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The loneliness we can't tuck away

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Yajas Vaidyanathan

THE GATES OF my high school swung open at 8:30 AM, and I waddled into the premises, not entirely hopeful about what the day had in store for me.

The school's social order had ranked me somewhere at the bottom, ruled ostensibly by jocks and sweaty pubescent footballers hoping to rule the world someday. The classroom smelled the usual — Playboy Generation deodorant, drenched postworkout socks, and chatter amongst girls and boys about landing the next big date. It was only when I settled down that I caught a lot of eyes scanning me, eventually cutting to every teen exchanging looks with their friends and giggling nonstop. I was used to the dark, having walked without leaning on the boys who nodded at every command of the "big eleven" — the high school football team. I pretended to ignore it all until someone tapped me on the shoulder and asked a question that left me bewildered. "It is true then? How did you manage

that in the washroom?" I asked him to be direct. "No really, how did you manage to sneak into the girls' washroom for a makeout?"

The last thing a 15-yearold me expected was for people to accuse me of this. My brain fogged up. Visions of my grief-stricken household with my mother crying over my nana's passing, my father leaving for a sabbatical in Boston, and my recent anxiety attack flooded before me. Rumour mongering was not an alien phenomenon, but it seemed like a systematic subterfuge on every student's part to

turn me into an outcast. Netflix's Adolescence, created by Jack Thorne and Stephen Graham, brought to the surface memories I had

carefully tucked away. It made me aware of the micro-hierarchies that teenagers attach so much meaning to. Social media presence and browsing through comments on them: "Is there a satisfactory number of them? Has my friend not liked my picture yet? Is the person I am interested in purposefully ignoring my post while they have liked others'?" The four-part series revived memories of searching the web or leaving digital footprints on documents, blogs. Whether this feeling of being ostracised calls for a heinous act such as murder is, of course, highly questionable. However, the show deals with the questions I have asked after several instances that left me feeling rejected.

Over the past few years, alienation amongst the younger generation of collegegoers and teenagers has intensified. We find

ways to be an insider. The feeling of being left out, in turn, fosters a sense of social inadequacy. Fortunately, India has not had instances of school shootings. But several cases in the US have involved perpetrators who were socially atypical. For instance, the perpetrators of the Columbine massacre came from healthy non-abusive families. Harassment by peers turned them towards the consumption of violent media online and desensitised them to the sanctity of life.

In a conversation with his wife, Amanda, Eddie says he may have overlooked deviations in his son's behaviour and his actual interests. One cannot help but wonder about ways to read between the lines to bridge a communication gap between the parents and their child. Eddie and Amanda's son Jamie has a bright mind and was an effervescent child when he was with the family. But behind closed doors sat a brooding, vituperative teenager who hid his online bullying from his parents and sister. An expression of vulnerability could have been seen as chickening out or snitching on a member of an in-group that the teenager may have deeply wanted to be a part of. The case of Charlie Simms from *The* Scent of a Woman is reminiscent of a similar situation, wherein he is hesitant of speaking up against his peers, despite running the risk of being expelled from school.

The show addresses a case of murder by a 13-year old boy as a result of being called an

incel, targeting a girl who refused to go out with him. While this can be seen as a An individual contains classic case of male chauvinwithin himself a tyrant ism, it is important not to lose sight of the phase of life Jamie was in. Adolescence is domination as well as a a period of dynamic uncertainty, when youngsters are trying to figure themselves out. There is a lack of control we have over our inner and him dies after he claims outer worlds. People may often try to seek liberation through a grip over an external tangible circumstance a situation, or in this case, a capriciousness, and the person. While this phase is universally experienced, why does it pervert an individual to the extent that Jamie went to — dehuman-

> ise or eliminate others? Fyodor Dostoyevsky claimed that a society which systematically tries to torture

and imprison the best people in it is ludicrous. An individual contains within himself a tyrant with a quest for domination as well as a suffering victim of injustice. In Jamie's case, the victim within him dies after he claims to be a force, and the tyrant prevails. Adolescence ties to capriciousness, and the young adult tries to strangle the innocence of an impetuous child within us.

Who is to blame? Stephen Graham raises the same question in one of his interviews after the show's release. Is it conditioning on the parents' part, the society, or the constant metamorphosis of our social world? Do we or do we not change our plea?

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The fact is that Pakistan cannot afford a hostile regime in Afghanistan, as this has severe internal security implications for this country." — DAWN, PAKISTAN

In Parliament, beyond politics

A look at some of the interventions by MPs, across party lines, on issues that affect the lives of citizens



BY DEREK O'BRIEN

PARLIAMENT SESSION AFTER Parliament session, a few things change. The coffee spoons have moved from Central Hall to the seemingly swank, yet soulless, corridors of a modern-day cafeteria. Heritage can't be traded in for the Hyatt-like. In the about-to-be-concluded Budget session, a few Members of Parliament were spotted wearing white kicks. Kangana Ranaut is the photojournalist's top shot.

In all this hubbub, it is the MPs who are seated in the first two rows of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha – from the five biggest parties – who tend to dominate news output. Almost by way of some unspoken rule, issues picked up for coverage by the channels and newspapers are centred mainly around the political. What this often means is that the lower an issue scores on the "political quotient", the fewer its chances of dominating a narrative. Here are seven such issues recently raised by MPs across political parties. The subjects may have not made multi-column stories or news tickers, but are serious interventions on citizen welfare.

Road accidents on highways, Ghanshvam Tiwari, BIP

In the last five years, about 8 lakh people have died in highway accidents in India. About half of unnatural and untimely deaths in India happen due to road accidents. Per the government's own admission in Parliament, we have failed to achieve the target of reducing road accidents by 50 per cent.

Rehabilitation for acid attack victims, Sanjay Singh, AAP

In the last 11 years, 200 women have been survivors of acid attack cases. Onethird of the victims are girls below 18 years of age. Survivors have often struggled to secure justice for themselves in a timely manner, with some cases going up to 20 years. In 2015, the Supreme Court ordered completely free medical treatment for acid attack victims. What's the compensation that victims get? Just 5 lakh rupees.

Blood transfusion for thalassemia patients, Sagarika Ghose, AITC

India faces serious shortages in the supply of healthy uninfected blood for transfusions. We require 14.6 million units of blood each year and fall short by 7 million units. Around 1,50,000 Thalassemia patients depend on such transfusions for survival. Shortages in supply interrupt the transfusion cycles for these patients. Lifesaving drugs for thalassemia patients are also reported to be in short supply. Lack of

awareness about blood transfusion and associated health benefits often leads to preconceived notions and reluctance about blood donations. There is an urgent need to strengthen screening protocols to ensure a sufficient supply of healthy uninfected blood.

Safety of school transport, Fauzia Khan, NCP-SP

As of 2021, one out of two vehicles used as school transport do not have seat belts, speed governors, or transport managers. Three out of four parents surveyed were not able to verify if GPS and CCTVs were active in school buses. Vehicles used for school transport in India excessively lack safety equipment and first aid kits. These vehicles also often lack emergency contact information, enabling reckless driving. Despite one of the highest number of road accidents, India doesn't have a comprehensive policy on school transport safety.

Drug addiction among children, Ajeet Madhavrao Gopchade, BJP

Drug addiction among children, especially poor children is a rising cause for concern. What drugs are children accessing? Pain relief balms on bread, fevicol, paint, petrol, diesel, turpentine, nail polish remover, multiple kinds of cough syrup and many more easily available substances These substances cannot be and are not prohibited for sale, making legal remedies close to impossible. As of 2022, 1.5 crore children aged between 10 and 17 were addicted to such substances.

Low-cost gene therapy for SMA, Haris Beeran, IUML

Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) is an incurable and rare genetic disorder affecting 8,000 to 25,000 Indians annually. SMA affects nerve cells in the spinal cord and is fatal if untreated. Gene therapy medicine, used to treat the disease in infants below two years of age, costs 17 crore rupees. Molecule therapy, requiring 30 bottles of medicine annually, costs 6.2 lakh rupees per bottle. The National Policy for Rare Diseases (2021), stipulating local manufacture of drugs for rare diseases, must be pushed into action to save precious lives battling SMA.

Crisis of Plastic Pollution, Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla, YSRCP

The Central Pollution Control Board estimates that India generates 3.5 million tonnes of plastic waste each year. About half of that waste is collected, of which 50 per cent is recycled. Where does the rest of the plastic waste go? Landfills, rivers, oceans. What doesn't end up here is burnt, contributing to air pollution. Plastic ends up in the air that we breathe, the water that we drink, and the food that we eat. Failure to recycle plastic is also an economic problem. India imports more than 80 per cent of crude that is also used to make plastics. Recycling plastics effectively can save at least Rs 50,000 crore annually.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NOT A ONE-OFF

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'TR(hea)P' (IE, March 27). The Rhea Chakraborty case is a classic example of a media trial where the accused was pronounced guilty before the court's verdict. The excessive coverage and sensationalisation created a frenzy, which proved detrimental to the accused, her family and the justice system. There have been several instances where the media overstepped its boundaries; examples include the Jessica Lal, Aarushi Talwar-Hemraj Banjade and Sunanda Puskar murder cases. It is essential for the media to recognise its responsibility and exercise restraint in reporting sensitive cases, ensuring that an individual's right to a fair trial is not compromised.

SS Paul, Nadia

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'TR(hea)P' (IE, March 27). The closure report filed by the CBI in the case of Sushant Singh Rajput's death raises the issue of prolonged investigations and media trials that often blur the lines between scrutiny and sensationalism. While media scrutiny in cases of public interest is crucial, the SSR case underscores the dangers of crossing ethical boundaries. The media's relentless coverage and sensationalism fuelled conspiracy theories, leading to an atmosphere of distrust and confusion. This, coupled with social media's unchecked spread of misinformation, turned the investigation into a circus. The need for responsible journalism cannot be overstated. Only then can we ensure justice is served.

Sanjay Chopra, Mohali

DO IT RIGHT

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Court must revisit NJAC' (IE, March 27). The discovery

of burnt bundles of Indian currency notes from the official residence of Yashwant Varma has rekindled the debate on the fate of the 2015 National Judicial Appointments Committee (NJAC) Act. There must be discussions on how to reform the process of appointments, but the discussions initiated by Vice President and Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar on the topic could trigger the suspicion that the government is pushing its agenda. This is best avoided. True, our legislature must discuss further reforms in the judiciary but it should be conducted on a more appro-

priate occasion and in a measured way.

No Laughs allowed

Khokan Das, Kolkata

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'A joke' (IE,March 25). It is a matter of grave concern that the space for open criticism is drastically shrinking in a democracy like India where, once, dissent and criticism were embraced. That era laid the strong foundation of a healthy society where ideas from different walks of life were picked up for the growth and enrichment of a diverse culture. The state's censorship of freedom of speech and uncomfortable truths is deplorable and regressive. India has witnessed a steady erosion of such freedoms. The disturbing silence of civil society in these matters does not bode well for the future of comedy or Indian democracy.

Amiyavrat Kumar, Navi Mumbai

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PERSONAL

I, PRACHI SHRIPATRAO YADAV W/o MURALEEDHAR S. ASKI, R/o Flat No-II-B/8 Type-3, Pusa Campus, I.A.R.I., New Delhi 110012, Declare that name of Mine and My Minor Daughter has been wrongly written as PRACHI **SHRIPATHRAO YADAV and** MAYRA in my minor Daughter MAYRA ASKI, aged about 8 Year, In her Birth Certificate No. 6338. The actual name of Mine and My Minor Daughter are PRACHI SHRIPATRAO YADAV and MAYRA ASKI, which may be amended accordingly 0070958859-1

I Ankit Kalra S/o Shri Madan Lal Kalra R/o Flat No.E-123, Vivante Gulshan Homz, Near Felix Hospital, Sector-137, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301 have changed the name of my minor son from Jai Kalra to Jai K Kalra for all 0040781744-1 purposes.

I,hitherto known as Kamayani Kanwar, D/o-Pratap Singh, W/o Raaja Kanwar, R/O-1/30 Shantiniketan, Rao Tula Ram Marg, Moti-Bagh, South-Delhi-West.New-Delhi-110057.have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kamayani Singh Kanwar.

I.hitherto known as KM GEETA PASI alias RICHA NAYYAR.D/o RAMESH CHANDER PASI,W/o SIDDHARTH NAYYAR, R/o-8/33, Second-Floor Ramesh-Nagar Delhi 110015, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as RICHA NAYYAR.

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I,Vinay Kumar,S/o-Laxmi Narayan Garg, R/o-Plot No. A-244A, A-Block, Sushant City, Vill.-Rasoi, Sonipat, Haryana-131001, have changed my minor,daughter's name,from Manvi, to Manvi Garg, for all purposes. 0040781850-8 I,Vinay Kumar,S/o-Laxmi

Narayan Garg, R/o-Plot No. A-244A, A-Block, Sushant City, Vill.-Rasoi, Sonipat, Haryana-131001, have changed my minor,daughter's name,from Janvi.to Janvi Garg.for al 0040781850-7 purposes.

I,Sunny S/o-Vishnu,R/o-3067.Gali Mandir Wali.Arva Pura, Subzi Mandi, Malka Ganj, Delhi-110007, have changed my minor daughter Name, From Hinaya to Nishidha. 0040781805-7

I,Shiv Malhotra,S/o Ashok Malhotra, R/o, Plot-No.75, First-Floor, Meenakshi Garden, Tilak-Nagar, New Delhi-110018, have changed my-minor son's name **KAAVY MALHOTRA to KARTIK** MALHOTRA. Aged-11-years.

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I,Satish Chander Dahiya,S/O Jagdish Dahiya, R/o 61-C, Block A-3,Utsav-Vihar Karala,Delhi 110081, have changed my name to Satish Dahiya. 0040781851-1 I,Sarvesh C/o Dalvir Singh,R/o C-

143, Fourth-Floor, Ramprastha-Colony, Chander Nagar, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201011, have changed my-name to Shikha Bansal. 0040781851-4

I,SRI SANGEETA TOMAR,W/O-MANENDRA PRATAP SINGH. R/O- VILLA NUMBER -346,B-**BLOCK, OMAXE CITY, SECTOR-**19, SONIPAT, HARYANA 131001HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SANGITA DHAKARE.

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I,Ravinder Kaur Nagi,W/o Gurmeet Singh, R/o B-191, First-Floor, Mansarovar Garden, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Ravinder Kaur.

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I,RAMNIWAS,No.3203898-NK,S/O SHER SINGH,R/o-Vill-**BIDAWAS, PO-NANGAL** SHAHBAZPUR, Teh-BAWAL, **Distt-REWARI HARYANA-**123501, have changed my, son's name, from DAKASH to DAKSH, for all future purpose.

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I,Sandeep Kumar,S/o Dharamveer R/o-97/B,80,Gaj Harijan Basti Sultanpuri C-Block, Delhi-110086, have changed my minor daughter name DEEPANSHI aged 9 years to VIPRITA. 0040781850-2

I.RAJEEV KUMAR ARORA.S/o Sudarshan Kumar, R/o, A-119, First Floor, Front-Side, Janta Colony, Shivaji Vihar, Tagore Garden, west-Delhi-110027, have changed my name to **RAJEEV KUMAR.** 0040781828-3

I.Piyush S/o-Rakesh Kumar, R/o Flat No-4052, Solomon Height, Plot-8, Sector-19-B, Dwarka, Dwarka Sec-6, South-West, Delhi, Delhi-110075, have changed my name to Piyush 0040781805-8 Gahlot.

I.PRAVEEN AGARWAL. S/O.KANHIYA LAL AGRAWAL R/O,53, JAGANNATH PURI, NEAR SHRI KRISHAN JANM BHOOMI, MATHURA, UTTAR PRADESH-281001, have changed my name to PRAVEEN AGRAWAL.

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I.No14833436H Rank HAV Umesh Chandro Mallick S/o Brundaban Mallick R/o Mahadevipur, Gajapati, Odisha-761210 have changed my minor daughter's name from Somya Malik to Somya Mallick vide affidavit Date 27-3-2025 before Delhi.

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I, A Xavier alias Anthoni Xavier S/o Periyanayagam Anthoni Samy R/o Plot No-D1/77, F/F, F/S, LHS Block D1. Mansa Ram Park Near Dwarka Mor Metro Station, Uttam Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Anthoni Xavier for all future purpose.

I,No 10406142Y EX Hav Pitam Singh,R/o,Vill-Nagla,Merthiya Post-Baderua Distt-Mathura(UP), Pin-281001, declare that my wife

and daughter name has been wrongly-written as Mithilesh Kumari and Kumari Nisha in my service-records. The correctwife's name is Mithilesh Devi and daughter's name is Nisha Kumari. 0040781805-10 I,Nirmla Devi Dahiya,W/o Satish

Dahiya, R/o 61-C, Block-A-3, Utsav Vihar Karala Delhi-110081, have changed my name to Nirmla Dahiya. 0040781851-2 I.Mahendra.S/o-Suman Chand

Bansal,R/o-C-2/19,Rohini Sector-14, Prashant Vihar, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Mahendra Bansal 0040781850-3

I.MRIDULA.D/o UDAI VIR SINGH R/o-96, Rishi Apartment Sector-9,Rohini,Delhi-110085, have

changed my name to MRIDULA SINGH. 0040781850-4 I,KM. PARMILA RANI,W/O SATENDRA KUMAR, R/O A-87,SECTOR-55,GAUTAMBUDH NAGAR, NOIDA, UTTAR

PRADESH-201301.HAVE

CHANGED MY NAME TO

PARMILA SAINI. 0040781805-6 I.HITHERTO KNOWN AS HIMANSHI.D/O-RAM NIWAS,R/O NAHARPUR RUPA, GURGAON, HARYANA-122001, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME AND SHALL HEREAFTER **BE KNOWN AS HIMANSHI** SHARMA.

I,Dilip S/o Bhasu Das,R/o C-2/37/38, Malka Ganj, North Delhi, Delhi-110007, have changed my name to Dilip 0040781828-5 Kumar.

I,DEEPAK,S/o RAJ KUMAR Pal R/Oc-246,Hari-Nagar,New Delhi-110064, that my name is Inadvertently written as Deepak Sidhu in my minor Daughter AKANSHA aged-14years in her School Records.But my actual and correct-name is DEEPAK.

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I,Bijendar Singh,S/o-Harpal Singh R/o,69,59 Road Near-RBS Tower nathupur, Gurgaon(Haryana)-122002, have changed my name to Bijender Singh. 0040781828-4 I,BIPIN KUMAR,S/O SRIKANT

RAJAK,R/o,FLAT.NO-M-404, STELLAR JEEVAN, GREATER NOIDA WEST, SECTOR-1, GAUTAM-BUDDHA-NAGAR, UP-201306, have changed my, name from BIPIN KUMAR RAJAK to BIPIN KUMAR, for all, future purpose. 0040781850-5

I.ANKIT MAHESHWARI R/O HNO.2, RAIL VIHAR, PITAMPURA, DELHI-110034.HAVE CHANGED MY CHILD NAME ANAY TO ANAY

MAHESHWARI. 0040781805-2 I,ANKIT MAHESHWARI R/O HNO.2, RAIL VIHAR, PITAMPURA, DELHI-110034.HAVE CHANGED MY

CHILD NAME ANAAYA TO

ANAAYA MAHESHWARI.

I,ANJU BALA,W/o Rajeev Kumar R/o,A-119,First-Floor, Front Side, Janta Colony, Shivaji-Vihar, Tagore-Garden, west-Delhi-110027, have changed my name to SNEHA ARORA.

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I,AJAY KUMAR GOSWAMI,S/O OMVEER GOSWAMI.R/O.HOUSE NO.G-149,20 FEET MAIN-ROAD, **NEAR GAYATRI MANDIR, GANGA** VIHAR, DELHI-110094, Declare That My Son/Daughter Name is Pranjal Goswami and his/her Correct and actual Date-of-Birth is-13/08/2010.

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I, VAISHNAVI TRIPATHI D/O RAKESH TRIPATHI R/O KH NO.120/8/2,B-BLOCK, GALI NO.14.WEST KAMAL-VIHAR KAMALPUR, BURARI, DELHI-110084. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO VAISHNAVI.

I, Udai Singh S/o Man Singh R/o 5/10, Biharipur Extn., Delhi-94 have changed my name from Udai Singh Negi to Udai Singh for all future purposes

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I, USHA DEVI W/O No.4555386M Rank Ex HAV RAMESH CHAND R/O H.NO. 25, MOTI BAGH, BANK COLONY, JAGADHRI, YAMUNA NAGAR, HARYANA-135001 have changed my name to USHA RANI vide affdavit dt.27.3.25 before Delhi.

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I, ROZI W/O DINESH KATARIA, R/O 102, TOWER-M, BPTP, PRINCESS PARK, SEC-86, NEAR SAI DHAM MANDIRKHERI KALAN, FARIDABAD, HARYANA-121002 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ROZY KATARIA

0070958848-1

I, NAZISH SALEEM D/O KHALID SALEEM KHAN R/O 474C, STREET NO. 21, JAFFRABAD, DELHI-110053 declare that name of my mother has been wrongly written as SHAHEEN in my 10th and 12th class educational documents. The actual name of my mother is SHAHEEN JAHAN.

0070958852-1 I, Mohd Anwar Siddiqui S/o

Abdul Sattar R/o 4261/3, 1st Floor, Gali No.3, Ansari Road, Darya Gani, New Delhi-110002, have changed my name to Mohammad Anwar for all purposes. 0040781517-1

I Rajbala Kaushal D/o Mahendra Kumar Kaushal W/o Jai Chand Passey R/o Flat No.111, Neelkanth Appartment, Talagang Coop GHS Ltd, Plot No.49, Sector-13, Rohini Sector-15, North West Delhi, Delhi-110059 is also known as Raj Bala. Both names are of one and the same person.

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I, Kirpi W/o. Vinod Sati R/o Kh. No. 240, Ground Floor, Street No.24, Sushant Vihar, Village Kadipur, Delhi, do hereby solemnly affirm & declare that my name is Kirpi and Kirpi Sati both names belong to me and the correct name is Kirpi.

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Vihar Apartment, Plot No. 48. Sector-9

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24-Sept-2017 issued by Vidya Vihar

CGHS in favour of Deepika and Naveer

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above said original document, return

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Marg, New Delhi -110001 as the same is

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person or legal heirs, bank/s or financia

nstitution/s, or any party/ies. Any claim

charge, interest, title, demand, rights, o

whatsoever nature in respect of o

against the said property by way o

theritance, share, transfer, mortgage

possession. Howsoever nature, are

rereby required to make the same known

r writing with documentary support to

the undersigned within 15 days from the

date of publication, failing which the said

claim of such person/s, if any will be

considered as waived and settled MR. SAMIR KUMAR / LALIT KUMAR

(ADVOCATE) M/S. EXCEL LAW GROUP

LLP, Office at Address: 87-D, on 3" Floor,

Porket-2: Sector-6: Dwarka, New Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

"It is hereby notified to the General

Public that my client **Smt. Kusum**

Kshatriya W/o Sh. K.V.S. Maniam

R/o 98, 3rd Floor, Avtar Enclave,

Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063

has severed her relations with her

son namely Arvind Maniam on

account of his misbehavior,

quarrelsome attitude, disobedient

disloyal, unbecoming behaviour

and further my client has debarred

him from inheriting any movable

and immovable property of my

client. If anybody deals with him,

shall do so at his/her own risk and

my client shall not be held

Ch. No. 647, Western Wing.

Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

सार्वजनिक सूचना

मेरे मवक्किलान योगेश कुमार जैन पत्र

श्री डी.सी. जैन इनकी पत्नी सारिका

जैन निवासीगण मकान नः 12

U/G/F. श्याम एन्क्लेव, निकट मैन

रोड, करकरडूमा, ईस्ट दिल्ली-

110092, ने अपने पुत्र नमन जैन पुत्रवध्

प्राची जैन के दुर्व्यवहार, गलत-आंचरण

के कारण अपनी समस्त चल-अचल

सम्पति से बेदखलकर संबंध-विच्छेद कर

लिये हैं. भविष्य में उनके किसी कार्य हेत

VISHAL CHAUDHARY (Advocate)

PUBLIC NOTICE

that Agreement to sell dated 20.07.2024

has been executed between Mr. Mishra

Sachin Mahesh Dutt alongwith his wif

Mrs. Ro-sellin Chadha (BUYERS) and VAPS Buildwell Pvt. Ltd. through

Ravinder Singh Kohli (Builder/Seller)

in relation to the 4th floor along-with

terrace in property bearing no 528,

Therefore, Public in general and al

oncerned are hereby warned not t

understanding, deed, contract with any

erson/ company without consent of my

client as the same may be in nullity a

their cost, risk, consequences an

responsibility and my client shall not be

B/244, LGF, Greater Kalash Part-I

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for information of general public that

my client Shri Tahir Hussain S/o Shri

Ainul Hag R/o 35/143, Block-35, Trilok

Puri, Delhi-110091, has disowned/debar

his son Mehtab Ali and his wife Smt.

Taranum Khatoon both R/o 35/143,

Trilok Puri, Delhi-110091, from all his

moveable and immoveable properties, as

they are disobedience, misbehaving,

having immoral attitude and are out of

control of my client, if anybody deals with

him/her, shall do at his/hen/their own risk

and responsibility. My client shall not be

held responsible for his/her acts and

deeds. Naqi Asad (Advocate) A-24, Gali

No.11, Pratap Nagar, Mayur Vihar-I, Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

reehold DDA built up MIG Flat No. 227-B

First Floor, Pocket-C. Mayur Vihar, Phase

I, Delhi, presently owned and possesse

by Sh. Ajay Tiwari and Smt. Apama Tiwar

by virtue of Sale Deed duly registered vide

Regd. No. 7968, dated 09.10.2014 and

the same is proposed to be offered a

Security with State Bank of India, Branch

RACPC, South Extn-1, New Delhi and a

per present owner(s) version the said

property is/are free from all sorts of

encumbrance. The DRIGINAL Relinquist

ment Deed executed by Smt. Shalin

Mathur in favor of Sh. Vishal Mathur, duly

4.01.2011 is reported as lost vide LR No.

707951/2025, dated 27.03.2025 with

It is hereby notified that any person and

or Bank, financial institution having any

claim, any charge, interest or lien or clain

and/or objection to thereof, he/she/ they

may lodge/ notify the same to the undersigned with documentary proof

court judgment within 07 days from the

day of publication of this public notice

failing which any further/future claim/

objection(s) shall be rejected and my

lient/ prospective buyer (s) as a bona

ide purchaser conclude the title/ Sali

Deed proposed to be executed in favor of

my client or in the name of his/her/ their

marketable without any defect

Chamber no. 561, 5" Floor, Saket Courts,

"IMPORTANT"

SATYENDER YADAV (ADVOCATE)

New Delhi: Mob.: 9711212421

E-mail: satender 175@gmail.com

encumbrance, flaw and impediment.

crime Branch, Delhi Police

egistered vide Regd. No. 1078, date

Jaspreet Singh Rai

En. No. D/1122/2003

New Delhi-110048

Advocate

esponsible for any of it.

enter into any kind of agreemen

Block C. Sushant Lok-1, Gurgaon.

Ch. No.- G-220 & E-308,

Karkardooma Court Delhi-32.

मेरे मुवक्किलान जिम्मेदार नहीं होंगे।

R.K. SINGH

Advocate

responsible"

Mobile: 8130395390/91.

0040781752-1 I, Kanishka Pahuja w/o Sanjay Pahuja R/O 128, Post box Gadai Pur, South Delhi, Delhi-110030, declare that before marriage my name was Roopal Doultani D/o Deepak Doultani was written on all previous documents like school certificates & FD documents.After marriage name has been charged to Kanishka Pahuja for all future 0070958855-1 purposes.

I, GURUBACHAN KAUSHIK S/O NATTHI RAM R/O NATTHI RAM 34, RAIPUR KHADAR, SECTOR-126, NOIDA-201304, have change my name to GURUBACHAN SHARMA.

0070958857-1

I, Deepak Kumar S/o Sh. Banwari Lal Meena R/o 85 1st Floor, Front Side Rani Garden, Geeta Colony Gandhi Nagar, East Delhi Delhi-110031 declare that in the school record my daughter's SEJAL KANWAT date of birth wrongly written as 21.03.2012. The actual date of birth of my daughter's SEJAL KANWAT is 21.07.2011, which may be amended accordingly. 0070958938-1

I Vinod Sati R/o Kh. No. 240, Ground Floor, Street No.24, Sushant Vihar, Village Kadipur, Delhi, do hereby solemnly affirm & declare that my daughter's name is Gunjan and Gunjan Sati both names belong to one and the same person and the correct name is Gunjan. 0040781751-1

I. Hitherto known as DAMYANTI W/O of RAM NARAYAN residing at RZ-610, WEST GOPAL NAGAR, PHASE-2, NAJAFGARH PO: NAJAFGARH, DIST South West DELHI, DELHI-110043 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as DHANWANTI. 0070958955-

I Shrey Yadav, Father of Adhyaay Yaday residing at A-56, Preet Vihar, Nirman Vihar, PO-Laxmi Nagar, Distt-East Delhi, Delhi- 110092. Declare here that I have changed the name of my son from Adhyaay Mahajan Yadav to Adhyaay Yadav, for all purposes.

0040781750-1

I Ronik S/o Gurmeet Singh Narula R/o Block-A 7/43 Krishna Nagar, Lal Quatar Delhi, Kailash Nagar, East Delhi, Delhi-110031, have changed my name to Harman Singh Narula 0070958912-1

I Neeta Singh W/O, Jitendra Pal Singh R/o Stc-905, 9th Floor Shipra Suncity, Indirapuram, Suntower, vaibhav Khand have changed my name to Nita Chauhan. 0040781823-1

I Jai Chand Passey S/o Late Mangal Dass Passey R/o D-II-169, West Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi, NDMC, South West Delhi, Delhi-110023 is also known as J.C.Passey. Both names are of one and the same person.

0040781744-3

I Anuradha, W/o Devender Chhillar, R/o RZ D1/136A, Street No 5, Mahavir Enclave, Palam, New Delhi-110045, have change my name to ANURADHA CHHILLAR for all future purpose. 0070958843-1

Dutt, W/o-Bhagwati Charan Joshi, R/o-C-1/410, Muskan Apartment, Sector-17, Rohini, Delhi-110089, have changed my name from Bhawana Joshi to Bhawna Joshi and shall hereafter be known as BHAWNA JOSHI for all purpose. 0040781851-12

I.BHAWANA JOSHI.D/o-Ishwari

LOST & FOUND

I, Tonmay Sarkar Have Lost Sale Deed, Conveyance Deed, **Possession Letter And Allotment** Letter Of My Flat C-403, Shubham Apartments, Sector 22, Dwarka, 110061. If Any Finds, Kindly Contact On The Number Below. 9910760633. 0050263070-1

We have lost all the original documents of property no. LG-5 and S-17, 1/10 East Patel Nagar ND-8. Finder please contact #9953178155 0040781747-1

PUBLIC NOTICE

dealing with Mr. Saurabh Gupta in this

regard. He is no longer authorised to

Ankur Mahindro (Advocate)

act on their behalf.

PUBLIC NOTICE It is to inform to the public at large that n **PUBLIC NOTICE** This is to inform the public that Mr. Rai Dev Prasad, R/o Plot No.15, Ground Floor, Khasra No.-51/4, Gopal Nagar Extn. Kumar Gupta, Mr. Aayushman Gupta, Najafgarh, Delhi 110043, has severed all Ms. Sandhya Gupta, Mr. Ashish Gupta, inds of relations with his sons namel and Ms. Manisha Gupta have, vide Mr. Alok Kumar Arya and Mr. Arun notice dated 22/03/2025, revoked with Kumar Arya and has debarred them from all his movable and immovable propertie immediate effect all General and/or as both of above having no respect towards Special Powers of Attorney and any my client. If any person deal with them authority previously granted to Mr. he/she shall do so at his/her own risk, cost and consequences and my client shall not be Saurabh Gupta, resident of 7/93A, esponsible for the same. Tilak Nagar, Kanpur, and also of Preet Vihar and Patpargani, New Dethi, to act SATISH KUMAR TOMAR for or represent them in any manner whatsoever, including in relation to the Ch. No. 511, Western Wing, business entities of the Gupta family. Tis Hazari Couts, Delhi-54 The public is hereby cautioned agains

Whilst care is taken prior to W-41, GREATER KAILASH - II, NEW DELHI - 110 048 acceptance of advertising copy, it is not possible to verify

its contents. The Indian PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform the general public that Express (P) Limited cannot my client Shri MANOJ KUMAR S/o Shi be held responsible for such Bhagwati Prasad Seth R/6 Floor NO 2401 FLORENTIA TOWER MAHAGUN MIRA contents, nor for any loss or BELLA SEC 79 NOIDA GAUTAM BUDHA damage incurred as a result of NAGAR U.P. 201301 is the legally, lawful transactions with companies, owner and is in peaceful physical vacant possession of the properties i.e. 2 AND 2 A. associations or individuals ON FIRST FLOOR IN PROPERTY NO advertising in its newspapers 1169.A/II Situated at Kucha Mahajar Chandini Chowk Delhi-110006 If anvoi or Publications. We therefore claims to be the owner of the above recommend that readers nentioned of my client, the same is talse and fabricated. If any person deals with make necessary inquiries any other person to purchase the above before sending any monies mentioned properties of my client, ther or entering into any he/she will do at his/her own risk and responsibility, and my client shall not bear agreements with advertisers amy type of responsibility for their activities or otherwise acting on an they will be responsible for the same, my client shall not bear any type of advertisement in any responsibility for their activities. manner whatsoever. **ASHIMA KHAN ADVOCATE**

CORRIGENDUM NO. 1 AGAINST TENDER NOTICE NO. MECH-LMG-ET-17-2024-25 DATED: 10-03-2025

Corrigendum No. 1 against Tender Notice No. Mech-LMG-ET-17- 2024-25 Dated: 10-03-2025. Now to be read as: Date & Time of closing of Tender: 13.00

hrs. of 10-04-2025 instead of 13.00 hrs. of 02-04-2025. All other terms & conditions are

remain unchanged. Sr. DME/Lumding NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

Serving Customers With A Smile

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY Notice of Inviting E-Tender E-Tender Notice. SNT-JP-24-2024-25

Dated-26.03.2025 DRM(S&T)/North Western Railway/Jaipur, for and on behalf of President of India invite E-Tenders from registered tenderer/bidders for the following work. 1. Name of work with its location : Comprehensive Annual maintenance contract (CAMC) of Data loggers, RTUs, COA, SPAU of Efftronics make and DLMC equipments for three year in Jaipur division. 2. Approx. Cost of work : Rs. 4,91,12,241.17/- 3. Bid security: Rs. 395600.00/- 4. Date & Time for submission up to on www.ireps.gov.in : 21.04.2025 Up to 15.00 hrs. 5. Website particulars & Notice board location : www.ireps. gov.in and DRM office/NWR/ Jaipur

Please join us on Mile / NWRailways NWRailways

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY Electric Loco Shed, New Katni Jn. E-TENDER NOTICE Date: 25.03.2025 The Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer, Traction Rolling Stock, West Central Railway, New Katni Jn., Katni (M.P.), for and on behalf of the President of Union of India, invites open E-Tender for below mentioned work from reputed, experienced and eligible contractors. Sr. No.: 1. Tender Notice No.: NKJ/TRS/T/07/24, Dtd. 25.03.2025. Name of work: Overhauling of Three phase Auxiliary motors of WAG-9

locomotives of ELS/NKJ for a period of 02 years inclusive of GST @ 18% & other Taxes. Approx. Cost of the work: ₹ 72,00,036/-. Cost of tender form: Nil. Earnest Money: ₹ ,44,000/-. Completion period of work: 24 Months. Last Date & Time for submission: 18.04.2025 up to 15.00 Hrs. Note: 1. The complete information of the above E-tender are available in website http:// ireps.gov.in. Tenders other than in the form of e-tender will not be accepted against above tenders. This notice also pasted on Notice Board of the Sr. DEE/TRS/NKJ office. 2. Tenderer is requested to see for any corrigendum slip issued to this tender up to the date of opening, and to use updated tender form only failing which tender is likely to be rejected. 3. Cost of Tender Forms: Nil, as per clause No. 3 of part-1 under GCC April 2022, E-tender forms shall

360-DR/25

Email ID-sephedbkn@gmail.com क्रमांक 12285 be issued free of cost to all. स्वच्छ भारत अभियान एक कदम स्वच्छता की ओर

JAIPUR CITY TRANSPORT SERVICES LIMITED No. :- F.3(11)/JCTSL/FIN/BQS/NIB-03/2024-25/D-2668 Corrigendum-01

This is with reference to JCTSL NIB No. 03/2024-25 published on http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in (UBN No.JCT2425SLOB00003) and http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in (Tender ID-2025_JCTS_452343_1), Some amendments are made in terms and conditions/clauses of RFP. Details of amendments can be seen and may be downloaded from the above-mentioned websites and JCTSL Website (http://transport.rajasthan.gov.in/jctsl). Officer On Special Duty Raj.Samwad/C/24/14037

🐯 RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LIMITED NOTICE INVITING e-BIDs SE (PROC - II)/NIB-13/2024-25/BN-9016002432

Online e-bids are invited from interested bidders (OEM / Authorised dealer) for Purchase of Distance & Differential relay for 220 kV & 132 kV C & R panels (BN-9016002432, UBN- VPN2425GLOB03813). The detailed NIB and Bid document pecification are available for viewing/downloading on the website http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in. Details of NIB are available on website energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rrvpn. Any extension in bid submission/opening date (if any) will be floated/uploaded on http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in; energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rrvpn & http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in only. **Superintending Enginee** Raj.Samwad/C/24/14031 RRVPN/TR-6736/2025 (Proc.-II)

Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, Jharkhand Deputy Conservator of Forests, Planning, Tribal Area, Ranchi Van Bhawan, Doranda, Ranchi Gmail- dcfpta@gmail.com Phone & Fax no. 0651-2481161 Corrigendum

With reference to the Request for Proposal (RFP) No.- 01/2025 (Second Round) for Selection of consultancy firm as PMU to Assist Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (HOFF), Jharkhand, Ranchi, due to unavoidable circumstances the date of submission of above RFP has been extended up to 11.04.2025 by 5.00 PM. Opening of Technical Bid & Presentation

RFP No. 01/2025 Ref. No. PR No. 347263 dt. 25.02.2025

:-15.04.2025 11.00 A.M. :- 16.04.2025 11.00 A.M. Opening of Financial Bid All the other terms and conditions of the RFP does remain unchanged. The updated RFP document along with this notice are available on our website https://forest.jharkhand.gov.in

Planning, Tribal Area, Ranchi PR 349389 (Forest, Environment and Climate Changes)24-25*D

Sd/-Deputy Conservator of Forests,

राजस्थान युवा बोर्ड

(युवा मामले एवं खेल विभाग, राजस्थान सरकार), सवाई मानसिंह स्टेडियन, प्रचन तान, जयपुर टेलीफैक्स ०१४१-२७४१४८९ क्रमांक : प. १(३७)रायबो/२०२२/पार्ट ११-२०२५

अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सुचना संख्या ०८/२०२४-२५ मोजन एवं आवास व्यवस्था राज्य सरकार के निर्णय के अध्ययधीन एक वर्ष की अवधि के लिए राजस्थान प्रदेश के 100 युवक-युवतियों के लिए दिल्ली में विभिन्न कोचिंग एवं कैरियर काउन्सलिंग हेत् युवाओं को भोजन एवं आवास की वैंकल्पिक सुविधा देने हेत् दक्ष, प्रतिष्ठित व अनुभवी

फर्म / संस्था / कम्पनी से निर्धारित प्रपन्न में अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 08 / 2024-25, दिनांक 26.03.2025 से 07.04.2025 को दोपहर 2.00 बजे तक निविदाए आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा संबंधित पूर्ण विवरण राजस्थान युवा बोर्ड, जयपुर की वेबसाईट www.youthboard.rajasthan.gov.in एवं लोक उपापन पार्टना https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in व https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता

NIB Code - RYB2425A0008, UBN No. - RYB2425SLOB00008

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियंता, जन स्वा. अभि. विभाग, वृत बीकानेर

बोली संशोधन सूचना 3

सदस्य सधिव

दिनांक: 21-3-202<u>5</u>

इस कार्यालय की बोली सूचना संख्या 13/2024-25, जो दिनांक 25.03.2025 को दोपहर 02.00 बजे तक ऑनलाईन भरी जाकर दिनांक 25.03.2025 को 04.00 बजे ऑनलाईन खोली जानी है. में निम्नानसार संशोधन किया जाता है:-संशोधन (पढ़ा जावें) 1 Scope of work Completion of Sub Order Work- Deleted Not with standing the overall duration

(The scope of of the contract, the contractor shall ensure that any work assigned through sub order is completed within a period this Contract also includes of 30 days from the date of issuance of respective sub order. Failure to adhere clauses as to this time line may result in penalties under: Point as seemed fit by EIC. INSTRUCTIONS The Contractor shall drill and The Contractor shall drill **TO BIDDERS** commission the tubewell in all and commission the tubewell

25.03.2025 at 04.00 PM

irrespective of release of power proposed tubewell. Defect Liabilty Period shall start connection. successful commissioning of Tubewell. Last Date of Bid Submission: Last Date 2 Dates Submission: 25.03.2025 upto 02.00 PM 01.04.2025 upto 02.00 PM Date of Opening of Bid Date of Opening of Bid:

respect within 15 days after pin in all respect within 15 days

pointing of proposed tubewell after pin pointing of

शेष बोली एवं शर्ते यथावत रहेगी। DIPR/C/4286/2025

(ITB) Point

No. 22

अधीक्षण अभियन्ता जन. स्वास्थ्य अभि. विभाग Office Of The Recovery Officer-II

01.04.2025 at 04.00 PM

Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Deptt. of Financial Services 2rd Floor, Paras Tower, Mazra, Saharanpur Road, Dehradun, UK-248171 Notice For Settling A Sale Proclamation Under Rule 53 Of The Second Schedule To The Income Tan Act 1961 Read With The Recovery Of Debts And

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, DEHRADUN

Date: 10.03.2025 Punjab National Bank Versus Lakshmi Chand & Anr. CD.1: Lakshmi Chand S/o Sh. Ratiram R/o Village Abdul Rahimpur, Pargana

Bankruptcy Act, 1993.

Gordhanpur, Tehsil Laksar, Haridwar, Uttarakhand-247663 CD.2: Kapil Dev S/o Sh. Lakshmi Chand R/o Village Abdul Rahimpur, Pargana Gordhanpur, Tehsil Laksar, Haridwar, Uttarakhand-247663 whereas Lakshmi Chand & Anr. were ordered by the Presiding Officer of DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL Dehradun who had issued the Recovery Certificate dated 12.01.2024 in OA/327/2023 to pay the Applicant bank(s)/Financial Institutions(s) the sum of Rs. 30,94,715.91 (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Ninety Four Thousands Seven Hundred Fifteen and Paise

Ninety One Only) along with pendentellite and future interest @ 10.00%

Simple interest Yearly w.e.f. 09.08.2023 till realization and costs of Rs.

63,000.00 (Rupees Sixty ThreeThousands Only), and whereas the said

has not been paid, the undersigned has ordered the sale of under mentioned immovable/Immoveable property. You are hereby informed that the 19.06.2025 at 10.30 A.M. has been fixed for drawing up the proclamation of sale and settling the terms thereof. You are requested to bring to the notice of the undersigned any encumbrances,

charges, claims or liabilities attached to the said properties or any portion Specification Of Property Village in Which Owned by Khata Khasra Share of CDs Land is Situated (in hectare) Village Gangnauli akshmi Chand & 133 248 2.4378 Pargana Manglaur Kapil Dev

Lakshmi Chand 222 0.0410 91 Haridwar. 2.4788 Total area (in hectares) Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this date: 10.03.2025 Recovery Officer Debts Recovery Tribunal, Dehradun

UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LIMITED (A Govt. of Uttarakhand Undertaking)
Victoria Cross Vijeyta Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun-248001
Corporate Identity No.U40109UR2001SGC025867/2358
Telephone - (0135)-2763672-76, Fax - (0135)-2760289, Website : www.uktenders.gov.in

Tehsil Laksar,

E-Tender Notice (NIT) Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd. Dehradun invites e-tender for supply of following items:-Minimum Cost of Quantity **Estimated Earnest Last Date &** Tender Specification Name of item

tender Average yearly opening of (in Nos) Cost Money time of online Turn Over of document Part-1 of **Deposit** (₹) request for including tender in **Preceding** (₹) **Tender and** GST (₹) online Three **Submission of** and offline **Financial** tender in online mode Year (₹) & offline mode 21.04.2025 22.04.2025 0.600 1.500 1.200 5 900 1. CCP-II/26/2024-2025 33 kV Line Isolator 150 upto **CRORE LAKH** upto **CRORE** 17:00 Hrs. 15:30 Hrs. 33kV CT with 2. CCP-II/27/2024-2025 **Junction Box** 99 (Ratio 200/100/1A 21.04.2025 22.04.2025 33kV CT with 1.090 2.180 2.180 11 800 **Junction Box** 180 upto upto **CRORE CRORE** LAKH 17:00 Hrs. 15:45 Hrs. (Ratio 400/200/1A 33kV CT with **Junction Box** 90 (Ratio 600/300/1A Portable CT-PT 3. CCP-II/28/2024-2025 21.04.2025 22.04.2025 **Combined Test** 6.097 9.145 12.193 20 23 600 upto upto

For further details, please visit our website www.uktenders.gov.in No.146/1/EE(CM)/UPCL/A-2/Dated. 26/03/2025

NIT NO.62/CWD-2/VOL-XVIII/HVPN/2024-25

DATED: - 08/01/2025 (ONLINE TENDER ID NO.

2025_HBC_422408_1)

QDP NO. 1471 NIT NO: 1351 DATED 09.01.2025

equipment (Secondary

Injection based)

SUPERINTENDERING ENGINEER Coprporate (Contract&Procurement-II)

17:00 Hrs.

Date of

16:00 Hrs.

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SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD CORP./AUTH	OLD REFERENCE/NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HVPNL	NIT NO.65/CWD-2/VOL-XVIII/HVPN/2024-25 DATED:- 09/01/2025 (ONLINE TENDER ID NO. 2025_HBC_422664_1)	"DATE OF OPENING BID 25.03.2025 (11:00 HRS) LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 07.04.2025 (13:00 HRS) (SOCIETIES & CONTRACTORS)"	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPN.ORG.IN
2	HVPNL	QDP NO. 1472 NIT NO: 1352 DATED 09.01.2025	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTETENDED UP TO 05.04.2025 UP TO 17:00 HRS.	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPN.ORG.IN
3	HVPNL	NIT NO.68/CWD-2/VOL-XVIII/HVPN/2024-25 DATED:- 13/01/2025 (ONLINE TENDER ID NO. 2025_HBC_423293_1)	"DATE OF OPENING BID 25.03.2025 (11:00 HRS) LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 07.04.2025 (13:00 HRS) (SOCIETIES & CONTRACTORS)"	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPN.ORG.IN
4	HVPNL	NIT NO.66/CWD-2/VOL-XVIII/HVPN/2024-25 DATED:- 09/01/2025 (ONLINE TENDER ID NO. 2025_HBC_422669_1)	"DATE OF OPENING BID 25.03.2025 (11:00 HRS) LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 07.04.2025 (13:00 HRS) (SOCIETIES & CONTRACTORS)"	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPN.ORG.IN
5	HVPNL	NIT NO.70/CWD-2/VOL-XVIII/HVPN/2024-25 DATED:- 13/01/2025 (ONLINE TENDER ID NO. 2025_HBC_423382_1)	"DATE OF OPENING BID 25.03.2025 (11:00 HRS) LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 07.04.2025 (13:00 HRS) (SOCIETIES & CONTRACTORS)"	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPN.ORG.IN
6	HVPNL	NIT NO.87/CWD-2/VOL-XVIII/HVPN/2024-25 DATED:- 11/03/2025 (ONLINE TENDER ID NO. 2025_HBC_432743_1)	"DATE OF OPENING BID 27.03.2025 (11:00 HRS) LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 15.04.2025 (13:00 HRS) (SOCIETIES & CONTRACTORS)"	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPN.ORG.IN
7	HVPNL	NIT NO.88/CWD-2/VOL-XVIII/HVPN/2024-25 DATED:- 11/03/2025 (ONLINE TENDER ID NO. 2025_HBC_432855_1)	"DATE OF OPENING BID 27.03.2025 (11:00 HRS) LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 15.04.2025 (13:00 HRS) (SOCIETIES & CONTRACTORS)"	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPN.ORG.IN

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BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 15.04.2025 (13:00 HRS)

(SOCIETIES & CONTRACTORS)"

THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UP TO

05.04.2025 UP TO 1700 HRS

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TENDER NOTICE

E-tender is Re- invited for the supply of following items.

(1) 79975 (Corrigendum).

DIPR/C/4221/2025

Note: For more details, log on to website https://mahatenders.gov.in PRO/AAM(M)/130/2025

GENERAL MANAGER

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WATER RESOURCES DIVISION II ND AJMER E-mail ex.en.wrdii.ajmer@gmail.com Tel. 0145-2627133 5895 19.03.25 Nit No 17/2024-25

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER.

1 Bid is invited from interested bidders upto 06:00 PM dated 08.04.2025. Other particular of the bid may be visited on the **sppp.raj.nic.in** of the state. The approximate value of the procurement in Rs. 284.80 Lacs. NIB code:- WRD2425A0303 **UBN:-** WRD2425RFP0003

> (Anil Yadav **Executive Engineer**

Water Resources Div IInd Ajmer MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

Ph: 0824-2885795 CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425 No. E-142110 Date: 14.03.2025

(A Government of Karnataka undertaking)

Corporate Office, "MESCOM BHAVANA", Bejai, Mangalore - 575 004

TENDER NOTIFICATION (THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

MESCOM invites tender for the following Quantity Tender No **Particulars** Procurement of Delivery Van with MESCOM/ 1 No. Mandatory spares to mount the 2024-25/SE0041 portable type of cable fault locator.

The interested bidders may log on to www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 28.03.2025.

DIPR/ADM/KSMCA/1691/ 24-25 dt: 27.03.2025 Sd/-, Superintending Engineer (Ele) (Procurement)

For Power Related Complaints & Assistance Call Toll Free Number 1912

MAHARASHTRA STATE WAREHOUSING CORPORATION

583/B, MARKET YARD, GULTEKDI, PUNE - 411037 Phone: 020 - 24206830 | Web site: www.mswarehousing.com

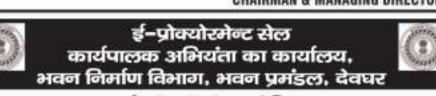
(Electronic tendering system only) Tenders are invited through electronic tendering system (E-tender) from bidders with the

pre-qualifying requirements for Selection of System Integrator (SI) for implementation Design, Development, Upgradation of SAP ECC 6.0 to RISE with SAP S/4HANA and AMS (Application Management Services) for Four (04) years Cost of blank

TENDER NOTICE NO. MSWC/Comp/SAPHANA/03/2025

Last Date of Date of Particulars Tender form EMD issue submission opening Non Refundable 10 Selection of System 11/04/2025 15/04/202 28/03/2025 Lakhs Integrator (SI) for (Incl. of GST 17.00 hrs. 11.30 hrs implementation, Design, 1/04/2025 Development, Upgradation at H.O., upto of SAP ECC 6.0 to RISE with 17.00 hrs Pune SAP S/4HANA and AMS (Application Management Services) for Four (04) years

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ई-प्रोक्योरमेन्ट नोटिस

ई-टेन्डर रेफरेन्स नं0- BCD/EE/11/DEOGHAR/2024-25 दिनांक- 27.03.2025

1.	कार्य का नाम	Proposed Construction of District Bar Council Building Madhupur Dist- Deoghar for the Year 2024-25.
2	प्राक्कलित राशि (रू०)	रू० 3,46,72,970.00 (तीन करोड़ छियालीस लाख बहत्तर हजार नौ सौ सत्तर रूपये) मात्र।
3.	कार्य पूर्ण की अवधि	11 (ग्यारह) माह
4.	वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	08.04.2025 11:00 बजे
5.	बिंड प्राप्ति के लिए अन्तिम तिथि/समय	21.04.2025 11:00 बजे
6.	निविदा प्रकाशित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता	कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवन प्रमंडल, देवघर।
7.	निविदा खोलने की तिथि/समय एवं स्थान	22.04.2025 11:00 बजे नोडल पदाधिकारी, ई0 प्रोक्यूरमेंट सेल, मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय, भवन निर्माण विभाग, लाईन टैंक रोड, झारखण्ड, रॉथी
8.	प्रोक्योरमेन्ट पदाधिकारी का सम्पर्क संख्या	9162458095
9.	ई-प्रोक्योरमेन्ट सेल का हेल्पलाईन संख्या	6200167600

 सचना प्रौद्योगिकी एवं ई-गवर्नेंस विभाग, झारखण्ड सरकार के आदेश ज्ञापांक 120 दिनांक 03.10.2023 के द्वारा निर्गत SOP (मानक संचालन प्रक्रिया) एवं भवन निर्माण विभाग, झारखण्ड सरकार के पत्रांक 2229 दिनांक 06,10,2023 के आलोक में निविदा

शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि केवल Online Mode द्वारा स्वीकार्य होगी। निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि का ई-भगतान जिस खाता से किया जायेगा, SOP व तहत अग्रधन की राशि उसी खाते में वापस होगी। अगर खाता बंद कर दिया जाता है जो उसकी संपूर्ण जवाबदेही निविदादाता की होगी। सरकार द्वारा निर्गत सभी अद्यतन

अन्य किसी भी प्रकार की सूचना बदलाव http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in पर

Note:- UCAN Registration is mandatory for the Bidders.

नोडल पदाधिकारी, ई - प्रोक्योरमेन्ट सेल कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, PR 349402 Building(24-25)#D भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवन प्रमण्डल, देवघर

Date & Time

NORTHERN RAILWAY

stations/locations:

Type of

E-Catalogue

Date: 26.03.2025

E-AUCTION NOTICE

The Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/ PS, Northern Railway, Delhi Division New Delhi invites e-Auction through IREPS (https://ireps.gov.in/) for allotment of contracts of Multipurpose Stall/Special Minor Units (SMUs) at following railway

Station and Reserved

NO.	URITS	for category	ior e-auction
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MPS-04-2025	Multi Purpose Stall Unit	15 Multi Purpose Stalls various Railway Stations ov Delhi Division	LStort 97 D7 2026
MPS-05-2025	Multi Purpose Stall Unit	14 Multi Purpose Stalls various Railway Stations ov Delhi Division	1 3-1 to per 12 to 11 to 12 to 12 to
CTG-01-2025	Special Minor Units (SMUs)	3 Special Minor Units (SMU at various Railway Station over Delhi Division	A Lateral Des Did Divide
	ulars where cor iclion can be se	THIRDS TUBBLES GROWTH IN	E-Auction-Leasing)

All contractors who intend to participate in the e-auctions conducted through E-Auction Leasing module of IREPS should fulfil following mandatory

requirements before they can submit their bids: ₩ Registration on IREPS for E-Auction Leasing module -Active IREPS User

Account for E-Auction Leasing Module M Payment of One Time Registration Fee; Current Account in State Bank of India Integration of SBI Bank Account with IREPS Account; Lien Marking of Funds;

Updation of Turnover Details. HA new mechanism namely Virtual Account Number (VAN) has been introduced now for E-Auction Leasing module, which can be used by the

bidders as an alternative to Lien Marking Mechanism. ★ The bidders are free to switch between Lien Marking Mechanism (if activated) and VAN mechanism at any point of time, before entering the bidding room. VAN mechanism does not require the bidder to have a current account in State Bank of India. The users are free to transfer money from any of their existing bank accounts in any bank to their VAN account, which enables them to

participate in IREPS E-Auctions H Contractors who do not have IREPS account for any module of IREPS can submit their online request for registration by clicking on New Vendors

Contractors (E-Tender /E-Auction Leasing) link on IREPS Home page. Railway Authority to Divisional Railway Manager's Office, Commercial contact, in case of Branch, State Entry Road, New Delhi - 110055; Email: any query catering.delhidivision@gmail.com, Tel: 011-23743084 No.: 23 AC/CTG/MPS POLICY 2017(Computer No. 44158)

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TELE NO - 011- 26153558/9 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

EOI is solicited from suitable vendor for conversion of CCTV cameras analog to IP (Phase-1) as per specification mentioned in EOI form at Army Public School, Shankar Vihar. Site visit is mandatory before quoting the rate. Details for the above and EOI form are available at school counter against DD/NEFT/RTGS/UPI of Rs 1000/-. Forms duly filled be submitted by 10 Apr 2025. Chairman

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Pradeep @ Bittu, S/o Raj Pal Singh, R/o H.No - C -13/36, Near Masjid, Shahbad Dairy, Delhi has committed the offences (or is suspected to have committed) in case FIR No. 213/22, U/s 379/411 IPC, P.S. North Rohini, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Pradeep @ Bittu cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Pradeep @ Bittu has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Pradeep @ Bittu accused of P.S. North Rohini, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 03.05.2025. By Order Ms Ebbani Aggarwal

DP/3709/RD/2025

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE Office of the Executive Engineer, Kengeri Division, RR Nagara Zone BBMP Office Building, CA No.3, 1st Main Road, Outer Ring Road, Kommaghatta Road, Kengeri Upanagara, Bengaluru - 560060.

Judicial Magistrate First Class - 03

Room No. 107, 1st Floor

Rohini Courts, Delhi

No: EE/KEN/TEND/20/2024-25 Date: 27-03-2025 INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)

(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only) The Executive Engineer, Kengeri Division, R.R. Nagara Zone, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible tenderers for the Construction of Works detailed below.

Name of the Work

TWO COVER SYSTEM - (CALL-1)

Maintenance and Drilling of Borewells in 110 Villages at Yeshwanthapura Constituency, Approximated Amount of Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 398.40, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 5,98,000/-

Calendar of Events: 1) The Tender Documents can be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 4.00 PM on 29-03-2025. 2) Date of Pre Bid Meeting on 02-04-2025 at 3.00 PM in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Ideal Homes, Rajarajeshwarinagara Zone, Bengaluru - 560098. 3) Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders: 05-04-2025 upto 4.00 PM. 4) Date of Opening of Bids: 07-04-2025 at 11.00 AM. Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Kengeri Division, BBMP.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING **ENGINEER** PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

DURG CIRCLE DURG (C.G.)

Durg, Dated: 17.03.2025 e- Procurement Tender Notice

(1st Call)

Online tenders in form "A" percentage rate basis are invited on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh dated 07-04-2025 :-

NIT No.	Name of work	P.A.C. (Rs. In lacs.)
186/Durg(MoMan- A.Chowki)/ 2024	CONSTRUCTION OF P.W.D. DIVISION OFFICE BUILDING AT MOHLA, DISTT. MOHLA MANPUR A. CHOWKI (C.G.) I/C ECLTRIFICATIONS	161.62
187/Durg(MoMan- A.Chowki)/ 2024	CONSTRUCTION OF P.W.D. (B/R) SUB -DIVISIONAL OFFICE AT MOHLA, DISTTMOHLA-MANPUR-A.CHOWKI	61.08
188/Durg(MoMan- A.Chowki)/ 2024	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 NOS "G" 5 NOS "H" 3 NOS "I" TYPE RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS FOR CIVIL COURT STAFF AT AMBAGARH CHOWKI, DISTT-MOHLA- MANPUR-A.CHOWKI	88.25
189/Durg(MoMan- A.Chowki)/ 2024	CONSTRUCTION OF P.W.D. (B/R) SUB -DIVISIONAL OFFICE AT CHOWKI, DISTTMOHLA-MANPUR-A. CHOWKI	61.08

1- General Conditions, detailed NIT, Tender documents & other information of the above construction work downloaded from the Eprocurement web portal or departmental website http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in.

2- NIT No. & Name of the Work should be essentially mentioned on the envelope through the Registerd Post/Speed Post in this office.

Superintending Engineer P.W.D., Durg Circle Durg (C.G.) No. 242506134/7 Tel. 0788-2210876

PUBLIC NOTICE GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH

DEPARTMENT OF STATE TAXES AND EXCISE

Corrigendum NOTICE FOR ALLOTMENT OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSES IN FORM L-2, L-14, L-14A & L-20B THROUGH AUCTION

CUM-TENDER PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2025-26 IN THE STATE OF HIMACHAL PRADESH. In partial modification to the Public Notice No. 7-1/2025-EXN-7244-7263 dated 27-03-2025, it is notified for the information of general public that biding-cum-opening of tender for allotment of retail Units in Form L-2, L-14, L-14A in respect of District Shimla shall be held a Community Hall, Sector-2, New Shimla, District Shimla instead of Bachat Bhawan, DC Office Shimla on 28-03-2025 at 12:30 PM onwards

1. Other terms and conditions shall remain same as mentioned in the Public Notice dated 13-03-2025. 2. The Excise Policy for the financial year 2025-26 is also available on the official website of the department i.e. www.hptax.gov.in

(Dr. Yunus) IAS **Commissioner of State Taxes & Excise** No. 1380/2024/2025/HP

Himachal Pradesh PUBLIC NOTICE

12:00 PM)

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH DEPARTMENT OF STATE TAXES AND EXCISE

NOTICE FOR ALLOTMENT OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSES IN FORM L-2, L-14, L-14A & L-20B THROUGH AUCTION-CUM-TENDER PROCESS FOR THE YEAR 2025-26 IN THE STATE OF HIMACHAL PRADESH. In continuation to the Public Notice No. 7-1/2025-EXN-5568-5593 dated 13-03-2025 published on 14-03-2025, even No. 5635-61 dated 15-03-2025 published on 16-03-2025, 6263-83 dt. 20-03-2025, 6504-6522 dt. 22-03-2025, 6651-66 dt. 24-03-2025 and 6882-93 dt. 25-03-2025, it is further notified for the information of general public that sealed tender applications for allotment of retail Units in

Form L-2, L-14, L-14A and L-20B for the retail sale licensed outlets of Country Liquor (L-14/L-14A), retail sale licensed outlets of Indian Made Foreign Liquor (L-2) and retail sale of Country Fermented Liquor (L-20B) in following District of State of Himachal Pradesh is fixed The date of receiving applications and opening of tender along with venue is also given in the schedule below:-Sr. Date and Time for submission Date of biding-cum-Name of Venue No. **District** of tender applications opening of tender Kangra Lions Club Shyamnagar, Dharamshala 28-03-2025 28-03-2025 Bilaspur Zila Parishad Hall, Bilaspur. 2 (from 09:00 AM

Kullu, Lahul Conference Hall of Multipurpose Building, Dhalpur

Zila Parishad Hall, Bhiuli, Mandi

Bachat Bhawan, DC Office, Shimla

& Pangi area District Kullu.

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Shimla

O/o Dy. Commissioner of State Taxes & Excise, Una District Una Note: The tender application forms can be received and tenders can also be filed on the day of opening of tenders as per the time allowed by the Chairman of the Allotment Committee of the District.

2. The Auction-cum-Tender process will be subject to approval by the Commissioner of State Taxes & Excise,

Himachal Pradesh who reserves the right to reject the same without assigning any reason. The dates, time and venues are liable to be changed at the sole discretion of the Commissioner of State Taxes & Excise, Himachal Pradesh. Other terms and conditions shall remain same as mentioned in the Public Notice dated 13-03-2025.

5. The Excise Policy for the financial year 2025-26 is also available on the official website of the department i.e. www.hptax.gov.in. (Dr. Yunus) IAS

Commissioner of State Taxes & Excise Himachal Pradesh

12:30 PM

onwards

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH CHANDIGARH

CORRIGENDUM Ref: Global Tender Enquiry Notice No. PI(EP)/24-25/G/07

	Following changes are made:-					
Sr. No	Equipment/Item Name	Original Bid Submission Date	Revised Bid Submission Date	Original Bid Opening Date	Revised Bid Opening Date	Deptt. Name
1.	ICU Ventilator with Integrated Metabolic Monitoring/ Automatic Closed Loop Weaning with PAV (Proportional assist ventilation)		14.04.2025	31.03.2025	15.04.2025	Neurosurgery
ll otl	ner details shall remain the same		. 1	P	rofessor In-C	Charge (EP)

Noida Power Company Limited Electric Sub Station, Knowledge Park-IV, Greater Noida-201310

TENDER NOTICE Date:28.03.2025 Sealed tender under two Bid System (Commercial & Technical) are invited for following job from all interested bidders

NIT No. Tender Description Start and Due Date & (Rs. in Lakhs) Time of Submission Rate Contract for Hiring of Security Services 28.03.2025 & 18.04.2025 NPCL/FY24-25/Security 2.0 for NPCL Offices (up to 17:00 hours) Services/042 NPCL/FY24-25/AC/044 SITC of Air Condition Units at NPCL Office 28.03.2025 & 11.04.2025 0.5 Buildings (up to 17:00 hours)

Cost of Individual Tender Document (Incl. GST) Rs 1180/-For other tender details and further amendment/corrigendum, please visit our website www.noidapower.com-->Procurement-->Tenders

Mumbai Port Authority

E-AUCTION NOTICE

E-auction in Two Cover system through GeM Portal are invited by FA&CAO, MbPA for the "Sale of Duty Credit Scrip" issued by DGFT under Service Export From India Scheme (SEIS) as detailed below: E-auction No.: 19995

	Scrip	Port of	Value	Date of	Start/Bid Floor
	No.	Registration	(Rs.)	Issue/Validity Date	Price
	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	Mumbai Port Authority 0311042032	Bombay Sea (INBOM1)	31,10,57,165.93	11/03/2025 10/03/2026	95% of Column (4)

For any further details visit website: www.mumbaiport.gov.in, www.gem.gov.in and for submission/participation in tender visit website www.gem.gov.in MbPA-27-2025



पत्रांकः 430/ब्रिडकुल/टेण्डर-94/2025 दिनॉक: 27/03/2025 निविदा स्चना 1— महामहिम राज्यपाल. उत्तराखण्ड. की ओर से प्रबन्ध निदेशक ब्रिडकुल द्वारा निम्न तालिका मे उल्लेखित क्रम संख्या 01 हेतू

इस निगम में सम्बन्धित श्रेणी—।। (2 से 5 करोड़ तक के सिविल निर्माण कार्यों) हेतू पंजीकृत एवं अनुभव प्राप्त ठेकेदारों / फर्मों से मदवार दरों पर टू–बिड सिस्टम के आधार पर निम्नानुसार ई–निविदा आंमत्रित की जाती है– 2— महामहिम राज्यपाल, उत्तराखण्ड, की ओर से प्रबन्ध निदेशक ब्रिडकुल द्वारा निम्न तालिका में उल्लेखित क्रम संख्या 02 हेत् इस निगम में सम्बन्धित श्रेणी—।।। (2 करोड तक के विद्युतीकरण कार्यों) हेतू पंजीकृत एवं अनुभव प्राप्त ठेकेदारों / फर्मों से मदवार दरों पर टू–बिड सिस्टम के आधार पर निम्नानुसार ई–निविदा आंमत्रित की जाती है–

S. No	INCI NO.	Name of Project	Estimated Cost including (GST & all Taxes) (In lac)	Earnest Money (In Lac)	Cost of tender Document (In Rs.)	Time Period
1	/05/2024-25	जनपद—उधमसिंह नगर के रूद्रपुर में राजकीय सम्प्रेक्षण गृह के प्रथम तल पर सुरक्षा का स्थान के भवन का सिविल निर्माण कार्य।		6.80	5000 + 18% G.S.T.	12 माह
1		जनपद—उधमसिंह नगर के रूद्रपुर में राजकीय सम्प्रेक्षण गृह के प्रथम तल पर सुरक्षा का स्थान भवन विद्युतीकरण संम्बन्धित कार्य।		0.93	4000 + 18% G.S.T.	12 माह

उपरोक्त निविदा प्रपत्र डाउनलोड करने की प्रारम्भ तिथि 29.03.2025, अपराहन 03.00 बजे तथा निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि 12.04.2025 अपराहन 03.00 बजे तक है। उपरोक्त के सम्बन्ध में वर्णित निविदा सम्बन्धी विस्तृत जानकारी एवं निविदा प्रपत्र व किसी भी प्रकार के परिवर्तन आदि की सूचना वेबसाईट <u>https://uktenders.gov.in</u> पर उपलब्ध होगी। अधोहस्ताक्षरी को बिना कोई कारण बताये निविदा को स्वीकृत अथवा निरस्त करने का पूर्ण अधिकार होगा।

परियोजना प्रबन्धक

KALYANA KARNATAKA ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION

Stores & Purchase Department, Central Offices, Sarige Sadana, Main Road,

Kalaburagi-585 102. Tel. & Fax No. 08472-260502, COS&P-77606 86172 S.O.-77609 92029 No. KKT/CO/COSP/ 16 /2024-25

TENDER INVITING NOTICE (THROUGH KPP PORTAL MODE ONLY)

Tenders through KPP portal (pre-qualification & commercial) are invited for

procurement of following Goods. Last date for Estimate Tender No. **Tender Nomenclature** submission of Value (Rs.) & date tender

Procurement of Public Seating 12 G-82/24-25 Rs. 02.25 29.04.2025 Seater Bench Made of Stainless Steel Date: 27.03.25 Crores at 15:00 hrs. G-83/24-25 Procurement of Phenol Bonded 16.04.2025 Rs. 56.51 Date: 27.03.25 Densified Compressed Plywood at 15:00 hrs. Lakhs G-84/24-25 Procurement of Rubber Glazing with 16.04.2025 Rs. 51.26 Date: 27.03.25 inserts (EPDM Rubber) at 15:00 hrs. Lakhs Procurement of Copier Paper G-85/24-25 Rs. 49.91 16.04.2025 Date: 27.03.25 Lakhs (A4 Size, Plain White, 80 GSM) at 15:00 hrs. IND0118/CALL-2 Procurement of Cylinder Liners Rs. 15.00 16.04.2025 Date: 27.03.25 Lakhs at 15:00 hrs. IND0119/CALL-2 Procurement of Fuel Injection Pipes & 16.04.2025 Rs. 36.00 Date: 27.03.25 at 15:00 hrs. Leak-Off Pipes Lakhs

All the details of Tender, Registration, Tender form documents etc. are available at https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/portal-home. Mail to cospnekrtc@gmail.com or support@eprochelpdesk.com for further information if required. Further, any addendum corrigendum related to changes in terms and conditions of tender, specification and calendar of events etc. will be uploaded only through KPP portal.

Sd/- Controller of Stores and Purchases DIPR/Kalaburagi/1156/KSMC&A/2024-25 (Tender Inviting Authority)

POLICE HEADQUARTERS, CHHATTISGARH, ATAL NAGAR, NAVA RAIPUR (1st Call)

Notice Inviting Tender

No. PHQ/CID/FPB/239/2025 Raipur, Dated: 24/03/2025 Sealed tenders are being invited by the Director General of Police, Chhattisgarh on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh from manufacturer (OEM) or their authorized representative for the following item-Sl. No. EMD in Rs. Name of Items **Mini Fingerprint Developing Kit** 527 Nos. 39,520/

Note - Quantity will be variable. The tender offer in the prescribed tender form along with all the relevant documents sealed and completed in all the respect, must be submitted as per the schedule below -

SCHEDULE FOR TENDER

a)	Address for submission of Tender Document:-	AIG of Police (CID), Block no 02, Room No.203 Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Sector 19, Nava Raipur.
b)	Last Date and Time of Submission on Bids	25/04/2025 till 03.00 pm
c)) Place, Time and Date of opening Technical Bid :-	Block no 02, Room No.203 Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Sector 19, Nava Raipur. 25/04/2025 at 4:00 pm
d)	Place, Time and Date of opening Financial Bid :-	Shall be intimated later.
e)	Date till which the Bid to remain valid	180 days from the scheduled date of submission of the Bid. The validity period will be extended with mutual consent.

Note:-

1. In case of tender opening date being declared as holiday, tenders will be opened on next working day.

. Tender documents can be downloaded from our website www.cgpolice.gov.in and at the time of submission of document tender fee of Rs. 3000/- will be paid in the form of DD of State Bank of India/Scheduled Bank (other than Cooperative Bank) payable at Raipur in favor of Director General of Police, Chhattisgarh, Police Headquarters, Atal Nagar Raipur Or State Govt. Challan of Rs. 3000/- to be deposited in the Head of A/c- 0055-Police- 800- other receipt. Tender fee is non refundable and can't be exempted in any condition.

Modification/Amendments/Corrigendum, if any shall not be advertised on the news paper but shall be published in the aforesaid web site only and the time of submission of bid will also be extended if required.

If any bidder sends tender documents through Courier/Speed post, the tender documents will be accepted till 03.00 pm on 25/04/2025 at Block no.2, Room No.203 Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Sector 19, Nava Raipur only. If the tender documents are received in any other address at PHQ on stipulated date and time, will not be accepted.

A.I.G. of Police (CID)

No. 242506161/3 **For-Director General of Police**

epaper.indianexpress.com

No. 1379/2024/2025/HP

943/2025

06 (Open), Date: 26.03.2025. For & on behalf of President of India. Chief Electrical Engineer (Project), South Eastern Railway, Garden Reach, Kolkata-700043 invites E Tender for the following work. Name of work with its location: Open e-Tender for Construction of 02 units Type-IV, 08 units Type-III & 12 units Type-II staff quarters at Soro and 02 units Type-IV staff quarter at Belda including all other ancillary works such as compound wall, drain, RCC road etc. in Kharagpur-Bhadrak jurisdiction for up-gradation work of Electric Traction System from 1x25KV to 2x25KV Traction System for Kharagpur-Bhadrak section of South Eastern Railway in Kharagpur division to meet 3000MT loading target. Approx. Cost of this work:

S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER

e-Tender No.: KBSER/GRC/Engg./WT-

₹ 11,77,00,833.24. Earnest Money: ₹ 7,38,500. Completion period of the work: 18 (Eighteen) months. Date & Time of Closing: e-tender will be received on line using IREPS Portal up to 15.00 hrs on 21.04.2025. Website Particulars & Notice Board locations www.ireps.gov.in & Office of the Chief

Electrical Engineer (Project)/South Eastern Railway/Garden Reach (Engg.). Any

IREPS Portal www.ireps.gov.in. (PR-1279) IN THE COURT OF THE XIX ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT **BANGALORE (CCH-18)**

corrigendum may please be seen before

starting of bid i.e up to 06.04.2025 in

O.S. No. 6391/2021 BETWEEN: Sri. Sampreeth Aswath Kumar, S/o Aswath Kumar, Aged about 18 years, Residing at No.2329, 3rd Main Road, RPC Layout, Vijayanagara 2nd Stage, Bangalore North, Hampinagar, Bangalore, Karnataka 560104. ...PLAINTIFF

AND:1. UIDAI Regional Office, Bengaluru, Office at, Khanija Bhavan, No. 49, 3rd Floor, South Wing Race Course Road, Bengaluru 560001. 2. Council for The Indian School Certificate Examinations, Office at, Pragati House, 3rd Floor, 17-48, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019. ...DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT NO.2 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION **Defendant No.2** Council for The Indian School Certificate Examinations, Office at, Pragati House, 3rd Floor, 47-48, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019. WHEREAS, the plaintiff has filed the above suit against the defendants for the purpose of

declaring the name change of the plaintiff. Hence,

vou are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble court of City Civil and Sessions Judge (CCH-18) either in person or by a pleader on 16.04.2025 at 11.00 am to defend the above case. failing which the matter will be heard and determined as Ex-Parte. Given under my hand & seal of the Court, this. 5th day of March 2025

SHIVAKUMAR #8/1. First Floor, Ali Askar Cross Road /Cunningham Cross Road, Bangalore-52.

Advocate for Plaintiff

By Order of the Court

Sd/- Senior Sheristedar

City Civil Court, Bangalore



CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT

GOVERNMENT GOVT. OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

Civil Secretariat, Jammu.

E-mail ID: jkcivilaviation@gmail.com NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS NO. CAW-002 OF 2025. JAMMU, 26 Mar, 2025.

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, E-Tender from the reputed Insurance Companies registered by the Govt, of India and AIRDA for the Insurance Of Bell-407 Helicopter, VT-LJK for the further period of One year, from 00:00 HRS 27-04-2025 to midnight 26-04-2026.

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Date of Publishing of Tender Notice	26/03/2025 05:00 PM	
Period of Downloading of Documents	26/03/2025 05:30 PM	
Date of pre-Bid Meeting through VC link: https://meet.google.com/sum-fufe-nqd https://meet.google.com/sum-fufe-ngd	01/04/2925 02:00 PM	
Start Date of submission of bids	02/04/2025 11:00 AM	
Last date of Submission of bids	09/04/2025 01:00 PM	
Date of Opening Technical Bid	09/04/2025 04:00 PM	

'Instruction for Online Bid Submission'

The tender document along with other Terms and Conditions of the NIT and relevant documents can be devenloaded from the Union Territory Website

- The tender shall be deposited in electronic format on the Union Territory website http://jktenders.gov.in
- The tender uploaded on the website will be opened on 09-04-2025 at 04:00 PM or any other subsequent date convenient to the Tenderer/Committee in the Office Chamber of Director Finance, Civil Aviation Department, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, Civil Secretariat, Room No. 3/50, Jammu
- The complete bidding process will be online.
- Submission of hard copy is exempted.
- Documents required to be notarized for submission may be submitted on the letter head under the signature of the authorized signatory. Cust of the Tender document is Rs. 1,000/- (Rupues One thousand only) in the shape of Demand Draft (non refundable) /Ordine in favour of Accounts Officer, Civil Aviation Department, J&K, Jamenu. However Bid security amount of Rs Two Lakh (Rs 02,00,000-) be submitted in the form of DD. However the insurance companies under PSUs are exempted from the tender document fee and EMD/Bid security amount as per the guidelines of the General Insurance Council letter dated
- 07-06-2019. Tendor Fee can be paid digitally. Bask details: BANK: J&K Bank, Moving Secretariat, Civil Secretariat, Jammu & Kashmir, Jammu
- ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0110010100000281. IFSC CODE: JAKAOMOVING

Contact Number: 2455235.

E-file No. CAW-NAZR/7/2021/5

- for submission subsequently.
- Scanned copies of all necessary documents as per tender documents need to be uploaded as part of the technical bid. These documents, in original, may be asked

MICR code: 190051082; JAMMU AND KASHMIR BANK MOVING SEICRETARIAT, address: Civil Secretariat, Jammu & Kashmir; Branch code is Moving

- The Earnest Money/ Bid Security shall be forfeited if: . Any tenderer withdraws his tender during the period of tender validity or makes any modification in terms and condition of tender; and
- b. The company fails to execute the agreement within 10 days of signing of contract documents.
- Instructions to bidder regarding e-tendering process: Bidders are advised to get Digital Signature Certificate as per Information Technology Act, 2000. Bidders can get Digital Certificate from approved vendor
- 6. Bidders have to submit their bids in two bid format i.e. Technical and Financial Bid online in electronic format with Digital Signature. Financial Bid shall be submitted ONLINE only. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
- II. Bidders must upload the scanned copy of all necessary documents, like CDR/PAN/Demand Draft (Tender fee) hid security declaration/Registration certificate duly renewed online as per dates mentioned above.
- 12. The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission due to any reaso
- 13. The Tender/Purchase Committee shall reserve the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason thereof 14. The rates offered should be quoted in figures as well as in words inclusive of all taxes and levies or any other charge. Taxes/Charges not mentioned in the offers will
- not be allowed and admissible. 15. Any erasing/overwriting/mutilation in the tender form will result in outright rejection of the tender.
- 16. Conditional and ambiguous tender will not be emertained.
- 17. The terms and conditions as reflected in ANNEXURE "A" of section A, are mandatory and should be read very carefully by the inte heir tenders, which are enclosed and shall form a part of this NIT.

DIPK-13471/24 बिहार 🧗 सरकार

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय शोध एवं प्रशिक्षण प्रमंडल-2.शोध भवन खगौल, पटना eetrd2khagaul@gmail.com

एतद द्वारा सचित किया जाता है कि माननीय सर्वोच्च न्यायालय, नई दिल्ली द्वारा Writ Petitic

(civil) No.-932/2022बिहार राज्य अर्द्ध सरकारी अराजपत्रित कर्मचारी महासंघ एवं अन्य बन भारत संघ एवं अन्य में दिनांक-03.09.2024 को पारित अंतरिम आदेश के आलोक में बिहार राज्य निम निगम लिमिटेड में झारखण्ड राज्य के अन्तर्गत कार्यरत रहे कर्मियों के बकाया दायित्व (वेतनादि एवं सेव लाभ) का भुगतान हेत् आवेदन अभी तक अप्राप्त है, वैसे Traceless कर्मियों द्वारा शोध एवं प्रशिक्ष प्रमंडल-2, शोध भवन, खगौल, पटना के कार्यालय में आवेदन विहित प्रपत्र में सभी अभिलेखों के स उपलब्ध कराया जाये ताकि भूगतान की कार्रवाई ससमय किया जा सके बिहार राज्य निर्माण निगम लिमिटेड,झारखण्ड राज्य के अन्तर्गत वैसे Traceless कर्मियों की स् जिनका आवदेन अप्राप्त है:--

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			ईकाईगुमल	।। नियमित		
1	1	श्री सुरेन्द्र प्रसाद पिता–स्व० रामजी सिंह	कोषरक्षक	11-04-1954	01-07-1982	
2	2	श्री राजकिशोर प्रसाद पिता—स्व0 रामदास राम	हेल्पर		18-11-1989	
3	3	श्री राम केवल राम पिता—बंशरोपन राम	स्वीपर	19-01-1954	01-07-1989	
4	4	श्री दुर्गा उरावं पिता–रब0 भुखन उराव	चौकीदार	01-07-1958	01-07-1982	
5	5	स्व0 गया सिंह पिता—श्री बासुदेव सिंह	चौकीदार	01-02-1953	11-07-1982	
6	6	श्री ओम प्रकाश गुप्ता पिता—स्वo भगवान दास गुप्ता	चपरासी	05-10-1951	06-01-1986	
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7		्रश्री रामनिहोरा प्रसाद शाही	पत्राचार लिपिक		07-06-1980	
8	1 2	श्री रामजी तिवारी	कार्यदर्शक	03-01-1954	20-01-1978	
9	3	श्री सुरेश कान्त चौधरी	कार्यदर्शक	120	01-08-1979	
10	1	श्री इन्द्रनाथ झा	कार्यदर्शक	-	01-10-1980	
11		अी मनसा उराँव	ड्रीलमैन	-	01-03-1979	
12		s श्री अब्दूल जब्बार अंसारी	मैकेनिक	=	01-03-1980	
13	1 7	श्री सुभाष सिंह	ऑपरेटर	25-01-1957	23-03-1975	
14		श्री दिनेश सिंह	मशीन चालक			
15	5		हेल्पर	-	11-01-1979	
16	1	0 श्री मिथिलेश शर्मा	धौकीदार	06-02-1958	01-06-1979	
17	1	1 श्री शिवाधार सिंह	चपरासी	16-10-1961	01-11-1979	
18	_	2 श्री लक्ष्मण शुक्ला	चौकीदार	-	01-09-1979	
19	_	3 श्री बैजनाथ सिंह	चौकीदार	(+)	01-01-1979	
20	-	4 श्री मुटुक राम	चौकीदार	-	01-06-1980	
21	-	5 श्री रफीक अंसारी	हेल्पर	-	01-12-1979	
22	-	6 श्री राज कुमार शरण	कार्यदर्शक	-	02-02-1979	
23	_	7 श्री कैशलेन्द्र कुमार	कार्यदर्शक		01-10-1980	
24	-	8 श्री युगेश्वर मेहता	हेल्पर	5-5	28-02-1979	
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25		श्री लालबहादुर राम	कनीय सहायक	-	500	
26	_	श्री शिव मूरत सिंह	लेखा लिपिक	28-01-1952	01-07-1982	
27	-	अी मुलन राम	चौकीदार	(=)	31-01-2002	
28	_	। श्री दूधनाथ राय पिता—श्री केलाश राय	चौकीदार	01-08-1952	03-05-2000	
29	1	; श्री नागवंशी राम	चौकीदार	07-01-1957	08-04-1989	
30	_	, श्री रामेश्वर राउत	मशीन चालक	15-01-1957	03-07-1987	
31	1 5		मशीन चालक	10-01-1951	21-01-1987	
32		अी गयानन्द मिश्रा पिता-श्री शंकर मिश्र	ट्रैक्टर चालक	06-04-1951	21-01-1987	
			ईकाई-देवध	र नियमित	1	
33		श्री गीतम सिंह श्री दिनेश्वर सिंह	मशीन चालक	05-01-1950	01.07.1989 वरीयता का लाभ	

13	13	SH ANTHOUSE		- district		07-01-1313	
20	14	श्री मुदुक राम		चौकीदार	-	01-06-1980	
21	15	श्री रफीक अंसारी		हेल्पर	-	01-12-1979	
22	16	श्री राज कुमार शरण		कार्यदर्शक	-	02-02-1979	
23	17	श्री कैशलेन्द्र कुमार		कार्यदर्शक	-	01-10-1980	
24	18	श्री युगेश्वर मेहता		हेल्पर	5-5	28-02-1979	
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25	1	श्री लालबहादूर राम	- da	नीय सहायक	-		
26	2	श्री शिव मूरत सिंह		लेखा लिपिक	28-01-1952	01-07-1982	
27	3	श्री मूलन राम		चौकीदार	(+)	31-01-2002	
28	4	श्री दूधनाथ राय पिता–श्री कैलाश राय		चौकीदार	01-08-1952	03-05-2000	
29	5	श्री नागवंशी राम		चौकीदार	07-01-1957	08-04-1989	
30	6	श्री रामेश्वर राउत	19	मशीन चालक	15-01-1957	03-07-1987	
31	7	श्री जर्नादन सिंह	T	शीन चालक	10-01-1951	21-01-1987	
32	8	श्री गयानन्द मिश्रा पिता—श्री शंकर मिश्र	3	क्टर चालक	06-04-1951	21-01-1987	
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33	1	श्री गीतम सिंह श्री दिनेश्वर सिंह	*	श्रीन चालक	05-01-1950	01.07.1989 वरीयता का लाभ 01.07.1982	
34	2	श्री बबुआ सोरेन श्री बडकू सोरेन	आदेशपाल		05-01-1950	01.07.1989 वरीयता का लाम 01.07.1982	
35	3	श्री भाषो यादव स्व० मिश्री यादव		आदेशपाल	30-04-1949	01-07-1982	
36	4	श्री हरिहर नाथ शर्मा	पः	त्राचार लिपिक	05-01-1953	01-07-1989	
37	5	श्री रामधारी पासवान		आदेशपाल	-	-	
38	6	स्व० राजेश्वर सिंह	1 8	ट्रक चालक	06-02-1942	01.07.1982	
39	7	स्य0 रामधनी पासवान स्व० हीरा पासवान		आदेशपाल	15-04-1951	01.07.1989 वरीयता का लाभ 01.07.1982	
40	8	श्री विधिन कुमार मिश्रा	2	खा सहायक	(±)		
41	9	श्री महेन्द्र सिंह श्री जोगेश्वर सिंह	3.0	जीप चालक	02-01-1987	21.01.1987 वरीयता का लाम 01.07.1982	
42	10	श्री विद्यानन्द दास स्व० नेमृ दास	चीकी	दार/आदेशपाल	12-06-1961	01.07.1989	
-43	11	श्री कमलेश्वरी यादव श्री बलदेव यादव	चीकी	दार/आदेशपाल	06.06.1952	01.07.1989 वरीयता का 01.07.1982	
44	12	श्री जेंदु मरांडी श्री नुनु मरांडी	चौकी	दार/आदेशपाल	10.10.1959	28.05.1987 परीयता का लाग 01.07.1982	
45	13	श्री महावीर दास स्व० जादू दास	चीकीदार/आदेशपाल		01,03,1950	01.07.1989	
46	14	श्री भुवनेश्वर शर्मा	क	नीय सहायक	24.05.1949	01.07.1982	
47	15	स्व0 शालीग्राम सिंह श्री डोमन सिंह	ट्रक चालक		01.01.1935	21.01.1987 वरीयता का लाभ 01.07.1982	
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48	- 1	श्री रामाकान्त पोद्यार		लेखा लिपिक	13.12.1952	06.12.1979	
49	2	श्री नवीन कुमार सिंह		लेखा लिपिक	10.01.1960	21.02.1979	
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6 श्री प्रमोद कुमार सिंह

श्री गोपाल साह

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Veer Balidani LNK/GD 4 Bn. 5-6-1960 To 28-3-1994

camps. In one such attack, three personnel of E Coy, 4th Bn, were stationed at a morcha in Police HQ, Batmaloo. At 1245 hrs. a Khushal Singh grenade was lobbed through a loophole, exploding inside and critically injuring the troops. Due to the crowded surroundings, retaliatory fire was not an option.

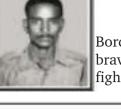
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28 March 1994

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L/Nk Khushal Singh and Ct. (Bugler) Nand Ram were swiftly evacuated to Army Hospital, Srinagar, where they succumbed to their injuries, attaining martyrdom.



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1	66	19	श्री जवाहर मंडल	खलासी		
	67	20	श्री सुबोध कुमार	खलासी	02.01.1960	01.11.1979
	68	21	श्री नुरजमा अंसारी	खलासी	25.11.1961	02.10.1979
	69	22	श्री विजय शंकर प्र0 शर्मा	खलासी	10.01.1950	01.11.1978
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	71	24	श्री रामानन्द मिश्रा	खलासी	05.05.1960	24.12.1978
ď	72	25	श्री मुजफ्फर आलम	चलुर्ध वर्ग	11.11.1954	18.09.1978
	73	26	श्री अखिलेश्वर राय	चतुर्थ वर्ग	-	-
1	74	27	श्री सुरेन्द्र राम	चतुर्ध वर्ग	30.12.1961	04.06.1979
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79	32	श्री सीताराम सिंह	चतुर्थ वर्ग	18.01.1952	01.05.1978	
80	33	श्री गंगा मिस्त्री	चतुर्ध वर्ग	18.03.1959	18.03.1979	
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88	41	श्री विन्देश्वरी साहु	कार्यदर्शक	(8)		
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93	46	श्री सरयू शरण मिश्रा	चतुर्थ वर्ग	07.01.1960	21.01.1979	
94	47	श्री इशराफील अली	कार्यदर्शक	01.02.1941	01.03.1978	
95	48	श्री विन्देश्वरी सिंह	खलासी	7.5		
96	49	श्री तेजनाराण राय	आदेशपाल	12	=	
97	50	श्री विजय कुमार सिंह	मकेनिक	03.01.1953	01.11.1979	
98	51	श्री मुरारी प्रसाद	चौकीदार	08.06.1952	11.01.1979	
99	52	श्री निलकंठ वूबे	चौकीदार	06.06.1950	01.12.1978	
100	53	श्री वैद्यनाथ यादव	डोजर चालक	01.01.1949	15.05.1980	
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102	1	श्री अर्जुन प्रसाद रजक स्व० विन्देश्वर बैठा	खलासी	10.04.1960	10.04.1990	
103	2	स्व० शंकर दयाल पाण्डेय पिता– स्व० रामरूप पाण्डेय	चौकीदार / आदेशपाल	15.01.1969	01.07.1982	
104	3	श्री योगी जयसवाल पिता– स्व० गुलाब जयसवाल	चौकीदार/आदे शपाल	05.02.1960	01.07.1982	
105	4	स्व० खदेरन बैठा पिता— श्री रामझकबाल बैठा	मृत चौकीदार/आदे शपाल	15.09.1952	01.07.1982	
106	5	श्री शंकर मुर्मु पिता– आशा मूर्मू	चीकीदार / आदे शपाल	15.06.1956	01.11.1989	
107	6	अवधेश कुमार पिता– एस.डी. गिरी	पत्राचार लिपिक	09.06.1954	27.12.1989	
108	7	दिनेश सिंह	मैकेनिक	-		
	98			विची दैनिक वेतनम	200	
109	1	श्री करूण कुमार मिश्रा	पत्राचार लिपिक	31-01-1957	30-03-1981	
110	2	श्री नरेश प्रसाद	भंडास्पाल	07-08-1953	11-08-1978	
111	3	श्री सकलदेव सिंह	कार्यदर्शक	20-07-1948	01-05-1979	
112	4	श्री सुरेन्द्र कुमार	कार्यवर्शक	100	=	
113	5	श्री प्रमोद कुमार शर्मा	कार्यदर्शक		01-05-1979	
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115	7	श्री दिनेश सिंह	मैकेनिक	75	5	
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117	9	श्री दरोगा सिंह	ऑपरेटर	15	01-03-1978	
118	10	श्री पारसनाथ सिंह	चौकीदार	25	01-11-1980	
119	11	श्री गोपालजी प्रसाद	चौकीदार	25-12-1959	01-09-1981	
120	12	श्री श्याम लाल राम	चौकीदार	15-04-1950	15-03-1989	
121	13	श्री अलखदेव सिंह	खलासी	-	-	
122	14	श्री सुरेश महतो	खलासी	10-01-1959	01-05-1978	
123	15	श्री दयाशंकर सिंह	खलासी	05-08-1961	01-12-1979	
124	16	श्री उपेन्द्र कुमार	खनासी	-	-	
125	17	श्री मनन राम	आदेशपाल	05-12-1963	01-06-1980	
126	18	श्री अर्जून ओझा	चौकीदार	05-02-1950	15-04-1978	
127	19	श्री महादेव साह	चौकीदार	01-01-1959	01-07-1978	
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1	Upgradation of road no-7 & 8 at BSPHCL colony, Punaichak, Patna	22,14,661/-	44,300/-	5,900/-	03(three) months			
Starti	ng date for the sale of Tender documents	04.04.2025 through website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in						
Onlin	e receiving of tender up to:-	17.04.2025 (upto 3:00 PM) through website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in						
Date	of submission of original DD/BG :-	Upto 21.04.2025 (at 3:0 8hawan Patna	00 PM) in the offi	ce of Chief Engineer(Civil),	BSPHCL, Vidyut			
Date	of opening of Technical Part: -	21.04.2025 (at 3:30 PM) through website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in						
Date of opening of price part:		To be notified after Technical Bid Evalution through website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in						
For	further details please visit : www	state hihar gov in	/nrdhihar	Chief Eng	ineer (Civil)			

For further details please visit: www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbiha PR-022770 (B & C) 2024-25

BSPHCL, Patna

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

पटना नगर निगम

शहदेव महतो मार्ग, एस०के०पुरी पार्क के सामने, पटना वेबसाईट: www.pmc.bihar.gov.in

नगर विकास प्रमंडल पाटलिपुत्रा T.No.- 09/E/Patliputra /2025 (अतिअल्पकालीन निविदा) ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

: कार्यपालक अभियंता, नगर विकास प्रमंडल 1. विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता पाटलीपुत्रा, . (पाटलीपुत्रा अंचल क्षेत्र) शहदेव महतो मार्ग, एस०के०पुरी पार्क के पास, पटना। 2. निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना निर्गत की तिथि : दिनांक-25.03.2025

3. निविदा प्रारंभ करने की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक-02.04.2025 10:00 बजे पूर्वाहन से (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) 4. संवेदक द्वारा निविदा अपलोड करने की अंतिम : दिनांक-04.04.2025 समय 03:00 बजे अपराहन

तक (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) 5. बीड खोलने की तिथि / समय : दिनांक-04.04.2025 समय 04:00 बजे अपराहन 6. प्री बीड मीटिंग की तिथि : दिनांक-02.04.2025 को 12:00 से बजे समय 01:00

बजे अपराहन

Apartment To Corner of Digha Halt Bridge

7. कार्य की विवरणी-कार्य का नाम प्राक्कलित अप्रधन की राशि परिनाम वियत्र का बेलद्राग हेत् कार्व समाप्ति नी असीय पोर्शिशंग (online के नाध्यम (8, 前) शुलक (online 4) नाध्यम हो) Website:-Website:www.Eproc2. www.Eproc2. bihar.gov.in 3 7 4 Construction of PCC Road in Kurgi Balupar Road from Ravani Palaces to Shyamdev Ray to Ram. As per Ayodhya Ray House Via Mathura Singh House Eproc2 Months under ward-228 (डबल बीड) Construction Of Pcc Road From Ramiala As per

Months Eproc2 Road in Ward-01 (Re-Tender) नोट:- अन्य आवश्यक जानकारी एवं नियम शर्तें अद्योहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय अवधि में प्राप्त की जा सकती है और इसे www.pmc.bihar.gov.in पर भी देखा जा सकता है। विस्तृत जानकारी state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar से प्राप्त की जा सकती है। PR- 022817 (B & C) 2024-25 पटना नगर निगम, पटना

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कार्यालय जिला शिक्षा केन्द्र गुना (म.प्र.)

Ph. No.: 07542-252212, E-mail: ssagunamp@hotmail.oom क्र./जि.शि.के./स्टोर/2025/5635 गुना, दिनांक : 25.03.2025

अनुमानित ऑनलाइन ऑनलाइन ऑनलाइन

ई-टेण्डर आमंत्रण सूचना

जिला शिक्षा केन्द्र गुना अंतर्गत निम्नांकित अनुसार सामग्री क्रय हेतु जेम पोर्टल पर खुली निविदा जारी की गई है।

鋉.		निविदा मूल्य	निविदा जारी होने की तिथि	निविदा जमा हेतु अंतिम तिथि	निविदा खोलने की तिथि	
1	छात्रावास हेतु वॉशिंग मशीन	1.60 लाख	25.03.25	15.04.25	15.04.2025	GEM/2025/B/6035507
2	छात्रावास हेतु सी,सी.टी.वी. कैमरा	5,40 लाख	25.03.25	15.04.25	15.04.2025	GEM/2025/B/6046418
3	छात्रावास हेत् गद्दे, तकिये	43.50 लाख	25.03.25	15.04.25	15.04.2025	GEM/2025/B/6035084
4	छात्रावास हेतु रोटी मैकर मशीन	27.50 लाख	25.03.25	15.04.25	15.04.2025	GEM/2025/B/6030959
5	छात्रावास एवं शालाओं में इंटरऐक्टिव पैनल	124.80 লাख	25.03.25	15.04.25	15.04.2025	GEM/2025/B/6020449
6	छात्रावासों में फिजिकल लायब्रेरी	15.40 लाख	25.03.25	15.04.25	15.04.2025	GEM/2025/B/6029506
7	जनपद शिक्षा केन्द्रों में आई.सी.टी.लैब संबंधी सामग्री	28.80 लाख	25.03.25	15.04.25	15.04.2025	GEM/2025/B/6046178
8	जनपद शिक्षा केन्द्रों में आई.सी.टी.लैब अंतर्गत टी.वी.	3.20 लाख	25.03.25	15.04.25	15.04.2025	GEM/2025/B/6052052

ऑनलाइन ही किया जावेगा। निविदा संबंधी विस्तृत विवरण जेम पोर्टल पर देखा जा सकता है। जिला परियोजना समन्वयक जिला शिक्षा केन्द्र गना म.प्र. माध्यम/119427/2025

उक्त सामग्री क्रय हेतु इच्छ्क निविदादाता ऑनलाइन निविदा प्रक्रिया में भाग ले सकते हैं। निविदा में कोई भी परिवर्तन

MORADABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION Pili Kothi, Jalkal Compound, Moradabad-244001 (U.P.)

E-Procurement Tender Notice Ref. No: 474/PA-2/C.E./NNM/2024-25 Date: 27-03-2025

446/PA-2/C.E./NNM/2024-25 Date: 25-02-2025 Reference Sr. Earnest Tender Fee Name of the work with GST@ No. Money Deposit (Rs.) 18% (Rs.) 1. मुख्यमंत्री वैश्विक नगरोदय योजना के अन्तर्गत सीनियर केयर सेन्टर का निर्माण कार्य

Key Dates:-

निविदा विषय

S.No.	Description	Date and Time
1.	Start Date for Purchase of Tender (Online)	28/03/2025 at 10.00 AM
2.	Last Date for submission of Tender (Online)	11/04/2025 at 04:00 PM
3.	Technical bid opening (Online)	11/04/2025 at 05.00 PM
4.	Authorized Representative	Chief Engineer, Nagar Nigam, Moradabad.
5.	Office Address	Office of the Chief Engineer, Nagar Nigam, Moradabad.
6.	Email for correspondence	moradabadnagarnigam@gmail.com

 Tender Document and other details shall be available on Website- https://etender.up.nic.in Amendment to NIT, if any would be published only on website https://etender.up.nic.in

Bank Details for online payment-

A/c No - 27050100020717 Bank Name - Bank of Baroda

Bank IFSC code - BARB0BLYMOR (5th Character is Zero)

A/C Holder Name - NAGAR NIGAM MORADABAD E-TENDERING

4. Document Fee Rs. 11,800/- (Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Only) has to be paid through FDR/NSC/RTGS/NEFT during the downloading of RFP Document & Payment of RFP Document fee in favour of "Municipal Commissioner, Moradabad Municipal Corporation". 5. The NIT may be postponed or cancelled at any time due to administrative reasons and no claim

shall be entertained of this account.

All the documents are to be submitted online.

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Uttar Pradesh e-Procurement Portal https://etender.up.nic.in from 28/03/2025 at 10:00 Hours (IST) onwards. Online bids are invited for the following works up to 11/04/2025 at 16:00 hours. Technical Bid will be opened on same day at 17.00 hours at Office of the Municipal Commissioner, Nagar Nigam, Pili Kothi,

For more details on the tender and bidding process you may please visit the above mentioned portal. Chief Engineer Nagar Nigam, Moradabad

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शोध एवं प्रशिक्षण प्रमंडल-2,खगौल, पटना

(A Govt. of India Undertaking) Circle SASTRA Office, Bhagalpur (Ground Floor-Naulakha Appt.) Opp DIG Kothi, Badi Khanjarpur, Bihar-812001 Mob.No.8918536149 (Email: cs8197@pnb.co.in)

BO-PNB-Saharsa (110400)

Appendix-iv-A SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES (See Provision to rule 8(6) read with rule 9(1)

E-auction Sale Notice for sale of immovable assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) read with rule 9 (1) of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/ symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties. SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

Date of E-Auction:29.04.2025 (Last date of submission of EMD: On or before the E-Auction Date & Time In the Portal)

	ot.	Name of the Branch Name of the Account Name & addresses of the Borrower/ Guarantors Account	Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged/ Owner's Name (mortgagers of property (ies)	A) Dt. Of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFESI ACT 2002 B) Outstanding Amount as on C) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFESI ACT 2002 D) Nature of Possession Symbolic //Physical/Constructive	A) Reserve Price (Rs.) B) EMD (last date of deposit of EMD) C) Bid Increase Amount	Date/ Time of E- Auction	Details of the encumbrances known to the secured creditors
3		Company AT + PO: Mahishi, Distt-Saharsa, Bihar, Pin-852216 Partners (1) -Mr. Dev Narayan Choudhary AT + PO: Mahishi, Distt-Saharsa, (Bihar) Pin-852216 Partners (2)-Smt. Suchita Devi W/o- Sri Dev Narayan	property through Sale Deed No-10277 Dated 21.10.2016 in the name of Smt. Suchita Devi W/o Sri Dev Narayan Choudhary bearing Plot No-3993,3992 (O), 1100,1097,1098,1099 (N) having Khata No-350,349 (O), 624 (N), Thana No-189, Tauzi No-3661, Jamabandi No-3788, Ward No-39 (Surve Ward No- 12), Saharsa bearing area 8.8 Decimal. Boundary of the entire Land-North- Khesra No-1100 (New), South-Kacchi	(B) Rs. 21,20,176.13 With further interest at the contracted rate until payment in full. (C) 11.07.2024 (D) Symbolic	(C)D- 20 250/	Date: 29.04.2025 Time: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm	Not Known
			TERMS AND CONF	DITIONS OF FALICTION SALE			

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE

The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions.

1. The properties are being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS", 2. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation 3. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website https://baanknet.com on 29.04.2025@10.00 AM to 05.00 PM. For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer https://baanknet.com & www.pnbindia.in.

Date: 24.03.2025 Place: Bhagalpur

Name / Add. Name and Address of the

STATUTORY SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) READ WITH RULE 9 (1) OF THE SARFASI ACT, 2002 Puniab National Bank, Secured Creditor

Authorized Officer



RECOVERY & LEGAL SECTION, CIRCLE OFFICE

3rd Floor, Luv-Kush Tower, Exhibition Road, Patna - 800001, Ph.: 0612-2320180, Email: npacopat@canarabank.com

PROPERTY FOR E-AUCTION

E-AUCTION Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with 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 property mortgaged / hypothecated/ Pledged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive / physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Canara Bank will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 11.04.2025, 15.04.2025 & 17.04.2025. Details are as under:

No.	Contact No. of the Branch	Borrower (s)/Guarantor (s) / Mortgagor (s)	Outstanding in Rs.	Details of Property	/EMD/Bid Multiplier Amt./A/c No./ IFSC Code
1	Rajwara Branch Muzaffarpur, Bihar Mob: 8210998507	Borrower / Mortgagor - Sri. Devendra Kumar, S/o Sri Amir Kumar, At - Dahachapra, PO- Dhanaiya, Muzaffarpur - 843125, Phone - 8969690600 Co-Borrower - Sri. Vijayant Kumar, S/o Sri. Devendra Kumar, Vill - Dahachhapra, Sahebganj - 843125, Phone - 8	+ interest & Other Cost thereon till realization	All that part and parcel of the property consisting in the name Sri Devendra Kumar, S/o - Late Amir Kumar, Khata No-16, Khesra No-655, Thana no 92, Area-9 Decimal, Boundary: North- Road, South- Amir Kuer, East- Road, West-Bishwanath Kuer & Govt. of Bihar., Location- At - Mauza Dahachapra , P.S- Sahebganj, Anchal - Sahebganj, Sub Registry Office - Paroo, Dist Muzaffarpur	Rs. 7,38,500/- Rs. 73,850/- Rs.10,000/- A/c - 209272434 IFSC Code - CNRB0001708
2	Nathuni Thak Anchal-Wari	Khajuri (4587) Thakur, At-Milki Ward No-06 Branch Rampur Kussaiya, Anchal-Warish Nagar, Dist-Samastipur - 848301 Properitor / Borrower - Shri Ranjeet Thakur, S/o- Nathuni Thakur, At - Milki Ward No-06, Rampur Kussaiya, Anchal-Warish Nagar, Dist-Samastipur - 848		All that part and parcel of the property consisting in the name of Shri Ram Gulam Thakur S/o- Laxmi Thakur and Sri Nathuni Thakur S/o- Laxmi Thakur, Location- Mauza - Rampur Hareram Kussaiya, P.S- Waris Nagar, Sub Division & District- Samastipur, As Per deed Khata No. 20 (Old) and 407(New), Khesra No - 2997(Old) and 3133 (New), Area- 3 Kattha, Boundary - North - Rajeshwar Poddar and Yado Rasta, East - Purchaser, West - Kapuri Das, Locatio Hareram Kussaiya, PS- Waris Nagar, Sub division &	Rs 88,573.50 Rs. 10,000/- A/c - 209272434 IFSC Code - CNRB0004587 du Thakur, South - on - Mauza - Rampur
Guarantor / Mortgager- Shri Ram Gulam Thakur, S/o- Hareram Kussaiya, P: Laxmi Thakur, At- Milki Ward No-06, Rampur Kussaiya, Anchal-Warish Nagar, Dist-Nathuni Thakur, S/o- Laxmi Thakur, At - Milki Ward No-06, Rampur Kussaiya, Ancha				I- nal-Warish Nagar, Dist- Samastipur-848301, Guarant	tor / Mortgager- Sr

	Laxmi Thakur,		r Kussaiya, Anch	nal-Warish Nagar, Dist- Samastipur-848301, Guarant Sampur Kussaiya, Anchal - Warish Nagar , Dist - Samast	
3	Ramdayalu Nagar Branch (8622) Muzaffarpur Mob. 8210998502	Borrower - Rajesh Pandey S/o - Jagarnath Pandey, Vill Harapur Bakhari, Anchal - Mushahari, Muzaffarpur - 843103, Co-Borrower / Mortgagor - Smt. Ranju Pandey, W/o Sri Rajesh Pandey, Vill Harapur Bakhari, Anchal - Mushahari, Muzaffarpur - 843103	31,48,168.22 as on 08.09.2022 + interest & Other Cost thereon till realization	All That Part and Parcel of the property consisting in the name of Smt Ranju Pandey, W/o - Sri Rajesh Pandey. The property is a residential property situated at Mauza- Terma, P.S- Ahiyapur, Thana No- 682, Khata No - 15, Khesra No - 23M, Area- 1 Decimal, Boundaries as per deed: North - Sogarnath Thakur, South - Kacha Rasta, East - Purchaser Niz, West - 12 Feet Rasta & Chanchala Pandey. Boundaries Actual: North - Sogarnath Thakur, South - Vacant Land, East - Vacant Land, West - Vacant Land & Kaccha Rasta Location - Village/Mauza- Terma, P.S- Ahiyapur, Thana No - 682, Dist - Muzaffarpur.	Rs. 32,805/- Rs. 10,000/- A/c- 209272434 IFSC Code - CNRB0008622
4	Smt. Sweta D	Borrower/s - Shri Anup Kumar Srivastava, S/o - Ganga Prasad, Ward No 02, Vill- Tumariya Tola, Raxaul, East Champaran 845305, Co-Borrower/Mortgagor- evi, W/o - Shri Anup Kumar S	18,37,399.13 as on 20.09.2023 +interest&Other Cost thereon till realization	All that part and parcel of the property consisting in the name of Smt. Sweta Devi W/o - Shri Anup Kumar Srivastava consisting of Khata No 142 Survey No 149, Tauzi No 951, PS No 10 Area - 4 Dhurs, Boundary - North - Bharat Prasad, South - Nand Kishore Prasad, East - Shila Devi Baidar, West - Road	Rs. 1,40,200/- Rs. 10,000/- A/c - 209272434 IFSC Code -

4	8210998510 Smt. Sweta D No-02, Vill - Tu Guarantor - A	Borrower/s - Shri Anup Kumar Srivastava, S/o - Ganga Prasad, Ward No 02, Vill- Tumariya Tola, Raxaul, East Champaran 845305, Co-Borrower/Mortgagor- Jevi, W/o - Shri Anup Kumar Sumariya Tola, Raxaul East Char Ajay Kumar, C/o - Vanka Prasa Champaran - 845305	18,37,399.13 as on 20.09.2023 +interest&Other Cost thereon till realization Srivastava, Ward mparan 845305,	Boundary - North - Bharat Prasad, South - Nand Kishore Prasad, East - Shila Devi Baidar, West - Road Location : At- Dhangarhwa Tola Pareua Rajendra	Rs. 1,40,200/- Rs. 10,000/- A/c - 209272434 IFSC Code - CNRB0002316 Nagar, PS- Raxaul,
5	Dumra Branch (6245) Sitamarhi, Bihar Mob: 8210998482	Borrower / Mortgagor - Sri Ram Vijay Ray, Vill - Dhanukhi, PO- Bishunpur, Ward No-1, Sitamarhi Sitamarhi - 843302 Phone- 9097604480	+ interest & Other Cost thereon	All that part and parcel of the property consisting in the name of Sri Ram Vijay Ray , The property is a residential property, situated at Location- Mauza- Rupauli Tole Dhanushi, Thana and Anchal- Dumra, District- Sitamarhi, Khata No- 985, Kheshra No. 1770, Area- 5 Decimal from naksa and 3 Decimal	Rs. 84,450/- Rs. 10,000/- A/c - 209272434

9	Bihar Mob: 8210998482	Ward No -1, Sitamarhi Sitamarhi - 843302 Phone- 9097604480	+ interest & Other Cost thereon till realization	District- Sitamarhi, Khata No- 985, Kheshra No. 1770, Area- 5 Decimal from naksa and 3 Decimal from Khatian (Sale Deed No 14270, Dated	A/c - 209272434 IFSC Code - CNRB0006245				
W-1	DEVELOPMENT BUTGO PERCENDATION		THE RESIDENCE OF THE PARTY OF T	South - Rasta Soling, East - Mali Ray, West - Chathu Ray and Baidhnath ichal-Dumra, District-Sitamarhi.					
6	SME Bhagalpur Branch Bihar Mob. 8210998587	M/S Vikramshila Paint Works, Proprietor - Mr. Pranab Kumar, Near Sunvilla Academy, Laluchak Angari, Bhagalpur, Bihar - 812001, Guarantor - Mrs. Chandrakanta, W/o Pranav Kumar, Haridas Nikunj, Near	24,21,050.29 as on 29.04.2024 +interest & Other Cost thereon	All that part and parcel of the property consisting Property - 1 - Sale Deed No 2828, Khata No 379, Khesra No 1309, In the name of Mr. Amrendra Kumar Pandey & Mr. Rajesh Kumar Pandey, Property - 2 - Sale Deed No 2831, Khata No 379, Khesra No 1309, In the name of Mrs. Chandrakanta & Mrs. Pailakahari	Rs. 52,03,500/- Rs. 5,20,350/- Rs. 10,000/- A/c - 209272434 IFSC Code -				
	Mr. Mukund Guarantor- M Nikunj, Near S Guarantor- M Cinema Hall,	Bhagalpur, Bihar- 812001, ndey, Maharana Pratap	marpur, Banka, Kumar, Haridas Bihar - 812001, by, Near Sarda Guarantor- Mr.	379, Khesra No. – 1309, In the name of Mr. Mukund Prasad Tiwari, Total Area-13.66 Decimal = 5950 Sqft Boundary: North- Sumitra Devi and Others,	CNRB0004961				

Auction Date for SI, No. 1 is 11.04.2025 and EMD Date is 09.04.2025, E-Auction Date for SI, No. 2 to 5 is 15.04.2025 and EMD Date is 11.04.2025, E-Auction Date for SI. No. 6 is 17.04.2025 and EMD Date is 16.04.2025,

For Detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in www.canarabank.com/pages/bihar, http://baanknet.com

Authorised Officer Canara Bank



Dated: 26-03-2025 Tender Enquiry no.: 1782/CS&HMMC/O&M/PC-2661 Chief Engineer/O&M (P&P Cell-I). GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat- 151111 Distt. Bathinda invites E-tender for the Procurement of Chromium Carbide Wear Resistant Plate for Chutes and Hoppers of Conveyor System. Quantity as per NIT. For detailed NIT & tender Specification please refer https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 26-03-2025 from 17:00 hrs. Onwards.

Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in only. No. 43019/PB

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tendering Tender Notice

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (Construction), N. C. Railway, Kanpur for and

behalf of President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through on Line (E-

Description of work: Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC)

for repair/maintenance of 02 Nos. Rail Cranes (For Two Years) and

modification in 02 nos. Tower Wagon of Electrical Construction (PRYJ & CNB

Cost of Tender Form (Rs.): 00 Date of closing Tender: 17.04.2025, 15:00 Hrs.

Validity of Tender: 60 days, Tender on line can be submitted up to 15:00

hrs on 17-04-2025. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian

F North central railways 🔀 @ CPRONCR @ www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

Date of completion/ period from issue acceptance letter: 24 Months

Earnest Money (Rs.) : ₹ 101100.00

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GHTP24/25

DIPR/C/4289/2025

Notice Inviting Bid No. 27/2024-25 (e-Tender) Bids for Medical Equipments are invited from interested bidders upto Date: - 21.04.2025 Time: 10.30 AM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL, RNT MEDICAL COLLEGE &

CONTROLLER ASSOCIATED GROUP OF HOSPITALS,

UDAIPUR (RA.J.)

No. RNT/Pur-I/F.16/(e-Tendering Proc)/2024-25/1023 Dated: 21.03.2025

UBN-MCU2425GLOB00294

(Dr. Vipin Mathur) PRINCIPAL & CONTROLLER

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE No. AGC-ELG-T-31-2024-25 Date: 25.03.2025

E-Tender Notice

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (General) N.C. Railway, Agra on behalf of President of ndia invites "Open Tender" through on line only (E-Tendering) for the following works. Name of work with its location & Completion Period: (A) Electrification work for Agra Division- Raja ki mandi /Billochpura- Construction of RPF out post

office building cum 15 bedded Barrack (10 Bed for Male and 05 Bed for Female staff) for the use of RPF staff at Raja Ki Mandi/Billochpura Railway Station along with other modern facilities. (B)Electrification work for Construction of 07 Bedded RPF Barrack at Agra East Bank (Yamuna Bridge) railway station with modern facilities.

Completion period 08 months

Approx. Cost of the work: ₹1377951.47

For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in Tenders can only be submitted through web portal

www.ireps.gov.in up to 15:00 hrs on 22.04.2025 538/25(DG) Morth central railways @CPRONCR www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

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Tendering) for the following work.

unit) of N.C. Railway Pryagraj.

Approx Cost (Rs.): 5054360.37

Railways website www.ireps.gov.in

E-Tender No.: Dv. CEE/C/CNB/24- 25/T-135R

निम्नलिखित कार्य के निष्पादन के लिए मारत व राष्ट्रपति की ओर से मुख्य चिकित्सा अधीक्षव चिकित्सा विमाग/डीडीयू द्वारा Online e-tender on IREPS पर पूर्ण अपेक्षित आवेदन आमंत्रित किय

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और उपभोग वस्तुओं की आपूर्ति दिन प्रतिदिन की जरूरत के आधार पर । 2. पत्रता मुख्य चिकित्सा अधीक्षक, पूर्व मध्य रेर डीडीय मानवंड और अन्य विवरण वेबसाई। (www.ecr.indianrailways.gov.in) पर उपलब

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उपरोक्त मानदंडों की पूरा करने वाले इच्छुव आपूर्तिकर्ताओं /विक्रेताओं /फर्म को भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से मुख्य चकित्सा अधीक्षक, पूर्व मध्य रेल डीडीय द्वारा Online e-tender on IREPS पर आवेदन करना होगा। इस विज्ञापन के प्रकाशन तिथि से 21 दिन में आवेदन करने का अंतिम दिन है।

मुख्य चिकित्सा अधीक्षक / पुमरे/पं. दीन दयाल उपाध्याय पीआर/02342/बीबीय्/मेडि./एन/24-25/40

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-OPEN TENDER NOTICE E-Tender notice no.: 25-26-1-HRT-ABS Date: 26.03.2025 For and on behalf of President of India

Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer, Carriage Repair Workshop, Hamaut invites oper e-tender for the following works as Name of work with its location: "FIBA

Modification of Air Spring LHB Coaches at Carriage Repair Workshop, Harnaut* 2. Approx. cost of the work : Rs 29,73,651.33 (Rupees Twenty-Nine Lakh Seventy-Three Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-One and Thirty-Three Paisa Only) 3. Cost of Tender Form : Nil, 4. Earnest Money to be deposited: Rs. 59,500.00 (Rupees Fifty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Only), 5. Date & Time for submission of tender and opening of Tender: The tender have to be submitted online on https://www.ireps.gov.in website up to 12:00 hrs. on 15:04:2025 and will be opened on the same day at 12:30 hrs., 6. Website particulars, Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. Detailed tender notice, eligibility criteria & tender documents can be seen from the CRIS website: https://www.ireps.gov.in & full details of notice can be seen on notice board in the office of Chief Workshop Manager, Administrative Building, Carriage Repair Workshop, Harnaut, Nalanda, Bihar 803110. All corrigendum will be uploaded

on website if required. Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer

Raxaul Branch 🛕 इलाहाबाद ALLAHABAD APPENDIX-IV-A"[See proviso to rule 8(6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Indian Bank

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, Raxaul Branch, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 30.04.2025 for recovery of Rs.1,89,19,102/- (Rupees One Crore Eighty-Nine Lakh Nineteen Thousand One Hundred & Two Only) (as on 26.03.2025) with further interest charges and expenses thereon due to the Indian Bank, Raxaul Branch. Secured Creditor, from

M/s Shakti Food Industries (Borrowing Firm) Prop. Shailendra Kumar S/o Narendra Mishra.

Situated at Vill-Shubhanpur, Block-Sahebgani, Dist-Muzaffarpur-, Bihar-843125 Sri Shailendra Kumar (Borrower & Mortgagor) S/o- Narendra Mishra,

3. Smt. Umravati Devi (Guarantor & Mortgagor) W/o Narendra Mishra

4. Ajay Kumar (Guarantor) S/o Kamalnath Prasad Above 3 (2,3 & 4) resident at Nahari Road, Behind Sona Talkies, Laxmipur, Raxaul- 845305, Dist. East Champaran.

The Specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below Detailed Description of the property : All part & parcel of property Land in the name of

Shailendra Kumar, S/o- Narendra Mishra vide sale deed no. 501 dated 06/02/2018 (A) Khata No.41, Khesara No. 1249, Thana No.90, (B) Khata No.41, Khesara No. 1250, Thana No.90, having Total Area -31 Decimal situated at Mauza- Shubhanpur, PS Sahebganj, Sub Registry Paru, Dist- Muzaffarpur. Boundary (A): North: Kachhi Sarak, South: Mokir Alah Khesra 1250 Wata Imroje, East: Nala, West: Munna Devi, Boundary (B): North: Mokir Alah Khesra 1249 Wata Imroje, South: Dilip Mishr, East: Nala, West: Munna Devi Encumbrances on property Not Known

Rs.61,16,000/- (Sixty-One Lakh & Sixteen Reserve Price Thousand Only) Rs.6,11,600/- (Six Lakh Eleven Thousand & EMD Amount Six Hundred Only) Rs.10,000 (Ten Thousand Only) Bid Incremental amount 30.04.2025 from 11 am to 03 pm

Bidders are advised to visit the website (https://baanknet.com) of our e auction service provider PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd. to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call 8291220220. For Registration status and for EMD status please email to support.baanknet@psballiance.com.

For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: https://baanknet.com and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact PSB

IDIB30256666725

Alliance Pvt. Ltd, Contact No. 8291220220. Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the

property in the website with https://baanknet.com Date: 28.03.2025 Sd/- Authorised Officer Place: Raxaul Indian Bank (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank

QR Code

www.indianbank.ir

Bank Website

Date and time of e-auction

Property ID No.

Website

E-Auction

Video of Location Property



Reserve Price (Rs.)

/EMD/Bid Multiplier

Rs. 2,61,00,000/

Rs. 26,10,000/-

Rs. 10,000/-

mt./A/c No./ IFSC Code

Contact Person: 1. Sanjay Pandey- Authorised Officer- 9934719425 Sunil Kumar Baitha- Branch Manager- 7890168328

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RECOVERY & LEGAL SECTION, REGIONAL OFFICE

Dumri Road, Gobarsahi, Muzaffarpur, Dist- Muzaffarpur, Bihar- 842002, Mob: 8437350570

PROPERTY FOR E-AUCTION

E-AUCTION Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

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Outstanding

3,34,57,815.69

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Name and Address

of the Borrower(s)

/ Guarantor (s)

Borrower: M/S Suru Foods

& Beverages Pvt Ltd.,

Registered Office Address

At- R -7, Ansal Chamber - II,

represented by Legal Heirs Mr. Piyus Kumar Pandey S/o-Late Harendra Kumar Pandey, Mr. Himanshu Kumar 12.05.2025 Pandey S/o- Late Harendra Kumar Pandey and Smt A/c -Anupama Diwedi D/o- Late Harendra Kumar Pandey 209272434 situated at Vill/ Mauza- Hardiya, PS- Govindganj, Thana IFSC Code -No-88, Anchal- Areraj, Distt- East Champaran, Bearing: CNRB0004954 A) Sale deed no. 678 dated 29.01.2013, khata no. 68. Survey no. 345, Area 01 Kattha 16 Dhur (12 Decimal). Boundary

Details of Property

Property 1 - All the part and parcel of the Commercial

Land in the name of Late Harendra Kumar Pandey,

North: - Dwarika Pandey, Khesra No-349, South: - Harkesh Pandey, Khesra no. 345 East :- Mustari, Khesra No. 346 West :- Mustari, Khesra No. 344 B) Sale deed no. 7358 dated 31.05.2011, Khata No. 16 & Khesra No. 455, Area 15 Dhur (05 Decimal). Boundary - North :- Nij Mokir Alah, South Legal Heirs of Late Sakal Pandey East :- Bhubneshwar Pandey West :- Nij Mokir Alah, C) Sale deed no. 7358 dated 31.05.2011, Khata No. 93 & Khesra No. 342, Area 01 Kattha (06 1/2 Decimal). Boundary - North :- Singeshwar Pandey & his brothers, South :- Satyadev Dubey & his brothers East :- Nij Mokir Alah West :- Pokhar, Name of Title Holder: Late Harendra Kumar Pandey, represented by Legal Heirs Mr. Piyus Kumar Pandey S/o-Late Harendra Kumar Pandey, Mr. Himanshu Kumar Pandey S/o- Late Harendra Kumar Pandey and Smt Anupama Diwedi D/o- Late Harendra Kumar Pandey Property 2 - All the part and parcel of Commercial ancestral Land in the name of Late Harendra Kumar Pandey, represented by Legal Heirs Mr. Piyus Kumar Pandey S/o- Late Harendra Kumar Pandey, Mr. Himanshu Kumar Pandey S/o- Late Harendra Kumar Pandey and Smt Anupama Diwedi D/o- Late Harendra Kumar Pandey, situated at Vill/ Mauza - Hardiya, PS- Govindganj Thana No-88, Anchal- Arerai, Distt- East Champaran, bearing Khata No. 35,49,88 & Khesra No. 344, 346, 458, 454, 341, Area - 12 Kattha 04 Dhur. A) Boundary - W.R.T Khata No. 35, Khesra No. 344 & Area 02 Kattha 13 Dhur. North : Khushi Dewan, South : Siwan Yogiyar urf Janerwa,

East: Nij, West: Nij & Satyadev Dubey. B) W.R.T Khata No. 35, Khesra No. 346 & Area 05 Kattha 12 Dhur. North: Shambhu Raut, South: Siwan Yogiyar urf Janerwa, East: Nij & Awdhesh Pandey, West: Nij. C) W.R.T Khata No. 35, Khesra No. 458 & Area 00 Kattha 16 Dhur. North : Anirudh Dubey, South : Bhanu Pandey, East : Farikain (Sharer), West : Nij. D) W.R.T Khata No. 49, Khesra No. 454 & Area 02 Kattha 02 Dhur. North: Shambhu Raut & Anirudh Dubey, South: Bhanu Pandey, East: Nij, West: Nij, E) W.R.T Khata No. 88, Khesra No. 341 & Area 01 Kattha 01 Dhur, North: Khushi Dewan, South: Satyadev Dubey, East: Nij, West: Sadak, Title Holder: Late Harendra Kumar Pandey, represented by Legal Heirs Mr. Piyus Kumar Pandey S/o-Late Harendra Kumar Pandey, Mr. Himanshu Kumar Pandey S/o- Late Harendra Kumar Pandey and Smt Anupama Diwedi D/o- Late Harendra Kumar Pandey Property 3 - All the part and Parcel of Commercial Land in the name of Mr. Himanshu Kr Pandey, situated at Vill- Hardiya, PS- Govindganj, Thana No-88, Anchal- Areraj, Distt- East Champaran, bearing Sale deed no. 2520 dated 05.04.2019, Khata no. 68, Survey no. 345, Area 01 Kattha 16 Dhur (12 Decimal). Boundary - North: Mustari, South: Siwan Yogiyar urf Janerwa, East: Mustari, West: Mustari, Title Holder: Mr. Himanshu Kumar Pandey. Property 4 - All the part and Parcel of Commercial Land in the name of Mr. Piyush Kumar Pandey, situated at Vill-Hardiya, PS-Govindganj, Thana No-88, Anchal-Areraj, Distt-East Champaran, bearing Sale deed no. 4635 dated 12.09.2011, Khata no. 14, Survey no. 456, Area 01 Kattha (6.66 Decimal). Boundary - North: Harendra Kr Pandey, South: Nij Farikain, East: Bhubneshwar Pandey, West: Harendra Kr Pandey Title Holder: Mr. Piyush Kumar Pandey.

Last Date of EMD 11.04.2025 For Detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in www.canarabank.com/pages/bihar, http://baanknet.com

Date: 25.03.2025 Place: Muzaffarpur Authorised Officer (Canara Bank)

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Reserve Price (Rs.)

Name / Add.

Contact No.

of the Branch

Branch

(4954)

Carriage Repair Workshop/Harnaut PR/02345/HRT/MECH/T/24-25/44

If there are questions of current or contemporary relevance that you would like explained, please write to explained@indianexpress.com

Preparation' for rape vs 'attempt' to commit rape: what law says

LAW

AJOY SINHA KARPURAM NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

THE SUPREME COURT on Wednesday stayed a ruling of the Allahabad High Court that said grabbing the breasts of a minor child and breaking the string of her pyjama "hardly constitute[d] an offence of attempt to rape", and merely amount[ed] to "preparation".

A Bench of Justices BR Gavai and AG Masih said "some of the observations made in the impugned order...depict a total lack of sensitivity on the part of the author of the judgment".

In his order passed on March 17, Justice

Ram Manohar Narayan Mishra of the Allahabad High Court deleted the charges of attempted rape against three accused persons and directed that they should be tried for the "minor offence" of assaulting or using criminal force against a woman under Section 354B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (IPC), read with Sections 9/10 (aggravated sexual assault) of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO Act).

The HC was hearing an appeal by the accused against an order of a POCSO court summoning them to trial under Section 376 IPC (rape) and Section 18 (punishment for attempt to commit an offence) of the POCSO Act.

The HC's March 17 verdict and the stay ordered by the SC on Wednesday spotlight the thin line between the "preparation" to commit an offence and the "attempt" to commit that offence.

It is a crucial distinction, as "preparation" is not punishable in the vast majority of cases, while an "attempt" to commit an offence is criminally punishable.

The distinction is also relevant for an important ongoing debate: how should courts define and punish an attempt to commit rape?

'Preparation' vs 'attempt'

To prove an attempt to commit an offence, certain other things must be proven, including that the accused made preparations to commit the offence, the Supreme Court has held earlier. In essence, preparing to commit an offence is a stage that precedes the attempt to commit that offence.

In Abhayanand Mishra v. State of Bihar (1961), the SC ruled that to prove an attempt to commit an offence, the prosecution must broadly show that:

■ The accused had the "intention" to commit that offence.

■ The accused made preparations to commit the offence. ■ The accused then acted towards com-

mitting the offence — this need not be the "penultimate act", that is, the final act before the offence is committed.

■The penultimate act took place "during the course of committing that offence". (This is known as the requirement of "proximity".)

Crucially, an attempt is said to be made only when this penultimate act takes place an accused cannot be held guilty for merely making preparations without taking any action towards committing a crime.

As the SC put it in State of Maharashtra v Mohd. Yakub (1980), "attempt begins where preparation ends".

Standard applied by the HC

The facts of the case, as recorded in the HC judgment, are as follows:

The accused persons met the minor girl and her mother and offered to drop the child home on their motorcycle. On the way, "they started grabbing her breasts and...dragged her and tried to take her beneath the culvert and broke the string of her pyjami". Two witnesses who heard the cries of

EXPLAINED the child arrived on the scene before the offence of rape could take place. The accused persons made some threats and fled. They were charged with attempt to

commit rape under the IPC and POCSO Act. The HC held that the "allegations...and facts of the case hardly constitute an offence of attempt to rape... The prosecution must

of preparation". The HC also relied on an old English case,

Justice Patterson, held: "In order to find the prisoner guilty of an assault with intent to commit a rape, you must be satisfied that the prisoner...not only desired to gratify his passions upon her person but that he intended to do so at all events and notwithstanding any resistance on her part."

The English judge said that "indecent assaults are often magnified into attempts at rape, and even more often into rape itself", and the court must be satisfied that the accused showed "a determination to gratify his passions...in spite of all resistance". This high bar essentially requires the victim to offer "resistance" for the accused to be charged with an attempt to rape.

The HC judgment also found that "there is no allegation that accused tried to commit penetrative sexual assault against the victim". Penetration is a precondition for proving rape under the IPC.

establish that it had gone beyond the stage Therefore, the court held that the accused cannot be summoned for the offence of attempted rape — and they are only liable to Rex v. James Lloyd (1836), in which the judge, be summoned "for minor charge of Section 354(b) IPC i.e. assault or abuse a woman with intent to disrobing or compelling her to be naked", which carries a punishment of 1-5 years' imprisonment.

Earlier instances

The almost two-centuries-old *Lloyd* ruling continues to act as a basis for deciding if an accused attempted to commit the offence of rape.

In May 2024, the Rajasthan HC applied the standard test for 'attempt' as well as the *Lloyd* ruling to alter an attempted rape conviction and instead hold the accused guilty under Section 354, thus reducing the punishment.

In 2004, the Supreme Court had adopted a similar approach to achieve the same result in Aman Kumar & Anr v. State of Haryana.

The Supreme Court, which took *suo motu* cognizance of the HC verdict on March 25, now has the opportunity to reconsider the legal standard for attempted rape. While issuing a stay on the ruling, the court noted that the HC's observations "are totally unknown to the tenets of law and depict total insensitivity and inhuman approach".

EXPLAINED SCIENCE

GAIA, THE EUROPEAN CARTOGRAPHER OF THE COSMOS, NOW RETIRED

SONAL GUPTA MUMBAI, MARCH 27

THE EUROPEAN Space Agency (ESA) shut down its space observatory mission, Gaia, on Thursday. Launched in December 2013, Gaia aimed to create the most precise three-dimensional map of the galaxy.

From July 2014 to January 2025, Gaia recorded 3 trillion observations of 2 billion stars and objects, and helped inform at least 13,000 scientific publications.

The Gaia mission

Gaia, formerly the Global Astrometric Interferometer for Astrophysics (GAIA), was designed to map the universe by accurately measuring the positions and motions of stars and various celestial objects. It was positioned at Lagrange point 2

(L2), around 1.5 million kilometres 'behind' the Earth, as viewed from the Sun. This location effectively allowed the spacecraft to view the larger cosmos unhindered by the Earth, the Sun and the Moon.

Twin telescopes placed in different directions directed light to a single digital camera with nearly a billion pixels, making it the largest in space. The spacecraft is fitted with three instruments — an astrometer, a photometer and a spectrometer — that help interpret the location and motion of stars and other objects.

Through Gaia's eyes

Gaia's observations have shown scientists the shape of the Milky Way: a central bar and spiral arms. Viewed from its edge, the galaxy is seen as a disc with a bulge at the centre. However, Gaia showed that this disc is warped and wobbles slowly from left to right, likely due to collisions with a smaller satellite galaxy.

Chris Lintott, a British astrophysicist and professor at the University of Oxford,



Artist's impression of ESA's Gaia satellite observing the Milky Way. Wikimedia Commons

believes the ripples produced by these collisions still exist and may have resulted in the formation of stars, including the Sun. "This shows how Gaia is revealing that the Milky Way's history is both more dynamic and more complex than we thought," he said in a lecture last month.

Last April, Gaia discovered a "sleeping giant" black hole, 33 times the mass of the Sun, located less than 2,000 light years from Earth. This marked the first time such a massive black hole was found in the Milky Way. While black holes had previously been detected by the light emitted from materials falling into them, those identified by Gaia are "truly black and can only be detected by their gravitational effects", according to the ESA.

Gaia has also detected over 1,50,000 asteroids and projected their orbits, including those that may pose a threat to Earth in the future.

Despite its scope and magnitude, Gaia has likely mapped only about 2% of the 100 billion stars in the Milky Way. The bulk of Gaia's data remain to be processed. Scientists at the ESA are downlinking all the data collected by the spacecraft over the years. Their release over the coming years could lead to more discoveries.



India's deep sea challenge

Operating in the depths of the ocean is a challenge that India must embrace to maximise its economic potential and protect its security interests. This is more so given that China is the world leader in the field



BISWAJIT DASGUPTA

LAST MONTH, India completed wet testing of its Matsya-6000 submersible, capable of diving up to 6 km below the surface to look for underwater minerals off the coast. The launch of the first deep-sea manned vehicle is planned for later this year — it will put India in a select group of nations with the capability to send humans to these depths.

Last week, China unveiled a compact deep sea cable-cutting device that can be mounted on certain submersibles — and which is capable of severing the world's most fortified underwater communication or power lines. China reportedly operates the largest fleet of submersibles in the world.

Deep sea challenge The intense oceanic activity around the

world over the past two decades has focused on the Deep both for its economic resources and as the theatre of possible future conflicts. According to the United Nations

Convention on the Law of the Seas (UNCLOS), the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of a country extends from the baseline of its coast to 200 nautical miles (about 370 km) into the sea. A nation has exclusive rights to living and non-living resources in the waters and on the seabed within its EEZ.

Average depth in the Indian EEZ is 3,741 metres — this is more than four-and-a-half times the height of Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building. But it is shallow compared to the deepest ocean — the bottom of the Challenger Deep in the Mariana Trench in the western Pacific lies more than 10 km under the surface, more than the cruising altitude of most aircraft.

Operating in the deep sea requires a distinct technology and extremely specific capabilities that are challenging and expensive to develop. Consider:

■ While sound can travel long distances underwater, its propagation is seriously affected by hydrological conditions such as temperature, pressure, and salinity. Generally speaking, the lower the frequency of the sound wave, the better the propaga-



as part of the Samudrayaan Project under India's Deep Ocean Mission. PIB

tion of sound underwater.

Very low frequency (VLF) and extremely low frequency (ELF) sound technologies represent the cutting edge of science, and require deep research and enormous funding to develop.

■ Pressure underwater increases by approximately one atmosphere (atm) for every 10 metres of ocean depth. One atm is roughly equivalent to the mean sea-level atmospheric pressure on Earth, or 101,325 Pascals. The pressure at the ocean bed in the Indian EEZ is upwards of 380 atm, or 380 times that on the surface of the Earth.

Vessels that descend to such depths need to be constructed using particular material and processes in order for them to operate safely.(Remember the OceanGate Titan submersible disaster of June 2023?)

Need for such technology

It is, however, imperative that India overcomes the challenge posed by the deep sea. To be able to ride on the blue economy in the future, India must have the technologies to harness the resources of the ocean and the

The ocean is a storehouse of resources, from fish, minerals, gas hydrates, oil and gas, and nutraceuticals to oceanographic data that may help in combating climate change

and contribute to meteorological research. It is essential to harness these resources to maximise India's economic potential.

This will require the development of technologies for hydrographic research and exploration activity, as well as supporting capabilities such as diving, salvage, and sub-

Then there is the development of underwater infrastructure. Undersea cables crisscrossing the oceans are the backbone of modern communications technology. They are responsible for transmitting more than 95% of the intercontinental Internet traffic, seamlessly enabling activities from digital communication and transmission of video to banking transactions worth billions of dollars. Developing the capability to lay and

maintain these cables is critical to provide millions of Indians with digital connectivity, and to sustain an economy that increasingly relies on the same.

Apart from undersea cables, other deep sea infrastructure can include oil pipelines, equipment for mining, and scientific research.

Beyond exploiting the oceans' resources, mapping of the deep sea and maintaining a high degree of underwater domain awareness is critical for safeguarding maritime and security interests.

Take for instance the deep sea cable-cut-

response mechanisms to act against any such disruption will be crucial to tackling any threats from hostile actors. What India must do

ter that China has announced. The development of complex underwater sensors and

As for every niche technology, the essential prerequisites for developing deep sea tech are financial strength, academic and research capabilities, and highly qualified and skilled human capital.

It is not surprising, therefore, that China France, Japan, Norway, Russia, South Korea, and the US are far ahead of the rest of the world in this area. Chinese investments in deep sea science and engineering centres are paying rich dividends today.

In 2018, the Indian government launched the Deep Ocean Mission under the Ministry of Earth Sciences. The development of the Matsya-6000 submersible is a part of this mission. While this is welcome, the fact is India currently does not have even decent deep sea fishing capability — and needs to do much more.

The establishment of institutes of excellence in deep sea research will nurture academic excellence, expertise, and skill in the area. India also needs to incentivise every aspect of deep ocean science and engineering through generous funding and a strong, empowered body to drive this multi-dimensional mission forward at a faster-than-usual pace.

It is time to upgrade the Department of Ocean Development to a full-fledged ministry, led by a cabinet-rank minister, and make all departments and agencies responsible for ocean development accountable to this minister.

Well-funded, time-bound and result-oriented projects must be executed in "missionmode", with quick approvals, ease of doing business, and high accountability of stakeholders. A "ten year plan" will be helpful in this regard. Lastly, India must remember that all

these deep sea technologies are inherently "dual use" — the very vessels and equipment developed for ocean research and exploitation could also have disruptive uses in conflict. This too needs active consideration in its deep ocean strategy.

Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta (Retd) is a former Commander-in-Chief of the Eastern Naval Command, Indian Navy

As Al-generated art goes viral, the story of Miyazaki and his Studio Ghibli

ANAGHA JAYAKUMAR & ARJUN SENGUPTA NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

STUDIO GHIBLI-STYLE images have taken

over the Internet after OpenAI released its "most advanced image generator yet" via an update to the GPT-40 model. People around the world have been

using the artificial intelligence chatbot to adapt images to the distinctive style developed by legendary Japanese animator Hayao Miyazaki. But not everyone is happy. Many see

especially given Miyazaki's own views about AI-generated art.

this as an affront to the creative process,

Analogue artist in a digital age Miyazaki was born in Tokyo in 1941. At an early age, he got hooked on manga, a popular and distinctive style of Japanese comics and graphic novels. After studying economics and political science at university, he began his ca-

reer as an animator in 1963. Miyazaki worked in the long-running

series World Masterpiece Theater, and films such as The Wonderful World of Puss 'n Boots (1969) and Future Boy Conan (1978) before co-founding Studio Ghibli with director Isao Takahata, and producer Toshio Suzuki in 1985. Miyazaki has himself directed most of the films produced by the studio.

Over the years, Studio Ghibli has developed a distinctive aesthetic, one that has

found admirers around the

EXPLAINED world. Miyazaki's frames are vivid in detail, rich in colour, **CULTURE** and imbibe even daily objects with a dream-like character. Crucially, Studio Ghibli productions are meticulously hand-painted, and use next

to no digital assistance. Even in an age

where computer animation has taken over the world, Miyazaki's work is defined by the fact that behind each frame is the labour of a human illustrator, often Miyazaki himself. "I believe that the tool of an animator is

an interview in 2021. Naturally, Miyazaki has been a vocal critic of AI-generated art.

the pencil," he told *The New York Times* in

For Never-Ending Man: Hayao Miyazaki, a 2016 documentary about his life, he was



shown a demonstration of an AI-gener-

ated animation. His response has gone on

to become one of the most oft-quoted re-

pudiations of AI art.

A still from Hayao Miyazaki's Oscar-winning The Boy and the Heron (2023). Studio Ghibli via AP

ing words: "I feel like we are nearing the end of times. We humans are losing faith in ourselves."

Progressive themes

"I am utterly disgusted... I would never wish to incorporate this technology into Much like their visual aesthetic, Studio my work at all. I strongly feel that this is an Ghibli's stories blend the mundane with the insult to life itself," he famously said, befantastical. They are also deeply political, and fore ending the discussion with the followcontain complex characters who blur the bi-

nary between good and evil.

Having grown up in post-World War II Japan, pacifism is a recurring theme in Miyazaki's works.

Porco Rosso (1991) was described by Daisuke Akimoto as "anti-war propaganda". He wrote that the "fundamental political message of the film is not only anti-fascism, but also anti-war pacifism". ('A Pig, the State and War: Porco Rosso' published in 2014 in *Animation Studies*). In *Princess Mononoke* (1997), the protagonist goes against tradition to try and end a historic conflict between two communities.

Environmentalism is another common theme of Studio Ghibli films. In 2008, Miyazaki told *The Japan Times* that he felt very frustrated growing up because he saw nature being destroyed "in the name of economic progress".

Miyazaki's films push audiences to reflect on the effects of capitalism on the natural world by telling stories about the relationship between humans and nature. Hannah Kong Walter wrote for The Cambridge Language Collective earlier this year: "Nature in Studio Ghibli is never just a physical setting: it is otherworldly, and if

nothing else, a reminder of the power and beauty of the imagination. These films do not so much concern the natural world and its importance as one's connection to it."

Miyazaki has also been praised for his treatment of female characters. Many Studio Ghibli films tell coming-of-age stories of girls. But they do so without resorting to either sexualisation or fluff, something that is rare even today. His female protagonists are strong-willed, capable of navigating the complexities of the world while still remaining true to themselves.

Spirited Away (2001), perhaps the most famous Studio Ghibli film of all time, tells the story of ten-year-old Chihiro, who mysteriously gets trapped in the world of *kami* spirits in Japanese folklore — and must figure out a way to free her family, and return to the human world.

This was the first non-English film to win the Academy Award for Best Animated Feature (although Miyazaki refused to attend the ceremony, citing his opposition to the Iraq War), and has found itself on multiple 'Best Of lists. Miyazaki's The Boy and The Heron (2023) too won the Academy Award for Best Animated Feature.

ECONOMY

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Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) per barrel as of March 26

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TRADERS FEAR SELECTIVE CONCESSIONS

Trump's 25% auto tariffs raise worries for India's \$7 bn component exports

RAVIDUTTA MISHRA & AGGAM WALIA NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump on Wednesday decided to expand his trade war to the world's most traded product—automobiles and auto parts—by announcing 25 per cent tariffs on imports from April 3, raising uncertainty over Indian exports of nearly \$7 billion worth of auto components to the US and future growth potential in the North American market.

Citing national security concerns, the White House said that automobiles would be subject to 25 per cent tariffs starting on April 3—a day after US reciprocal tariffs are set to come into effect—while auto parts would face similar tariffs "no later than May 3 2025," unless such actions are expressly "reduced, modified, or terminated."

An industry source told *The Indian Express* that Trump's new tariffs would have a bearing on India's auto component exports to the US, which stood at \$6.79 billion in FY24, as auto components are the only segment where India has a significant presence in the fast-growing US market. The source added that selective relax-

Adani arm

power supply

Mumbai: Adani Power has re-

sumed power supply to

Bangladesh after halting it for al-

most four months over unpaid

ment of \$90-95 million per month,

but earlier dues are yet to be paid,

sources said. "...the payments from

Bangladesh are just about meet-

ing monthly consumption by it.

The have promised they will clear

earlier dues," sources said.

Bangladesh owed \$850 million to

Adani Power, which currently

stands at \$800 million. These

would be cleared in next six

months, people familiar with the matter said. An Adani Power

spokesperson did not comment.

Govt plans to

borrow ₹8L cr

New Delhi: The Centre is plan-

ning to mobilise Rs 8 lakh

crore through dated securi-

ties during the April-

September period of 2025-26

to fund the revenue gap. **PTI**

I-T dept offices

to remain open

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New Delhi: The cumulative

wealth of 284 Indian billion-

aires is a third of the country's

GDP, a report said. Gautam

Adani has emerged as the

biggest wealth gainer globally

with a Rs 1 lakh crore jump in

his fortune to Rs 8.4 lakh crore,

as per the Hurun Global Rich

List. Mukesh Ambani saw a 13

per cent drop in his wealth to

Washington: The US economy

expanded at a healthy annual

2.4 per cent pace the last three

Rs 8.6 lakh crore.

US economy

grew 2.4% in

4th quarter

months of 2024.

country's GDP

in H1 FY26

RAGHAVENDRA KAMATH, FE

BRIEFLY —

Bangladesh is making pay-

dues, sources in the know said.

resumes

to Dhaka



US President Donald Trump at the White House. AP/PTI

ations of the tariffs favouring specific countries could adversely im-

Exporters fear selective relaxations

pact Indian exports.

"The White House said the tariff would apply not only to fully assembled cars but also to key automobile parts, including engines, transmissions, powertrain parts, and electrical components, which are India's largest auto component exports. That list could expand over time to encompass additional parts. From a competitive position, things remain the same. The problem will be if there are selective relaxations, if US demand

slumps as goods become more

expensive, or if China undercuts

through opaque subsidies," the source said.

The fresh tariffs are significant as North America—primarily the US—and Europe are the largest export markets for Indian auto components, showing significant growth in FY2024, according to the Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA)'s annual report. Asia remains a key market, although growth was stable, and Germany is also a notable export destination, the report showed.

Notably, India's auto component exports—including drive transmission, steering, and engine components—reached \$21.2 billion in FY24, reflecting 5.5 per cent growth. This was primarily driven

FIRST PILOT ROUND

Top five

ONGC

companies*

Jubilant Foodworks

Maruti Suzuki India

Reliance Industries

Eicher Motors

Auto stocks fall on Trump tariff

New Delhi: Auto stocks declined on Thursday. Shares of Tata Motors tanked 5.56 per cent to settle at Rs 668.60 on the BSE. The stock of Ashok Leyland dropped 2.77 per cent, Eicher Motors declined 0.97 per cent, Mahindra & Mahindra dipped 0.35 per cent and Apollo Tyres skidded 0.24 per cent.

by robust demand from markets like North America and Europe, which contributed nearly 32 per cent each. The other key markets for Indian exports are Asia and West Asia. However, overall growth has remained flat compared to the previous year.

Reduction of import duty may be counterproductive

Stressing that the Indian auto sector contributes nearly onethird of the country's manufacturing GDP, a Global Trade and Research Institute (GTRI) report cautioned against reducing tariffs on passenger cars to avoid US tariffs, warning that such a move

could prove counterproductive. "The Australian experience of-

fers a cautionary tale. When Australia reduced its import tariffs from 45 per cent to 5 per cent in the late 1980s, it paved the way for the eventual collapse of its domestic auto manufacturing industry. With the Indian auto sector contributing nearly one-third of the country's manufacturing GDP, any similar misstep must be avoided. Preserving the stability of the Indian auto sector is vital," the report said.

The US imported \$89 billion worth of auto parts globally last vear, with Mexico accounting for \$36 billion, China for \$10.1 billion, and India for just \$2.2 billion, the GTRI report noted, adding that the new tariffs could also open up export opportunities for India.

Indian companies in the US

Several Indian companies that manufacture auto components also have a presence in the US through their subsidiaries or joint ventures, including Gurugrambased Sona Comstar, Pune-based Bharat Forge, the Motherson group, TVS Holdings, and JK **FULL REPORT ON**

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India seeks clarity on reciprocal tariffs but US holds back

RAVIDUTTA MISHRA NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

INDIAN TRADE negotiators have sought details on US implementation plans for reciprocal tariffs set to take effect on April 2 during ongoing trade talks. However, US counterparts have remained focused on discussing the scope of the deal, revealing little about reciprocal tariffs that India is keen to avoid, The Indian Express has learnt. This has raised concerns among Indian trade officials that the US could use reciprocal tariffs as leverage to push for an early conclusion of the deal on goods, where it has sought broad market access in sectors including automobiles, whisky, and agriculture.

"The Indian side has sought details on the implementation plans for reciprocal tariffs, as there is a lack of clarity on whether the new tariffs will be applied sector-wise or at a national level. But US counterparts that include political appointees, have not shared any details," a government official said.

"Talks are currently focused on the language of the terms of reference (ToR), which define the scope of the trade deal. This has created a sense that the April 2 tariffs will take effect and be used to pressure India into signing the goods agreement early," the official said.

Earlier this week, US President Donald Trump hinted at a possible softening of stance on reciprocal tariffs, stating that a "lot of

Talks progressing well: Goyal

New Delhi: The ongoing talks

between India and the US for the proposed trade agreement between India and the US are progressing "well" and will be for the "good" of both nations while protecting India's interests, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Thursday. Goyal also said that he is in regular and constant dialogue with the industry from different sectors including agriculture, engineering, electronics, textiles, and various interest groups. All are "very" excited about a potential bilateral trade agreement with the US, he said, adding, "The discussions are ongoing. They are progressing well and will be for the good of both the United States and India". He was speaking at the Times Now Summit here.

countries" would be given a break on April 2. However, as threatened, Trump announced that tariffs on automobiles and parts would take effect next week.

This paper had earlier reported that US demands include greater market access, primarily in automobiles, whisky, and certain agricultural products. Indian negotiators, meanwhile, are seek-

Why the growth in India's \$60-bn

e-comm market halved in 2024

ing improved market access in labour-intensive sectors such as textiles and leather. On digital trade, India expects the US to push for greater access to data, challenging India's strict data localisation norms, which require Indian data to be stored within the country. During Trump's first term, disagreements over data localisation were a major source of friction between the two nations.

On Wednesday, Trump esca-

lated his trade war by announcing 25 per cent tariffs on automobiles and auto parts from April 3, raising uncertainty over Indian auto component exports worth nearly \$7 billion and the sector's future growth prospects in the North American market. Citing national security concerns, the White House said that automobiles would be subject to 25 per cent tariffs starting on April 3—a day after US reciprocal tariffs come into effect—while auto parts would face similar tariffs "no later than May 3, 2025," unless such actions are expressly "reduced, modified, or terminated." Query emailed to the Commerce and Industry Ministry late on Thursday remained unanswered till press time. A Goldman Sachs report suggested that India could be affected by Trump's tariffs at the national level, the product level, or through non-tariff barriers, all of which could complicate trade re-

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lations between the two nations.

CANDIDATE OPEN HOUSE FOR PM INTERNSHIP SCHEME

Internship candidates flag age limit, job prospects, few IT sector openings

Internship

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AGGAM WALIA NEW DELHI, MARCH 27

A REQUEST to relax the age limit from 24 years to 25 years, doubts over employment prospects after internship and very few openings in the information technology (IT) sector — these were some of the concerns flagged by prospective applicants in 'Candidate Open House for the PM Internship Scheme' organised by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs on Thursday.

Several attendees asked

whether interns would be on the payroll of the companies following the completion of the internship under the PMIS, while some suggested the government should formulate a policy to ensure jobs after internships. In response, officials attending the session said employment postinternship is not guaranteed and that a year-long internship experience will make applicants more employable. "After your internship, it is entirely the company's decision to take you on roll or not. This scheme ensures a 12 month internship and a completion certificate after 12 months," a person involved with the implementation of the scheme said during the session.

This was the third such open house session held for the candidates, which saw around 1.700 registrations and more than 1,750 queries. The earlier sessions were held on March 10 and 19.

*offered internship opportunities Source: Ministry of Corporate Affairs "Internships are a stepping stone to your career. You will get a chance to learn from top companies in India, build networks and gain experience. This will definitely help you in your career," the person added. The weekly open house session was being held to answer queries regarding the scheme. In the second round of the scheme, which began in January, around 1.18 lakh internship opportunities are

on March 31. This comes after a lukewarm response to the scheme's first pilot round last year when the number of candidates who joined the internship were lower than expected, Earlier, on March 17, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman while launching the mobile app for the scheme, had even urged more companies to participate in the PM Internship

HITESH VYAS

MUMBAI, MARCH 27

up for grabs, spread across 735

districts. The application window

for the second round will close

INTERN DEMOGRAPHICS Interns ** Top five

states	interns
Uttar Pradesh	1,234
Assam	994
Bihar	715
Madhya Pradesh	693
Odisha	467
** Joinings in first rou	ınd

Scheme, citing larger national interest. "In this second phase, more industries have come forward. I appreciate the industry's readiness to come forward and offer positions, but for a country of our size and with the objective that the top 500 companies participate, we still have some way to go," she had said. In the open house session,

some attendees also requested raising the age limit from 24 years to 25 years, citing lack of available job opportunities. In response, officials reiterated that the scheme is only for applicants aged between 21-24 years. "There are very few iobs related to software development here and even in those that are available, 10x more people have applied than the requirement," another attendee said.

In the first round of the pilot of the scheme that started in October last year, over 1.27 lakh internship opportunities were provided by companies in 745 dis-

tricts across the country, as per Ministry of Corporate Affairs data shared with the Parliament's Standing Committee. Around 6.21 lakh applications were received from over 1.8 lakh candidates. Over 82,000 internship offers were made to over 60,000 candidates. Out of this, over 28,000 candidates accepted offers to join the internship but only over 8,700 candidates joined the scheme. The top five companies that

have offered internship opportunities under the first pilot round of the PMIS are: Jubilant Foodworks Limited (14,263 internship opportunities), Maruti Suzuki India Limited (12,444), ONGC Limited (6,020), Reliance Industries Limited (5,000), and Eicher Motors Limited (4,260). As per the region-wise breakup of the 8,725 interns in the first round, Uttar Pradesh led with 1,234 interns, followed by 994 interns in Assam, 715 in Bihar, 693 in Madhya Pradesh and 467 in Odisha.

Under the scheme, an amount of Rs 4,500 will be provided per month by the Government of India to selected candidates through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), with an additional Rs 500 offset to be provided by the company's CSR (corporate social responsibility) funds. The government also provides a one-time grant of Rs 6,000 per annum for incidentals to cover miscellaneous expenses incurred by selected candidates during their internship.

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK NEW DELHI, MARCH 27 EVEN AS India has emerged as a

key market for e-commerce, with the sector surging to approximately \$60 billion in gross merchandise value (GMV), boasting the world's second-largest online shopper base, the growth in the segment last year halved to 10-12 per cent compared to historical growth rates of 20 per cent, a report by Flipkart and Bain and Company has said.

The reason? Higher inflation and a stagnation of real wages, as per the report.

However, the report said that despite near-term macroeconomic headwinds, the long-term prospects remain strong. Three key disruptions, quick commerce, trend-first com-

merce (especially in fashion), and hypervalue commerce, will define the next chapter of growth, it said.

The slowdown, and expected rebound

India's consumption and discretionary spending have faced headwinds in recent years, with private consumption growth slowing from 11 per cent pre-



executive. Getty Images

Covid (2017–19) to around 8 per cent post-Covid (2022–24), the report said.

"This decline is driven by higher inflation and a stagnation of real wages. The stress in consumption is evident in e-retail

growth in 2024 being 10 per cent-12 per cent, compared to historical growth rates of over 20 per cent," it added.

> However, the recent fiscal and monetary pol-

icy interventions are expected to drive a rebound in e-retail growth, especially from the festive period of 2025, on account of revival in the consumption cycle, the report said. The e-retail market is expected to scale to \$170–\$190 billion by 2030,

growing at over 18 per cent annually. Nearly 1 in 10 retail dollars is projected to be spent on e-retail by 2030, fueled by an uptick in discretionary spending as India's GDP per capita crosses the crucial \$3,500-\$4,000 threshold, a key tipping point observed in e-retail spending globally, the report said.

The disruption High-frequency categories

such as grocery, lifestyle, and general merchandise will drive e-retail growth, accounting for two out of every three dollars spent on e-retail by 2030. These categories are set to see a two-to fourfold increase in e-retail penetration over this period, per the report.

There has also been a change in the online shopping landscape in India. "User adoption is already spreading from Tier-2 to Tier-3 cities, with three in five new shop pers since 2020 coming from cities designated Tier-3 or smaller. This growth is unlocking access for consumers in remote, brandstarved areas, as evidenced by the 1.2 times higher e-retail shopper penetration in the Northeast compared to the rest of India. The seller base is also diversifying, with 60% of new sellers since 2021 hailing from Tier-2 or smaller cities," the

report said. FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

New Delhi: Income tax de-FICCI-EY REPORT partment offices will remain open on March 29 to March 'Digital media 31 to facilitate taxpayers in completing pending tax-reovertakes lated business. TV in 2024' Indian billionaires

New Delhi: Digital media in India has overtaken traditional television in 2024, becoming the largest segment in the media & entertainment (M&E) sector, contributing an unprecedented 32 per cent to the overall revenues, according to the latest FICCI-EY report. Moreover, digital media is ex-

pected to be the first M&E segment to cross Rs 1 trillion in ad revenues in 2026, it said. The Indian M&E sector is expected to grow at over 7 per cent

in the next three years to cross Rs

3 lakh crore, it added. The Indian Media and Entertainment (M&E) sector in 2024 reached a total valuation of Rs 2.5 lakh crore (\$29.4 billion) and contributed 0.73 per cent to India's GDP in 2024.

"Looking ahead, the Indian M&E sector is expected to grow by 7.2 per cent in 2025, reaching Rs 2.7 trillion (\$31.6 billion) ..." it

MOBILISATION VIA PUBLIC EQUITY UP BY 92%

'Indian corporates' fund raising touches

record high in FY25 despite volatile market'

FUND RAISING by Indian corporates touched a record high in fisfinancial year, fund cal 2024-25, with Rs 3.71 lakh crore being raised through equity routes and Rs 11.12 lakh crore from debt market. During the current financial year, fund mobilisation through public equity increased to Prime Database by 92 per cent to Rs 3,71,460 crore, **FUND RAISING** through

"If Rights Issues of Rs 16,167 crore (including of Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT)/ Real Estate Investment Trusts (ReITs) were to be added, the overall equity fund raising nearly touched Rs 3.88 lakh crore in 2024-25," said Pranav Haldea, Managing Director, PRIME Database Group.

compared to Rs 1,90,104 crore, ac-

cording to Prime Database.

Fund raising through debt also reached an all-time high of Rs 11,12,375 crore (including of InvITs/ReITs) of which Rs 11,04,331 crore was through private place-

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public equity increased by 92 per cent to Rs 3,71,460 crore, compared to Rs 1,90,104 crore, according

through public bonds. In FY 2024-25, 78 Indian corporates raised an all-time high of Rs 1.62 lakh crore through main board initial public offers (IPOs) in 2024-25, over 2.5 times of Rs 61,922 crore mobilized by 76 IPOs in 2023-24. The largest IPO in the fiscal was from Hyundai Motor (Rs 27,859 crore), followed by Swiggy (Rs 11,327 crore) and NTPC Green

Energy (Rs 10,000 crore). In the financial year, new age technology companies (NATCs)

debt also reached an alltime high of Rs 11.12.375 crore (including of InvITs/ReITs) of which Rs 11,04,331 crore was through private

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tively quiet years, with eight IPOs (Awfis, Blackbuck, Digit Insurance, Firstcry, Ixigo, Mobikwik, Swiggy and Unicommerce) raising Rs 21,438 crore. Of the 78 IPOs, 56 received a mega response of more than 10 times while seven IPOs were oversubscribed by more than three times.

The average number of applications from retail rose to 21.33 lakh in 2024-25, as against 13.15 lakh last year. The highest number of applications from retail were received by Waaree Energies

(70.13 lakh) followed by Bajaj Housing Finance (58.66 lakh) and KRN Heat Exchanger Refrigeration (55.23 lakh).

"IPO response was further buoyed by strong listing performance. Average listing gain (based on closing price on listing date) increased slightly to 30 per cent, in comparison to 29 per cent in 2023-24," Haldea said. Out of the 78 IPOs, 46 continue

to trade above the issue price. In fact, the average return of the 78 IPOs of 2024-25 has been 15 per cent, despite the market correction in the second half of the year.

Activity in the SME IPO segment also saw a huge increase in 2024-25, with 235 SME IPOs collecting around Rs 9,133 crore, 53 per cent higher than Rs 5,971 crore from 204 IPOs last year. The largest SME IPO was of Danish Power (Rs 188 crore). The average issue amount has seen a four-fold jump in four years from just Rs 9 crore in 2020-21 to Rs 39 crore in 2024-25.

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'India to double investment limit for foreign individuals'

New Delhi: The Reserve Bank of India is set to double to 10 per cent a cap on investment by individual foreign investors in listed companies, as it aims to boost capital inflows, according to two senior government officials and documents reviewed by *Reuters*.

Emails seeking comment from the finance ministry, the central bank, and the market reg-

ulator, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), did not get any response. The plans envisage allowing all foreign individual investors to invest a maximum of 10 per cent in a listed company, the document showed. That is up from the 5 per cent holding in an Indian company allowed to overseas Indian citizens. **REUTERS**

WITH ROOM RENT OVER ₹7,500/ DAY Restaurant services in hotels

fall under 18% GST: CBIC

New Delhi: Hotels charging a room rent above Rs 7,500 a day at any time in any financial year will be considered 'specified premises' for the next fiscal and restaurant services provided inside such premises will attract 18 per cent GST with input tax credit, the CBIC said on Thursday.

From April 1, 2025, the taxability of such restaurants which operate inside hotels will be on

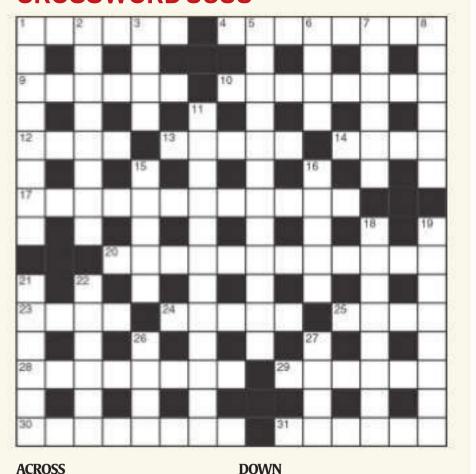
the basis of value of supply (transactional value). This would replace the

concept of 'declared tariff' which included charges for all amenities provided in the unit of accommodation (given on rent for stay) like furniture, air conditioner, refrigerators or any other amenities, but without excluding any discount offered on the published charges for such unit.

ment of debt and Rs 8,044 crore made a comeback after two relaepaper.indianexpress.com

20 CALENDAR

CROSSWORD 5635



ACROSS 1 Replacing the last of the footlights (6) **4** Fairvtale prince given marching

order(8) **9** He takes his bow before he performs (6) 10 Second employer (8)

12 Some sugar plum pulled out (4) 13 How one may feel when unemployed or in bed (5) **14** Looking extremely cold and depressed?(4) 17 He deals openly with his clients

20 A moneylender might, but it won't appear in his books (4,8) **23** Join with one reservation (4) **24** Hold out for new iron lining (5) **25** Great singer eager for comeback 28 Plant that has done real damage

29 The main worry for the old sailor(6) **30** The original makers of sinks (8)

31 Kidnap tenor (6)

Solutions Crossword 5634 Across: 1 Ahead, 4 Optical, 8 Emu, 9 Illusions, 10 Trellis, 11 Aught, 13 Reaped, 15 Serbia, 18 Sated, 19 Biretta, 21 Eiderdown, 23 Ego, 24 Linseed, 25 Handy Down: 1 Abetter, 2 Exuberant, 3 Drill, 4 Owlish, 5 Testate, 6 Coo, 7 Liszt, 12 Go-between, 14 Endorse, 16 Analogy, 17 Abroad, 18 Spell, 20 Ranch, 22 Don

1 Perfect though said to lack

2 Again but for the last time

3 Not now the capital of Norway

5 It's no use the pair arranging for a

6 The normal thing in government

7 Hard water? That depends (6)

15 A fruit of the lemon variety (5)

18 Confuse by suggesting that one

21 Temporarily stop working on

26 Take a meal up for the girl (4)

27 Father uplifted after he makes a

22 Ladies' man holding ancient city

8 Get together and tuck in (6)

11 Drink avoided by most

16 Point always cut off (5)

should be less calm (8)

19 Tidy flat (8)

hedge(3,3)

office (6)

pile(4)

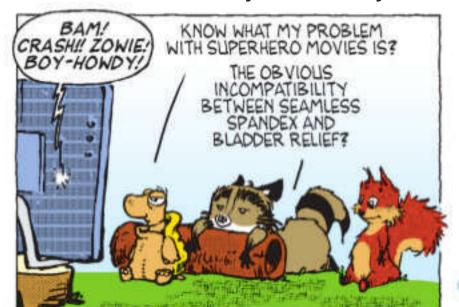
ventriloquists (6,2,4)

foundation (8)

decorator (12)

presumably (4,4)

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



THAT, AND THE BAD GUYS!... ALWAYS WANT TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD! WHY ??





CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson





MARVIN by Tom Armstrong





JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given guip.

A sound ___ in a sound ___ is a short but full description of a happy state in this world. -

John Locke (4,.,4) **DMUIO** IIMSDD **EJLUBM ILVNY**

Answer: A sound **mind** in a sound **body** is a short but full description of a happy state in Solution: ODIUM, VINYL, MISDID, JUMBLE

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

Difficulty Level 3s

To solve a Sudoku puzzle,

must appear in each of the

every digit from 1 to 9

Instructions

SUDOKU

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4	3	7	8	5	1	9		6
9	1	6	2	-		8	3	5

DAY TODAY

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) The Sun is still urging you to make the most of social

contacts, but already you're moving into a new phase which could last a month and will leave you feeling rather isolated. This is not a bad thing: you actually want to be alone sometimes.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) If a promised move

of home or major domestic change is held up over the next six months, the reason is that you should stay where you are and address fundamental questions. It may be that you need to work at a

current relationship. **GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)**

I don't think that anyone should tangle with you at the moment. If they do, they must reckon on the fact that you're in a martial mood, and that you will therefore undoubtedly give as good as you get. You are not

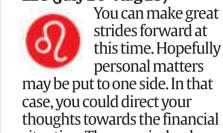
about to give way gracefully if

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Money matters

there's no reason to do so.

should now be settled, at least as far as the shortterm is concerned. You may now like to consider other questions, like where on earth you're going to go on holiday this year, if anywhere. You see, the important connections seem to lie a long way away.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)



thoughts towards the financial situation. There are indeed purchases to be made, but savings seem more perfectly to suit your mood.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) Your role and

purpose must be to renew bonds with individuals who have drifted apart. The chance

of a dispute at work can be postponed with some fancy footwork and a few words of reassurance. The fact that a partner may be feeling uncomfortable with current arrangements is enough.

Did you know that you have a reputation amongst astrologers for being lazy? Actually, I think you are misunderstood. The fact is that at times like these you quite properly resent tasks which are beneath your

dignity. You don't like to waste

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

BY PETER VIDAL

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

your talents. It's simple.

Your partnerships are not always straightforward. This you know well enough. Your long-term task now is to simplify all family relationships, get down to essentials and strip away the waffle. You might have to wait while a partner gets their act together, though.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22) Given that you may

have to delay decisive moves at home, you may still do your bit to improve your lot. Your strongest emotional contacts are with family members or people you live with and, if you recognise this simple fact, then a number of

problems will disappear.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) Do get on with

plans, proposals and intuitive ideas. If you talk to people today you should find them sympathetic listeners, and this knowledge may encourage you to confide feelings you'd normally keep to yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19) The heavy hand of

Saturn is now a semi-permanent influence on your life, but I must say that it is a very favourable one. It could

bring eventual security, even though today you may have doubts over your financial future. You'll get your way through cautious and consistent planning.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Don't hang back or give way to a sudden attack of nerves. You have the chance to push vourself forward and it may be another

four weeks before a similar opportunity comes your way. Remember all my past advice about the need to charm other people.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 84 BNSS

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person MD Hasan S/o MD Farmaan, R/o H.No. 31, Lal Qtr, Sector-4, Vijay Vihar, Rohini, Delhi, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in FIR No. 873/23, U/S 392/411/34 IPC, PS Sarai Rohilla, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused MD Hasan cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused MD Hasan has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant);

Proclamation is hereby made that MD Hasan the said accused of FIR No. 873/23, U/S 392/411/34 IPC, PS Sarai Rohilla, Delhi, is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 28.04.2025.

By Order Ms. Manuj Kuashal Judicial Magistrate First Class-04 DP/3781/N/2025 Central Distt., Room No.-37. (Court Matter) Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE **OF ACCUSED PERSON**

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Namely Sangita S/o Suresh R/o Jhuggi D-Block, Near Railway Station, Nangloi, Delhi and E-257, Mangolpuri, Delhi in has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 270/2019 U/s 379/34 IPC PS: Kotwali Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Sangita, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Sangita, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Sangita, accused of FIR No. 270/2019 U/s 379/34 IPC PS: Kotwali Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 05.05.2025. By Order

Ms. Sayesha Chadha DP/3604/N/2025 JMFC-08, Room No. 272 (Court Matter) Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 CrPC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Mahender Singh S/o Amar Singh, R/o H.No. 16/72, Kalyanpuri, Delhi-91 Also at: 4/11, Trilokpuri, Delhi, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in FIR No. 958/15, U/S 379/411 IPC, PS Madhu Vihar, East Distt., Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Mahender Singh cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Mahender Singh has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant):

Proclamation is hereby made that Mahender Singh the said accused of FIR No. 958/15, U/S 379/411 IPC, PS Madhu Vihar, East Distt., Delhi, is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 30.04.2025. By Order

Sh. Udbhav Kumar Jain Judicial Magistrate First Class-04, DP/3797/ED/2025 Room No.-13, 2nd Floor, Shahdara Distt. (Court Matter) Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Person namely Prakash S/o Munna Lal, R/o: H. No. 12, Lalit Ji Ka Makan, Village Nahar Pur, Sec-7, Rohini, Delhi (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in FIR No. 314/2017. U/s 356/379/411 IPC, registered at P.S.: North Rohini, Delhi and the warrant has been returned writing upon that the said accused Prakash cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Prakash has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said Prakash accused FIR No. 314/2017, U/s 356/379/411 IPC, registered at P.S.: North Rohini, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 03.05.2025.

Judicial Magistrate First Class-03 DP/3706/RD/2025 Room No. 107, 1st Floor (Court Matter) Rohini Courts, Delhi

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242523 004440	Bleached Chemi Thermo Mechanical Pulp Softwood 70 (Double washed) for Unit-II.	09.04.202
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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused person Namely Sandeep S/o Om Kumar R/o H. No. A-253, Pana Buchan Village Bajitpur Thakran Bawana Delhi in has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 27/19 U/s 279/337 PS: Bawana, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Sandeep, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Sandeep, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 30.04.2025. By Order

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Sandeep, accused

of FIR No. 27/19 U/s 279/337 PS: Bawana, Delhi is required to

Sh. Sarthak Panwar DP/3871/ON/2025 JMFC-05, Room No. 114, 1st Floor (Court Matter) Rohini Court, Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr.PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Dev Nath Yadav S/o Jaddu Yadav R/o A-315, Jaitpur, Ekta Vihar, Badarpur, Delhi, Also at, H.No. 57, Gali No. 2, Mandawali, Near Talab Chowk, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in FIR No.91/2013 u/s 279 IPC & 3/181 MV Act, P.S. Kotwali, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Dev Nath Yadav cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Dev Nath Yadav has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Dev Nath Yadav of FIR No.91/2013 u/s 279 IPC & 3/181 MV Act, P.S. Kotwali, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 30.04.2025. By Order

Ms. Sayesha Chadha Judicial Magistrate First Class-08, Central District DP/3123/N/2025 Room No.272, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Sandeep @ Gollu S/o Ramesh R/o Near Harijan Chaupal, Lamba Panna, Village Qutubgarh, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence Case FIR No. 442/2019 u/s 354/506/509 IPC at P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Sandeep @ Gollu cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Sandeep @ Gollu has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proceeding u/s 82 Cr.P.C. has been initiated in the case. Proclamation is hereby made that the said Sandeep @ Gollu accused of case committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence Case FIR No. 442/2019 u/s 354/506/509 IPC at P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on 07.05.2025. By Order: Ms. Aishwarya Sharma,

Judicial Magistrate First Class (Mahila Court)-01 Room No. 106, 1st Floor, DP/3692/RD/2025 Rohini Court, Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Person namely Sanjeev@Lambu S/o Shivji, R/o: Jhuggi No. A-109, Sarai Pipal Thala, Delhi (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in FIR No. 41/2019, U/s 33/38 Delhi Ex. Act, registered at P.S.: Mahendra Park, Delhi and the warrant has been returned writing upon that the said accused Sanjeev@ Lambu cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Sanjeev@Lambu has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said Sanjeev@Lambu accused FIR No. 41/2019, U/s 33/38 Delhi Ex. Act, registered at P.S.: Mahendra Park, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 03.06.2025. By Order

Ms. Niharika Kumar Sharma, LD. ACJM (N), Room No.-117, Rohini Courts, Delhi

By Order Ebbani Aggarwal

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Avinash @ Avtar Singh, S/o. Bilal Singh, R/o. H-1/35, Sharma Colony, Budh Vihar, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to has committed) the offence in a case vide FIR No.247/2017 U/S 392/411/34 IPC registered at P.S Paschim Vihar East, Delhi and it has been returned on a warrant of arrest thereupon issued stating that the said accused Avinash @ Avtar Singh could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that accused Avinash @ Avtar Singh is absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Avinash @ Avtar Singh, accused of FIR No.247/2017 U/S 392/411/34 IPC, P.S. Paschim Vihar East, Delhi is required to appear before the court

to answer the said complaint on or before 13.05.2025. By Order Dr. Ameeza Bishnoi DP/3827/OD/2025 Judicial Magistrate First Class-07 (West) Room No. 289, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 CrPC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Amar Kumar S/o Sh. Ram Sanjog Sahani R/o E-12/20, Shahbad Dairy, Bawana, Delhi-39 has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide FIR No. 379/2013, U/S 279/337/338 IPC, P.S. North Rohini, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused Amar Kumar, can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Amar Kumar, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Amar Kumar, of FIR No. 379/2013, U/S 279/337/338 IPC, P.S. North Rohini, Delhi is required to appear before this court (or before me) to answer the complaint on or before the day of 21.05.2025. By Order,

Ms. Ebbani Aggarwal **Judicial Magistrate First Class-03** North-West, Court No. 107, 1st Floor DP/3721/RD/2025 (Court Matter) Rohini Courts, Delhi

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(Court Matter)

REETIKA WINS SILVER

India's Reetika Hooda blew away a 6-2 lead, conceding four points in the last 10 seconds of the women's 76kg final, to settle for a silver medal at the Asian Championship, while Mansi Lather and Muskan won bronze, in Amman on Thursday. PTI

Gloveman Dhoni proves again that lightning stumping remains his forte

SRIRAM VEERA MUMBAI, MARCH 27

THERE ARE two true originals in the game of cricket these days: Steve Smith and MS Dhoni. No one else can bat like Smith, no one else can bat and keep wickets like Dhoni.

Dhoni doesn't flick; he drags. He doesn't drive; he shoves. He doesn't cut; he chops. He doesn't lean forward; he lunges. He doesn't defend; he stabs. He doesn't uppercut; he

But all that to an extent is still apeable, but no one has come close to copying his wicketkeeping skill, in particular his way to stump batsmen. He doesn't collect the ball; he snatches it.

He doesn't 'give', that cushioning that wicketkeepers tend to deploy; he pounces on the ball even as he moves his hands forward towards the stumps. It's a remarkable visual. So much so that

in real-time view, it's a magnificent blur. It used to be said of Gary Sobers's reflexes in close-in positions that he used to catch blurs; Dhoni's gathering of the ball itself a blur. In the words of former fielding coach of India R Sridhar: "It often looks like Dhoni can stop time while executing a stumping".

The other night Suryakumar Yadav caught that blur.

Death rattle

Once he missed the ball, he had heard the death rattle almost immediately; so quick was Dhoni that it almost seems that the batsman is out bowled and not stumped. In realtime, it seems as if Suryakumar had tried to press his back foot back inside the crease and turn back his head also — but replays reveal all that is a posthumous event. The bat hasn't even finished its full arc in follow-through in that attempted inside-out cover drive, the foot is still outside the crease, when the bails have come off.

Dhoni's art can be traced back to him being original.

A few years ago, on a stage show, he had opened up on his wicketkeeping method. "My technique is different. I am not copybook. Pachas saal sey wahi karte aa rahe hai (They have been doing the same thing for decades). They say an, 'give' you are supposed to receive the ball. I thought why should you receive the ball? These days our wicket keeping gloves have rubber and it has cotton - it's already very soft," before he finished off with this clincher: "you can actually snatch the ball".



MS Dhoni moves his hands towards the ball even before it crosses the stumps, one of the reasons he is super quick with stumpings. Screengrab

It's not a copybook but there is a definite method that's worth watching in slow-motion. Take the Survakumar dismissal.

For starters, Dhoni' gloved hands are very

close to the stumps, further than many other wicketkeepers. Time saved already.

to do with an imaginary ball, Dhoni was ac-

Secondly, and this is quite difficult even

The side-on view is quite telling. As soon as Suryakumar fails to connect and the ball slides past the bat, Dhoni has begun moving his hands ahead. There is a jerky movement as the ball goes into the gloves.

tually moving towards his left side but his cupped hands remain almost absolutely still. The body is moving, and the natural reaction is to jerk the hands up a touch. Not him, though. The hands stay almost relaxed in that position in front of him. The left leg finishes dangling outside the leg stump in fact but the hands stay just outside off. Needless to state, the head too is in great position of balance.

Remarkably, he has begun to move his hands towards the ball even before it has crossed the stumps.

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Here is where his tearing-the-copybook way gets more interesting. Sridhar had once told this newspaper about that exact moment. "While others use their hands to produce that give, he uses his wrists. While his hands are going towards the stumps, there's a slight flick of the wrists in the backward direction. In my opinion, it's not safe hands but strong hands that allow him to do that. That's also the reason you will rarely see him collecting the ball to his side like other keepers. He doesn't need to," Sridhar had said. "He uses his peripheral vision more than anybody else. While he's looking at the ball, his corner of the eye has already gauged where the stumps are and where the batsman's foot is."

Somehow, even as the peripheral vision is working and he is moving his hands rapidly towards the ball, he keeps them soft and pliable - even if he is technically 'snatching' in his own words, to gather the ball.

The whole need for cushioning, the 'give' is for that softness, so that you don't snatch at the ball and the ball doesn't pop out.

Dhoni shreds all that wisdom as piffle, trusts his gloves, his hands, and his instincts to become the fastest hands in the East or West. He doesn't 'give'; he just takes them down. A true original.

Shardul strikes, Pooran smashes

Four-wicket haul by comeback man and power-hitting by LSG's No.3 set up 5-wicket win over SRH



Nicholas Pooran's 70 off just 26 deliveries, a knock that comprised six fours and six sixes, eased the pressure during LSG's chase of 191. Sportzpics/BCCI

Synopsis: SRH's batting stutters to put on a mediocre score on a belter and Pooran powers LSG to a comfortable win.

TANISHQ VADDI HYDERABAD, MARCH 27

LUCKNOW SUPER Giants breached Sunrisers Hyderabad's fortress on Thursday as their bowling plans worked to curtail the powerpacked SRH batting order. SRH's bowling issues, which surfaced last season, continued to persist.

Pooran's fast hands

"You have a great bat speed; is it natural or you worked on it?" Nicolas Pooran's answer to the commentator WV Raman's query was quite something. "I have never worked on my bat speed, just a natural incredible talent!" He said with the same nonchalance with which he pummelled the SRH bowling. The left-hander is in Don Bradmanesque form in the T20 format. Regardless of the league he plays for, he has been piling runs at an unrealistic strike rate.

With his ability to stay still and by virtue of his fast hand-speed he got into positions as late as possible, making a mockery of the SRH bowling attack.

Out of his 70 runs, 60 came in boundaries with six fours and six gigantic sixes. His knock at a strike rate of 269.23 made the 191run target easily attainable for the rest of the batting order.

Mitchell Marsh who slammed 72 in the game against Delhi Capitals played second fiddle to Pooran as he strolled to his half-century. Pat Cummins picked up both Pooran and Marsh in consecutive overs in the middle-passage but it was too late by then. Though LSG's middle order lost a few more wickets down the line, the former SRH player Abdul Samad smashed a 8-ball 22 to ensure Delhi won with 23 balls to spare.





Shardul Thakur was the pick of the bowlers for Lucknow Super Giants with 4 for 34. Sportzpics/BCCI

Shardul's redemption

SRH didn't get a flying start, which they are accustomed to at the Uppal stadium. Shardul Thakur, who went unpicked in the auction and was drafted in late by Lucknow Super Giants, grabbed a four-wicket haul and the Purple Cap. First, it was a well-disguised short ball from Shardul which Abhishek Sharma pulled straight to Nicholas Pooran at square-leg, placed there for exactly that shot. Next ball, Shardul got a bit lucky when Ishan Kishan – fresh from a hundred in the last game – was caught down the legside. He returned in the final overs to take the wickets of Abhinav Manohar and Mohammed Shami to reach 100 IPL wickets.

Got a call from Zaheer: Shardul

New Delhi: After not finding any takers during the mega auction, Shardul Thakur has not just found a new home for IPL 2025 but made a rousing start to the campaign. After a couple of wickets in the opening game against Delhi Capitals, he picked up four against the high-flying Sunrisers Hyderabad batting lineup in Hyderabad. Speaking after his player of the match performance, Thakur said he got a call from Lucknow Super Giants' mentor Zaheer Khan during the Ranji Trophy recently, asking to be ready for a call-up. "I had signed up for County Cricket if I wasn't picked for IPL. But while playing Ranji knockouts, I got a call from Zaheer that they are looking at me as a potential replacement, so don't switch yourself off. If we get you in as a replacement, we'll need you to start. That was the day I got back in the IPL zone."

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Thakur would not bowl two similar deliveries consecutively, keeping the big-hitting SRH batters guessing. He mixed up his lengths and lines brilliantly, targeting the wide line cleverly whenever batters looked for a release shot. The other bowlers too didn't risk bowling full and into the hitting arc of SRH batters. They struck to hard lengths and the full ball was used as a variation.

Once LSG did their job in the Powerplay, Prince Yadav put the breaks in the middle overs with immaculate execution of deliveries to the field set. His spell ensured SRH didn't accelerate after a 62-run Powerplay. He bowled one fast and straight to get rid of Travis Head, and also played a key role in Heinrich Klaasen's unfortunate runout at the

non-striker end. Nitish Kumar Reddy smacked one straight back at Prince, who attempted to take the catch but the ball ricocheted off his hands and hit the stumps at the bowler's end with the South African out of the crease.

Starts but no conversions

Music director S Thaman set the mood at the stadium with his thunderous beats ahead of the game but Sunrisers Hyderabad struggled to put in a similar performance with the bat. It was not a complete combustion from the SRH batting order.

The all-guns blazing approach of SRH was there to see but it was one of those nights when cameos didn't go on to become scores of substance, as they fell short of a par score at the batting-friendly venue. Abhishek and Ishan fell quite early but Head and Nitish held the fort for a bit. Head's play through the covers was majestic on the night. An inside-out six over cover off Avesh Khan was a particular highlight. Nitish, who started his boundary count with an exquisite cover drive, struggled to maintain the same fluency as the innings progressed as he had to build some partnerships, and eventually perished for a 28-ball 32.

Klaasen, too, blitzed for a while before getting out in an unfortunate manner.

When it seemed that SRH's power-hitting was done for the night, young Aniket Sharma stepped up with a 13-ball 36 to provide that thunderous kick the innings lacked. He hit five sixes and though it was just a cameo, it gave a glimpse of another talented power-hitting prospect SRH have in their hands for the remainder of the season.

Skipper Pat Cummins hit three sixes off the first three balls he faced, but once he got out on the fourth, Sunrisers fell short of the tall total they are accustomed to on their home turf.

BRIEF SCORES: Sunrisers Hyderabad 190/9 in 20 overs (Travis Head 47, Ankit Verma 36; Shardul Thakur 4/34) lost to **Lucknow Super** Giants: 193/5 in 16.1 overs (Nicholas Pooran 70, Mitchell Marsh 51; Pat Cummins 2/29).

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Rachin shows signs of improved spin game

VENKATA KRISHNA B CHENNAI, MARCH 27

RACHIN RAVINDRA knows the privilege of being the overseas opener in Chennai Super Kings ranks. He also knows how it feels to be dropped mid-season from CSK.

He considers it an honour to play the role once aced by Matthew Hayden, Mike Hussey, Brendon McCullum, Shane Watson and more recently Faf du Plessis. It is a slot that Chennai usually reserves for at least one overseas player and last season when they acquired Rachin Ravindra for just Rs 1.8 crore on the back of an exceptional World Cup in Indian conditions, it appeared a steal. But something unusual happened mid-

way through the tournament. For a team that is known to give long rope even for overseas players, they dropped Rachin mid-way through the season before he made a comeback towards the end of the season. "Last season probably didn't go as well as I would have wanted at the end," Rachin admitted.

After spending a couple of months at home after the tournament, Rachin returned to Chennai last September where apart from focussing on his red-ball game for the series in Sri Lanka and India, he also got the opportunity to fine tune his white-ball skills. In 40 degree Celsius, on gravel surfaces, he underwent extensive sessions on how to go against spinners. While Rachin reaped rewards with the Test team, it transformed his white-ball game as well as he was the top run-getter in the Champions Trophy.

This IPL, despite Chennai having a crowded top-order which includes three other openers - Ruturaj Gaikwad, Rahul Tripathi and Devon Conway, Rachin has rightfully earned his spot back. That he had already won over the confidence of Chennai was evident at the auction table, when they used the RTM option to fend off interest from Ricky Ponting's Punjab Kings.

"His game against spin has always been very good. I think his development over the 12 months has been excellent. His last game against RCB, ironically, was one of his best innings. Since then, he has contributed a number of runs for New Zealand in a really classy way. I thought his effort the other night was superb in terms of controlling the tempo of the game. He has got power and he has got street smarts. So, it's a nice combination," Chennai's head coach Stephen Fleming said.

It is his struggles to control the tempo which became his biggest undoing last season. Though he managed to get quick starts for Chennai in the first two matches, he struggled to find the tempo thereafter.

He either batted in top gear or found himself in a shell, struggling to break open the game. But towards the end of the campaign, after prolonged sessions with batting coach Hussey, he appeared to find a way out.

In their opening match against Mumbai Indians this season, despite struggling initially, he found ways to keep the score moving. When the spinners were beginning to seize control, it was Rachin who put the pressure back on Mumbai before finishing with a strong unbeaten 65 off 45 deliveries.



CSK's Rachin Ravindra put the pressure back on the MI's spinners enroute to an unbeaten 65 off 45 balls. Sportzpics/BCCI

Though he is predominantly a front-foot player, against spinners Rachin prefers to play off the back-foot, thereby creating new angles. Though he may not necessarily use his feet to come down the pitch, he has an effective slog-sweep to counter the spinners.

"The beautiful areas are his cover driving," Hayden said of Rachin's strengths.

"He gets himself into incredible positions. He's a very front foot player but he's also able to rock back, use his height as an advantage and play square of the wicket. He rotates the strike well and he's got a good sweep shot and a good down-the-ground shot; he is the complete package in terms of strike-rate and scoring rate. He's a player of the ages,' Hayden told the broadcasters.

With Chepauk pitches once again showing signs of aiding spinners, Rachin's importance at the top becomes even more vital for Chennai. Against pacers he has shown the game to take them head on with his cross-batted shots. In the practice sessions here, he has time and again altered between facing seamers and spinners, and also simulated the scenarios he is expected to face in the middle.

"(Last season) I slowly started to find a wee bit of a tempo in that last game against (Royal Challengers) Bengaluru. We know T20 is a fickle game, and results go up and down. But hopefully I can bat the way I want to and

it results in wins for our CSK," Rachin said. After getting off to a winning start against Mumbai, on Friday, Chennai take on Roya Challengers Bengaluru, which is searching for its first win at MA Chidambaram Stadium since the inaugural edition.

Having chosen to go back to the spin formula, Chennai need batsmen who are equipped for the conditions and in top of the list is Rachin, a batsman who could well determine how far they go.

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Injured Pathirana to miss RCB game

New Delhi: After missing out on Chennai Super Kings' inaugural match of the Indian Premier League 2025 against Mumbai Indians, Sri Lankan pacer Matheesha Pathirana has also been ruled out of CSK's encounter against Royal Challengers Bengaluru, head coach Stephen Fleming confirmed on Thursday. CSK will take on arch-rivals RCB at their home ground at MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai on Friday for a high-

octane clash. "He is recovering," said Fleming on the eve of the CSK vs RCB match. While the details of his injury are yet to be known, Suresh Raina did mention to the official broadcasters during Chennai's match against Mumbai that the Sri Lankan had sustained an injury.

Pathirana was impressive for Chennai last season before he was ruled out midway through the IPL 2024 due to a hamstring injury. However, the franchise showed faith in him and retained him ahead of the IPL mega-auction last year.

Skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad went with Australian quick Nathan Ellis alongside the spin trio of Noor Ahmad, Ravindra Jadeja and Ravichandran Ashwin. Khaleel Ahmed was the Indian pace option, while all-rounder Sam Curran was also in the mix against Mumbai. **ENS**

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With the kind of ideas & people around, I feel very, very scared'

Former captain Bhutia urges the AIFF to walk to the talk else 'Vision 2047' would turn into 'Vision 3047', he warns

MIHIR VASAVDA MUMBAI, MARCH 27

ONE OF India's greatest players, Bhaichung Bhutia ran — unsuccessfully—against

Kalyan Chaubey in the All India Football Federation presidential elections. He is now an Executive Committee mem-

ber. Witnessing the innerworkings has left him 'very, very scared' about the direction the sport is taking in Talking to *The Indian Express*,

Bhutia opened up about the goalscoring problems plaguing the national team, the over-reliance on Sunil Chhetri ("By the time he gets to his second retirement, he might have a head haemorrhage!") and why the AIFF's Vision 2047 — to be among top four in Asia and have at least one male and one female international star, among other ideas could turn into 'Vision 3047'. Excerpts:

What are your thoughts after India's goalless draw against Bangladesh?

Overall, it wasn't a dominant performance. Especially if you're playing at home against Bangladesh; Bangladesh's ranking means you have to dominate and you need to get three points.

For the whole game, we lacked a lot of options in terms of attack. We were only relying on... it was a very predictable kind of attack, where you go past the wing and dribble, pass, cross,

and expect Sunil to just head the ball and score.

Everybody can pass, dribble, cross, kick... It is important to gel, to understand what kind of runs (need to be made). There was so much gap between the midfield and the strikers... The entire team movement was lacking a bit. It's not that it can't be worked out. We need a bit more time together. It's a bit unfair again; we're not a Premier League or a Spanish League or any big league where you can have 3, 4 days, 5 days of players coming together and then building up. Coach Manolo Marquez also requires at least a year to get his system right.

Goal-scoring has been an issue. Why hasn't India been able to produce a good striker?

It's not the striker. Everybody tries to focus on the striker issue but I think football has changed so much now; a lot of teams in the world don't even play with a striker. The maximum they play is one striker, so I don't think they're not producing. A lot of the goals in today's football are scored by attacking midfielders; they are the ones who are always difficult to track for defenders because they're running from behind. If you look at the ISL, a lot of Indian players in that position get an equal number of chances. When you play 4-3-3 or 4-2-3-1, your three attacking midfielders are the ones who are supposed to be very effective and dangerous and score more goals.

That's why I don't think we should say that strikers are not getting chances. That's a rubbish



India have struggled to win a match over the last year. PTI

The only time when I learned

most was in the last five years be-

fore my retirement under a won-

derful coach, Bob Houghton.

Before that, I had a lot of coaches,

foreign and Indian. So, those

things you tend to miss and those

are the things which you need to

start very early, at least in under-

Yet, so many different players

But those days, again, defend-

ing was not like today. Those days,

your defenders were also not

trained to defend in a line, in a

shape. You could score. Today's

football has become more of a

complete system. It's important to

be smart in terms of passes, runs,

positioning. Because your defend-

ers are all trained to mark zonally

or man-to-man, or position or

13, under-15 tournaments.

could get into positions,

back then...

create chances, score goals

Even using that logic, the goals aren't coming. So where is Indian football going wrong in terms of producing a goal-scorer, be it an outand-out striker or an attacking midfielder?

Till the ages of 12, 13, 14, you play a lot of football, a lot of street football, 5-a-side, 7, 11-a-side. You play plenty, train, work, get those basics, technical things right. But after a certain age, with our system and academies, we're not really training a lot of the guys to get into position, making those perfect runs, defending in perfect lines, maintaining that shape. Those are technical things that a lot of us in all the academies and grassroots are missing quite a bit.

When you were playing...

We've also not gone through... I've never learned that.

also about smart runs; the guy who's going to release also should be smart enough with the timing of the pass. Look at the last match against Bangladesh. Not a single cross (by an Indian) from the wings landed between the goalkeeper and the defenders and you're only depending on Sunil's headers. By the time he gets to his second retirement, he might have a head haemorrhage! (laughs) For the club, for the country, everybody is only trying to cross (the ball) to his head.

shape. It's just not technical. It's

You went out of your comfort zone, played outside India and returned as a better player.

Sunil did that. Gurpreet too. The players will have to go out of India to play

because it's too comfortable here. salaries are very good in comparison to a lot of other countries. But a lot of our players will have to go out,

the younger ones.

sacrifice their salaries, play in some leagues which are much higher (level), learn and come back. Especially

What should be done so India can again get competitive,

starting with South Asia? (AIFF President) Kalyan Chaubey just put on paper the (Vision) 2047. Until and unless he starts working on the grassroots properly, it's just going to be 3047 rather than 2047. The federation

should not only talk, we need to start making sure that there is some implementation.

Are you worried about the current state of Indian football?

What makes you feel that?

"By the time he gets to his second retirement. he might have a head haemorrhage! For the club, for the country, everybody is only trying to cross to his head."

BHAICHUNG BHUTIA

ple participating, we had 1,000 teams partici-

Definitely. I feel very, very

sorry. I'm in the Executive Committee of the All India Football Federation right now, which is the highest body and the kind of ideas and people around, I feel very, very scared.

We need really committed people to really take the sport forward. We do a lot of grassroots. I know how grassroots is done. There's a pressure that you need to do grassroots. Then they

do (states) grassroots at under-13 and under-15 levels. It's finished in 15 to 20 days. And then you will see in the group chats, that every state will say we

had 2,500 peo-

pating... and it's over in 20 to 25 days at max. And then, the rest of the year, those kids, what are they doing? Nothing. So, for 11 months, they're doing nothing. And here in the group, everybody goes, 'Congratulations, congratulations!"1,000 participants, 2,000 participants!' So all are patting their backs. Is that going to develop the kid? Is that a grassroot (programme)? They're only ticking that box.

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Anamika punches her way to consecutive titles

PRITISH RAJ

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NIMBLE-FOOTED boxer **Anamika Hooda** was clear from the first bell



sively against her taller opponent, Anamika didn't give an inch and landed clean punches to win the first round. In the second round, she continued to punch with intent as her opponent looked out of sorts. Eventually, she won the title with a 5-0 unanimous decision to clinch her second consecutive title at the nationals.

"This is my third national title, and I hope that I can replicate the same at the international level. I have been working on my technique for the past year and a lot has improved after I spent some time training in Uzbekistan," Anamika told The Indian Express

after her triumph at the at the Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Indoor Sports Complex in Greater Noida.

The 25-year-old boxer is one of the most aggressive pugilists in Indian boxing, and her opponents are uncomfortable facing her, including two-time World Champion Nikhat Zareen, who wasn't part of the event this year. Three-time National champion now, Anamika has been number two to World Champion Nikhat for the past three years.

Nikhat, who is a technically sound boxer, had issues facing the aggression of Anamika at the 2022 Nationals. The feisty boxer has grown in stature. "I know Nikhat didi plays in my category, and I have spent time with her in the National camp. We both have different styles of boxing, and I trust my hard work to push me through to the international level.'

Anamika has had sporadic chances at the international level, participating in tournaments like Elorda Cup. At that event in 2024, Anamika pushed World Champion Wu Yu to the brink in the final, but the Chinese eventually won.



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