

#### India level series with 106-run win



Bumrah celebrates as India beat England in the second Test match in Visakhapatnam on Monday. PTI

#### BUMRAH'S BRILLIANCE

Jasprit Bumrah picked up nine wickets over two innings for just 91 runs, as the English struggled to contain the pacer's devious swing. Chasing a record 399, England were bowled out for 292 in the second session on Day 4.

#### **ASHWIN ON 500 HUNT**

R Ashwin scalped three batters on Day 4 and ended the match on 499 Test wickets, a notch away from the 500 mark, which only eight bowlers have breached. James Anderson, who happens to be one of those eight, is chasing a record of his own. With 695 test wickets, the England pacer is just a fifer away from the 700 club. →P19

### Murder of democracy: SC rap over mayor poll

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**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Monday said it will "not allow democracy to be murdered" as it pulled up the returning officer who conducted the mayoral elections for Chandigarh, especially after the bench perused through a video that the judges said made it obvious that the officer "defaced ballot papers".

The bench directed the entire election record, including ballot papers and videography, be sealed and preserved with the registrar of the Punjab and Hary-

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SUPREME COURT } ON CHANDIGARH POLL This is a mockery of democracy. We are appalled... We won't allow democracy to be murdered like this.

#### **MAY 10 DATE FOR INDIAN MILITARY** PERSONNEL TO **EXIT MALDIVES**

MALE: Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu on Monday said the first group of Indian military personnel will be sent back from the island nation before March 10 and the remaining manning two aviation platforms will be withdrawn before May 10, as he articulated the need to bolster the Indian Ocean archipelagic nation's military capabilities.

In his maiden address to Parliament, Muizzu, widely seen as a pro-China leader, said the support of a large majority of the Maldivian citizens for his administration was for the "pledges to withdraw foreign military troops from the country."

{ A NIGHT TO REMEMBER } 66TH ANNUAL GRAMMY AWARDS

### Indian touch at Grammys as tabla maestro Ustad Zakir Hussain picks up three awards



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Zakir Hussain

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MUMBAI: Tabla maestro Zakir Hussain made history at the 66th Grammy Awards on Monday, becoming the first Indian to win three trophies in a single

The 72-year-old was among the winners in the Best Global

temporary Instrumental Album and Best Global Music Album categories.

Hussain now has five Grammys in all, equalling the tallies of the late sitar maestro Ravi Shankar and the master conductor Zubin Mehta; they are all in top spot, incidentally, on the list of Indians with the most

Grammy wins.

thanks to all these great musicians for giving us such beautiful, tight music together. Thank you all," Hussain, dressed in an embroidered white kurta, said as he accepted the trophy for Best Global Music Performance.

That win came for Pashto, written and recorded in collaboration with American banjo player Béla Fleck, American bas-

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#### INDIA MUST PUSH TO GET PAK-BASED TERRORISTS LISTED: **KEY HOUSE PANEL**

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**NEW DELHI:** India should pursue the listing of four Pakistanbased terrorists, including Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) leader Hafiz Talha Saeed and Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) leader Abdul Rauf Asghar, and take steps to "de-politicise" the sanctions regime of the UN Security Council, a parliamentary panel said on Monday.

#### FRESH PLEA SEEKS SURVEY IN OTHER GYANVAPI CELLARS

VARANASI: The Varanasi district court will hear on Tuesday a petition filed by a Hindu woman asking ASI to conduct a survey of the other cellars in the Gyanvapi Masjid in Varanasi, days after the court allowed Hindu prayers in the southern cellar of the building after three decades. The petition sought ground penetrating radar (GPR) technology to be used in the exercise.

#### 4.4 MILLION MAILS SENT AS ALERT ON ITR MISMATCH'

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NEW DELHI: In a first, the government sent about 4.4 million "targeted" emails in 2023-24 assessment year to such taxpayers who had "wide" gaps between their disclosed incomes and the transactions they made, thereby giv-ing them a chance to file revised returns and save themselves tax notices a senior official said.→P15

### NUMBER THEORY

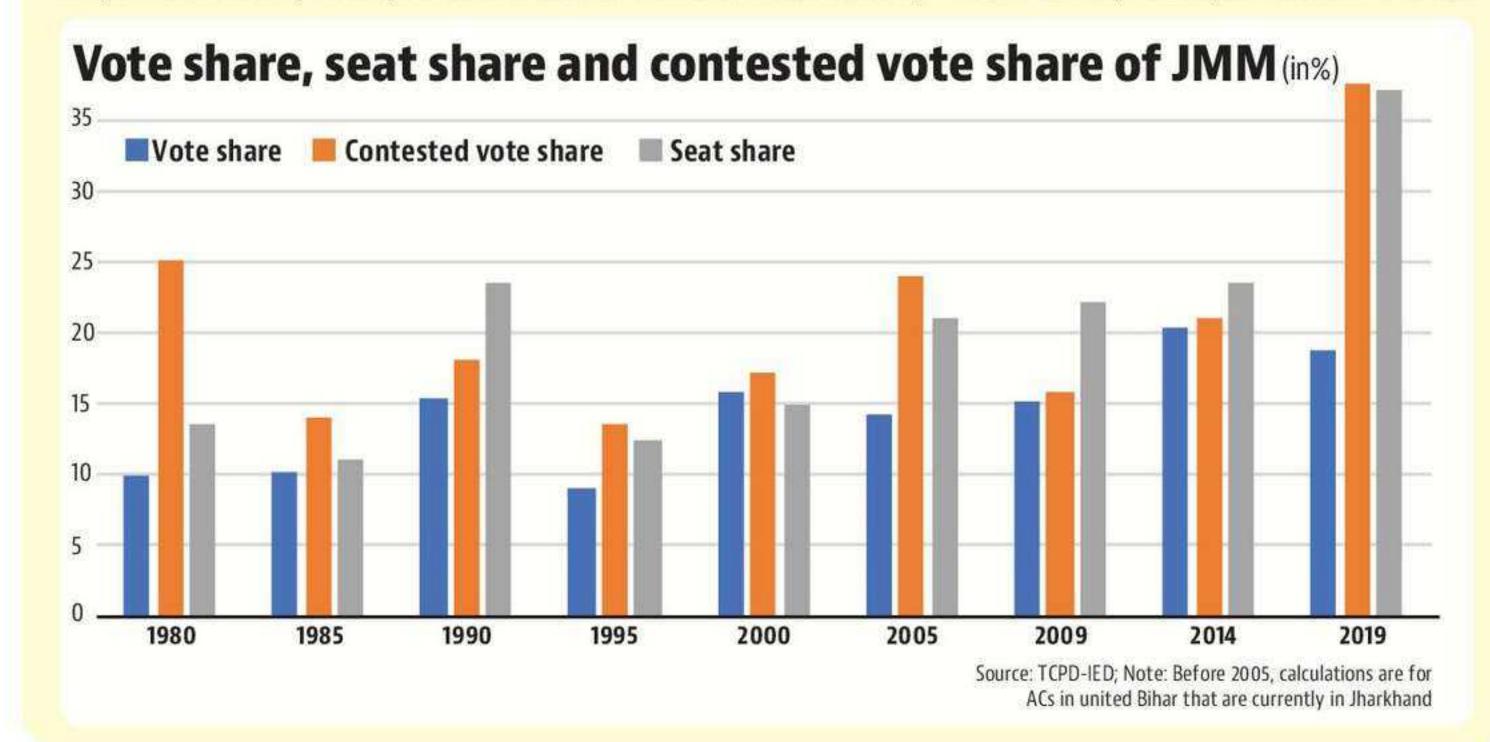
# Will Hemant Soren's ST pitch aid JMM prospects?

#### By Nishant Ranjan and Roshan Kishore

With Champai Soren-led Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) government winning the trust vote in the assembly on Monday with a 47-29 margin, JMM and its allies have survived their first test after the arrest of Hemant Soren. Former chief minister Hemant Soren in his speech in the assembly – he was allowed by the courts to participate in the trust vote – leveraged his scheduled tribe (ST) status to attack the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Will this approach work for the JMM in the 2024 general elections and the assembly elections which will follow late this year? Here is what an HT analysis shows.

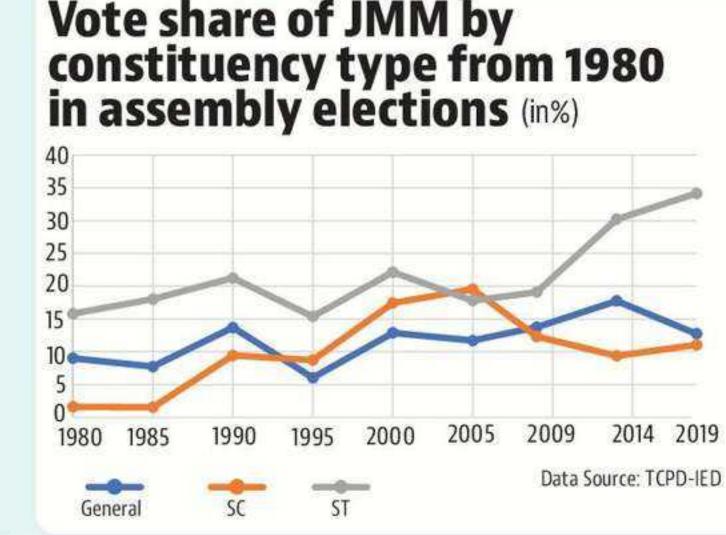
### IMM's popular support seems to have surged after the 2014 elections

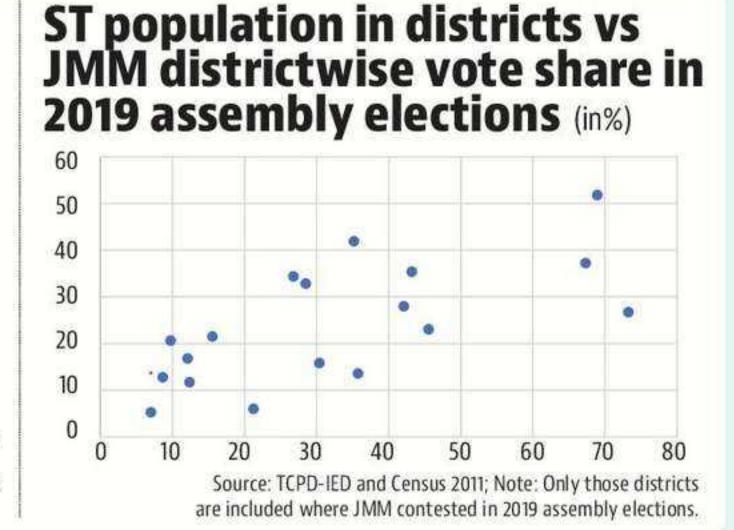
While the movement for creation of a separate Jharkhand state dates back to the period before independence, the JMM was only formed in 1972. An HT analysis of assembly constituencies (ACs) which were carved out to create Jharkhand in 2000 shows that the JMM's vote share was in the ballpark of 10%-15% between 1980 and 2009. This number increased to more than 20% for the first time in 2014, and dropped slightly to 18.7% in the 2019 elections. In terms of seat share, 2019 was the JMM's best ever performance in the state when it won 37% of the 81 ACs in the state. What explains the rise in JMM's seat share in 2019 despite a fall in vote share? The contested vote share trend of the JMM, puts this in perspective. In 2019, JMM contested only 43 ACs spread across 18 out of 24 districts of the state. However, in the 2014 assembly elections, JMM contested on 79 ACs.



### 2 How important are STs for JMM's political fortunes?

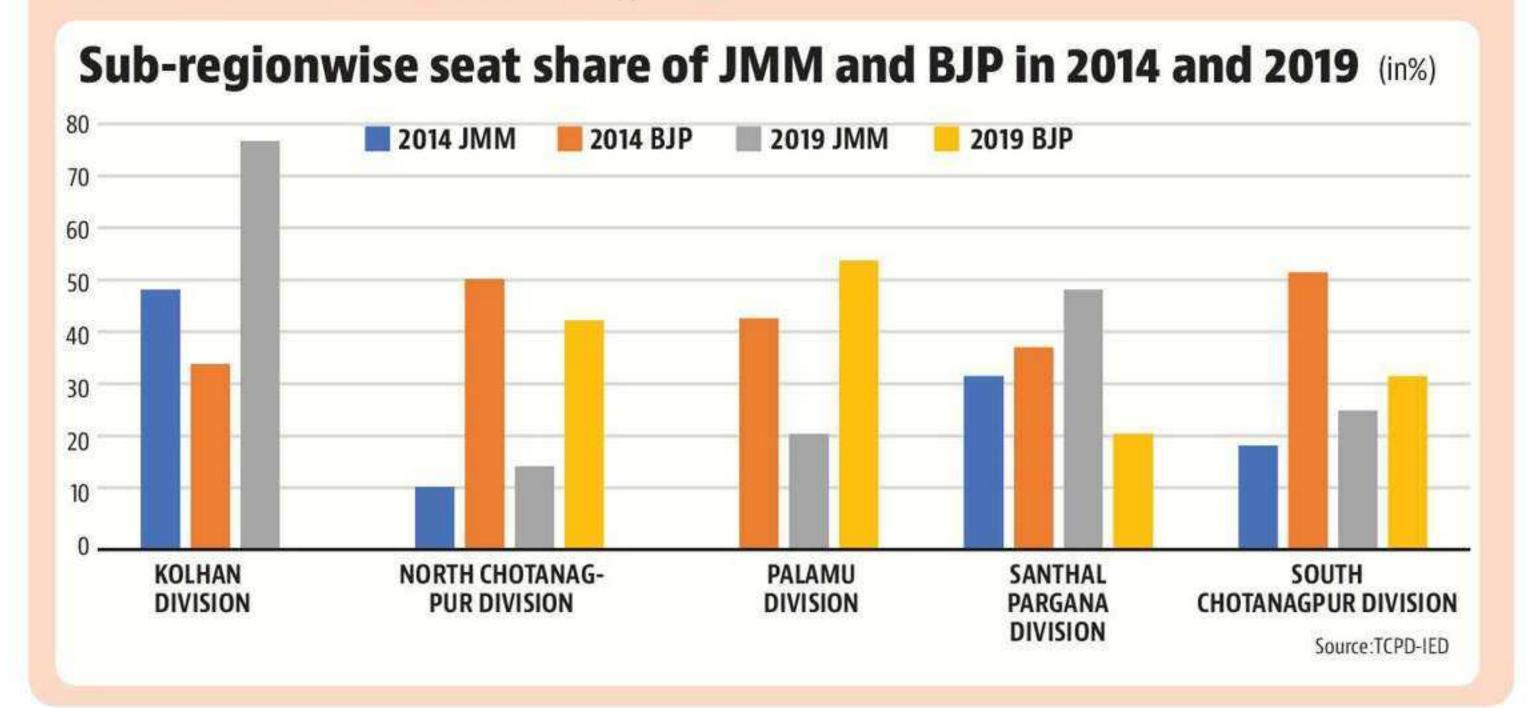
The JMM pretty much spearheaded the struggle for creation of Jharkhand since its inception and dubbed it as a political struggle for ensuring justice for STs who, it claimed, were denied their rightful claims under a united Bihar. Does this rhetoric match the JMM's political support among ST voters? One way to look at this is to compare JMM's vote share and seat share among ST and non-ST ACs in Jharkhand since 1980. Data shows that the JMM has always performed better in ST ACs than the non-ST ACs and the performance gap has actually increased in the recent period. In fact, there is good reason to believe that the JMM's ST-voter advantage extends beyond just ST-reserved ACs, as can be seen from a positive correlation between JMM's contested vote share and district-wise share of ST population in the state.





### 3 Did the JMM's gains in stronger ST pockets in 2019 come at the cost of the BJP?

This is an important question to ask because if the STs have always voted for the JMM, then the BJP does not stand to lose much from such a consolidation. Ashoka University's Trivedi Centre for Political Data database classifies Jharkhand into five sub-regions. The share of ST population in these sub-regions varies from just 9.5% in North Chotanagpur division to 51.1% in South Chotanagpur division. A comparison of the BJP's sub-region wise seat share in 2014 and 2019 shows that it suffered its biggest losses in the sub-regions which have a bigger presence of ST voters. This suggests that JMM's strategy of countering Hemant Soren's arrest with a stronger ST pitch might not be a bad idea. To be sure, it needs to be remembered that the BJP went to the 2019 Jharkhand elections with a non-ST chief minister – the first in the history of state – and this might have alienated even the pro-BJP ST voters in the state. It remains to be seen whether the BJP will go to the 2024 polls with an ST face and whether it will eat into JMM's ST support-base.



### But the Lok Sabha elections might be a different ballgame altogether

This is because, unlike in assembly elections, the JMM does not drive the political narrative in the Lok Sabha elections in Jharkhand. For example, the JMM contested only four out of the 14 Lok Sabha constituencies the state. However, it constituencies in the state in the 2019 elections and left the rest for the Congress and Rashtriya Janata Dal. It managed to win just one Lok

Sabha constituency in the 2019 elections. Even in the ST-reserved Lok Sabha constituencies, the BJP performed much better than the JMM in the state. However, it remains to be seen whether the JMM will ask for a larger number of seats from its alliance partner Congress in the Lok Sabha elections.





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# PM sets 370 poll target for BJP, 400+ for NDA

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NEW DELHI: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will win at least 370 seats in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls and the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) will cross the 400 mark, Prime Minister Narendra Modi predicted on Monday as he launched a blistering attack at the Opposition and hailed the achievements of his government just months before elections.

In a combative speech in Parliament that spanned two hours, Modi drew a critical distinction between dynastic politics and second- or third-generation politicians, as he singled out the Congress for stinging criticism, accusing it of slow-peddling development, citing comments by former prime ministers Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi to allege that they held fellow Indians in low esteem, and accusing it of suffering from a culture that sought to "cancel" the nation's progress.

He hailed the steps taken by his government to promote women's development, purge

#### Modi's scathing attack on Opposition

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**ON DYNASTY POLITICS** "A political party that is run and controlled by a family, prioritises its members... that is considered dynastic politics, rather than members of a family who make their way forward on their own."

"Congress has managed to throw the Opposition alliance out of alignment... They do not trust each other. How can they have faith in the country?"

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ON THE FUTURE "For several decades you were sitting here (in the treasury benches), but now you have resolved to stay there (opposition benches) for several **PROSPECTS OF** THE CONGRESS decades... You'll... soon be seen in the public galleries (of the House)."

corruption, rein in inflation, improve delivery of welfare benefits, quell violence, promote nation-building and boost the economy, saying that the steps taken in his third term will lay the foundation of the country for another 1,000 years.

"I can gauge the mood of the

nation, it will definitely give NDA more than 400 seats and the BJP at least 370 seats," the PM said, citing the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, a long-held ideological goal of the BJP.

In what was his last speech in the Lower House before the elec-

completion, we become complacent." ON CONG'S 'CANCEL CULTURE' "Congress's shop is on the verge of shutting in its attempt to launch the same product again and again. It is trapped in 'cancel culture', seeking to cancel every achievement

and success of India."

ON NEHRU, INDIRA'S VIEW

"Nehru ji had said from Red Fort that Indians

don't have a habit of working hard compared

United States... Indira ji had said it is our

to those in Europe, Japan, China, Russia and

habit that when a good work is approaching

tions, Modi said the third term of

his government was not too far and said it was his guarantee that India will become the third largest economy in the next five years. "In the first term, we kept filling the potholes of the previ-

ous governments, in the second continued on →6

#### SISODIA GIVEN **PERMISSION TO MEET WIFE; SC** TO HEAR HIS PLEA

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Monday allowed former deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia to visit his ailing wife once a week while in custody. Sisodia had moved an application on January 27, in both cases registered against him by CBI and ED in relation to the now scrapped Delhi excise policy 2021-22, seeking custody parole twice a week to visit his wife. Meanwhile, the Supreme Court on Monday agreed to list Sisodia's curative plea challenging the dismissal of his bail plea in the case related to the 2021-22 excise policy. →P3

#### FM REJECTS CLAIMS OF DISCRIMINATION IN FUND RATIONING

**NEW DELHI:** Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday rejected allegations of "discrimination" in allocating funds to non-BJP governed states, saying it was a "politically vitiated narrative" that "vested interests" were seeking to propagate. Sitharaman's remarks came in response to a question in the Lok Sabha by Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury.

### Hemant slams BJP, guv as JMM clears floor test

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RANCHI: Former Jharkhand chief minister Hemant Soren called his arrest on January 31 a "black night" that marks a "black chapter" in Indian democracy, even as the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM)-led alliance, now helmed by his close aide Champai Soren, sailed through in the trust vote in the Jharkhand assembly on Monday.

A day after its legislators returned from Hyderabad, where they spent two days to avoid the prospect of poaching ahead of the floor test, the alliance garnered the support of 47 of the 77 members who voted in the 81-member state assembly. The opposition National Democratic Alliance (NDA), led by the BJP, had 29 legislators on its side.

The floor test caps a dramatic 10 days in Jharkhand - with allegations that Hemant Soren had "disappeared" from his Delhi residence on January 28 while Enforcement Directorate (ED) sleuths were looking for him, his re-emergence in Ranchi on January 30, his questioning for seven hours the next day, his resignation as chief minister, and finally the arrest by ED. The alliance picked Champai, 67, as leader in



JMM's Hemant Soren (right) with new Jharkhand chief minister Champai Soren after the floor test in Ranchi on Monday.

his stead, but the nominee had to make three trips to the Raj Bhavan over two days before he was sworn in on February 2.

Speaking in the assembly before the trust vote commenced he was allowed to participate by the Jharkhand high court -Hemant Soren said that he would quit politics if the ED could produce a shred of documentary evidence that he owned the 8.5-acre land parcel at the centre of the money laundering allegations that led to his arrest. "A black night and a black chapter was added to the democracy of the

31. I think this is the first time in the country's history that a chief minister or even a former CM was arrested from inside the Raj Bhavan. I think that even Raj Bhawan was involved in this episode," Soren said in the state assembly.

country on the night of January

The office of governor CP Radhakrishnan did not comment despite calls and messages seeking a response.

The former chief minister arrived at the assembly premises at around 10.45am, surrounded continued on →11

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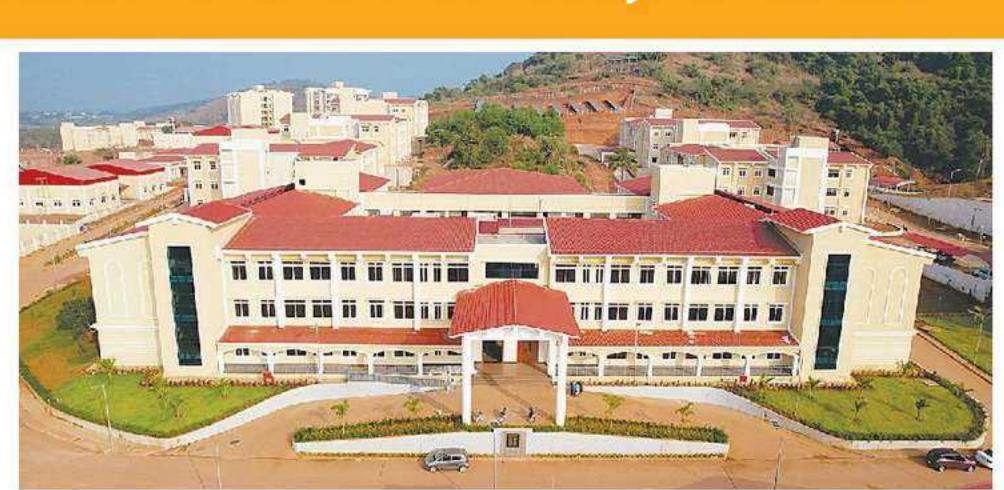
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{ MY INDIA } DATA PRESENTED IN PARL

#### 3k+ flights cancelled due to weather last yr'



Over 3,000 flights were cancelled due to bad weather in 2023 and over 1,600 flights were cancelled in the year due to technical reasons, data presented in Parliament showed on Monday. In a written reply to Rajya Sabha MPs Vaiko and M Shanmugam, junior civil aviation minister VK Singh provided details on the number of flights that were cancelled last year, showing that weather-related issues played a major role in disruptions. A total of 3,008 flights were cancelled due to bad weather and IndiGo was the most affected airline with 2,185 cancellations. followed by Alliance Air (323 cancellations) and SpiceJet (186), the data showed. Vistara had 89 flight cancellations and AirAsia India had five flights that were cancelled due to weather. Akasa Air was the least affected, with only two flight cancellations due to bad weather.

BUSINESS } 'EASE OF BUSINESS'

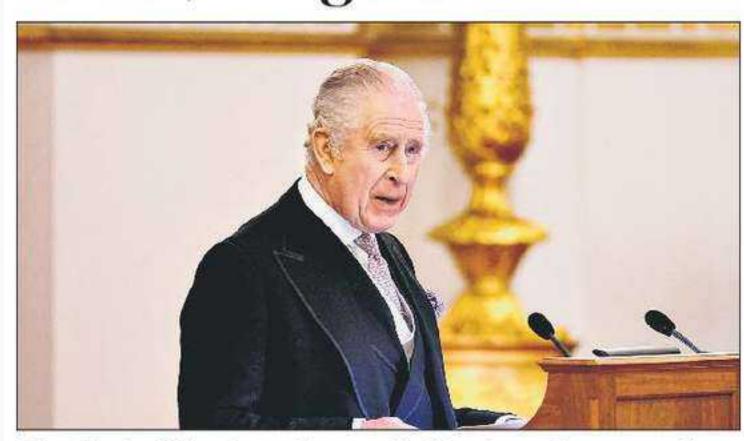
#### FSSAI certification to be mandatory soon



India's top food regulator—the food safety and standards authority of India (FSSAI) — is planning to make only FSSAI certification mandatory for food products in the country, according to a government statement. The move will effectively do away with the requirement of other certifications such as Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) or AGMARK certification for food products. "In a move that would facilitate ease of doing business through the concept of 'One Nation, One Commodity, One Regulator', FSSAI in its 43rd meeting held recently in New Delhi under the chairmanship of Union health secretary, Apurva Chandra, approved various amendments to streamline food safety and standards regulations," a statement read. HTC

{ WORLD } PUBLIC DUTIES SUSPENDED

#### King Charles diagnosed with cancer, being treated: Palace



King Charles III has been diagnosed with a form of cancer and has begun treatment, Buckingham Palace said Monday. The palace says the cancer is not related to the king's recent treatment for a benign prostate condition. It did not say what form of cancer the 75-year-old monarch has. The palace said "a separate issue of concern was noted" during Charles' treatment for an enlarged prostate last month. "Diagnostic tests have identified a form of cancer," it said. "His Majesty has today commenced a schedule of regular treatments, during which time he has been advised by doctors to postpone public-facing duties," the palace said in a statement. "Throughout this period, His Majesty will continue to undertake State business and official paperwork as usual." The Palace statement said that King Charles "remains wholly positive about his treatment and looks forward to returning to full public duty as soon as possible."

{ MY INDIA } IN RAJYA SABHA

#### Munda introduces 2 tribal affairs bills



Union minister for tribal affairs Arjun Munda on Monday introduced two bills – Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2024 and Constitution (Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) Orders (Amendment) Bill, 2024 - in the Upper House. The former aims to amend the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950, specifically to modify the list of Scheduled Tribes in relation to Andhra Pradesh. The latter seeks to amend both the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950, and the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950. The introduction of the bills were put to voice vote by Rajya Sabha MP Amee Yajnik who was presiding as the Chair in the House during the introduction of the bills, and the motion to introduce them was cleared.

{ MY INDIA } NOTICE TO CENTRE

#### SC to review 75% job quota ruling by HC



The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to examine the correctness of a judgment by the Punjab and Haryana high court that quashed a 2021 Haryana law providing for 75% reservation for local candidates in private sector jobs, paying up to ₹30,000 a month. A top court bench issued notice to the Faridabad Industries Association and the Union of India on the appeal filed by the Manohar Lal Khattar government against the high court verdict. Representing the state government, solicitor general Tushar Mehta contended that the HC judgment was not "well-reasoned" and that the apex court ought to examine the contours of the legislative powers in an elected government. Responding, the bench said it will wait for replies from the parties in the matter and would subsequently take up the matter. The next date of hearing in the matter is March 22. →P3

The chart-toppers

SONG OF THE YEAR

"WHAT WAS I

MADE FOR?",

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**BEST NEW ARTIST** 

**VICTORIA MONET** 

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"THE RECORD,"

**BOYGENIUS** 

**BEST JAZZ** 

"GHOST IN THE

MACHINE," SZA

**FEATURING** 

**ALBUM OF THE** 

"MIDNIGHTS",

### Half cancers found after spreading to other organs: Study **CANCERS OF THE**

MOUTH AND

BREAST ARE THE

MEN AND WOMEN,

LEADING CAUSE

OF DEATH FOR

ACCORDING TO

THE ICMR STUDY

2022, the projected number of

new cancer cases in India was

1,461,427, with a crude incidence

rate of 100.4 per 100,000 individu-

als. Approximately one in nine

people in India is expected to face

a cancer diagnosis during their

Within childhood cancers

(0-14 years), lymphoid leukemia

emerged as the predominant

type, accounting for 29.2% in boys

and 24.2% in girls. Looking ahead,

an estimated 12.8% increase in

cancer incidence by 2025 is

expected as compared to 2020,

in India is expected to rise from

26.7 million disability adjusted

life years (or DALYs, adjusted for

mortality and incidence) in 2021

to 29.8 million in 2025, with the

highest burden in the north and

ICMR data also showed that

the rise of childhood cancers is

becoming a significant issue in

India, with 4% of all cancers in

India being among children aged

0-14 years. "A situational analysis

of childhood cancer care services

in India observed that less than

half of public (41.6%) and private

(48.6%) facilities had a dedicated

paediatric oncology department."

Experts said this makes timely

screening critical. "It is crucial to

know at what stage the cancer is

diagnosed for better treatment

outcome. Now we have sophisti-

cated tests that give accurate

results. In stage 4 lung cancer, for

example, 5-year survival was

unheard of earlier but now many

do make it. The key bit, however,

is that the diagnosis should be

made early so as to start the treat-

ment in time," said Dr PK Julka,

former head, radiation oncology,

All India Institute of Medical Sci-

On February 1, marked as

World Cancer Day, the World

Health Organization, said glo-

bally, there was an estimated 20

million new cancer cases and 9.7

million deaths in 2022. "The esti-

mated number of people who

were alive within 5 years follow-

ing a cancer diagnosis was 53.5

million. About 1 in 5 people

develop cancer in their lifetime,'

the world body said.

ences, Delhi.

The projected cancer burden

ICMR projected.

northeast regions.

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**NEW DELHI:** Nearly 50% of the lung cancers in men and 55.5% in women are diagnosed when the cancer has spread to other organs, according to data from the Indian Council of Medical Research's (ICMR) National Cancer Registry Programme.

The findings underscore what experts say is a lack of adequate awareness on cancer screening, which in itself could help catch malignancies in time and help people beat the disease.

"Among women, 54.7% cancers of the breast, 62.2% of cervix, and 72.3% of mouth get diagnosed when the cancer has spread to adjacent organs. 70.3% of mouth in men get diagnosed when they have spread to adjacent organs," showed the data collated under the programme, which HT has accessed.

Cancers of the breast and cervix are leading cancers among women in India.

Among men, the most common of cancers is in the lungs.

Of these, cancers of the mouth and breast are the leading cause of death for men and women,

respectively. According to the cancer registry data, five-year survival rate by stage at diagnosis for localised breast cancer is 81%, 65.5% for regional, and 18.3% for distant metastasis cancer of the breast in other words, the sooner the cancer is caught, the limited is its spread, and the higher the chances of survival.

In cancer of the cervix, the data showed 65.9% five-year survival rate for localised spread, 53.5% for those diagnosed with regional spread, and 18% for those with metastasis that has spread to distant organs.

"Our analysis from NCRP on 5-year population based survival of patients with breast (female) and cervical cancers: with disease spread, the survival rates decline; [but] improved survival rates over 2 decades not enough...," the researchers said in the report.

A network of 7,757 hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, laboratories and agencies across the country under the programme feeds into the registry, which provides systematic information on new cancer cases, their patterns and distribution, trends, diagnostics and treatment, outcomes and survival. The registry also informs, guides, and monitors impacts of interventions in the long run.

India has a high cancer burden owing to its large population. According to ICMR data, in

**66TH GRAMMY AWARDS** 

### Swift soars on a night of surprises



An evening of comebacks

Joni Mitchell's return

brings arena to tears

Sat in an easy chair resembling a throne,

80-year-old Joni Mitchell made her presence felt

at the Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles, leaving

barely a dry eye in the room as she tapped her cane

after suffering a brain aneurysm, after

which she had to recover her voice.

and sang her hit classic "Both Sides Now". Mitchell

was making her Grammys debut, just nine years

**Best African Music** performance, a new category aimed at **Best Global Music** Album for "This

Moment".

Fast Car rolls again

American pop legend Tracy Chapman

a moving rendition of her 1988 classic

made a rare public appearance to deliver

"Fast Car" with country

star Luke Combs, who

found streaming success

with a cover of the

track last year.

highlighting regional musical traditions and recognising "recordings that utilise unique local expressions from across the African continent," went to South African singer Tyla for her ubiquitous hit, "Water."

An African

indent on the

Grammys stage

Killer Mike was arrested at the Grammy Awards on Sunday after the rapper and activist won three his first in more than two decades. Mike was escorted in handcuffs by Los Angeles police. He was detained after an altercation inside the arena around 4pm.

A titanic return

For the final award of the night, the

organisers had one final surprise: pop

diva Celine Dion, who has been battling

the rare neurological

disorder Stiff-Person

Syndrome, emerged from

backstage to a standing

that I'm happy to be

here, I really mean

it from my heart,"

ovation. "When I say

she said.

Rapper heads

from stage

to cell

Grammy awards including

BEST ROCK ALBUM "THIS IS WHY,' PARAMORE **BEST AUDIOBOOK** "THE LIGHT WE CARRY..., MICHELLE OBAMA

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"WATER,

THE BEATLES

MIR SULTAN KHAN } FROM PRE-PARTITION PUNJAB

### Recognised decades later, meet Asia's first GM

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2016

2010

**BENGALURU:** A man from pre-Independence Punjab who took Europe's chess scene by storm, who became British champion three times and who was the first Asian player to break into the upper echelons of international chess, finally gets his much belated due. Almost 58 years after his death, the international chess federation, Fide, has awarded Mir Sultan Khan the honorary Grandmaster (GM) title, making him the first Pakistani person to

hold the honour. Fide president Arkady Dvorkovich presented Pakistani government officials with the posthumous GM title document, awarding an enigmatic genius who competed with, and

defeated, some of the world's best players at the time - recognition he perhaps never found in his life-

The GM title - the highest in Fide's rank of player titles - was created in 1950, long after Sultan Khan had stopped playing tournaments and disappeared from the chess scene.

Born in 1903 in Mitha Tiwana, Sargodha, Punjab (now in Pakistan) in pre-Independence, undivided India, Sultan Khan belonged to a family of pirs (Muslim religious saints). He picked up

chess at a young age from his father who is understood to have played the game well himself and was also the religious leader of the community. The variant of chess Sultan Khan played in his early years was common in many parts of the Indian subcontinent back then and differed from Western chess in its rules. It was only after he began staying at wealthy landlord and chess enthusiast Sir Umar Hayat Khan Tiwana's estate that Sultan Khan was introduced to Western chess. He accompa-

nied Sir Umar to England in 1929. An all-India champion then, Sultan Khan was virtually an unknown player in Europe. Though he had little

access to chess literature and learnt the rules of Western chess only a few years before leaving for England, one of the first

things Sultan Khan did when he stepped off the boat was to beat the former world champion and one of the greatest players of all time, Jose Raul Capablanca.

Sultan Khan and Sir Umar travelled from Bombay on the same boat as members of the Simon Commission, and a few days after their arrival, Sultan Khan pulled off a shocking win at a 35-player simul against Capablanca in north London. Sultan Khan had a tenuous grasp of Western opening theory and his seemingly perilous decision to leave his Black



Mir Sultan Khan (centre) playing multiple boards at the Empire Chess Club, London in 1931. BETTMANN / GETTY IMAGES

king in the middle of the board turned out to be the catalyst for Capablanca's full-blown attack and subsequent self-destruction in the game. Sultan Khan defended ferociously and Capa-

blanca soon ran out of options. Sultan Khan won the British Championship that year and on two more occasions later in 1932 and 1933. Even in the years he didn't win the title he had some remarkable finishes — second to Savielly Tartakower in 1930, and third behind future world champion Max Euwe and Capablanca in 1931. Sultan Khan defeated Capablanca again at the 1930/31

"The fact that even under such conditions (inexperience in the

British Championships.

Western game) he succeeded in becoming a champion reveals a genius for chess which is nothing short of extraordinary," Capablanca wrote about Sultan Khan in his book Chess Lectures years

Sultan Khan played top board for England at the Chess Olympiad three times. In his second outing in 1931, he won eight games and drew seven in a strong field - including a win and draw against former world champions Akiba Rubenstein and Alexander

Alekhine respectively. Despite reports of him being completely unlettered, a photograph from a 1932 tournament in Berne shows Sultan Khan — in his neatly parted hair and blazer -

ish champion William Winter wrote about Sultan Khan: "I remember vividly my first meeting with the dark-skinned man who spoke very little English and answered remarks that he did not understand with a sweet and gentle smile. One of the Alekhine v Bogoljubow matches was in progress and I showed him a short game, without telling him the contestants. "I think", he said, "that they both very weak players." This was not conceit on his part. The vigorous style of the world championship contenders leading to rapid contact and a quick decision in the middle game was quite foreign to his concep-

standing alongside a group of

players, engrossed in a pamphlet

In his memoir that appeared in

CHESS, February 1963, twice Brit-

at a time." In December 1933, Sultan Khan left Europe and accompanied Sir Umar back to Punjab, disappearing from the international chess scene almost as abruptly as he

tion of the Indian game in which

the pawn moves only one square

had burst onto it. Strange reports later followed of him living in Durban and turn-

ing into a concert singer. They were wildly untrue and were later retracted. To shed light on Sultan Khan's life after his international chess

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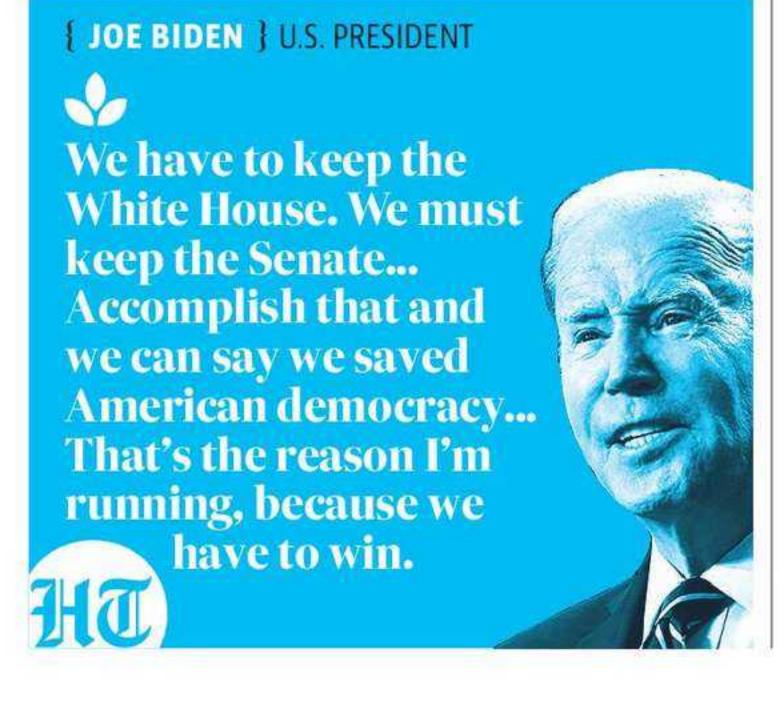
named Mohammad Yusuf of West

Pakistan, who claimed to be an old acquaintance of Sultan Khan was published in CHESS on 20 February 1960: I have known Sultan Khan since 1918. He is settled as a small landlord in the Sargodha District of the old Punjab. The reason for his disappearance from the chess world is that his patron, the late Malik Sir Umar Hayat Khan Tiwana, died in 1941 [sic; in 1944, in fact]. Since then there has been no great opportunity for players scattered all over the country to meet. Furthermore it is well known that Sultan Khan's knowledge of English does not go beyond his ability just to read a game-score. The secretary of the late Sir Umar used to help him to a certain extent to study annotations. Now he has nobody to help him or to give him practice. Even now he is distinctly better than the best active player in Pakistan or even in India I believe. He is a genius.'

died of tuberculosis in Sargodha, Pakistan while he was still in his

A few years later, Sultan Khan

It was only decades after his incredible successes that the wider world even heard of Sultan Khan. Look him up if you haven't yet. You'll find him in a turban and blazer wearing a hint of a smile with a massive crownshaped trophy resting beside him. A man who went to the land of his colonisers, and returned a cham-



# 32% of Capital's daily waste at mercy of elements: ASCI AAP slams BJP over SC's order on C'garh

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**NEW DELHI:** An audit of Delhi's garbage management, and the implementation of the Capital's municipal solid waste (MSW) management rules, revealed that nearly 32% of the waste that the city generates is leaking into the environment and needs immediate attention.

The audit conducted by the Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad, also flagged the shortcomings in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi's primary process of door-to-door collection of waste.

Delhi produces an estimated 11,000 tonne of waste per day. In April 2023, the Solid Waste Management Committee headed by the lieutenant governor had directed MCD to carry out a third-party audit of Delhi's solid waste management, collection, transportation, recycling, processing and disposal system.

Subsequently, a team from ASCI studied Delhi's waste collection between September and December. Municipal commissioner Gyanesh Bharti, while presenting MCD's annual budget proposals for 2024-25 on December 9, shared that ASCI will assess the Capital's garbage management, and identify the areas of improvement.

The audit report found that 32% of the waste generated daily "is leaking into environment and needs immediate attention". The report revealed that around 7% of this garbage (770 tonne per day) is not collected and leaks from the primary collection at source, around 20% of the daily generation of waste is dumped on to How Delhi's garbage is handled Waste that is taken • care of by the informal sector, ragpickers and scrap dealers waste 9 generated is classified as dry waste consisting of wet waste consisting of paper, packaging, plastic, kitchen waste, **55**% horticulture bottles etc 3% material 10% collection by informal sector **Estimated** facilities waste that is processed at waste-to-

from 17% (Rohini zone) to 78%

(Najafgarh zone), with an average

of about 48% for the entire MCD

area, and recommended that the

civic body implement a pilot sys-

tem with the help of NGOs in 12

wards (one in each zone) and

scale it up in phases while learn-

ing from models in Indore,

comprehensive analysis and cat-

egorisation of the city's waste to

establish a reliable baseline for

planning and obtaining waste

quantity and characterisation,"

the report added.

"There is a crucial need for a

Hyderabad and Ambikapur.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- In the short term: Introduce a robust door-todoor waste collection
- system Strengthen the bulk waste management system
- Improve street sweeping Establish a monitoring and command and control centre
- Implement a capacity building programme
- In the long term: Strengthen secondary collection and

energy

plants

(7+20+5)

sites

leakage to

environment

The audit also made a set of 11

recommendations, including

short-term measures such as

introducing a robust door-to-

door waste collection system,

establishing a comprehensive

monitoring system, a command-

and-control centre, strengthen-

ing the bulk waste management

system, and changes in street

term, the corporation will have

to upgrade its secondary collec-

tion and transportation system,

and improve planning at the

The audit said that in long

sweeping management.

ward- and zonal-level.

and landfill

- transportation system Improve planning at the ward and zonal level
- Strengthen the contract
- management system Promote innovations for
- recycling Improve solid waste management by MCD

An MCD spokesperson said: "The report is under study and is not finalised yet as MCD has reservations to many of its findings. Having said this, it is also stated that MCD is committed to find

efficacious and sustainable solu-

tions to any weak link in its solid

waste management." Environmentalist Bharti Chaturvedi, founder of Chintan Environmental and Action Group, said, "MCD needs to incentivise the informal sector by providing them space for recycling and bringing them into the system by generating their ID cards."

**NEW DELHI:** Councillors from the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Monday cornered the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) over the Supreme Court order on the Chandigarh mayoral elections, with AAP members rushing into the well of the house and raising slogans against members from the BJP.

The Supreme Court on Monday castigated the returning officer in the Chandigarh mayoral polls for "defacing ballots" and "making a mockery of democracy" and said "we will not allow democracy to be murdered".

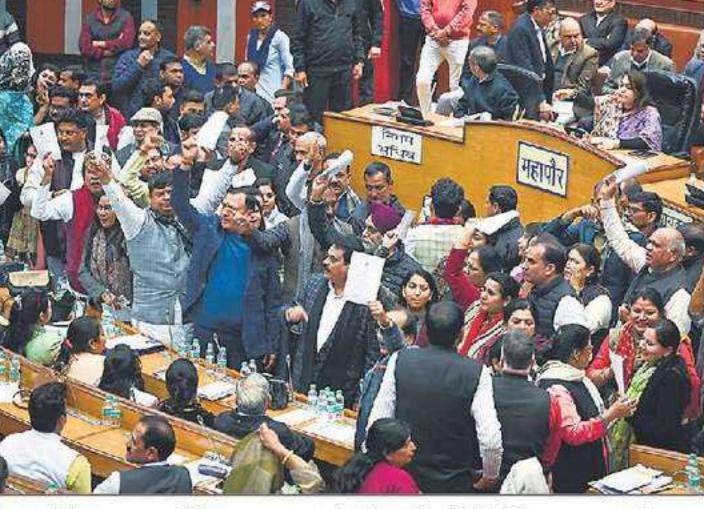
During the house meeting on Monday to discuss budget proposals, AAP councillors raised slogans, saying the Supreme Court observations vindicated their stand over the issue.

The AAP had moved the top court, alleging gross irregularities in the conduct of Chandigarh mayoral polls in which the BJP candidate was announced the winner.

Ravinder Bharadwaj, AAP councillor from Aman Vihar, said, "Entire country has seen the conduct of the returning officer on video."

AAP councillor Praveen Kumar from Mahaveer Enclave (west) said the Supreme Court's statement has exposed the BJP in the Chandigarh elections. "This is a clear vindication of the AAP's stand," he said.

Leader of the opposition Raja Iqbal Singh said the BJP councillors also entered the well of the house, objecting to the slogans of "Vote Chor" being raised by AAP. "Chandigarh election was not the subject for discussion for the meeting. They were unnecessarily raising the slogans when the issue has nothing to do with Delhi or MCD."



Opposition councillors protest during the MCD House meeting at Civic Centre on Monday. RAJ KRAJ/HT PHOTO

BJP councillors also protested against the proposal to raise the discretionary funds of mayor from ₹7.5 crore to ₹500 crore. Former South MCD mayor Kamaljeet Sehrawat said, "Why does the mayor need so much money in discretionary funds. This fund should be equally divided among 250 councillors so that they can carry out basic repair works in their wards."

Mayor Shelly Oberoi did not comment in the House. However, an official from the mayor's office said, "We will use the money available that remained unspent over the last four-five years. It will not lead to decrease in funds to other departments.'

Iqbal said there is no need to put so much funds at the discretion of the mayor. "This is illegal and we will oppose any hike in the mayor's discretionary funds," he said.

Earlier, the Budget discussion was initiated by Congress councillor Nazia Danish. She said the final budget speech to be read by the leader of the house Mukesh Goyal has "already been finalised", and there is no point in holding discussions and seeking suggestions. Goel responded that no speech has been submitted to the municipal secretariat.

Dilshad Colony councillor Preeti raised the issue of dog bites and demanded that MCD provide vaccinations to affected people at their doorstep.

BJP councillor Sandeep Kapoor said the budget normally had inputs from 12 zonal committees, 23 special and ad hoc committees, but non-formation of these panels has led to a situation in which the budget "is being passed hurriedly".

Later in the evening, Oberoi tweeted that the councillors took part in the Budget session. "Also, the Supreme Court's comment regarding Chandigarh Mayor elections was welcomed. This will be a historic budget for the people, youth and businessmen of Delhi. This time, special attention has been given to sanitation and infrastructure in the budget. The first budget of the AAP government of the corporation will be presented in the House

on February 8, after discussion."

#### SANJAY SINGH NOT **ALLOWED TO TAKE** OATH AS MP OVER PRIVILEGES CASE

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letters@hindustantimes.com **NEW DELHI:** Aam Aadmi Party

(AAP) leader Sanjay Singh was not allowed to take the oath of office as a Rajya Sabha member on Monday. People aware of the matter said Rajya Sabha chairman and vice-president Jagdeep Dhankhar pointed out that Singh could not be administered the oath since a complaint against him is being examined by the House's privileges committee.

Singh is currently jailed in connection with alleged irregularities in Delhi excise policy 2021-22. On February 3, a city court, while extending Singh's judicial custody till February 17, directed the jail superintendent concerned to ensure that he is taken to Parliament on Monday under adequate security for the purpose of taking oath.

Singh's oath-taking ceremony was not listed in the business of the House.

The AAP leader was suspended on July 24, 2023 and on August 11, the House passed an order which said that the "council disapproves the repeated violation of rules, directives of the Chair and unruly conduct" of Singh, the people said. "As per this, his suspension continues till the House has the benefit of the report of Committee of Privileges and then takes decision thereon," one of the people said.

#### TWO MEN, MINOR BOY HELD FOR STEALING PHONE AT KNIFE-POINT

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NEW DELHI: Two men were arrested and a minor boy was apprehended for allegedly robbing a Delhi University (DU) student of her mobile phone after threatening her with a knife and pushing her to the ground in Nand Nagri area of northeast Delhi on Saturday evening,

said on Monday. The suspects were held following a brief chase by two police personnel deployed in an emergency response vehicle,

police officials aware of the case

they added. Deputy commissioner of police (northeast) Joy Tirkey said that the incident took place on Saturday when the 18-yearold Kalindi College student (police withheld her name) was returning home with her friend.

### 6 CT machines for a population of 30 million: Court pulls up govt

5% unprocessed

20% dumped

wet waste

at landfills

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≈40% vantage

43% waste reaching

dhalaos and secondary

% left in the open

oversaturated dump sites, and 5%

is left after wet waste processing.

HT has seen a copy of the

The audit noted that at the

primary, door-to-door collection

level, only 43% of garbage ends

up at dhalaos and dustbins. "It

was observed that door-to-door

collection is significantly lacking

within the city and is predomi-

nantly managed by informal

waste pickers... The primary col-

lection is done mainly using auto

The report said that the pri-

mary waste collection varies

tippers," the report said.

collection points like

dustbins, common

dumping points, etc.

Source: ASCI audit

report.

point collection

**NEW DELHI:** The Delhi high court on Monday expressed displeasure over availability of only six CT scan machines in 19 hospitals, which cater to the Capital's nearly 30 million population, and nudged the Delhi government to ramp up public health infrastructure and bed capacity.

"From what we've read & seen, lives are being lost because people are not being attended to... because facilities aren't available. You'll have to ramp up your infrastructure. How can you have six machines (CT scan) for a three-crore population? Even out of these six, [just] five machines you're saying are fully functional," a bench led by acting chief justice Manmohan said to principal secretary, health,

who was present in person. The remarks came days after lieutenant governor (LG) VK Saxena wrote to chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, expressing "disappointment and concern" about the state of public health

HC WAS HEARING A PLEA SEEKING PROBE INTO THE DEATH OF A MAN WHO WAS REFUSED TREATMENT BY GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS

infrastructure in the Capital, and seeking a "time bound response" and the submission of a factual report about the sector. Kejriwal, responded by pinning the blame for state of Delhi's health system on two bureaucrats - health secretary and finance secretary and asked LG to replace both of them.

The court was considering an application seeking investigation into the death of a man who had jumped off a moving police control room van last month, and was refused treatment by gov-

ernment hospitals. The application filed by amicus curiae Ashok Agarwal said the man was denied admission

by four hospitals due to nonavailability of necessary facili-

During the hearing, the bench also comprising justice Manmeet Pritam Singh Arora asked the Delhi government to act against the official who mentioned incorrect facts regarding the functioning of CT scan machines and ventilators in its hospitals in government's January 30 status report.

"Your officer who is saying that [five out of six machines are functional] must be very careful. You (Delhi government) must take some action. City officers aren't doing service by giving a wrong picture," the court said to advocate Satyakam, who appeared for Delhi government.

To be sure, the high court earlier reprimanded the Delhi administration for incorrect data regarding the functioning of machines, saying patients on the ground were being denied admission due to non-availability of medical facilities.

The court indicated that it would pass an order regarding the constitution of an expert committee to assess the situation of hospitals and suggest measures for improving the infrastructure on February 12.

On Monday, Delhi health minister Saurabh Bhardwaj appearing through advocate Santosh Kumar Tripathi submitted that the hospitals were grappling with the shortage of doctors, paramedics, medicines and nonfunctional radiological equipment due to difficulty in maintaining existing equipment, nonavailability of radiologists, lengthy process of replacing obsolete equipment such as CT Scan, MRI, linear accelerator etc.

The minister in the status report highlighted that though the government was in the process of creating new beds in the hospitals, three major hospitals with a bed strength of 2,400, owing to lack of personnel, they were only working at 20% capacity. He suggested that the high court direct the health and finance secretary to expedite hiring of doctors, specialists and paramedics on contractual basis.

### Excise case: Court seeks status report from CBI

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NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Monday directed the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to file, in a sealed cover, a detailed status report within the next two weeks on the ongoing investigation into the alleged irregularities in the formation and implementation of now scrapped Delhi excise policy 2021-22.

The court directed the CBI to file the report by the next date of hearing on February 22.

Special judge MK Nagpal took note of a CBI report, which stated that the investigation involving 16 accused, who have been named in three chargesheets filed before the court, is complete and that the court can proceed to hear arguments on

the framing of charges.

However, defence counsels raised an objection to the status report and submitted that the statements of witnesses are still being recorded and it could be used against those chargesheeted to prejudice their case.

"We may start submitting our arguments and then in order to fill any lacunae, they may file a report under section 173(8) of the Code of Criminal Procedure," advocate Chirag Madan, appearing for accused Chanpreet Singh said. Section 173(8) grants the investigating officer power to file a fresh report regarding an ongoing investigation on receipt of some new evidence. It was thus averred by the counsels that a detailed investigation report

may be called from the CBI. Meanwhile, the court

SC accepts plea against HC

extended the judicial custody of former Delhi deputy CM Manish Sisodia and other arrested accused till February 22.

The case pertains to the Delhi government's excise policy which aimed to revitalise the city's flagging liquor business and replace a sales-volumebased regime with a licence feebased one for traders. The policy promised swankier stores, free of the infamous metal grilles, ultimately giving customers a better buying experience. The policy also introduced discounts and offers on the purchase of liquor, a first for Delhi.

However, the policy ended abruptly after Delhi lieutenant governor VK Saxena recommended a probe into the alleged irregularities in its framing and implementation.

### SC to list Sisodia curative plea against bail rejection

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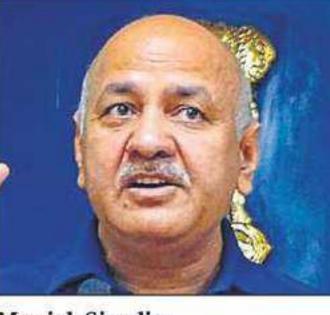
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**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to list Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Manish Sisodia's curative plea challenging the dismissal of his bail in the case related to alleged irregularities in the nowscrapped Delhi excise policy 2021-22.

"I have already instructed [registry]. It will be listed," a bench of Chief Justice of India Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud and justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra said without indicating any specific date.

Senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi mentioned Sisodia's fresh plea for listing saying the AAP leader was languishing in jail for nearly a year.

The Supreme Court refused bail to Sisodia in October, saying at least one charge of windfall gains of ₹338 crore made by wholesalers was tentatively established. It punched holes in the arguments and evidence presented while ordering the trial be completed in six to eight



Manish Sisodia

months. The court allowed Sisodia to seek bail again in three months if the proceedings drag on at a snail's pace.

Sisodia's review plea questioning the basis for calculating the amount of ₹338 crore. He added the grounds to deny bail were not established by the documents produced before the

A bench of justices Sanjiv Khanna and SVN Bhatti dismissed Sisodia's review plea earlier saying they carefully perused the petition and the grounds in support thereof. "In our opinion, no case for review of the judgment dated October 30, 2023 is made out."

Delhi court allows Sisodia to visit his wife once a week

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**NEW DELHI:** A Delhi Court on Monday allowed former deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia to visit his ailing wife once a week while in custody.

Sisodia had moved an application on January 27, in both the cases registered against him by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and Enforcement Directorate (ED) in relation to the now scrapped Delhi excise policy 2021-22, seeking custody parole twice a

week to visit his wife. CBI opposed the application vehemently, while ED allowed Sisodia to visit his wife in custody once a week.

#### MAN RAMS CAR INTO POLE, POLICE **BOOTH NEAR** JANTAR MANTAR

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NEW DELHI: A man has been detained for allegedly ramming into a Delhi Police booth and an electricity pole as well as driving on the footpath in an inebriated condition in New Delhi's Jantar Mantar area, police officials aware of the matter said on Monday.

The incident took place early on Thursday. The suspect, who is a resident of southwest Delhi's Syndicate Enclave in Palam Village, was driving a Honda City car at the time of the accident. He has been booked under the Motor Vehicles Act and for rash driving, they added.

Soon after the incident, the man was caught by Delhi Police constable Ramveer Singh, who was on patrolling duty. He said that he was standing at Tolstoy Road when he saw the accused speeding and driving recklessly.

"The impact of the accident was such that parts of the footpath and booth were damaged. The pole fell to the ground," he added.

#### ruling on Hry pvt jobs quota THE BENCH ISSUED NOTICE TO THE FARIDABAD

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**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to examine the correctness of a judgment by the Punjab and Haryana high court that quashed a 2021 Haryana law providing for 75% reservation for local candidates in private sector jobs, paying up to

₹30,000 a month. A bench of justices PS Narasimha and Aravind Kumar issued notice to the Faridabad Industries Association and the Union of India on the appeal filed by the Manohar Lal Khattar government against the high court

Representing the state government, solicitor general (S-G) Tushar Mehta contended that the high court judgment was not "well-reasoned" and that the apex court ought to examine the contours of the legislative powers in an elected government. Mehta also urged the bench to take up the case on an early date and decide it expeditiously.

Responding, the bench said that it would wait for replies from the parties in the matter and would subsequently take up the matter. The petitioners their plea in the high court.

against the law had made the central government a party in The court assured the S-G that

**INDUSTRIES** ASSOCIATION AND UNION OF INDIA ON THE APPEAL FILED BY THE HARYANA GOVERNMENT

it would list the matter for final disposal soon. According to the Supreme Court website, the next date of hearing is March 22.

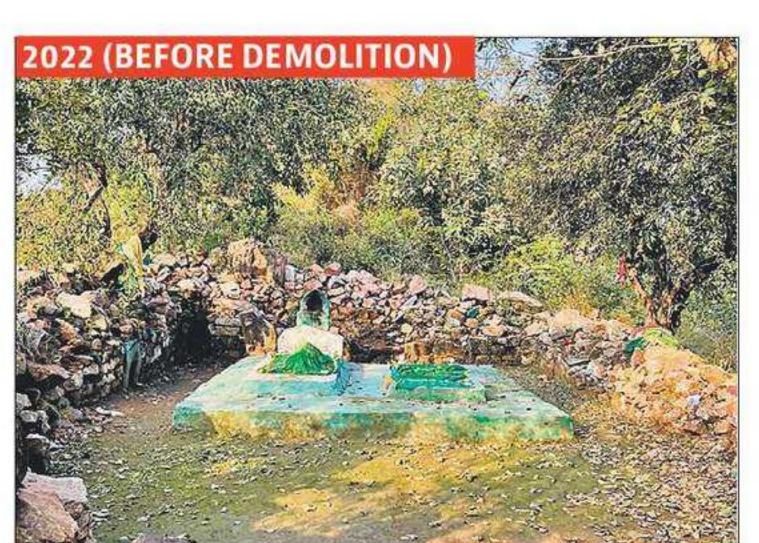
The Haryana government passed a law in 2021 providing reservation in industries to residents with domicile of the state, defined as "local candidates" Under the law, every employer was required to employ 75% "local candidates" for posts where the gross monthly salary was not more than ₹30,000. The Act, which covered private companies, societies, trusts and partnership firms, came into force on January 15, 2022. Industry bodies, including the Faridabad Industries Association, appealed against the law. The Punjab and Haryana high court declared the law unconstitutional and violative of Part 3 (fundamental rights) of the Constitution, and stayed it in 2022. The court finally nixed the law on November 17, 2023, delivering a setback to the Khattar government less than a year before Assembly

While ruling on the law, the high court had observed that the concept of constitutional morality had been openly violated by introducing a secondary status to a set of citizens not belonging to the state of Haryana and curtailing their fundamental rights

to earn their livelihood. "The state cannot direct the private employers to do what has been forbidden to do under the Constitution of India. It cannot as such discriminate against the individuals on account of the fact that they do not belong to a certain state and have negative discrimination against other citizens of the country," the verdict by a division bench of justices GS Sandhawalia and Harpreet Kaur

Jeewan held.

Highlighting that the Constitution barred discrimination against citizens' employment on the basis of places of birth and residence, the judgment also cautioned that the Haryana law could lead to similar pieces of legislation in other parts of the country, noting it was beyond the purview of the state to legislate on the issue and restrict a private employer from recruiting from the open market.





Historians and activists have questioned encroachment action against an edifice that has existed for 900 years.

### 12th century shrine razed in DDA drive at Mehrauli

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**NEW DELHI:** On January 30, the grave of Baba Haji Rozbih believed to be one of the first Sufi saints in Delhi — located inside Sanjay Van, a dense reserved forest in Mehrauli, was razed to the ground by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA).

A senior DDA official told HT that several religious structures inside Sanjay Van, which is a part of the Southern Ridge, were demolished, including the 12th century grave.

"As per the Ridge Management Board, the ridge area should be free of all types of encroachment, and so a committee was formed which suggested the removal of several illegal structures inside Sanjay Van," said the DDA official, who asked not to be named.

The demolition comes even as more than 314 hectares of the Southern Ridge are encroached, according to reports submitted to the National Green Tribunal (NGT). These encroachments include scores of multi-storey buildings and sprawling farmhouses, many of which have expanded deep into the dense forests of the ridge. Authorities have done little to take them down, despite a raft of court orders and observations. For instance, in December last year, the Delhi high court pulled up the state government for "dragging its feet" on stripping the Ridge of encroachments.

But the demolition action, and the logic, prompted historians and activists to raise questions over "encroachment" by an edifice that has existed for 900 years, and wonder if the agencies were targeting old monuments rather than new violations in the forested area.

#### Rich heritage

The grave, which was at the entrance of Qila Lal Kot, finds mention in the definitive "List of Muhammadan and Hindu Monuments, Volume III- Mahrauli Zila" published in 1922 by Maulvi Zafar Hasan, assistant superintendent of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

According to the list: "Baba Haji Rozbih is revered as one of the oldest saints of Delhi. He is said to have come during the time of Rai Pithura and took up his abode in a cave near the ditch of the fort."

The 20th century text also mentions that "many of the Hindus embraced Islam by his advice, and the astrologers regarded this as an ill omen, and told the Raja that the coming of Baba Haji foreboded the advent of the Muhammadan rule into Delhi. It is also alleged by local tradition that a daughter of Rai Pithura also embraced Islam through him, and the other plaster grave which lies in the enclosure is assigned to

While there is little known about when exactly the Sufi saint reached Delhi, the list

marks that the grave came up in the "latter part of the 12th century AD".

Praveen Singh, superintending archaeologist of ASI (Delhi Circle), told HT that the grave was not a part of the list of protected monuments under ASI. "It is not listed. We were not contacted by DDA or any other body before the demolition was carried out," Singh said.

In fact, the 20th century list by Maulvi Hasan mentioned that it was "unnecessary" to protect this structure under "Act VII of 1904 (Ancient Monuments Preservation Act).

#### Area cordoned off

The mosque of Akhoondji whose date of construction is unknown, but date of repair is mentioned by Maulvi Hasan in the list as 1270 AH (1853-4 AD) was also demolished by DDA on January 30.

The news of the demolitions, however, surfaced on social media on Sunday, five days after the DDA's action as parts of the area have been cordoned off. On Sunday, Sair e Hind, an Instagram page dedicated to Delhi's history and heritage walks, posted a photo of the rubble that now occupies the spot where the grave of Baba Haji Rozbih existed.

Syed Yusuf Shahab, who is the co-founder of the page, told HT, "I received a call yesterday from a friend, who lives in Chirag Delhi, and visits Sanjay Van on the weekends. He said that

**HC** directs status quo at Mehruali

**NEW DELHI:** The Delhi high court on Monday directed the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) to maintain status quo of the land in Mehruali on which the centuries-old Akhunji Masjid was demolished, till February

A bench of justice Sachin Datta, however, clarified that its order would not preclude the authority from acting against other illegal properties in the area.

the grave had been removed. He also shared a photo, which I posted on the page."

Rana Safvi, historian and author, said that calling the religious structures inside Sanjay Van "encroachments" was incorrect. "The grave of Baba Haji Rozbih has been here for centuries. How can something from the past be an encroachment in the present? This is a huge loss for students, historians, and Delhi. Often, one would see Hindus and Muslims offer their respect here," said Safvi.

Historian and author Sam Dalrymple, too, echoed the sentiment. "That it was declared an encroachment and demolished in such a hurry is a bitter loss for everyone," he said.

### Delhi govt announces free bus rides for transpeople

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**NEW DELHI:** Chief minister Arvind Kejriwal announced on Monday that the government will soon introduce a free bus scheme for transpeople, under which members of the transgender community can choose to not pay for their travel on staterun buses — along the lines of a

similar scheme for women.

"Today, the Delhi Government has taken a momentous decision to provide free travel in the public buses of Delhi. As we provide free tickets to women in Delhi, in the same way, all the individuals belonging to the transgender community will be provided with the convenience of free travel in Delhi's buses," Kejriwal said in a video statement.

The CM said a proposal for the scheme will soon be put up before the cabinet. "Once the cabinet's decision is notified, this facility will commence at the

earliest. We will try to get it implemented within a few weeks," he said.

Kejriwal said the transgender community has faced neglect in the society. "In the 75 years since Independence, no other government has done anything for the transgender community. They have been perceived with great disregard. This should not happen, as they are also human beings with equal rights. I have full hope that this decision will bring significant benefits to the transgender community.," the

Public bus transport in Delhi is conducted mainly through Delhi Transport Corporation and cluster buses, and at present, there are over 7,200 public buses operating on the Capital's roads.

chief minister said.

Under the free bus scheme for women that was launched in October 2019, those who opt for free travel are issued a pink single-journey ticket.

According to the 2011 census,

Delhi has 4,213 members of the transgender community. The free bus scheme, however, will not be restricted to only those living in Delhi, and any member of the community, regardless of

where they stay, can avail it. A Delhi government official said, "Just like women receive free tickets from conductors while travelling in buses, the transgender community will also be given free tickets on the basis of the certificate issued by the DMs so that the service is not misused."

Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor said that the party welcomed the move but wanted there to be a sufficient number of buses to give smooth travel for all. "It has been found that many buses do not stop at bus stops to pick up women passengers. Many of the Delhi government buses break down during journeys making the travel experience worse,' said Kapoor.

months ago that Rekha had sto-

len his mobile phone. "My

daughter denied stealing the

phone. His phone was never

found, but he held a grudge

against my daughter since that

Based on Thapa's complaint

a first information report was

registered against Bahadur at

the Sector 40 police station on

Monday under section 302

(murder) of the Indian Penal

"From the crime scene, it

appears that the suspect mur-

dered her in a fit of rage. Fur-

ther things will become clear

once he gets arrested," Dahiya

forensic wing in-charge of the

Gurugram civil hospital, said a

medical board conducted the

autopsy. "Besides slitting her

throat, she was stabbed at least

six times in the chest and abdo-

men," he said.

Dr Deepak Mathur, the

day," Thapa said.

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### STRONG WINDS HELP CAPITAL'S AQI SETTLE IN 'MODERATE' ZONE

**HT Correspondent** 

**NEW DELHI:** Strong winds swept

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through Delhi on Monday and slashed the city's pollution levels, with the average air quality index (AQI) improving to 180 (moderate), as against 274 (poor) a day earlier, according to data from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said the Capital is unlikely to record any rain for a week, wind speeds are likely to get stronger over the next 48 hours and peak at 30kmph by Wednesday.

No rain is expected over the next seven days, and only shallow to moderate fog is expected in the early hours of the day, officials said.

Delhi recorded a fairly warm night on Monday, with the minimum temperature settling at 12.4°C — three degrees above normal. The maximum was recorded at 21.0°C — two degrees below normal. The minimum and maximum was 11.9°C and 20.3°C respectively a day earlier.

As the weather improved, Delhi's education department declared that schools in the Capital will return to their normal timings from Tuesday onwards. Due to low temperatures and dense fog, schools were earlier directed not to start before 9 am,

or to function beyond 5 pm. "In view of the improved weather conditions in Delhi, all government, government-aided, and recognised private schools of Delhi shall resume their normal timings w.e.f. 06.02.2024 (Tuesday)," said the order issued by the education department on Monday.

Kuldeep Srivastava, scientist at IMD, said Delhi only reported dense fog for 30 minutes on Monday morning, with largely shallow fog seen in the early hours. He said no rain is likely in Delhi in the next seven days.

IMD's forecast showed Delhi's minimum is likely to dip in the next few days, but is unlikely to go below 7°C. "As cloudiness starts to go away, the minimum will dip slightly, but it will not go below 7-8°C. The low minimum of 3-4°C, which we saw in mid January, is not likely to prevail anymore," Srivastava added.

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# Ggm: 14-yr-old girl gagged, killed on suspicion of theft

**Debashish Karmakar** 

GURUGRAM: A 14-year-old girl was gagged and stabbed to

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death by her 42-year-old neighbour in Gurugram's South City 1, police officers aware of the case said, adding that prima facie, the teenager was murdered because the assailant believed that she had stolen his mobile phone. Police identified the girl as

Rekha Thapa, who moved with her family to Gurugram from Nepal in 2019. Officers said the suspect, Raj Bahadur alias Raju, is also originally from Nepal and is currently absconding. Assistant commissioner of

police (crime) Varun Kumar Dahiya said crime branch teams are carrying out raids to arrest Bahadur.

The girl's father, Gyanu Thapa, said he last saw Rekha

when he left for work at 6.30pm on Sunday. Thapa works as housekeeping staff at a nightclub in Sector 29.

"At 9pm, when I was at

work, I received a call from my friend who said that my daughter was missing...I immediately returned home and went to a nearby market to look for her. I also asked neighbours but none of them saw her leave the building," he told HT. While searching for Rekha,

Thapa said his wife saw Bahadur's flat unlocked and opened the door to find Rekha's body lying in a pool of blood on the floor. "A piece of cloth used for

gagging her mouth and a knife were also lying nearby. The man who lived in the flat was missing. One of our neighbours immediately alerted the police," Thapa said.

Thapa said that Bahadur had complained to him three



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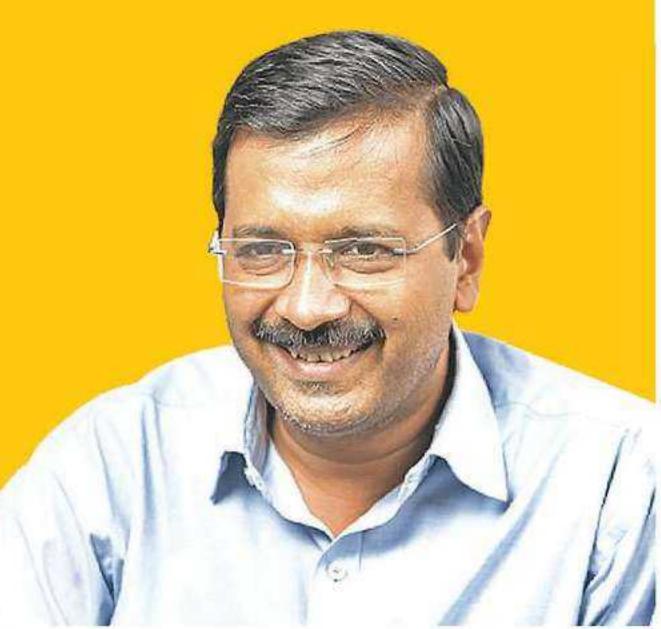
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# Police notice a gimmick... will respond on ED if court wants'

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**NEW DELHI:** Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday slammed the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), terming as "gimmickry" the Delhi Police's crime branch notice to him over his allegations that the BJP was trying to poach Aam Aadmi Party MLAs.

He also said that he would respond if the court asks him to about the Enforcement Directorate seeking legal recourse citing his non-compliance to summons issued in connection with the excise case.

"They asked who approached to poach AAP MLAs. Is this hidden from anyone?" Kejriwal said over the crime branch notice. "The entire country knows it. The entire world knows it. In the country only one party is buying everyone. Those who poached the MLAs in Goa, Maharashtra, Karnataka.... did it. Those who sent the crime branch officers are behind it. There is no need to ask. The letter that they brought did not mention any first information report. Such drama will not let the country progress, work for the welfare of the country and the society should be done the way we are doing," Kejriwal said on the sidelines of a function at Thyagaraj Stadium where he interacted with a group of senior citizens who later embarked on a Delhi government-funded pilgrimage to Tirupati Balaji.

"So, this gimmickry will not help the country. We should work for the country and society. Like we are doing today. We have sent people on pilgrimage, it is beneficial, people will be happy and there will find peace. The country will progress.... We will submit a written reply (to the Crime Branch)," Kejriwal added.

When asked about the ED moving court against him for non-compliance of summons, the Delhi chief minister said that they will respond, "if the court seeks a response".

Kejriwal has skipped all five ED summons — the most recent of which was on Friday — he has been issued in the case, calling them "illegal" and alleging a ploy



CM Arvind Kejriwal with pilgrims departing for Tirupati at Thyagaraj Stadium in the city on Monday. SANCHIT KHANNA/HT

every agency from ED to Delhi

Police and even the courts...but

he himself tries to mislead the

public by lying day and night,"

Later in the day, the CM office

issued a statement that under

the Mukhyamantri Teerth Yatra

Yojana, the 89th train with 780

pilgrims departed for Tirupati.

people of Delhi as my family, so

facilitating pilgrimage for our

elders is my duty and responsi-

bility. I strive to ensure that

every elderly person goes on a

pilgrimage at least once," the

statement quoted Kejriwal as

riwal on July 12, 2019, offers free

pilgrimage to senior citizens

(those above 60 years of age)

paramedical staff during the

journey, besides attendants,

whose cost is borne by the state

government. So far, more than

84,000 people from Delhi have

visited various pilgrimage sites

on 88 trains -- 90% of these pil-

grims were women, the state-

ment said. Kejriwal appealed to

eligible people to avail the

scheme. "We are not allowing a

shortage of resources for this.

We will arrange whatever

resources are needed," Kejriwal

said, according to the statement.

The government also provides

who are residents of Delhi.

The scheme, launched by Kej-

saying during the interaction.

"I have always considered

Sachdeva said.

Pilgrim scheme

by the BJP to arrest him and top-

ple the Delhi government. On Saturday, a crime branch team reached the CM's official residence to hand over the notice asking him to join the investigation. However, an argument broke out between the officers who went to serve the notice and the officials from the CM office. While the former insisted on handing over the notice to Kejriwal in person, the latter objected to it, saying that all other notices are sent through email.

"I felt very strange and felt pity for the officer... A youth joins the police service with ideals of serving the country, catch criminals, check corruption...but they were asked to indulge in drama. The crime branch officers were made to do drama outside my house for five hours, they did the same outside Atishi's (Delhi minister) residence. They must have felt bad. Their political masters insulted the entire Delhi Police yesterday," Kejriwal said.

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said that under the AAP, Delhi is far behind other metros in providing public facilities such as education and health services, accessible public transport, and cleanliness, but ahead of all in government corruption. "Kejriwal says every day that the AAP's MLAs are being lured by the BJP, but despite repeated requests they are not showing any evidence. Kejriwal criticizes

HC REFUSES TO **QUASH SUMMONS** TO KEJRIWAL IN **DEFAMATION CASE** 

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**NEW DELHI:** The Delhi high court on Monday refused to quash the summons issued to Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal in connection with a defamation case after the chief minsiter retweeted an allegedly defamatory video, saying that the ramifications of a public figure sharing a defamatory post extends far beyond "a mere whisper in someone's ears".

The court was of the view that retweeting or reposting alleged defamatory remarks or content on X and projecting it to be one's own views would amount to defamation.

"Needless to say, the large social media following of a chief minister of a state undoubtedly implies a wider reach, making any retweet, a form of public endorsement or acknowledgment. If a public figure with a million of followers retweets any defamatory content, the impact on the aggrieved person's reputation and his character will be much greater, since the larger audience and the influence wielded by a public figure would amplify the spread and longevity of the defamatory content," a bench of justice Swa-

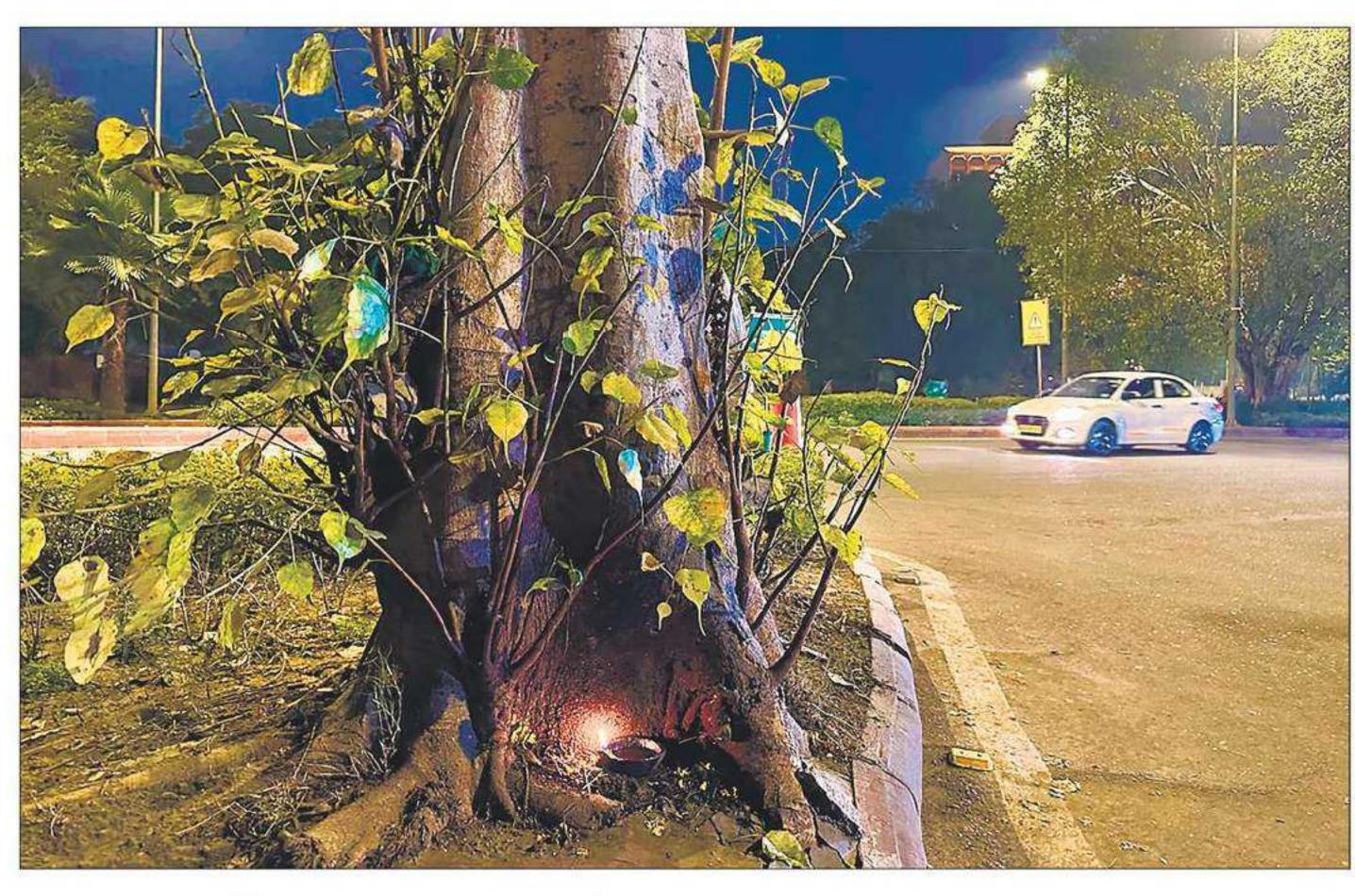
rana Kanta Sharma said. On February 28, 2019, Vikas Sanskrityanan, the founder of the social media page "I Support Narendra Modi", filed a criminal complaint against Arvind Kejriwal, alleging that the Delhi chief minister had retweeted a defamatory video titled "BJP IT Cell Part II", circulated by Germany-based YouTuber Dhruv Rathee.

Sanskrityanan alleged that Kejriwal had retweeted the video, wherein a number of false and defamatory allegations were made, without checking its authenticity.

He also filed a case against the YouTuber in 2018, which is presently pending before a city







### A night at Prithviraj

A surreal walk in the city

The road is wide. The pavement is also wide, so wide that three or four of us can easily walk together side by side. Meanwhile, the night air is cool and fresh,

making Delhi's smog appear like a rumour. Maybe because it rained a while ago. The road is walled on both side with gigantic peepals, pilkhans, jamuns and (unbelievably massive) banyans. The traffic is scant. Only 10pm but such deep sannata, as if it were midnight. The city seems to be asleep.

But honestly, which city is this? Certainly not the everyday Delhi we are familiar with.

Speckled with sprawling bungalows, Prithviraj Road is mostly the address of the extremely wealthy-it had a bungalow where the iconic industrialist JRD Tata would stay during his visits to Delhi.

Even so, there is an easy way for us citizens from elsewhere to occupy this exclusive segment of the Capital — by strolling along its public paves. Daytime walks are rewarding, but walking here after sunset is mystical. Right now, the night-time darkness is seamlessly entwined with the faintly emitting glow of the street lamps. The luminous amalgam has created an ethereal sort of light, soft and soulful. The trees are almost black at this hour, but one leafless tree has its naked branches ablaze with this magical light, making the bare snaky branches look like Medusa's hair.

The paves are empty, the shut gateways to the

huge bungalows drowned in partial light, the nameplates almost invisible. Does the life of the people living in these fabulous houses intersect at any point with ours? Do they actually take the trouble to fly to Switzerland for their holidays? Living in these houses must itself be an escape. A bungalow here—it used to be the residence of

the Mexican ambassador until some years ago-has an Amaltas that blooms brilliantly in summer. The photo of that tree appeared on the cover of a novel. The bungalow served as the home of poet Octavio Paz during his tenure as Mexican

One of these houses is inhabited by former deputy prime minister LK Advani, recently awarded the Bharat Ratna.

Soon after leaving behind the Turkish ambassador's residence (once home to the great Dr BR Ambedkar), a man appears with a dog on the leash. Both are quiet, and within moments they are no longer seen.

The last point of the road, on the right-side pavement that turns towards Khan Market's backside, is marked by a tree with a hollow cavity at the base of its trunk. An earthen lamp is lit within. See photo.





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#### MODI IN PARLIAMENT

term we laid the foundation of a new India, in the third term we will accelerate the development of Viksit Bharat (developed India)...the third term will be one of big decisions."

He listed the schemes and achievements of the government over the last 10 years, including Swachh Bharat, Ujjwala, Ayushman Bharat, Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao, the abrogation of abolition of Article 370, the passage of the women's reservation bill, the adoption of the Bhartiya Nyay Samhita replacing the Indian Penal Code and the repealing of more than 40,000 obsolete laws. "From North to South, from East to West, people have seen the pending projects being completed in a timely manner...(the new) Ram temple in Ayodhya will continue to give energy to the great culture and tradition of

Modi was replying to the debate in Lok Sabha on the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address. He tore into the Opposition, and singled out the Congress and its shahi (royal) mindset for the condition of the Opposition.

"For several decades you were sitting here (in the treasury benches), but now you have resolved to stay there (opposition benches) for several decades. The people will bless you and keep you there. You will achieve greater heights and will be soon seen in the public galleries (of the House)," the PM said.

The remarks came mere weeks before the general elections are scheduled to be announced; Modi will seek a historic third consecutive term and if successful, will become the only PM apart from Nehru to achieve this.

In his speech, which met with loud protests from Opposition members, Modi differentiated between dynasty politics and several members of one family joining politics, pointing out that senior ministers Amit Shah and Rajnath Singh sitting next to him, didn't have their own par-

"Dynasty politics hurts democracy...Which dynastic politics do we talk about? If more than one person in a family, on their own strength and with the support of the public, makes progress in the political field, we have never called it dynastic politics. In fact, we want more people to join politics. But we call it dynastic politics when a party is run by a family, when the party prioritises members of a family, when family members take all the important decisions of the party," he said.

Accusing the Congress of opposing all development schemes, Modi said the party was trapped in cancel culture as it sought to cancel every achievement and success of the country.

"Congress has developed cancel culture -- we say Make in India, Congress says cancel; we say Aatmanirbhar Bharat, Congress says cancel; we say Vocal For Local, Congress says cancel, we say Vande Bharat trains, Congress says cancel; we say new Parliament building, Congress says cancel. I am surprised because these are not Modi's achievements, these are the achievements of the country," PM Modi said.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who is currently on a 6,600km tour of the country that will end on March 20.

"In the Congress, there are many talented people but the party did not let them stand. I always wanted the country to have a good Opposition. We can see the situation of Adhir Babu (Congress Lok Sabha leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury). The situation is that (Congress President Mallikarjun) Kharge has shifted from this House to that House (Rajya Sabha), and Ghulam Nabi Azad has shifted out of the party. They all became the victims of parivarwad (dynasty politics). Efforts to launch the same product again and again have almost shut the Congress's shop," he said.

Modi said that the Congress was invested in one family and never trusted India's potential. Quoting an Independence Day speech by Nehru from the ramparts of the Red Fort, Modi said, "Nehru had said Indians don't usually work hard and that we do not work as hard as the Europeans, Japanese, Chinese, Russians or the Americans."

"He (Nehru) is giving a certificate to those people to belittle Indians. This shows that Nehru ji's thinking about Indians was that they are lazy and not smart. He did not trust their potential," the PM said.

Former PM Indira Gandhi did not think differently either, Modi

"Indira ji had said from Red Fort, 'Unfortunately, it is our

habit that when a good work is approaching completion, we become complacent. And when an obstacle nears, we lose hope. Sometimes it seems the whole nation has accepted defeat'. Looking at Congress people today, it appears that Indira ji may not have been able to assess the people of the country correctly, but spoke correctly about the party.'

He also hit out at the 27-party Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA), already riven by Nitish Kumar's shift to the NDA and announcements by Mamata Banerjee and Bhagwant Mann to go it alone in West Bengal and Punjab.

"The Congress people have recently learnt the work of a motor mechanic, so they'll know what an alignment is. But I am seeing that the alignment of this alliance is broken. If people in He appeared to single out this group don't trust each other, how will the people of the country believe them?"

His reference was likely to Gandhi's visit to a workshop of motorcycle mechanics last year. The PM took sharp aim at

what he called the relaxed pace of previous Congress-run governments, saying the slow growth hurt the country and robbed it of decades of develop-

"It (Congress) is unable to see the aspirations and achievements of crores of families of the country, it is not ready to see it..."No one can match the slow pace of the grand old party.'

Modi contrasted this with the pace of development set by his administration - 250 million people pulled out of multi-dimensional poverty, 500 million poor people with bank accounts, 40 million with houses, 110 million with tapped water connections, 550 million with Ayushman Bharat cards and 800 million with free food grains. "If things had progressed at the Congress's pace, it would have taken 100 years. Five generations would have been over."

He said that the Congress would have taken 100 years to match the NDA's housing target, 80 for the railway track electrification target, 60 for the gas connection target, and 60-70 for the sanitation coverage target.

Modi also underlined the recent Bharat Ratna given to Bihar stalwart Karpoori Thakur and said that the former chief minister was disrespected by previous governments.

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"Congress party and UPA government did not do justice with OBCs. A few days ago, Karpoori Thakur ji was conferred with Bharat Ratna. In 1970, when he became Bihar CM, what not was done to destabilise his government." he said, referring to Thakur's pioneering work on other backward classes (OBC) reservation.

"Congress can't tolerate OBCs...They keep counting how many OBCs are there in the government...Can't you (Congress) see the biggest OBC here?" he added, referring to the Congress's oft-repeated demand of a nationwide caste census and his own OBC status.

Modi said that the budget session was a good opportunity for constructive suggestions, but the Opposition left the country disillusioned. "The Congress had a good opportunity to play a good Opposition but failed in that role. There are other young people in the Opposition, but they were not allowed to speak out of fear that it may overshadow a particular person," Modi said in another apparent reference to Rahul Gandhi.

Modi drew attention to the interim budget in 2014 by the then Congress-led government and pointed out that India was the 11th largest economy at the time, and now is fifth. "Today, I assure the nation that India will become the 3rd largest economy in our government's third term."

The PM also touched upon price rise and said that while Congress-led governments were not sensitive to the pains of the poor, his administration had reined in galloping prices despite two global conflicts and the pandemic. He mentioned a two-fold increase in cases under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, seizures by the Enforcement Directorate increasing from ₹5,000 crore in to ₹1 lakh crore now.

"All seized funds were used for the welfare of the poor", he added

At a time when opposition parties are accusing the government of using federal agencies to stymie dissent, the PM pledged to fight corruption to the very end. "Those who looted the nation will have to pay back."

The Opposition hit back, saying this was Modi's last speech as prime minister.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said "Modi cannot sleep without mentioning the Congress party". "He spoke about nepotism. Our leaders have sacrificed their

lives for the country," he said. "I want to ask Modi ji - who from your party or your political descendants have sacrificed their lives for the freedom, unity

#### and integrity of the country,' Kharge asked in a post on X.

**ZAKIR HUSSAIN** 

sist Edgar Meyer, and Indian flautist Rakesh Chaurasia. The song pays tribute to the tradition of Indian classical musicians playing with British imperial bands in early-20th-century India.

"One of our members is missing (from the event), Mr Béla Fleck," Hussain said, in his speech. "So from him, and from Mr Rakesh Chaurasia, and Mr Edgar Meyer, our deepest thanks. Our families are here and without them, we are nothing. Without love, without music, without harmony, we are

Hussain's second Grammy of the night was for Best Contemporary Instrumental Album, which he won alongside Fleck, Meyer and Chaurasia, for the eclectic classical-meets-jazz

album, As We Speak. He co-won Best Global Music Album, for This Moment, the critically acclaimed comeback of the pioneering world-fusion band Shakti. The band beat stars such as Susana Baca, Bokante, Davido and Nigerian pop sensation Burna Boy, to win the

Shakti reunited in 2020, after a decades-long hiatus, with founding members Hussain and John McLaughlin joined by regular collaborator Shankar Mahadevan and young bloods V Selvaganesh and Ganesh Rajagopa-

In a jubilant speech, Mahadevan thanked "God, family, friends and India". "India, we are proud of you," he said. "I would like to dedicate this award to my wife whom every note of my music is dedicated to."

This last award will have special significance for Hussain, not just because it means long-overdue recognition for Shakti, but because, in 1992, Hussain was among the winners of the firstever Best Global Music Album award — then called Best World Music Album - for Planet Drum, by Grateful Dead drummer Mickey Hart in collaboration with Hussain and six other

artists from around the world Another win in this category followed, in 2009, this time for Global Drum Project, a collaborative album with Hart, the Nigerian Sikiru Adepoju and the Puerto Rican Giovanni Hidalgo. This latest victory puts Hussain in the rare club of artists who have won the award three times (the Beninese artist Angelique Kidjo holds the top spot, with five wins). Shakti's win also means that Indian artists have won in the category four times, equalling the tally of the US and Benin, and one trophy behind

Among the Indian nominees that did not win was Abundance in Millets, a song by Falu and Gaurav Shah in collaboration with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Overall, though, in a time of successive years of Grammy and Oscar wins for Indian music, it was another night of recognition for India overall.

#### SC ON MAYOR POLL

ana high court till the next date of hearing, during which it also summoned the returning officer to be present in court.

The court was hearing a plea by the common mayoral candidate put up by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and Congress, Kuldeep Dhalor, who lost to his rival Manoj Sonkar of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) after eight votes were declared invalid following the January 30 voting. With Sonkar securing 16 votes and Dhalor getting 12 in a house where the AAP and Congress had 20 councillors, the two parties alleged vote rigging.

After going through the video of the proceedings, Chief Justice of India Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud said to the solicitor general, who was representing the Union territory of Chandigarh: "It is obvious. He has defaced the ballots. This man has to be prosecuted. This is a mockery of democracy. He is murdering democracy. Is this the way an officer has to conduct elections? We are appalled by his conduct.'

The bench, comprising justice JB pardiwala and Manoj Misra. posted the matter for hearing after two weeks. "The only stabilising thing in a democracy is the purity of our election process. And what is happening here? We will not allow democracy to be murdered," said CJI Chandrachud, as the bench issued a notice directing the returning officer Anil Masih to be personally present in court on February

The top court ordered for the entire record of the election comprising ballot papers, videography and other relevant materials — "to be sequestered with the registrar general of the Punjab and Haryana high court by 5pm."

The bench also deferred the next meeting of the municipal corporation till the next hearing.

Solicitor general Tushar Mehta said: "The court should not form an opinion after hearing only one side. This petition is purely political. The ballots have been preserved. The returning officer is an administrative officer. Several councillors were seeking to take away the ballots and create a ruckus as marshals had to be called."

To this, the court said: "We want our conscience to be satisfied or else we will order fresh elections. Produce the entire video before us."

The AAP councillor had approached the top court against an order of the Punjab and Haryana high court on January 31 refusing to either stay the election or restrain the newly elected mayor from continuing his func-

The top court bench said, "Prima facie at this stage we are of the considered view that an appropriate interim order was warranted, which the high court has failed to do, to protect the purity and sanctity of the elec-

On the request of the AAP councillor, the court "deferred" a crucial meeting of the corporation scheduled on February 7 to decide on budget proposals.

Senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, who appeared along with Punjab advocate general Gurminder Singh and advocate RPS Bara for the petitioner, presented the video recording showing the returning officer tampering with votes and later running away with the ballots without allowing the petitioner or other AAP councillors to examine it.

"This is complete negation of democracy. In the video, it is clear, while signing the ballots he squiggles. This is not done on every ballot but only eight ballots which are then declared invalid. We ask for the ballot and he does not show us. It is brazen how a majority of 20 votes has been reduced to 12," he said.

The bench saw the video and

said, addressing the solicitor general, "Why is he looking at the camera like a fugitive. He looks at the camera and defaces

ballots. Tell your returning officer the Supreme Court is watching over him." Singhvi said the concerned officer's integrity was always in doubt. "What we are seeking

today is to preserve the ballots and the video recording done on the orders of the high court. We had approached the high court earlier when elections were sought to be postponed to February 6. This presiding officer (Masih) is an active, acknowledged member of the BJP which is opposed to us." Senior advocate Maninder Singh, appearing for Sonkar,

refuted the claim that the officer's selection was malafide. "There is a process to select the presiding officer which has been followed in this case." The election held on January

30 resulted in all three posts of mayor, deputy mayor and senior deputy mayor going in favour of the BJP.

Dhalor stated in his petition that by allowing Sonkar to continue as mayor "effectively validates a corrupt practice in gross violation of the paramount principle of democracy - free and fair elections, and thereby erodes public trust.

Soon after the HC proceeding of January 31, Punjab chief minister Bhagwant Mann termed the proceedings in the House as "murder of democracy" and indicated that an appeal will be moved before the Supreme Court.

The high court, while admitting Dhalor's plea, had granted three weeks for seeking response of Chandigarh administration and other parties including the presiding officer, the Chandigarh director general of police and Sonkar.

The matter there was fixed for hearing on February 26.

Chandigarh BJP president Jatinder Pal Malhotra said: "The matter is subjudice. We will see once the final orders are passed".

HS Lucky, the Congress' Chandigarh unit chief, said the people of the Union territory looked to the Supreme Court for justice.

"Today's decision has further emboldened the faith of the common person in the judicial system and the process of law. We have full hope that justice will prevail and the truth will triumph," Lucky said.

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भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली की अधिसूचना दिनांक 14.09.2006 (यथा संशोधित) के तहत् सर्व संबंधित को सूचित किया जाता है M/s Paras Power & Coal Beneficiation Limited, Village-Ghutku, Tehsil-Takhatpur, District-Bilaspur (C.G.) expansion of Wet Type Coal Washery Project based on Heavy Media Cyclone from-0.96 MTPA to 2.5 MTPA के पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति हेतु लोक सुनवाई बाबत् छत्तीसगढ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल में आवेदन किया गयाँ है। उक्ते प्रस्तावित परियोजना के संबंध में आपत्ति / सुझाव / टीका-टिप्पणी इस अधिसूचना के जारी होने के दिनांक से 30 दिवस के अंदर क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी, छ.ग. पर्यावरणे संरक्षण मंडल, बिलासपुर के कार्यालय में मौखिक अथवा लिखित रूप से कार्यालयीन समय में प्रस्तृत की जा संकती है। इस परियोजना के लिए **लोक सुनवाई दिनांक 09/03/2024 को प्रांतः 11:00 बजे** ग्राम- घुटकू तहसील - तखतपुर, जिला-बिलासपुर (छ.ग.) में स्थित कृषक सेवा केन्द्र मैदान में नियत की गई है। यह भी सूचित हो कि लोक सुनवाई के दौरान भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली के आफिस मेमोरेंडम F No. 22-25/2000-IA,III दिनांक 14.09.2020 तथा कोरोना वायरस के नियंत्रण एवं रोकथाम हेतु शासन द्वारा जारी समस्त दिशा-निर्देशो का अक्षरशः पालन कराया जाना अनिवार्य होगा।

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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 accused Shaan Azad @ Maddy S/o Jagdish Chand Azad R/o H.No. 2340, Basti Peepal Wali, Sadar Bazar, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence vide FIR No. 212/21 u/s 393/34 IPC P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Shaan Azad @ Maddy cannot be found and where as it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Shaan Azad @ Maddy has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Shaan Azad @ Maddy accused of FIR No. 212/21 u/s 393/34 IPC P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on 06.03.2024.

By Order: Ms. Shipra Dhankar Metropolitan Magistrate (Central Distt.) Room No. 180, 1st Floor,

Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

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#### PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Where as complaint has been made before me that accused Ankit S/o Sh. Satbir, R/o- Village- Firojpur Bangar Kharkhoda, Sonipat (Haryana) has committed (or suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide E-FIR No. 25002/19 U/s 379/411 IPC P.S. Bawana, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused Ankit can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Ankit has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Ankiti of case E-FIR No. 25002/19 U/s 379/411 IPC P.S. Bawana, Delh is required to appear before this court (or before me) to answer the complaint on or before the day of 26.04.2024.

By Order, Sh. Vinod Joshi Metropolitan Magistrate-05 (North), Court Room No.114, First Floor, Rohini Court, Delhi

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# Champai-led coalition govt wins trust vote in J'khand

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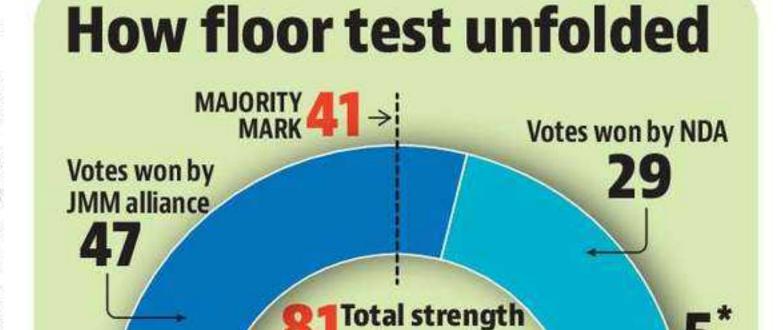
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RANCHI: The Champai Soren-led Jharkhand government won the vote of confidence on Monday, garnering support of 47 out of the 77 legislators present in the 81-member assembly even as the opposition National Democratic Alliance (NDA) led by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) received 29 votes while an independent candidate abstained from voting.

Champai Soren took oath as the Jharkhand chief minister on February 2, after his predecessor Hemant Soren resigned and subsequently arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in a money laundering case related to an alleged land deal. Hemant Soren, the executive president of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), was allowed by the state's high court to take part in the trust vote on Monday.

"The confidence motion has been passed with 47 members supporting it while 29 members being in opposition," assembly speaker Rabindra Nath Mahto announced.

Of the 47 legislators who



of assembly

Total votes cast

voted in support of the confidence motion, 27 were from the JMM, 17 from the Congress, one each from the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist), besides the lone nominated member from the Anglo-Indian community in the House. Of the 29 opposing votes, 25 were from the BJP, three from AJSU Party — both part of the NDA — as well as the lone Nationalist Congress

Party (NCP) member. Independ-

ent MLA Saryu Roy abstained

(\* Independent MLA Sarju Roy did not vote,

3 MLAs were not present, 1 seat is vacant)

from voting.

Starting the discussion on confidence motion in the House, Champai Soren alleged that Hemant Soren was arrested in a "fabricated case" in order to destabilise the JMM-led government. The CM described his government as "Part 2" of the Hemant Soren administration.

Accusing the BJP-led Union government of "misusing" central agencies, Champai said: "...In

2019, Hemant got the mandate. He did exemplary work in the past four years, including the two years of Covid period. Such a chief minister is arrested in a land scam case, when there is no document to prove that the land is in his name."

After winning the trust vote, he added: "We will work at full pace on the schemes started by Hemant Soren."

Opposing the confidence motion, leader of opposition Amar Kumar Bauri of the BJP cautioned the ruling JMM against its ally Congress.

"Today they are talking about conspiracy theories. But go back in history and remember that Congress has always crushed its allies. Who was ruling the country when Shibu Soren was sent to jail? Who was supporting the government when Madhu Kora went to jail? They [Congress] ensured Hemant Soren went to jail. You better be beware of them," Bauri alleged.

The BJP leader further said Champai Soren and Hemant Soren are tribal leaders, but they are not necessarily the "leaders of the tribals".



Mohamed Muizzu

#### FIRST GROUP OF INDIAN PERSONNEL TO RETURN BEFORE MARCH 10: MUIZZU

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MALE: Maldivian President

Mohamed Muizzu on Monday said the first group of Indian military personnel will be sent back from the island nation before March 10, while the remaining Indians manning two aviation platforms will be withdrawn by May 10.

In his maiden address to Parliament, Muizzu, widely seen as a pro-China leader, said he believes a large majority of Maldivians support his administration with the expectation that they will remove foreign military presence from the country, and recover the lost oceanic territory. He said his administration will not allow any State agreements that may compromise the country's sovereignty, The Edition newspaper reported.

Soon after taking oath as the President of Maldives on November 17, Muizzu formally requested India to withdraw 88 military personnel from his country by March 15, saying the Maldivian people have given him a "strong mandate" to make this request to New Delhi.

"Diplomatic discussions with other nations that the President can conduct are ongoing. We have officially requested India to remove its troops stationed in the Maldives. Deliberations on

"As per the most recent discussions, military personnel on one of the three aviation platforms will be recalled before March 10, 2024. The military personnel on the remaining two platforms will also be recalled by May 10, 2024," Muizzu told Parliament.

{ VARANASI DISTRICT COURT }

# Plea seeks ASI survey of other Gyanvapi cellars

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VARANASI: The Varanasi district court will hear on Tuesday a petition filed by a Hindu woman asking the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to conduct a survey of the other cellars in the Gyanvapi Masjid in Varanasi, days after the court allowed Hindu prayers in the southern cellar of the build-

ing after three decades.

The petition, by Delhi-resident Rakhi Singh, sought ground penetrating radar (GPR) technology and other modern techniques to be used in the exercise. Singh is the lead petitioner in another case involving the 17th century mosque.

ASI conducted a survey of the complex last year, and found that a large temple existed before the construction of the mosque.

"The plea has been filed in the court with a prayer to direct ASI to undertake the scientific investigation/survey of the cellars, which have not been surveyed yet, using GPR and other methods without causing damage to the existing structure," said Saurabh Tiwari, Singh's lawyer.

Rais Ansari, the counsel representing Anjuman Intezamia Masajid Committee (AIMC) that UP court rejects Muslim side's plea in Baghpat land dispute

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MEERUT: A local court in Uttar Pradesh's Baghpat district on Monday quashed Muslim petitioners' claims over a 36-bigha land, which the Hindu side claimed housed "Lakshagriha", mentioned in epic Mahabharata, bringing an end to a 54-year-

old lawsuit. The case pertains to an ancient mound in Barnawa of Baghpat, which the Hindus claim to be the remains of the Lakshagriha, a lac house built by Kauravas to kill Pandavas, according to the Hindu epic, while Muslims claim it is the tomb of Sufi saint Badruddin Shah.

The order in the lawsuit filed in 1970 was delivered by civil judge (junior division), Baghpat, Shivam Dwivedi on Monday.

manages Gyanvapi mosque, said, "We will file objections against

The ASI conducted the survey in the Gyanvapi mosque complex for about 84 days, first for a few hours on July 24 and then from August 4 to the first week of November 2023 regularly on a court order. The agency submitted its survey report in the court of district judge on December 18 last year.

The report was made public by the Hindu side last month.

The southern cellar of the Gyanvapi mosque was opened last week hours after the district court passed an order to this effect on January 3l. Thereafter, a priest offered prayers there.

The court had allowed regular prayers in the cellar on the application by Shailendra Kumar Pathak Vyas, who claimed that his maternal grandfather, a priest Somnath Vyas, used to perform prayers there till December 1993. Everyday there are 5 time

Everyday there are 5 time prayers in the southern cellar.

#### Manjhi voices displeasure over Bihar portfolios

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PATNA: After demanding an additional berth for his party in Bihar's new cabinet led by chief minister Nitish Kumar, Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular) leader Jitan Ram Manjhi on Monday expressed displeasure over the portfolio allocated to his party's only minister, causing some discomfort in the state's ruling NDA ahead of the crucial floor test on February 12.

Manjhi's son and HAM(S) legislator Santosh Kumar Suman who was among the nine ministers, including the chief minister,



Jitan Ram Manjhi

to be sworn in on January 28 — was allocated SC, ST welfare as well as Information Technology departments on Sunday.

"From 1984 to 2013, whenever I became a minister, I was only allocated the SC/ST welfare portfolio. When Nitish Kumar made me the CM (from May 2014 to

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February 2015), he must have felt that I being a Bhuiyan (a SC subcaste) will do whatever he says... Now my son Santosh Kumar Suman has also given the same ministry... Is there only SC/ST welfare department for us?" Manjhi (79), said while addressing a party meeting in Wazirganj in Gaya. "Are we not capable to handle other ministries?"

On February 2, Manjhi had said his party should be given at least two berths in the new cabinet led by Kumar, who formed the NDA government on January 28 hours after severing ties with the Mahagathbandhan and opposition INDIA bloc. The NDA

has the support of 128 legislators in the 243-member Bihar assembly — BJP's 78, JD(U)'s 45, HAM-S (four) and one independent — six more than the majority mark. The opposition Mahagathbandhan has the support of 115 MLAs, including RJD's 79 and Congress's 19.

Suman, Manjhi's son, however, said he was satisfied with the portfolios assigned to him. "His (Jitan Ram Manjhi) statement is a father's concern, but as far as getting SC/ST welfare (Ministry) is concerned, it is a very comprehensive department, and I will work honestly," Suman told reporters.

### BJP MP says Places of Worship Act unconstitutional, demands repeal

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NEW DELHI: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) lawmaker, Harnath Singh Yadav, on Monday demanded the repeal of the Places of Worship Act, 1991, calling it "unconstitutional".

The Act locks the position or "religious identity" of any place of worship as it existed on August 15, 1947 and bars any court from entertaining a matter that seeks to alter the religious nature of that place. It made an exception in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid

Raising the issue in Rajya Sabha during the Zero Hour, Yadav said the Act is "illogical and unconstitutional and takes away the religious rights of Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, and Jains that are provided by the Constitution."

Yadav, who raised the demand to repeal the issue in the Rajya Sabha during Zero Hour in 2021 as well and had submitted a private members' bill for the same in 2022 and 2023. The bill could not be taken up for discussion in 2022 as the member was absent and in 2023 as the House was adjourned following protest by the opposition.



### Oppn, BJP trade barbs in House over economy, unemployment

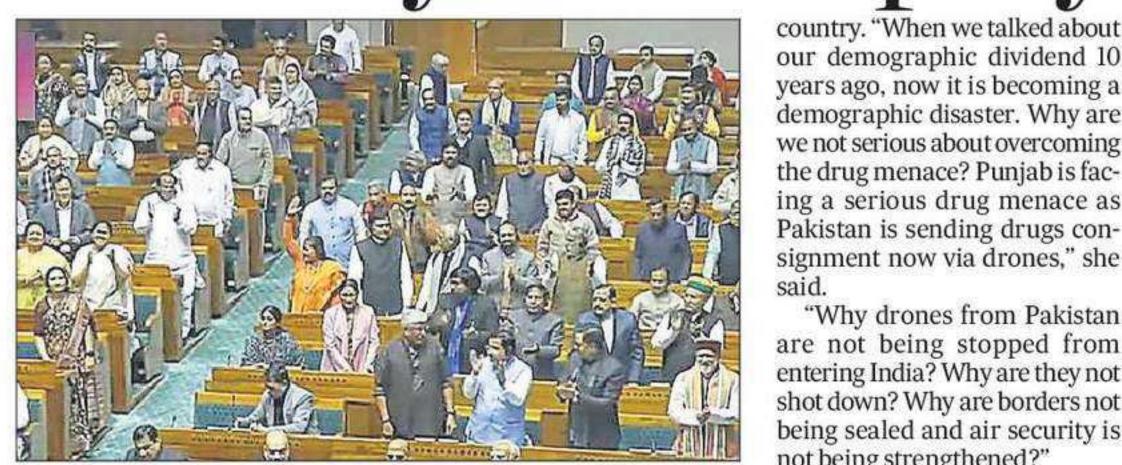
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**NEW DELHI:** Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said on Monday that he did not understand the definition of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)'s slogan for Viksit Bharat (developed India) and argued that there was no mention in the President's speech about the security situation in Ladakh, claiming that the government's assertion that no intrusion has taken place has actually bolstered China's position.

Defence minister Rajnath Singh refuted Chowdhury's charges. "Whatever he said on China, I disagree with it and condemn it," Singh said. "I want to assure that India is not a weak India. India is powerful and can give befitting reply to anyone. Our country should not be discredited unnecessarily in this form."

The Congress leader accused the government of "taking shelter behind Lord Ram" and said,



Lok Sabha MPs during the Budget Session on Monday.

"We all believe in Lord Ram, don't make him your patent, don't make him an election tool. Let Ram remain god for all."

Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Shiromani Akali Dal's member in the Lok Sabha, said that World Bank data showed that in 2022, 23% young people were unemployed and 26,000 died by suicide between 2019 and 2021. As many as 43,000 employed profession-

als also died by suicide. "This is the reason, sir, why there has been a 68% rise in students leaving the country and going abroad," she said.

"This is a six-year high data. Two to three lakh Indians have given up Indian passports and in Punjab this number has been maximum," she said.

Badal also raised the issue of increasing illicit drugs in the country. "When we talked about ernment's actions are currently our demographic dividend 10 only geared towards electoral gains by creating a society years ago, now it is becoming a demographic disaster. Why are divided across religious lines." we not serious about overcoming Trinamool Congress member

Sukhendu Sekhar Roy criticised the government over the suspension of 146 MPs in the winter session of Parliament, saying that it was unprecedented. Roy said the government has claimed that 250 million people have come out of multidimensional poverty, but there was no clarity on how many were battling poverty before the claim was made and how many continue to be poor.

Criticising the government, Aam Aadmi Party's Sandeep Pathak said the government cannot build Ek Bharat Sheshtra Bharat (one India, best India) unless institutions were "built, reformed and preserved". "How can there be Ek Shreshta Bharat if there is no equality in the quality of food in every India's plate as well as same education and health care facilities?"

needs, requirements and status

and let the commission take a call

She said the Karnataka deputy

chief minister met her. "I told

him matter of fact. I can't do any-

thing which the finance commis-

sion tells me not to do ... I don't

have the discretion." She pointed

out that devolution of tax on

direct tax matters happens

according to the finance com-

She said that Goods and Servi-

ces Tax (GST), particularly SGST

(State GST), goes 100% to the

states. "No one can do anything

with it. It has an automatic provi-

sion that 100 % of SGST collected

by the states will be with them...

IGST is collected because it

involves a lot of inter-state pay-

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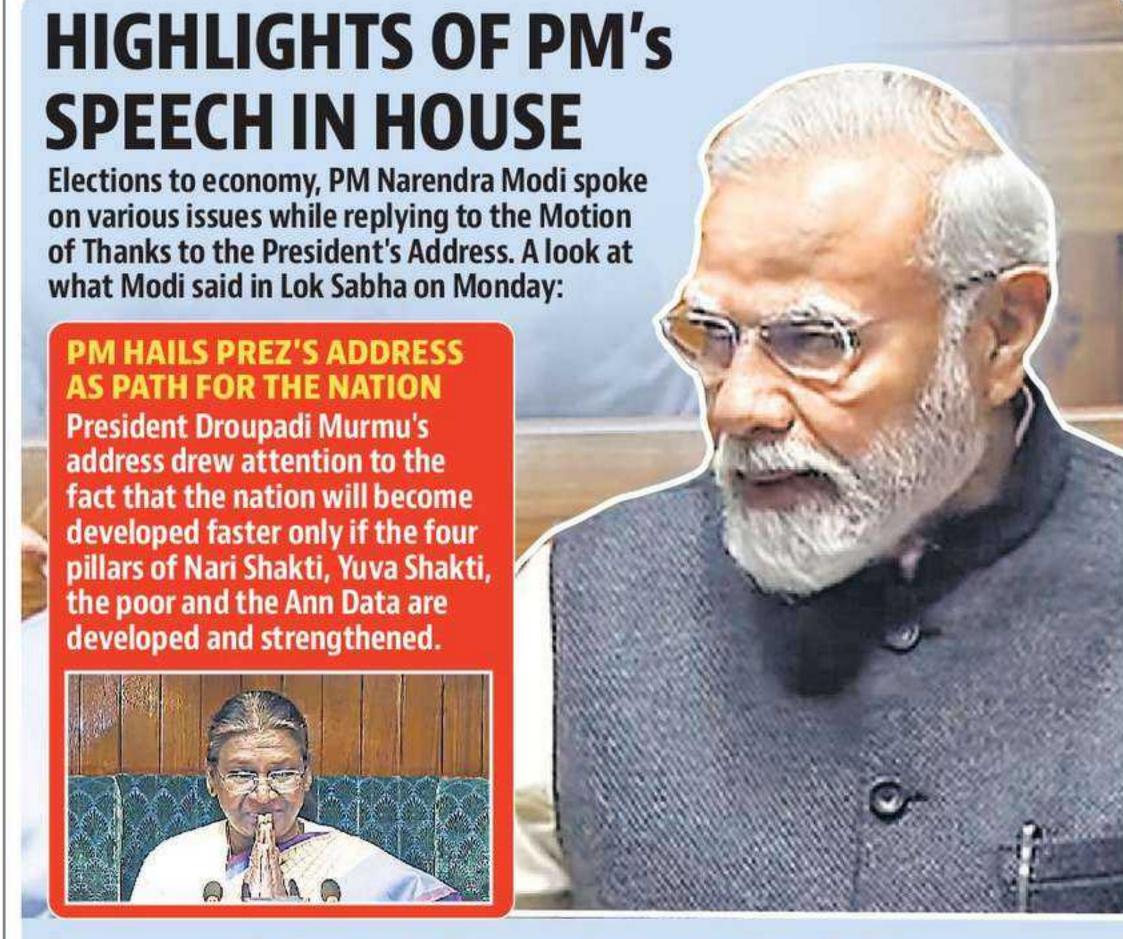
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# Hardeep Singh Puri

#### PURI LAUDS RISE IN **FUNDS FOR URBAN** DEVELOPMENT DEPT

NEW DELHI: The budgetary allocation for housing and urban development by the central government has risen significantly since 2014, when the National Democratic Alliance came to power, housing and urban affairs minister Hardeep Singh Puri said on Monday.

"It is estimated that annual investment in urban sector has increased from ₹68,000 crore in 2014 to ₹1.30 lakh crore in 2018 and ₹2 lakh crore in 2023." Puri said in the Rajya Sabha, replying to a question by BJP MP Surendra Singh Nagar of Uttar Pradesh.

The budgets during 2014-2023 have been significantly higher than the preceding 10 years in the sector, he said. "Further, estimated investment in the urban schemes under MoHUA has increased manifold from ₹1,78,053 crore during 2004-14 to ₹18,07,101 crore during 2014-23. This includes investment in central government's urban schemes of Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation, Smart Cities Mission, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban, Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban and Urban Transport," the minister said.

## FM: Allegations of discrimination in fund allocation a politically vitiated narrative

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**NEW DELHI:** Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday rejected allegations of "discrimination" in allocating funds to non-Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) governed states, saying it was a "politically vitiated narrative" that "vested interests" were seeking to propagate.

Sitharaman's remarks were in response to a question in the Lok Sabha by Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, who accused the Union government of seeking to settle political scores by holding back funds to states such as Karnataka. "This apprehension that some states are being discriminated against is a politically vitiated narrative which, I am sorry to say, vested interests are happy to go about saying," Sitharaman said during Question Hour.

Stating that the Union government works according to recommendations of the finance commission, she added that no finance minister can play with the recommendations of the commission. "This is just not a possibility that any finance minister can intervene to say that 'I don't like this state, stop payment' ... It can't happen that way. The system is well placed," Sitharaman said.

Several non-BJP ruled states such as Karnataka, Tamil Nadu,



Nirmala Sitharaman

Kerala and West Bengal have accused the Union government of wrongdoing in devolution of funds to states. On February 2, senior Congress leader and Karnataka deputy chief minister DK Shivakumar announced that the party's state unit, including all legislators and parliamentarians, will protest against the Centre on February 7 in New Delhi for not allocating proper funds to the state in the interim budget. "Karnataka is the state that generates the secondhighest tax in the country and it is sad that our state gets a setback every time," Shivakumar had said. "For the last five years, the BJP government has been ignoring Karnataka. This is unfair."

On Sunday, Karnataka chief minister Siddaramaiah said the state faced significant challenges "with a reduced tax devolution share post the 15th Finance Commission, resulting in a loss of over ₹45,000 crore in the last four years".

Referring to Karnataka's claim, Chowdhury said there was a general perception that non-BJP-ruled states are deprived of their legitimate dues. "Is it true that the state of Karnataka has been deprived of its legitimate dues? It was all hunky dory six months back, what happened now?" he asked. Rejecting the claim, Sitharaman

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state representative, was

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said: "I do not have the right to change [formula for devolution of funds] as per whims and fancies that I like a particular state or that state is against my party politics. No way. I have no role. In fact, I would have to follow it 100%, and that is what I have done in my term here, and that is what every finance minister does... Attacking Chowdhury, she said:

"Adhir Ranjan ji said that till six months ago it was all hunky dory... Till six months ago if it was hunky dory, what's going wrong now? Have you started spending on items on which you were not supposed to spend? I'm not even questioning that, do spend it. But don't put the blame on me. Don't blame the Centre."

The Congress came to power in the southern state in May last year after it swept the state elections, defeating the incumbent BJP.

Sitharaman further said if there was an insinuation that she was withholding the money, everyone concerned should talk to the finance commission and tell their

#### ments," she added. Referring to the CGST (Central GST), the finance minister said it is **Empowering** divided on the advice of the Nari Shakti finance commission, which deter-Now there is no mines the proportion, and all suggestions are accepted and imple-

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### House panel suggests listing 4 Pak terrorists

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**NEW DELHI:** India should pursue the listing of four Pakistan-based terrorists, including Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) leader Hafiz Talha Saeed and Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) leader Abdul Rauf Asghar, and take steps to "de-politicise" the sanctions regime of the UN Security Council, a parliamentary panel said on Monday.

In its report on countering global terrorism that was tabled in Parliament on Monday, the parliamentary committee on external affairs said Islamic State and al-Qaeda are "aligned with regional terror groups like LeT and JeM and trying to exploit the opportunity of communal tensions in India for instigating attacks in India through [their] misinformation and radical practices".

Since 2016, Islamic State has been "unsuccessfully trying to extend its territory" into Jammu and Kashmir as part of the so-called Islamic State of Khorasan Province (ISKP). In order to show its presence in Indian territory, Islamic State-Core issued "propaganda of establishment of Wilayah Hind' in May 2019", the report said.

The committee's recommendations come against the backdrop of China persistently blocking efforts by India and its Western partners such as France and the US to sanction Pakistan-based terrorists at the UN Security Council over the past few years.

During its tenure in the Security Council in 2021-22, India submitted the names of five Pakistanbased terrorists - Abdul Rauf Asghar of JeM, and Abdul Rehman Makki, Sajid Mir, Shahid Mehmood and Talha Saeed of the LeT – for listing under the UNSC 1267 or al-Qaeda and Islamic State



Parliamentary panel tables report on countering global terrorism on Monday.

sanctions regime. The sanctions committee accepted the listing of Makki, a close aide of LeT founder Hafiz Saeed, in January 2023.

The parliamentary committee said India "should continue to pursue the matter of listing the remaining four terrorists under the sanctions regime" to thwart

their activities against the country. China alone has blocked the listing of Asghar, Mir, Mehmood and Talha Saeed at the Security Council over the past two years using what is known as a "technical hold", or a measure used by members of the body to seek more information or clarifications

regarding the person to be listed. Without naming China, the parliamentary panel noted in its report that India seeks "de-politicisation of [the] sanctions regime", evidence-based listing by the UN sanctions committee, and the need for "greater transparency" in the

working methods of the UN body. This issue has also been raised by external affairs minister S Jaishankar in several public state-

ments and speeches. The parliamentary committee said India believes the UN Security Council's sanctions regimes, particularly the 1267 sanctions committee, can be an "effective tool in countering the activities of terrorists and terrorist groups by

restricting their travel and suppressing their funding avenues".

India has submitted proposals to list terrorists who were involved in cross-border terrorist attacks, the parliamentary committee said. It noted that Makki was involved in several terrorist attacks on Indian soil, including the 2008 Mumbai attacks. "This was the first listing of a Pakistani terrorist by India, as a designating state to the listing proposal," it added.

The panel highlighted the continuing threat posed by terrorism across the neighbourhood, including links of a recent blast in Coimbatore that were "traced backed to ISIS inspired Sri Lankan youth". "These worldwide incidents of ISIS indicate its global presence."

It said the "lenient approach" of the Taliban setup in Kabul has enabled al-Qaeda to rebuild its capabilities and renew its propaganda. "Since the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan in August 2021, a renewed vigour was observed in Al-Qaeda (AQ) propaganda activities. The lenient approach from Taliban had enabled AQ to rebuild the organisational capabilities along with re-orienting its propaganda strategies through 'As-Sahab Media' (official media wing of

AQ)," the report said. The parliamentary committee described al-Qaeda as a "long-term threat because of its radical jihadi ideology-oriented propaganda activities and ability to work with other terror groups".

It said IS and al-Qaeda remain major challenges for global security and constitute a "significant terrorist threat" in Central and South Asia. They continue to harbour ambitions to build capabilities to conduct external operations, and IS has "decentralised its approach of waging war across the world through intense radicalising [of] youths" using cyberspace and social media.

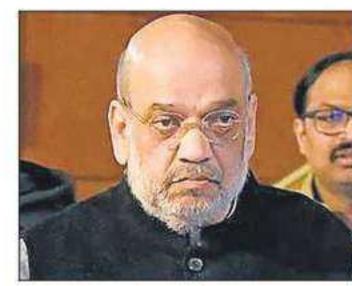
#### Observer Research Foundation HT Correspondent (ORF). "There is no gap between letters@hindustantimes.com foreign policy and security policy. We want good relations with the **NEW DELHI:** India desires good whole world, but we also want

relations with the whole world but will make no compromise on its foreign and security policies when it comes to the security of the country's borders and its citizens, Union home minister Amit Shah said on Monday.

While India has emerged as a provider of solutions to the world in areas such as environment and digital infrastructure, all countries will have to come together on a common platform to tackle terrorism and its financing, Shah said at an event to mark the release of the Foreign Policy Survey 2023 by the respect for our borders and the security of our nationals," Shah said, speaking in Hindi. "If there is a question of a choice

between these two, our priority is our borders and the security of our citizens. But we also want friendship with the world, there is no confusion or contradiction in this."

Shah contended that there was no policy for internal and external security till 2014, and the BJP-led government created infrastructure to strengthen internal and external security in the past 10



Will make no compromise on security of borders: Shah

**Amit Shah** 

years. "Security policy was buried under the weight of India's foreign policy. Now our foreign policy is clear – we want friendship with the whole world and we will make no compromise on the security of our borders, our country and our citizens," he said.

2023, with the theme of "Young India and the multilateral world order", said 83% of the country's urban youth supported the government's foreign policy. Respondents were satisfied with India's relations with global powers except for China, and 81% of respondents rated the relationship with the US as the most positive.

ORF's Foreign Policy Survey

The urban youth said the US (81%), Russia (77%), Australia (77%) and Japan (76%) are likely to be India's leading partners in the coming decade. Eighty percent of respondents said the 2020 Galwan clash severely reduced trust in China, while 84% believe border conflicts with China are a signifi-

cant challenge. On India's position if US-China tensions were to escalate, 44% said the country should adopt a neutral stance while an equal percentage advocated for cooperation with the US.

Shah said the endorsement for India's foreign policy was due to several factors, including the country's ability to bring together a divided G20 at the bloc's summit in New Delhi last September and its handling of the fallout of the Covid-19 pandemic. He asserted that the BJP is set for a third consecutive term in power because of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership in key areas such as counterterrorism, climate change and renewable energy.

### Jal Jeevan Mission hits Padma Bhushan for one has 'broken'

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**NEW DELHI:** The progress of the Jal Jeevan Mission, a flagship central government programme to provide every rural household in the country with a tap-water connection, has slowed in Kerala due to implementation hurdles, prompting the Centre to hold off funds during 2023-24, Parliament was told on Monday.

As on January 31, 2024, the state has connected 3.68 million rural households, or 52.09% of the total, lower than the national average of 73%, minister of state for Jal Shakti Rajeev Chandrasekhar said in a written reply in Lok Sabha.

The Jal Jeevan Mission, launched in 2019, aims to connect each of India's 192.6 million rural households with tap-water connections by 2024-end. Under the mission, a family is provided 55 litres of clean water per day per person. The fund-sharing pattern between the Centre and states is in a 50:50 ratio for all states except

for northeastern and hill states, where it is in 90:10. In the case of Kerala, the Centre has withheld funds for fiscal year 2023-24 because the state has not released its share of money for the programme, according to the reply.

"Due to non-release of the matching state share against the central funds released to the state of Kerala, the state has not been able to draw further central funds during FY 2023-24," it added. Implementation, planning, exe-

cution and monitoring of all work related to the JJM are in the domain of state governments, since water is a state subject under the Constitution's division of responsibilities and JJM is a centrally sponsored scheme. Kerela minister for water

resources Roshy Augustine said: "The state has released all the instalments of its share towards the project as we consider it to be an important one. There was only a slight delay with regard to the release of the most recent instalment."

### hurdles in Kerala: Govt | Laxmikant-Pyarelal partnership: Kin

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**MUMBAI:** The two musically inclined boys, Laxmikant Kudalkar and Pyarelal Sharma, began collaborating on tunes when they were 12 and 9-year-old respectively in the then Bombay. By the time the boys hit their teens, they were already working on film scores. "Special chairs with long legs were made for them to sit for sound recordings," says Laxmikant's wife Jaya Kudalkar in her

letter to home minister Amit Shah. The letter, dated February 5, which has also been marked to the I&B minister and the Maharashtra chief minister, is an anguished plea for posthumous recognition for her husband to match the Padma Bhushan conferred on January 17 on his col-

laborator Pyarelal. Both boys, sons of musicians, dominated Hindi film music from the late 1960s until Laxmikant's death in 1998, and composed music for about 500 films creating



Laxmikant Kudalkar and Pyarelal Sharma. HTARCHIVE

some of Hindi cinema's biggest chartbusters. But as with the alchemy created from any close creative collaboration, the milliondollar question is: could there be a Pyarelal without a Laxmikant? By honouring one with a Padma Bhushan but leaving out the other, the government appears think so. "They were inseparable professionally and personally. Hindi cinema has always celebrated L-P together as musical twins, as a monolithic entity over the decades despite the demise of Shri Laxmikant in 1998, says the letter to the government. "Inadvertently, this 'partnership' of L-P has been bro-

ken by the announcement of the Padma Bhushan this year," write Jaya Kudalkar urging the government to "restore" the partnership by announcing the Padma Bhushan for her husband posthumously. "We are genuinely happy for Pyare uncle, but our family is sad that my father's name was missed out," said the composer's actor-son, Rishikesh Kudalkar. Producer and film trade analyst,

Girish Johar, says, "Laxmiji and Pyareji are one as far as all of us are concerned. If one was the left eye, the other was the right. So how can even think in terms of separating the two?" The music directors are best known for their works in films like Parasmani, Karz, Satyam Shivam Sundaram, Bobby, Ek Duje Ke Liye and Khalnayak among several others. Some of the best works in their career was arguably done for Raj Kapoor who was looking for a music director after the demise of another memorable duo Shankar-Jaikishan both of whom were awarded the Padma Shri in 1968.

## UP unveils ₹7.36Lakh-crore

budget ahead of LS elections

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**LUCKNOW:** The Uttar Pradesh government on Monday presented a ₹7.36 lakh-crore state budget for 2024-25, which included new schemes worth ₹24,863.57 crore, ahead of parliamentary elections due later this

The annual budget, the eighth by the present dispensation across two terms, was devoted to Lord Ram for lok mangal (public welfare), UP chief minister Yogi Adityanath said. It was a step towards making Uttar Pradesh "a trillion dollar economy" in the coming years, he said, adding that the budget was the largest in the

history of the state. State finance minister Suresh Khanna, who presented the budget days after the consecration of the Lord Ram temple in Ayodhya, began his address with a couplet from the Ramcharitmanas by Tulsidas to describe how Adityanath should be credited for the state's prosperity. The state government was inspired by the concept of Ram Rajya and its policies were focused on the upliftment of





youth, women, farmers and the

poor, Khanna said. Khanna, whose 36-page address had many couplets and was read out in about an hour and 16 minutes, remained silent on the expansion of the gross state domestic product (GSDP). There were indications that GSDP will grow 5.83% at current prices in 2024-25. In 2022-23, the GSDP was ₹22,57,575 crore. The state government's budgetary estimates for 2023-24 had projected a GSDP of ₹24,39,171 crore. This, however, declined to ₹23,61,462 crore in the revised estimates, indicating GSDP growth of 4.6% in current financial year. The government's analysis of the annual budget indicated a fiscal deficit of ₹86,530.51 crore, which is 3.46% of GSDP in 2024-25. On receipts and expenditure, Khanna said the

government would collect revenue of ₹7,21,333.82 crore and spend ₹7,36,437.7l crore, leaving a deficit of ₹15,103.89 crore. The state budget proposed capital expenditure of ₹2.04 lakh crore and capital outlay of ₹1.55 lakh crore.

"We have rejected the narrative that Uttar Pradesh is a Bimaru state," Khanna said, referring to the narrative that states in the Hindi heartland were ailing economically. Bimaru is an acronym for Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.

He referred to the successful Global Investors Summit held in February 2023, G-20 meetings and World Cup 2023 matches in the state to make his point about improved law and order.

Air travel in the state has gone up by 19.2% and ₹1,100 crore has been earmarked for construction and expansion of airstrips. Other announcements included allocation of ₹22,000 crore for the Jal Jeevan Mission and ₹7,350 crore for National Rural Health Mission among others.

A sum of ₹100 crore has been allocated for all-round development of Ayodhya, he said.

#### FM PROPOSES ₹1.18L CR INTERIM **BUDGET FOR J&K**

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JAMMU: Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday proposed an interim budget of ₹1.18 lakh crore for fiscal 2024-25

for Jammu and Kashmir. The interim budget envisages a fiscal deficit of ₹20,760 crore and a 7.5% growth in gross state domestic product (GSDP).

The capital expenditure for this fiscal has been proposed at ₹38,566 crore, which is 14.64% of the GSDP, according to the interim budget tabled by Sitharaman in Parliament.

The revenue receipts for the next fiscal stood at ₹97,861 crore. According to the Union finance minister, the crucial reforms undertaken in 2019 enabled "path-breaking" measures by the Union Territory administration to decentralise governance structure, promote inclusive development, upscale revenue generation and step up infrastructure development.

"The government is maintaining law and order to ensure security while simultaneously implementing initiatives for economic and social development. The government has adopted a policy of zero tolerance against terrorism," Sitharaman said.

{ STATE TARGETS CENTRE GOVT }

#### Kerala tables budget, focus on investments

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**KOCHI:** Kerala finance minister KN Balagopal on Monday presented the budget for the 2024-25 which promised to attract investments worth ₹3 lakh crore in the next three years and declined to hike social welfare pensions, dues of which are pending for several months.

"Programmes are being planned to attract investments to the tune of at least ₹3 lakh crore in next three years. The thrust areas shall be the projects in tourism...allied development activities in and around the Vizhinjam and Cochin ports, development of industrial corridors of Kochi, Palakkad and Kannur...and IT-enabled services," Balagopal said in the assembly.

Balagopal, presenting the fourth budget of the second Pinarayi Vijayan government, targeted the Centre for its "hostile approach" in giving the state it's rightful dues.

"The neglect towards Kerala reached its zenith during the current fiscal...This budget is being prepared in the hopes that things will get better," he said.

**KN Balagopal** 

"On the contrary, what if the central government takes measures to centralise the fiscal system? What if the neglect towards Kerala continues? In such a situation, we will definitely have to figure out a plan B."

The other announcements in the budget included a hike in minimum support price of rubber from ₹170 to ₹180 per kilogramme, allocation of ₹250 crore for the Digital University of Kerala and ₹265 crore allocation for Kudumbashree, a scheme to empower women among others.

reality", leader of the opposition VD Satheesan of the Congress said, accusing the government of demeaning the budget by "using it as a document to make political criticism as parliamentary elections approach".

The announcements "lacked



**Anurag Thakur** 

#### GANDHI FAMILY NOW SCARED OF CONTESTING FROM UP: THAKUR

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NEW DELHI: Those who opposed construction of Ram Temple are now "scared of contesting from Uttar Pradesh", Union minister for information and broadcasting Anurag Thakur said on Monday, launching a fresh attack on the Congress ahead of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

"Those who used to oppose Lord Ram, after completion of the Ram Temple, are scared of stepping into his birthplace (Ayodhya)...all the members of the Gandhi family are now scared of contesting from UP," he said.

Congress Parliamentary Party chief Sonia Gandhi has represented Raebareli in the Lok Sabha since 2004. In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi lost the elections from the family borough of Amethi in UP, but won from Wayanad constituency in Kerala.

Referring to then Mulayam Singh Yadav government's order to open fire on kar sevaks marching towards Ayodhya in 1990, Thakur also took potshots at the Congress's alliance with the Samajwadi Party as part of the 27-party INDIA bloc. The Congress has allied with those who "showered bullets on Ram bhakts", he said.

He also hailed the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government for not only fulfilling the promise of constructing a Ram Temple in Ayodhya, but also taking care of other ideological promises like the abrogation of Article 370 from Jammu & Kashmir and outlawing triple talaq. "By fulfilling the ideological promises from day one, the BJP's popularity and credibility has gone up," he said.

Fulfilment of these promises has been a big morale booster for the cadre and the MPs, he added.

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### Lt Gen Dwivedi to take over as army vice chief

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**NEW DELHI:** Northern Army commander Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi will take over as the army's vice chief on February 15, replacing Lieutenant General MV Suchindra Kumar. officials aware of the matter said on Monday.

The two generals will swap positions, with Kumar moving to the Udhampur-based Northern Command as its General Officer Commanding-in-Chief next week, the officials said, asking not to be named.

Dwivedi is the frontrunner for the post of army chief as he will be the senior-most general when General Manoj Pande retires on May 31, 2024. He is an alumnus of Sainik School, Rewa, National



Lt. General Upendra Dwivedi

Defence Academy, and Indian Military Academy.

He took charge of the operationally critical Northern Command in February 2022.

Dwivedi has earlier served as a deputy chief in the army headquarters, the General Officer Commanding of the Yol-based HQs 9 Corps and director general of infantry. He was commissioned into the 18th Battalion of the Jammu and Kashmir Rifles in December 1984.

#### { REPRESENT THE THREE SERVICES }

### Indian women officers to take part in Saudi defence show

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**NEW DELHI:** Projecting Nari Shakti (woman power) beyond the country's shores, India has sent a three-member delegation of women officers holding front line roles in the armed forces to take part in the World Defense Show 2024 being hosted by Saudi Arabia in Riyadh to showcase the future of defence through technological developments from around the globe, officials aware of the matter said on Monday.

The Indian women officers participating in the show, being held from February 4 to 8, represent the three services -- one is a fighter pilot, another a combat engineer and the third serving on board a warship, the officials said, asking not to be named.

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advanced landing ground near LAC in eastern Ladakh to a fullfledged base for fighter operations. Prakash, a naval air operations observer, is one for the first women officers in the navy to be serving on board a front line destroyer, INS Kochi.

trol. Her unit is also spearhead-

ing a key project to upgrade an

Kanth will on February 7 take part in a panel discussion on 'Investing in an Inclusive Future' that will focus on gender diversity and representation of women at all levels across the defence domain. The other speakers in Kanth's panel include Major General Adel Al-Balawi, head of the armed forces, education and training authority at the Saudi ministry of defence and Air Marshal ME Sampson of the UK Royal Air Force. Reema Bandar Al Saud,

Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the US, will spearhead the 'International Women in Defense' programme at the show. The world is watching how

India's women are projecting Nari Shakti and proving their mettle in every field, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said at the National Cadet Corps rally on January 27, a day after women stole the limelight at the 75th Republic Day parade. An all-women tri-service con-

tingent consisting of Agniveers (recruited for the short term in the personnel below officer rank cadre under the Agnipath scheme), led by women officers, took part in the parade for the first time. Also, 15 women pilots, including six fighter pilots, were a part of the spectacular fly past. They flew Rafales, Sukhoi-30s and helicopters.



#### Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department Address:- 9th Circle, HPPWD., Nurpur Mail ID: hp-kan2@nic.in, Phone No. 01893-220098 In continuation of this office Notice Inviting Tender No. SEIX/WS/WA-I/PMGSY/2023-24- 8026-8096 dated 20.01.2024, the following corrigendum has been made for the below Corrected As Estimated Cost (in lacs) 349.08 4527.70 3627.32 331 road. Km.0/0 to 6/300 (FDR Up- gradation of Katholi Bantungli via 8/500. (FDR Technology work). Up-gradation of Dehar Khad Bridge Siunhi road, Km.0/0 to 11/00 (FDR HP04- Up-gradation of Ghar Jarot Pargore road.Km.0/0 to 7/0 (FDR 293.38 3016.38 3086.21 Up-gradation of Panjasara vail Sukhar Choudharyian to Charori oad.Km.0/0 to 5/500. (FDR Up-gradation of Kaloha to Lohari Nichli road.Km.0/0 to 8/0 (FDR echnology work). Up-gradation of Chanour to Tiamal echnology work). Up-gradation of Kotla Behar Ghatt HP04- Up-gradation of Chamukha 342 Bangana road.Km.0/0 to 9/500, (FDR

ODISHA STATE COOPERATIVE HANDICRAFT CORPORATION LIMITED

D 2/3 & 4, Rasulgarh Industrial Estate, Industrial Area Estate, Rasulgarh, Bhubaneswar, Odisha 751010

Office of Superintending Engineer, 9th Circle

Pre-bid meeting on dated 26.02.2024 at 11.00 AM. Other terms and conditions of the bid shall remain unchanged.

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#### **GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA Public Works Division Nanded** E-TENDER NOTICE NO. (58) FOR 2023-2024

E-tenders for 03 Works in SBD form are invited by the Executive Engineer P.W.Division Nanded (Phone No. 02462-253711) from the registered contractors in appropriate class of Public Works department of Govt.of Maharashtra for the improvement in Dist. Nanded.

The tender Costs above works are more than Rs.1.00

2. All information related to this tender is made available on the following website. Also, all the changes will be made available on this website.

www.mahapwd.com https://mahatenders.gov.in DGIPR/2023-24/ROC 7697

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crores.

Sd/-**Executive Engineer Public Works Division Nanded** 

#### PUBLIC NOTICE As per u/s 20-I.(I) of Railways Act 1989)

For extension & other details, the bidders are requested to please visit e-portal of GoMP at

SAVE ELECTRICITY

Announcement of Award/ Structure amount for acquisition of land for villages falling in alignment of Special Railway Project namely "Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor (HORC) Project from Palwal to Sonipat via Sohna- Manesar and Kharkhoda" New broad gauge Double line from 12.900 K.M to 37.000K.M.

Kind attention all Trees & Fruit bearing Trees owners/ Interested persons that Special Railway Project namely "Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor (HORC) Project from Palwal to Sonipat via Sohna-Manesar and Kharkhoda" New broad gauge Double Rail line for villages Dhulawat, Bidhuwas, Padheni, Gogjaka, Kaliyaka, Goela, Dingerheri, Sabras & Kalwari falling under Tehsil Tauru & Aata, Udaka, Bhirawati, Indri, Khanpur, Rewasan, Mehrola, Rupaheri, Kheri Kanker, Dhirdhoka & Rojka Meo Sub-Tehsil Indri of District Nuh.

Notification 20A No S.O.5302 (E) dated 17th December 2021 and Notification 20E No. S.O.1803 (E) dated 12th April, 2022 and award announce of date 22-12-2022 & 10-02-2023 as per Railway Act, 1989 (24 of 1989) published in following newspapers as per details given below:-

Sr. No	Date of Notification of issued	Name of Newspaper of Publication	Date of Newspaper	Date of award Announce
0.000		"Dainik Jagran" in Hindi Version and "Hindustan Times" in English version	20.12.2021	22.12.2022
1116.426.8		"Dainik Jagran" in Hindi Version and "Hindustan Times" in English version	14.04.2022	10.02.2023

Accordingly all the Concerned Trees & Fruit bearing Trees owners/interested persons are herby informed that Notification 20E No. S.O.1803 (E) dated 12th April, 2022 that It is informed that the undersigned have to announced the award as per U/s 20 I (1) of Railway Act 1989 (24 of 1989) of the notified Trees & Fruit bearing Trees on dated 12-02-2024 at 2:00 PM in the office of District Revenue officer-Cum-Competent Authority (Land Acquisition) at Mini Secretariat Nuh. Accordingly all the Concerned Trees & Fruit bearing Trees owners/interested persons are requested to be present on dated 12-02-2024 at 2:00 PM in the District Revenue officer-Cum-Competent Authority (Land Acquisition) at Mini Secretariat Nuh. This notice is issued u/s 20 I (1) of Railway Act 1989 (24 of 1989) to deliver and surrender the possession of Trees & Fruit bearing Trees within 60 days of the service of District Revenue officer-cumthis notice. Competent Authority (LA)

#### OBITUARY



Lt Gen Gautam Dutt, VSM (Retd) (29 Sep 1949 – 03 Feb 2024) "Ex Engineer-in-Chief"

We deeply mourn the sad demise and pray to the Almighty to bestow peace on the departed soul and grant courage to the bereaved family to bear the irreparable loss.

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#### FORMER DRIVER MURDERED B'LURU GEOLOGIST: POLICE IN CHARGE SHEET

BENGALURU: Prathima KS, a 42-year-old geologist, was murdered by her former chauffeur, who fled after killing her with cash and gold from her home, Bengaluru city police said in the charge sheet submitted in a local court on Monday.

Prathima, who worked at the department of mines and geology, was found with her throat slashed at her residence on the night of November 4.

Her driver Kiran was angry with Prathima for sacking him, the charge sheet said. Kiran worked as Prathima's official chauffeur for two years. She had scolded him multiple times for reckless driving and ultimately fired him a few days before the murder.

On the night of November 4, Kiran waited for Prathima to return to her house.

Once she entered the house, he followed her and reiterated his demand to give him his job, police said. When Prathima refused to rehire him, Kiran used a knife to kill her and fled with gold jewellery and cash, police said.

The 600-page charge sheet has statements from 70 witnesses, police said.

### Nod for coal mines expansion in 4 states, drilling for oil in NE

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**NEW DELHI:** The Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) of the environment ministry has accorded an "in-principle" approval for expansion and opening of a number of mines in Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Meghalaya and exploratory drilling in Assam's wildlife rich Doyang reserved forest in its latest meeting.

Three of the mines are in Chhattisgarh's Korba district, minutes of FAC's meeting held on January 17 show. In 2019, Lilagar river, a tributary of Hasdeo river changed course following extreme rain, broke embankments and flooded mines in this region. Korba is also one of the critically polluted areas as per Central Pollution Control Board.

In Chhattisgarh, FAC recommended "in-principle" approval for the additional diversion of 94.293 hectares of forest for expansion of Gevra mine.

South Eastern Coalfield Limited (SECL) proposes to enhance production of Gevra from 52.5 MTPA to 70 MTPA. In 2009, the



Three of the mines are in Korba district of Chhattisgarh.

Centre gave a nod for its expansion from 25 MTPA to 35 MTPA. Subsequently, another approval for production level of 52.5 MTPA was granted by MoEFCC. Currently 951.481 MT of mineable reserve is available in Gevra. Given the production level of 70 MTPA, the life of the mine is another 14 years, SECL has said.

FAC has also granted "in-principle" approval to expansion of Kusmunda mine for diversion of an additional 43.942 ha of forest land. Forest land in total lease area is 249.903 ha, and non-forest land, 2742.04 ha.

SECL was accorded post-facto in-principle forest clearance in 2018 (mining was started before an official nod was granted) for diversion of 402.966 ha revenue sion to grant FAC will help India enhance production," said a senforest land which included Kusmunda and neighbouring Laxior official of Coal India Limited man mine. Production from Lax-"We had sought public hearing for these enhancement proman mine stopped in 2013 and it

posals which was not heard. The forests and water bodies are under immense stress. Large amounts of coal is transported from here leading to higher number of road accidents. These expansion nods are in line with government's focus on increase in domestic coal and fossil fuel production," said Alok Shukla of Chhattisgarh Bachao Andolan.

FAC has granted a nod for exploratory drilling to Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd for diversion of 1.781 ha of forest land in Doyang Reserved forest As per nodal officer for Assam, the area has rich wildlife including elephants and one horned Rhinoceros and reports a high number of cases of human-wildlife conflict . In Meghalaya, FAC has approved diversion of 11.09 Wildlife Sanctuary-- habitat of the Hoolock gibbon.

#### ha of deemed forest for Opencast Limestone mine in East Jaintia Hills. The site is near the ecosensitive zone of the Narpuh

Vrinda Tulsian letters@hindustantimes.com

NEW DELHI: Women's equal participation and leadership in all sectors - from home to Parliament — is the need of the hour, dignitaries from different walks of life said on Monday as they stressed the need for collective action to empower women at the grassroots level.

A symposium titled "Bridging the Gender Gap: Challenges & Opportunities for the Next Decade", which was hosted by the Centre for Equity and Inclusion (CEQUIN), brought together eminent personalities from across sectors, including Lok Sabha MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal, former Rajya Sabha MP Sushmita Dev economist and senior adviser at National Council of Applied Economic Research Gurucharan Manna, to brainstorm and evaluate the issues concerning women and their representation.

Discussing the recently passed women reservation bill that allots 33% seats for female lawmakers in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies, Dev called the move a "hoax". "The bill is a hoax due to two reasons — the delimitation exercise and the census... Its implementation after delimitation will cause a divide in the seats allotted as there are some states that have failed to control their population while others are performing well on social indices... the

women across fields RESERVATION FOR WOMEN IN PARL, NEED FOR CHANGES AT GRASSROOTS LEVEL AMONG KEY

Making a case for the

equal participation of

bill is stuck in the middle..."

ISSUES DISCUSSED

During the event, Shiromani Akali Dal Party MP Badal sought "changes at the grassroots level". "The country has a tribal woman as President (Droupadi Murmu) and a woman as the finance minister (Nirmala Sitharaman), but symbolism is not going to take the country very far," she said.

Manna said: "The participation of women is bad in rural areas but worse in urban areas, we need to ask why is it so and then take actions to resolve the issue." Independent journalist Revati

Laul highlighted the need to bring gender into media beyond the "binaries of rape and violence" "The gender conversation is the way we look at gender," she said. During the symposium, a panel

on "The missing growth story of women in the economy"attributed lack of women in workforces to factors like lack of mobility. increased domestic and caretaking duties, and low wages.

Founded in 2009 by Sara Abdullah Pilot and Lora Krishnamurthi Prabhu, CEQUIN works towards creating gender equitable communities, through a holistic rights-based lens.

#### MANIPUR TRIBAL **GROUPS HEAD TO** DELHI TO MEET IB, MHA OFFICIALS

**NEW DELHI:** Representatives of tribal groups from different hill districts of Manipur are set to meet a team of senior home ministry and Intelligence Bureau officials in New Delhi on Wednesday, people aware of the matter said.

The meeting comes against the backdrop of top officials, including IB director Tapan Deka and Centre's interlocutor AK Mishra, holding talks with stakeholders to find a solution to the ethnic conflict which has roiled the state since May 3 last year. "All tribal groups from different hill districts have come together to expedite the demand for a political solution. This is the first time MHA officials are meeting all groups in one meeting," a member of one of the tribal groups participating in the meeting said on the condition of anonymity. The tribal representatives are scheduled to reach Delhi on Monday night.

As of now, neither the home ministry nor the Manipur government has issued any statement in connection with the matter. The spokesperson of Indigenous Tribal Leaders Forum, a Kuki group, Ginza Vualzong said the joint bodies will hold a press conference in Delhi after their meeting.

On Saturday, Manipur CM N Biren Singh met Union home minister Amit Shah in the Capital and said "the Government of India is set to take some important decisions in the interests of the people of Manipur."

### NGT quashes green nod for Chhattisgarh mine project

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RAIPUR: : The National Green Tribunal quashed the Environment Clearance (EC) granted to Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Limited (Mahagenco) for the Gare Palma Sector-II Coal Mine Project in Tamnar block of Raigarh district, Chhattisgarh on the grounds that the mandatory public hearing was inadequate and improperly done.

The proposed mine is spread over an area of 2583.48 hectares across 14 villages in Tamnar. Adani Enterprises Limited is the Mine Developer and Operator (MDO) of the project.

The petition was filed with the NGT by four people in August 2022 and final hearing was on August 3 2023. The NGT in its final order dated January 15,



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2024, termed the public hearing conducted in September 2019 to be "not in accordance with the law" and said that the "Environmental Clearance dated July 11, 2022, granted to Mahagenco of which Adani company is the mine operator and developer 'is quashed'.

An official from the Mahagenco said that they will share the company's response in connection with the matter on Tues-

day. The Gare Palma Sector-II project faced opposition from the people of the region since it was first proposed in 2015. In September 2019, a public hearing was conducted amid protests which led to clashes and FIRs against several young people from the affected villages.

The environment ministry's Expert Advisory Committee (EAC) granted an EC to the project on 11 July 2022. Affected locals Premshila

Rathia (from village Bandhapali), Narad, Kanahi Patel (from village Kosampali) and Rinchin challenged this decision and filed an appeal before NGT in October 2022.

"...In the present case, public hearing has not been conducted in accordance with law, satisfying the words and spirit of the requirement of public... Consultation and proceedings are such

so as to deprive the affected people... Fair, impartial, unbiased and valid public hearing/public consultation..." the order read.

was subsequently merged with

Gevra mine. Kusmunda has

received permission for enhanc-

ing production from 40 MTPA to

50 MTPA (Normative)/ 62.50

MTPA (Peak) for a mine lease-

hold area of 1655.825 in 2020.

But so far it has realized the peak

production level of 43.051 MTPA

and hence it has proposed to

flows adjacent to a Hasdeo tribu-

tary which makes it a particu-

FAC has recommended that

Chhattisgarh government

ensure treatment of the catch-

ment area and directed SECL to

follow the rules imposed by the

Water resource department for

conservation of the Hasdeo river.

"in-principle" approval to SECL's

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diversion of additional 0.093 ha

of forest land in Korba's Kat-

ghora forest. "These are very

high yielding mines. The deci-

FAC has also accorded

Kusmunda opencast mine

enhance mine area further.

larly vulnerable area.

"It appears that only those who were supporting the project were allowed to participate and their statements were made part of the proceedings..." the order further noted. Another reason for the can-

cellation of the Environment Clearance is the non-consideration of the Indian Council of Medical Research report on the health assessment of the native residents. ICMR undertook a study on health assessment and projection of health hazards of people living in Tamnar Block.

NGT also observed that Kelo river is a major tributary of River Mahanadi and the proper study on the impact of the river should be conducted. "... Proper study on the hydrology aspect including

River Kelo has not been undertaken by competent authority while granting EC ...," the order said. The court also noted that "carrying capacity study by authority which was required to undertake the same, has not been conducted and this aspect has not been taken care by the competent authority in granting prior EC..."Rinchin, one of the complainants said:"No proper public consultation was done, due to which objections and legitimate concerns of the affected people were ignored ... "

Reacting to the NGT order Degree Prasad Chauhan, a land rights activist working in Raigar, said: "This is a victory for the people of Tamnar and Gharghoda blocks, who have waged a long-running struggle to protect their livelihoods and environmental rights from existing coal mining and industrial activity."

#### 3 BJP states pass resolution hailing PM for Ram Temple's consecration tion in the assembly after presentemotional when on January 22,

**HT Correspondents** 

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GANDHINAGAR/PANAJI/LUC-**KNOW:** Three state assemblies — Uttar Pradesh, Goa and Gujaraton Monday passed resolutions praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the consecration of the new Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

All three states have the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) govern-

Uttar Pradesh finance minister Suresh Khanna moved the resolu-

Azadi <sub>Ka</sub> Amrit Mahotsav

ing the state budget, calling it one of the most landmark incident "of the century". The resolution was passed, with opposition from 14 Samajwadi Party MLAs. The Congress abstained from the vote. In Gujarat, chief minister Bhu-

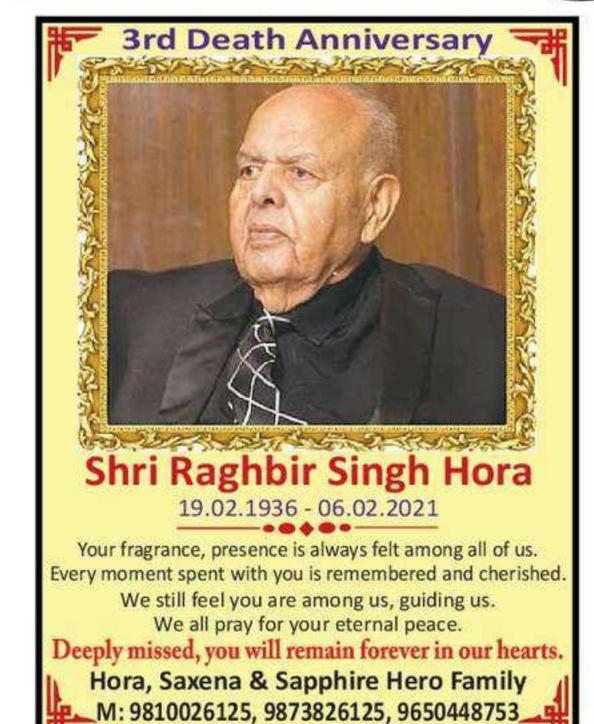
pendra Patel, moved the resolution which was unanimously passed, with members of the Opposition Congress and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) also supporting it.

"The people of Gujarat became

Narendrabhai Modi, the son of Gujarat and the respected former leader of this House (referring to his stint as chief minister), performed the consecration ('pran pratistha') of Lord Ram," Patel said. In Goa, assembly speaker, Ramesh Tawadkar, moved the resolution during the ongoing budget session.

"This House congratulates PM Narendra Modi [for Ram Temple's consecration]," the resolution said.

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#### **NORTHERN RAILWAY**

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACUSED PERSON See Section 82 CrPC

Where as complaint has been made before me that accused Sanu Sahni S/0 Sh. Santram Sahni R/o- Village Bhagua, P/S- Gauri Bazar, District-Deoria, U.P. has committed (or is suspected to has committed) the offence in case C.C. No.- 04/2020 dated 08.07.2020 U/S 3 RP(UP)Act at Railway Protection Force Post Delhi Kishan Ganj which is punishable and a Warrant of arrest issued there upon has been returned unexecuted stating that the said ,accused Sanu Sahni can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Sanu Sahni has absconded (or is concealing his self to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is here by made that the said Sanu Sahni is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 22.03.2024.

By Order Shri CHATINDER SINGH Metropolitan Magistrate Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

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Dated: 02.02.2024

E-Tender Eng. No. 513/P-1/EMPW-12563 Dy. Chief Engineer/Headquarter (Procurement Cell-1) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2024\_POWER\_116836\_1 for the work of Routine Mtc. of Ash Dykes and Micro hydel channel & Power House along with Routine cleaning of trash rack intake structure, forebay

For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 02.02.2024 / 05.00 PM onwards.

Note: Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

#### ida Indore Development Authority 7, Race Course Road, Indore- 452003

Email: idaindore7@yahoo.in Website: www.idaindore.org Date: 05.02.2024 NIT No.: IDA/ETENDER/2023-24/128/26

**Notice Inviting Tender** Tender ID No. 2024\_DTCP\_330561\_1 (3rd Call)

Online tenders are invited in three envelope system on Lumsum and Percentage basis on key dates for "Consultancy Services for Feasibility Study, RFP Document and Concessionaire Agreement, Bid Process Management and Supervision of Development of Aerial Rope-way Transit System in Indore City on PPP Mode" from

Autonomous bodies / Public Sector Undertakings. Tender documents can be purchased from website https:// www.mptenders.gov.in. till 05.03.2024 17:30 hrs. Help manual can be seen on the portal of e-procurement system.

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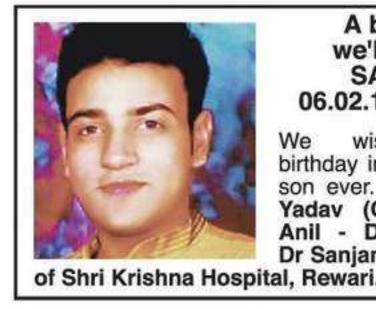
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In Loving Memory of Mrs. Sudesh Kakar (12.07.1942 - 06.02.2023)

Wherever you went, you left a trail of beautiful memories. year past, still grief-stricken. Your Family & Friends, Kakars & Thapars, C-181 M.P. Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-34



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birthday in heaven to the best son ever. Missed by: Shanti Yadav (Grand Mother), Dr Anil - Dr Sonia (Parents), Dr Sanjana (Sister) & all staff



In Everlasting Memory of Shri Pritam Šingh Sahni (Kasad) Papaji (06.02.2008)

Your life, words and affection

continue to inspire us forever. We remember your presence. We owe our today and tomorrow to your love, hard work and valuable guidance. You are forever in our hearts and we always miss you deeply. Remembered by: Management & Staff, M/s Paisley Exports Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi. M/s Vaishali

Travels Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi.Sons & Daughter-in-law, Daughters & Sons-in-law.Relatives & Grandchildren In Everlasting Memory of Nibadita Basak (Rupa) 10 Dec 1967- 06 Feb 2018 6 Years have passed but

words cannot describe how much we miss you. Not even a passes

remembering you. We can still feel your presence always with us. You will live in our hearts till eternity. Fondly remembered by Manojit Basak (Husband) 9810513133 Mandakini Basak (Daughter) Add 1-Nibadita Bhawan, Mahavir Enclave N-Delhi-45 Add 2-Society Hotel, Kadamtala, Jalpaiguri, West Bengal-735101

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, CONSTRUCTION CIRCLE, U.P. JAL NIGAM (URBAN), R-1, SECTOR-1, IN FRONT OF NEW RAILWAY STATION, RAJNAGAR, GHAZIABAD Letter No.: 112/Vividh-13/8 Dated: 03.02.2024 SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE

U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban) invites online short term e-tenders for execution of "Investigation and survey (on GIS basis) of the projects area including soil investigation Engineering Design (hydraulic and structural) as required, Procurement of all labour & material, T&P etc. and construction of various components complete for "Interception and Diversion Works of 02 nos. drains (Noida & Delhi side drain) & associated works scheme at Khora Makanpur town, Distt. Ghaziabad, U.P. India, including successful testing commissioning of said work on percentage rate Turn-Key basis", under SBM (U)-2.0/ State Sector Programme. Bids are invited in two bid system on percentage rate basis from eligible, reputed and experienced bidder.

E-bid documents will be available for download from 07.02.2024 AT 14:00 Hrs., Pre-bid meeting will be held on dated 14.02.2024 at 13:00 Hrs in THE the office under signed . E-Bids can be submitted till 27.02.2024 up to 15:00 Hrs. and technical bid shall be opened on 27.02.2024 at 16:00 Hrs. in the Office of The Superintending Engineer, Construction Division, U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban), Ghaziabad in presence of contractor or their authorized representative. E-tender Cost is Rs. 20,000.00 + GST @ 18% for tender. Details are available on U.P. Govt. e-procurement portal http:// etender.up.nic.in & U.P.Jal Nigam (Urban) website www.jn.upsdc.gov.in.





Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering)/ North Central Railway/ Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites the following E-tendering process for the following works up to 13.30 hrs. on 28.02.2024. The details of the tender is as under: -Approx Cost of work (Rs.): 53,63,735.05 Tender No.: 345

Name of Work: Construction of New 08 Wheeler Tower Wagon shed at Sirathu station in the section of Asst. Divisional Engineer/Line/North Central Railway/Prayagraj. Earnest Money (Rs.): 1,07,300.00, Completion Period: 06 (Six) Months,

Eligibility Criteria for "Similar work": Any Civil Engineering work Tender No.: 346 Approx Cost of work (Rs.): 1,10,90,722.8

Name of Work: Through Fitting Renewal work in Prayagraj-Kanpur section in the jurisdiction of Sr. Divisional Engineer/II/North Central Railway/Prayagraj.

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### Apex court orders release of Pocso | HT Shine Jobs convict who later married survivor

**Abraham Thomas** 

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**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Monday exercised its rare constitutional powers to unite a man, convicted for raping a minor in 2014, with the survivor who later married him and have two children with him. The court ordered the release of the convict, taking it as a "peculiar" case.

The convict Sankar, who filed the petition was accused of raping a 14-year-old girl who was known to him. He was tried under the protection of children

India refuses to aid

killing of separatists

Canada probe on

OTTAWA: India will not

provide information to

Canadian investigators

separatist leader until

Canada shares evidence,

to Canada Sanjay Kumar

Verma said on Monday.

by ED and CRPF personnel, and

was greeted by legislators of the

ruling alliance raising slogans of

"Hemant Soren zindabad" and

"Jai Jharkhand". The ED and

CRPF personnel were not

allowed inside the assembly

building, and Soren was eventu-

ally taken back to ED's zonal

Soren has been remanded in

In his speech, Hemant Soren,

who is also the JMM's executive

president, alleged that tribals and

Dalits were not safe under the

BJP's rule at the Centre. He said

that the BJP considered tribals

"untouchables", and that it was

no coincidence that no tribal CM

in the state was allowed to com-

same to me. But I will not shed

any tears now. I will give a befit-

ting reply to these feudal forces at

the appropriate time, and will

return with more strength. When

the Ram Mandir was consecrated

at Ayodhya on January 22, the

BJP had said it would bring Ram

Rajya. But the first thing they

have done is to destabilise gov-

ernments in Bihar, and then in

Jharkhand," Hemant Soren said.

ing to allow him to speak during

the floor test, the JMM leader

said, "The court directed that I

need not speak to the media. But

ED officials said I can't speak in

the assembly either. I told them

to consult the speaker... the days

are not far when arrests will be

made from Vidhan Sabha and

The BJP's Amar Bauri, who is

the leader of the Opposition in

the assembly, responded that the

former CM had reaped what he

had sown. "He might be a tribal

leader but he is not necessarily

the leader of the tribal commu-

nity. Instead of him asking us to

prove the charges, he should take

it up before the ED and the

Soren was the first to speak on

Monday, calling the government

headed by him "Hemant Soren

government are misusing agen-

cies. In 2019, Hemant got the

"The people ruling the central

New chief minister Champai

court," Bauri said.

Part-II".

Parliament."

Alleging that ED was not will-

"I knew they would do the

plete a full five-year term.

office at around 2.15pm.

ED custody till February 8.

**HEMANT SOREN** 

India's High Commissioner

over the murder of a Sikh

from sexual offences (Pocso) Act and sentenced by a trial court on February 11, 2018 to 20 years rigorous imprisonment and ₹2 lakh

A bench headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud said, "In the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, we are inclined to exercise our power under Article 142 of the Constitution of India."

The bench, also comprising justices Sanjiv Khanna and BR Gavai said, "The petitioner shall be released on sentence already undergone. The fine of ₹2 lakh imposed by the trial court shall

INDIA will scrap 50%

cap on reservation,

says Rahul Gandhi

RANCHI: Congress leader

promised a nationwide

of the 50% cap on

Sabha polls.

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Rahul Gandhi on Monday

caste census and removal

reservation if the INDIA

bloc forms the government

mandate of the people and did

exemplary work in the past four

years, two of which were during

the pandemic. Such a CM is

arrested in a land scam case

where there is no document to

prove that the land is in his

He added, "We will expand the

cabinet in two or three days. The

government is back on track, and

we will give additional thrust to

development work launched by

the Hemant Soren government.'

The 47 votes for the treasury

benches included 27 from the

JMM, 17 from the Congress, one

each from the RJD and the

CPI(ML), and one from the lone

Anglo-Indian nominated mem-

ber of the house. The opposition

NDA received support from 25

MLAs from the BJP, three from

ally AJSU, and the lone

NCP(Pawar) member. Saryu

Roy, an independent legislator,

Hemant Soren completed over

four years as CM, after being

emerging victorious in the 2019

assembly elections. However,

Champai Soren will get only

around nine months, with the

state scheduled to go to the polls

in November-December this

the matter, ED has evidence that

Soren is a key beneficiary in

alleged land related irregularities

in Ranchi, where a network of

brokers and businessmen alleg-

edly worked over the years to cre-

ate fake deeds of ownership of

land parcels by forging records in

the registrar offices and further

Independent political observer

Sudhir Pal said that the JMM's

electoral fortunes in the coming

elections will depend on how

long Hemant Soren spends in

prison, "even as the party seems

to have portrayed to its core voter

base that the BJP is against the

arranging this transfer of power

to someone outside the family. In

the past, we have seen problems

arising due to the growing ambi-

tions of other leaders. Hemant

Soren is also their biggest face.

We have seen how he single-

handedly led the campaign in

"One major challenge is

selling them off.

tribal community."

2019," said Pal.

According to officials aware of

did not vote for either side.

name," Champai said.

at the Centre after the Lok

also stand waived."

Sankar, in his petition argued before the top court that with his incarceration, his marital life with the survivor had been shattered, leaving her and the children destitute.

In response the top court said, "This seems to be the best way out. Do we have to enter into the legal nuances in this case? ... We also see the pitfalls but the question we ask is, who will suffer?"

Senior advocate Siddharth Luthra appearing for Tamil Nadu government said, "I discussed this matter with the state and I am quite aware of the court's concern. She is not even the first wife as the petitioner is already married and has other children. This issue has to be dealt with in a nuanced fashion."

The court said, "Here there is no complaint of bigamy. For that you require the complaint of either of the wives."

The court, moreover, noted the arguments doubting the age of the survivor. Though the birth certificate produced by the victim showed her age to be 14 years old on the date of incident, her medical examination by a radiologist estimated her age to be 18-19 years.

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{ OUR TAKE }

### Engaging with Myamarjunta

Delhi needs to be more proactive in nudging Naypyidaw to restore democracy

he Indian government has watched with growing concern as the security situation in Myanmar has sharply deteriorated over the past year, especially after a largely successful military campaign by ethnic armed groups that have come together to take on the ruling junta. These concerns found expression in a statement issued last week by the external affairs ministry (EAM) on the third anniversary of the coup that brought the military to power in Myanmar. New Delhi said it is worried by the violence and instability in Myanmar, all of which have direct implications for India. Another concern for India left unstated by the EAM, has been the influx of thousands of refugees into Manipur and Mizoram following the military campaign by three powerful armed groups that resulted in the capture of key towns and trading posts on the borders with India and China.

Over the past year, the Indian side has appeared to struggle to fashion a suitable approach to these developments. It had largely stuck to engaging with the junta while avoiding any overt criticism of the military's actions, which have become increasingly indefensible in recent months. While responding to the campaign by resistance forces, Myanmar's junta has resorted to indiscriminate air strikes that have resulted in civilian casualties. Indian experts and commentators have been urging the government to review its policy and underscoring the need to reach out to the National Unity Government or the government-in-exile created by political parties as well as the armed ethnic groups, especially those based in Sagaing and Rakhine as their activities have a direct bearing on security in India's Northeast.

India has publicly called for a complete cessation of violence in Myanmar and a transition towards an inclusive democracy through dialogue. However, peace remains elusive, with the junta desperate to cling to power and the ethnic armed groups unlikely to back down. The Indian side's approach has been influenced by concerns about pushing the junta closer to China, which has brokered a ceasefire in areas along its border. In the current circumstances, India's actions should be guided by the needs of the people of Myanmar, who are grappling with rampant inflation, an economic meltdown, an energy crisis and near-total erasure of economic gains made under civilian rule. India should be more proactive in nudging the junta to restore democracy, which will also help to check China's influence over the military.

#### Bharat Ratna for a seminal political voice

www.politicians of the post-Emergency era can → match LK Advani's impact on Indian politics. The Bharat Ratna recognises his long and remarkable years in public affairs. Arriving in Delhi in the wake of Partition, he started his political career in the rough and tumble of the city's municipal politics and worked his way up to become the deputy PM and the principal ideologue of Rightwing politics in India. The Bharat Ratna, coming in the wake of the *pran pratishtha* of the Ram temple in Ayodhya, is also an acknowledgement of Advani's seminal role in the making of the temple.

While he was active in the resistance against the Emergency and became a minister in the Janata Party cabinet, Advani emerged as a leader on his own in the 1980s when he succeeded AB Vajpayee as the president of a young BJP. He pitchforked the BJP from the margins of Indian politics to centre stage by introducing ideological rigour and adding mobilisational capabilities. The Ayodhya movement gained national traction because of his rath yatra. Though deeply polarising, it gave a new focus to the BJP and led to the making of a pan-Indian Hindu vote. He abandoned the Gandhian socialism of Vajpayee and turned the BJP into a Savarkarite outfit by making the latter's ideological vision, Hindutva, central to the BJP's idea of nationhood. The party's powerful cadre base and ideological appeal stand on the foundation he laid. However, Advani's attempt to reconcile his party with the idea of Pakistan and his description of Jinnah as a secular leader saw him lose ground within the BJP. The Bharat Ratna moment is a time to revisit the unfinished debate, whose origins are in the troubling relationship Hindutva has with the idea of secular nationalism.

### Restive Indian Ocean calls for a new vision

Strategists and diplomats need to craft policies that boost India's maritime power and also foster a favourable "sphere of influence" for its employment

he sudden instigation of maritime terrorism by Houthi rebels, as well as the revival of piracy around the Horn of Africa, has cast the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) into a state of ferment. While the Indian Navy (IN)'s bold interventions have invited well-deserved applause, the implications of this crisis require New Delhi to undertake not only a review of the strategic environment but also a reappraisal of its neighbourhood policies through the twin prisms of diplomacy and strategy.

In the winter of 1964, I was a cadet on board the training ship, INS Tir when it entered the palm-fringed Malé harbour. In accordance with naval custom, Tir fired a 21-gun salute and broke the Maldivian flag at the masthead — the first foreign warship to render this honour to the newly independent Republic of Maldives. In the 60 years since, the Maldives has occupied a prominent position in the IN's maritime calculus. Our Navy has been the first responder in the Maldives' crises, ranging from the attempted 1988 coup d'etat to the 2004 tsunami and other, lesser emergencies. It is hoped that good neighbourly relations will be resumed once the

diplomatic storm dies down.

I mention the Maldives because it happens to be in the news. But the IN has, for over two decades, had in place a low-profile but comprehensive plan for discharging its "diplomatic role," the second of four roles mandated by its maritime doctrine. Eschewing the term, "naval diplomacy" to avoid ruffled feathers in the ministry of external affairs (MEA), the Navy has been pursuing a programme titled, "foreign cooperation," under whose ambit, it has extended training as well as hydrographic surveillance and other

facilities, besides gifting hardware, including ships, aircraft and helicopters to IOR neighbours such as Mauritius, Seychelles, the Maldives, Sri Lanka and Myanmar to bolster their maritime security.

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Prakash Our naval diplomacy has attained in full measure the objectives laid down by the maritime doctrine vis-à-vis "...the strengthening of goodwill, political relations and defence cooperation... in consonance with the nation's foreign policy and security objectives". Diplomats may worry about the armed forces seeking a role that goes beyond "security and defence". However, naval diplomacy only aims to support our accredited representatives in the effective conduct of foreign policy. Here, a closer look at our neighbourhood diplomacy is warranted.

The nosedive in India-Maldives relations has neither been sudden nor should it have taken the MEA by surprise. The first ominous signs emerged in 2012 when Maldives cancelled a major airport modernisation

contract with an Indian firm in favour of a Chinese company. Over the following decade, local politicians, incited/provoked by Pakistan and China, have transformed the "India First" catchphrase into an "India Out" campaign, culminating in a demand for the withdrawal of "Indian troops". Adroit diplomacy could have swiftly having the Navy's aircraft replaced with civil "air ambulances", flown and maintained by a civilian crew.

Even as we see Maldivian politics descending into a phase of instability,

there is little reassurance to be drawn from the state of India's relationships with its other immediate neighbours - Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. Each of them harbours their own set of grouses that sour relations and expose India to the risk of becoming ensnared in a "South Asia trap", imperil-

ling its great power aspirations. A question that should exercise the minds of our decision makers and foreign policy practitioners is: Why India, having abjured all thought of an Indian "Monroe Doctrine", is still perceived as a regional "big brother/ bully"? Is it because we grudge the right of our smaller neighbours to exercise the "strategic autonomy" that we so cherish ourselves? Is it because our representatives display a condescending attitude towards hosts, laying excessive emphasis on their "ancient Indian legacy" and India's "superior" culture? And lastly, are we ignoring the impact in neighbouring capitals of India's domestic policies, especially where they are seen as



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This brings us to recent diplomatic rows with Sri Lanka, and now, the Maldives, caused by Chinese vessels putting into their ports. Here, it is important to understand that China, being the world's largest manufacturing/trading nation, is overwhelmingly dependent on the uninterrupted passage of seaborne trade and energy, making the Indian Ocean sea lanes its Achilles heel, which it will protect at all costs.

We must reconcile ourselves to the inevitability of China's PLA Navy (PLAN) establishing, in due course, a permanent presence in the IOR. Chinese "spy ships" — actually, research ships and hydrographic vessels — represent the vanguard of the PLAN, collecting hydrographic and hydrological data and mapping the sea floor, information that will facilitate efficient warship and submarine operations in the IOR. We will see them with increasing frequency in proximate waters.

Such vessels are permitted by the 1982 UN Law of the Sea, the unfettered freedom of navigation on the high seas, and even in the 200-mile exclusive economic zones, provided they are undertaking "innocent passage". Entry for warships into foreign ports requires prior host consent, but given their cordial relationship and eco-

eliminated this putative irritant by affecting religious minorities? nomic dependence on China, our IOR neighbours would find it difficult to deny entry to Chinese ships. Therefore, India must show diplomatic forbearance when smaller neighbours, occasionally, kowtow to Beijing.

Even those, so far, oblivious to the criticality of the maritime domain must now realise the profound dependence of national prosperity on the security of sea lanes that carry the world's trade in raw materials, finished goods and energy. The maritime turbulence off the Yemeni and Somali coasts demonstrates that the maintenance of "good order" at sea is an international commitment that requires the widest participation by

navies. This wisdom having dawned on China a couple of decades ago, Beijing methodically put in place all the building blocks, including a grand strategy that makes it a "maritime Great Power" today. Even as India steadily builds its economic heft and upgrades technological competencies, now is the time for strategists and diplomats to craft a maritime vision that will not only provide a boost to India's maritime power, including the Navy, but also foster a favourable "sphere of influence," for its employment.

> Arun Prakash is a former Navy chief. The views expressed are personal

### When an admiral gets to helm China's PLA

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s 2023 wound to a close, China announced a new defence minister in place of General Li Shangfu, who had been removed from the post several months earlier. On December 29, Admiral Dong Jun, who had just stepped down as the head of the People's Liberation Army Navy (PLAN) was announced as Li's replacement.

Contrary to general perception, the appointment of a former navy chief to the post of defence minister in China is not primarily about higher priority being accorded to the PLAN in Beijing's scheme for the military. This view misunderstands both the timeline of China's naval expansion and the role of the Chinese defence minister.

China's turn toward naval expansion and assertiveness is not new. Its most prominent features are already familiar - China's illegal occupation and reclamation of features in the South China Sea, its opening of a military base in Djibouti, its rapid launch of several aircraft carriers, and PLAN activities around Taiwan. From an Indian perspective, there are also the PLAN's anti-piracy operations in the western Indian Ocean and submarine visits to Karachi and Colombo in the past few years. Today, the Chinese navy is the largest in the world, larger in number of ships than even the world's most powerful one, the United States (US) navy.

China's intent has been available in the open domain for decades in various reports and statements by Chinese leaders and white papers on defence. One could argue that the definitive signal if China's actions until then were not enough — came in its 2015 defence white

paper, which specifically talked about "mar-

itime military struggle and maritime prepa-

ration for military struggle". Meanwhile, the defence minister in China is not even the country's top defence official but a position designed to deal with the outside world. This contrasts with India where the raksha mantri is a senior politician and part of the Cabinet Committee on Security. Or the US, where the disappearance of the current secretary of defence, General Lloyd Austin, from public view for medical reasons without keeping the White House

informed led to calls for his dismissal. The PLA is the military arm of the ruling Communist Party of China (CPC) and its first job is to defend the regime, not the Chinese State or people. In the Central Military Commission, the defence minister is usually ranked fourth behind CPC general secretary Xi Jinping, who serves as its chairman and two other military generals who serve as the Commission's vice-chairmen.

That said, there are aspects of Dong's appointment that are significant.

One, by virtue of a career in the navy, Dong is already attuned to diplomacy, far more so than his colleagues in the PLA army, the dominant arm of the PLA. And it is a time when China could use better external communications. Following Xi's meeting with President Joe Biden in San Francisco last November, military dialogue and exchanges can be expected to scale up. The primary intent of these dialogues is to prevent incidents at sea and elsewhere from escalating into a crisis. But for the Chinese, there is also the added objective of being seen and accepted as a peer to the US.

Two, these ambitions also require the defence minister to hold his own against the Americans. Dong's career path is important here. He has held appointments as deputy commander of the East Sea fleet and deputy commander of the Southern Theater Command, where he would have been involved in planning actions involving Taiwan and the South China Sea that have led to the current tensions with the US.

Further, Dong has been involved for over a decade in Sino-Russian naval exercises and other high-level exchanges, helping support a particularly important prong of Chinese foreign policy. The relationship with Russia is one the Chinese see as crucial to counter American global influence and power.

Elsewhere, Dong has also led the Sino-Pakistan joint naval exercise, Sea Guardians in 2020, which forms another part of Chinese efforts against American dominance in its neighbourhood and also targets India, a perceived US ally. Given all of this, and especially his experience in joint operations, Dong's rise reflects Xi's preference for quickly promoting those who meet his criteria of keeping the

PLA combat ready. However, given the scale of China's military — including naval — expansion since the beginning of this century, there are several officers in the

senior leadership with such experience. Three, Dong's appointment must also be understood from the perspective of Chinese domestic politics. Dong had served as PLAN commander for two years out of what is normally a five-year tenure. This is the first unusual feature of his latest appointment. The other is that he resigned from the post and attended the swearing-in of his successor, Hu Zhongming, in December, suggesting that he was clear of controversies or charges of corruption that surrounded the

previous defence minister, General Li. Xi's choice of someone from the PLAN probably has much to do with the fact that after a decade of the anti-corruption campaign, it remains difficult for him to find someone completely above board in the branches of the PLA, such as the army or the Rocket Force. The head of the PLA Rocket Force, dismissed last year with several other officers, was also replaced by an admiral from the PLAN.

The choice of a defence minister from the Chinese navy is, therefore, also an attempt to avoid further embarrassment for China, domestically as well as externally.

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Secretary Blinken is on his way to the Middle East. It will be his top priority to ensure that Palestinians are getting access to life saving food, medicine, water, shelter. And we'll continue to press until that is done

### Budget focus on BITs is good for Indian economy

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n important element in the budget speech of Union finance minister (FM) Nirmala Sitharaman was that India is negotiating bilateral investment treaties (BITs) — treaties that reciprocally protect and promote foreign investment under international law - to encourage foreign investment inflows to India. A quintessential component of BITs is the investor-State dispute settlement (ISDS) mechanism that allows foreign investors to sue States for treaty breaches. The FM's statement assumes importance as it comes at a time when India is negotiating BITs with the United Kingdom and the European Union. The statement also

indicates that the government, and rightly so, in its quest to make India an even more attractive destination for foreign investment, is looking at BITs as a critical instrument.

Globally, the empirical evidence on the relationship between BITs and foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows is mixed. However, in the case of India, there is overwhelming evidence demonstrating a positive relationship between BITs and FDI inflows.

One can divide this empirical evidence into two parts. The first set of studies shows that India's signing and ratifying of investment treaties positively influenced FDI flows. Niti Bhasin and Rinku Manocha in their 2016 paper, consider the impact of BITs on FDI inflows in India from 2001 to 2012 and conclude: "BITs have contributed to rising FDI inflows by providing protection and commitment to foreign investors contemplating investment in India". Likewise, Jaivir Singh et al (2021) show that while individual BITs did not positively influence FDI inflows to India, the cumulative effect of India's BITs containing ISDS protection significantly boosted FDI inflows.

Instead of investigating the impact of signed BITs on FDI, the second set of studies examines the influence of BIT terminations on FDI inflows to India. It is important to recall that from 2016 onward, India has unilaterally terminated most of its BITs. Simon Hartmann and Rok Spruk, in their 2022 paper, examine 44 unilateral terminations of BITs by India from 2013 to 2019 and their impact on FDI inflows to India. The study finds "a significant reduction in FDI inflows to India in response to BIT terminations by

more than 30% compared to countries without terminations". Their research also discovers that while foreign investors do not necessarily junk India due to BIT terminations, they reroute their investments to India via those countries with whom India continues to have a BIT. This shows the significance that foreign investors attach to BITs while investing in India. A 2023 study by Elena Kotyrlo and Hryhorii Kalachyhin also finds a significant negative effect on FDI inflows, ranging from -64.2% to -56.3% per quarter on average, due to India terminating BITs.

It is no one's case that BITs are the sole factor determining FDI inflows. FDI inflows depend on a variety of dynamics.

However, as the parliamentary committee on external affairs in its report on India and BITs said, BITs have the potential to attract FDI by providing foreign investors a "higher degree of confidence". Therefore, one cannot negate the significance of BITs and ISDS for India from the point of view of attracting foreign investment.

India has successfully attracted high levels of FDI in the last decade. However, there has been a significant drop in FDI inflows in the first two quarters of the current financial year. While this drop could be due to various reasons like geopolitical challenges, the absence of BITs, as the empirical studies show, has also contributed. Thus, India's striving to sign BITs is a welcome step.

Moreover, the moot point is not just about the influence that BITs and ISDS have on foreign investment inflows in India. BITs and ISDS are also significant because they constitute an integral part of the international legal infrastructure regulating the global economy. They are essential in the legalisation and judicialisation of international investment relations. While one may debate the contours of this legalisation and judicialisation, one cannot wish away a critical component of regulating the global economy. A rules-based international investment order that BITs can help erect will serve everyone well, including

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### Blinken to press for Gaza truce in Middle East tour

Israel's offensive has killed at least 27,478 people in Gaza since October 7 attacks

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GAZA STRIP: US Secretary of State Antony Blinken arrived in Saudi Arabia on Monday for another Middle East crisis tour, hoping to secure a new truce in the Israel-Hamas war as Gaza saw no let-up in fighting.

On his fifth trip to the region since Hamas's October 7 attack that triggered the war, Blinken landed in Riyadh and was later expected to visit Israel, Egypt and Qatar.

In Riyadh, Blinken met with the kingdom's de-facto ruler, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, and his Saudi counterpart, foreign minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud, a US official said.

Ahead of the trip he stressed the need for "urgently addressing humanitarian needs in Gaza", after aid groups have repeatedly sounded the alarm over the devastating impact nearly four months of war have had on the besieged territory.

Over the weekend, Israel pressed further south towards the densely-crowded border city, warning that its ground forces could advance on Rafah as part of the campaign to eradicate Hamas.

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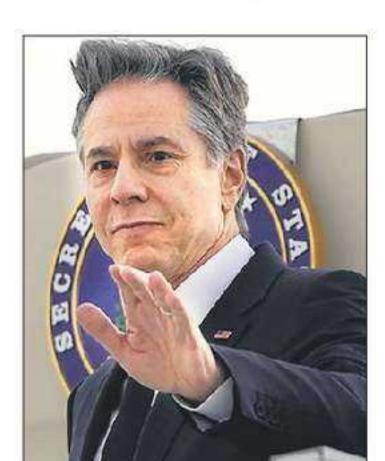
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US Secretary of State Antony Blinken disembarks from the plane upon arriving at King Khalid International Airport, in Riyadh, on Monday.

women and children, were killed in Israeli strikes overnight to Monday, according to the health ministry in the Hamasruled territory.

#### No agreement yet

Blinken is expected to discuss a proposed truce thrashed out in a Paris meeting in January of top US, Israeli, Egyptian and Qatari officials.

The diplomatic push has become more urgent with a surge in attacks across the region by Iran-backed groups in solidarity with Hamas, triggering counterattacks by the United States.

The proposed truce would pause fighting for an initial six weeks as Hamas frees hostages in exchange for Palestinian prisoners held by Israel, according the outbreak of diseases".

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**WASHINGTON:** The Democratic

and Republican leadership of

the US Senate, with the support

of President Joe Biden, have

agreed on a historic and biparti-

san deal on immigration. It will

make illegal immigration

tougher, including granting the

executive the authority to close

the border when a certain

threshold is crossed, and open

up additional pathways for legal

migration, including provisions

for additional green cards and

The \$20 billion funding to

step up border controls is a part

of a broader \$118 billion

national security supplemental

that also includes funding for

military assistance of over \$60

billion to Ukraine and \$14 bil-

lion to Israel, and to beef up

security footprint in the Indo-

uncertain. From the Right,

former US president Donald

Trump, whose campaign is

based on Biden's record on

immigration and who doesn't

want to hand the administra-

tion a win on the issue, and the

Republican House leadership

including Speaker Mike John-

son, who called the deal "dead

But the passage of the deal is

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to a Hamas source. Hamas has said no agreement has yet been reached, while some Israeli officials have expressed opposition

to any perceived concessions. Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Monday that Palestinian militant group Hamas has presented "demands that we will not accept" over hostages held in Gaza.

Netanyahu, according to a statement from his Likud party, said the terms for the release of remaining captives "should be similar to the previous agreement", which saw a ratio of hostages exchanged for Palestinian prisoners during a November truce.

The war was sparked by Hamas's unprecedented October 7 attacks on Israel, which resulted in the deaths of about 1,160 people. Militants also seized around 250 hostages. Israel says 132 remain in Gaza including at least 28 believed to have been killed.

Vowing to eliminate Hamas, Israel launched a massive military offensive that has killed at least 27,478 people in Gaza, mostly women and children, according to the Hamas-ruled territory's health ministry.

On Sunday, EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell warned that nations suspending funding to UNRWA were threatening the existence of an agency providing "vital aid to more than 1.1 million people in Gaza suffering from catastrophic hunger and

on arrival", have pledged to

block it arguing that immigra-

tion restrictions don't go far

enough. From the Left, progres-

sive legislators in the Demo-

cratic Party and many immigra-

tion advocacy groups have

opposed the deal, on the

grounds that it goes too far in

imposing restrictions and

doesn't represent comprehen-

team has been closely working

with Senators in drafting the

text, called the deal the "tough-

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give him authority to "shut

down" the border when it gets

overwhelmed; make the asylum

process "fairer and more effi-

cient" and expedite work per-

mits for those already in the US.

will create more opportunities

for families to come together

through short-term visits as well

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In a statement, Biden, whose

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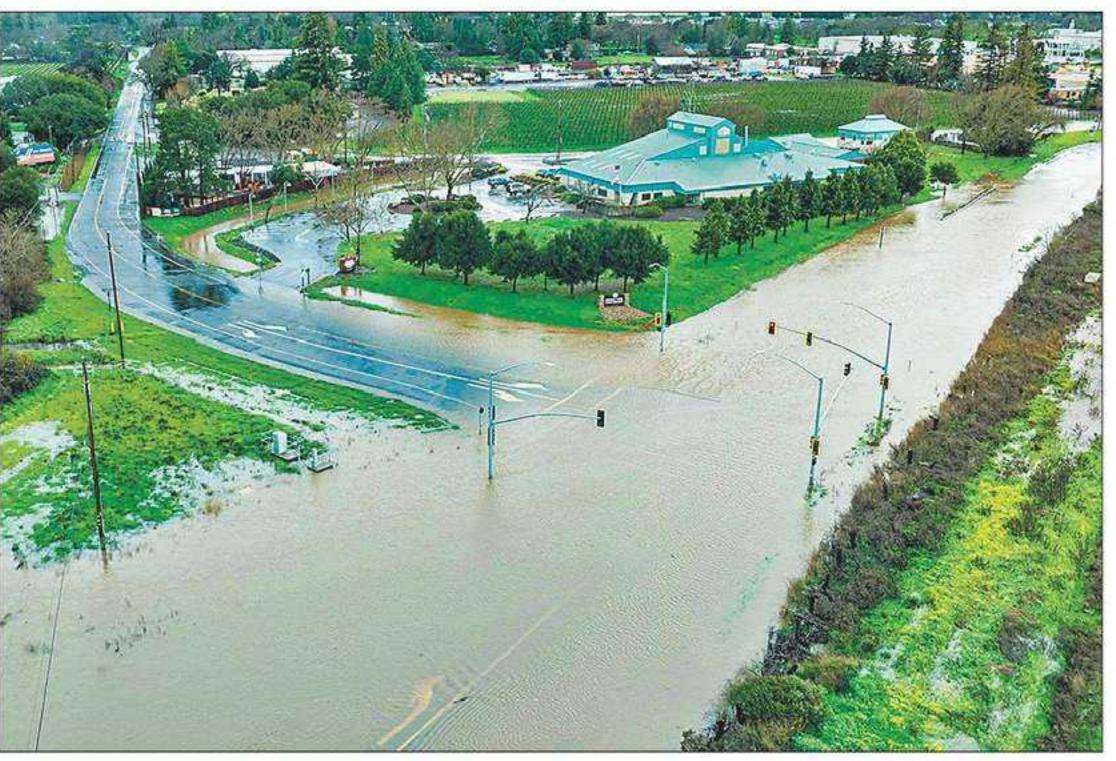
Ukraine and Israel deal

evacuation centres, it added.

in southern Philippines. Landslides and floods are frequent in the Southeast Asian

nation, an archipelago of more than 7,600 islands that is hit by about 20 tropical storms annu-

#### Heavy rainfall, hurricane winds pound California



A roadway is seen flooded (above) in Sonoma, California; a signage (top right) on the 101 freeway warns of flooding south of Santa Barbara and a woman walks through flood waters in Santa Barbara, California on Sunday. Heavy rainfall and hurricane-force winds pounded much of California on Sunday, knocking out power for 900,000 customers and threatening serious floods as forecasters expect the storm to stall over major cities for the next day or two.





#### **FLOODS AND LANDSLIDES KILL** AT LEAST 20 **PEOPLE IN PHILIPPINES**

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MANILA, PHILIPPINES: At least 20 people have died after days of torrential rains in parts of the southern Philippines, provincial disaster agencies said on Mon-

Thirteen people died in Davao de Oro province while two were missing, and seven people were killed in neighbouring Davao del Norte, disaster agency officials said.

A northeast monsoon and trough of a low pressure area brought rains in southern Mindanao region from January 28 to February 2, resulting in deadly floods and landslides, data from the national disaster agency show.

More than 812,000 persons were affected, of which around 85,000 people took shelter in

In mid-January, 18 people died due to floods and landslides triggered by heavy rains

### Chile wildfires toll rises to 122

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VINA DEL MAR, CHILE: The death toll from central Chile's blazing wildfires climbed to at least 122 people on Monday, after President Gabriel Boric warned the number would rise "significantly" as teams search gutted neighbourhoods.

Responders continued to battle fires in the coastal tourist region of Valparaiso amid an intense summer heatwave, with temperatures soaring to 40°C.

Abraham Mardones, a welder who fled his burning home in Vina del Mar, told AFP he narrowly escaped the fastpaced inferno that raged over a hillside on Friday and through several blocks of the seaside city. "We looked out again and the fire was already on our walls. It took only 10 minutes. The entire hill burned," he said.

"The fire consumed everything — memories, comforts, homes. I was left with nothing but my overalls and a pair of sneakers that were given to me as a gift," Mardones told AFP. "I

could only rescue my dog." Upon his return on Sunday, he said he found several neighbours who had died in the

The state forensic agency on Monday reported the toll stood at 122 dead, with only 32 of the victims identified.

Most of the deaths have been



The forest fire that hit the hills of the city of Vina del Mar in the Las Pataguas sector, Chile.

in Vina del Mar, a popular tourist spot known for its beaches and botanical gardens.

Speaking earlier in Quilpue on Sunday, a devastated hillside community near Vina del Mar, Boric had said the death toll was 112 but "we know it is going to increase significantly", adding it was the country's deadliest disaster since a 2010 earthquake and tsunami that killed 500 people.

Vina del Mar mayor Macarena Ripamonti told reporters "190 people are still missing" in the city. "Not a single house was left here," retiree Lilian Rojas, 67, told AFP of her neighbourhood near the Vina del Mar botanical garden, which was

also destroyed in the flames. Boric, who met with fire survivors at a Vina del Mar hospital on Sunday, has declared a state of emergency, pledging government support to help people get back on their feet.

Deputy Interior Minister Manuel Monsalve on Sunday said 165 fires raged across Chile

and estimated about 14,000 homes have been damaged in the Vina del Mar and Quilpue areas alone.

According to national disaster service SENAPRED, nearly 26,000 hectares (64,000 acres) had been burned across the central and southern regions by Sunday.

Supported by 31 firefighting helicopters and airplanes, some 1,400 firefighters, 1,300 military personnel and volunteers are combating the flames.

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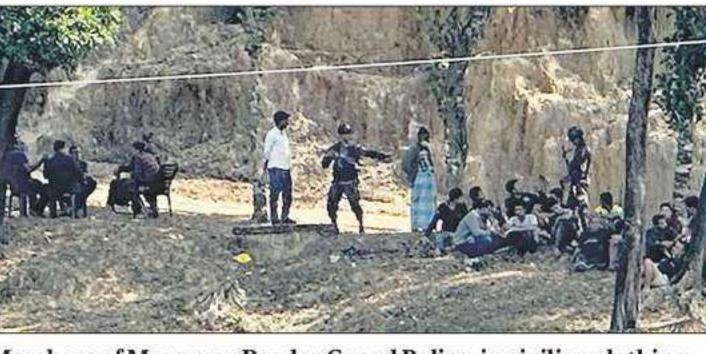
### Myanmar border guards flee to B'desh

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DHAKA, BANGLADESH: Nearly a hundred members of Myanmar's Border Guard Police have fled their posts and taken shelter in Bangladesh during fighting between Myanmar security forces and an ethnic minority army, an official of Bangladesh's border agency said on Monday.

for Border Guard Bangladesh, said by phone that the Myanmar forces entered Bangladesh over last two days to escape fighting with the Arakan Army in Myanmar's Rakhine state bordering Bangladesh.

They entered Bangladesh through the Tombru border in Bandarban district, he said. "In total 95, Myanmar troops



Members of Myanmar Border Guard Police, in civilian clothing, sit under the shade of trees in Bandarban, Bangladesh.

At least two people were killed in Bangladesh on Monday after mortar shells fired from Myanmar during clashes there landed across the border, as terrified residents reported heavy

fighting and medics treated sev-

nic minority armies that launched an offensive in late October, gaining strategic territory in the country's northeast bordering China. Its success was widely seen as a major defeat for the military government, which seized power in February 2021 from the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi and is now embroiled in a wide-ranging civil war.

The alliance, called the Three Brotherhood Alliance, said in a statement on Monday that the Arakan Army had attacked two border outposts in Maungdaw township in Rakhine state and captured one of them on Sunday. Khaing Thukha, an Arakan Army spokesperson, said that fighting was still continuing at the second outpost.



Lee Jae-yong

S KOREAN COURT **ACQUITS SAMSUNG** CHIEF OVER 2015 MERGER CASE

SEOUL: A South Korean court acquitted Samsung Electronics chief Lee Jae-yong on Monday of a raft of crimes linked to a controversial 2015 merger, Lee's lawyers said.

Yonhap news agency reported that the court said it did "not recognise intention to harm shareholders" through the merger, which critics had claimed was bad value and done mostly to ensure a smooth third-generational power transfer to Lee, a scion of Samsung's founding family.

"Solidifying Lee's control and ensuring his succession wasn't the only purpose of the merger," the court ruled, according to the Yonhap news agency, adding that there were "no validations

to prove prosecution's charge". The verdict from the Seoul Central District Court clears Lee of several charges, including stock price rigging, breach of trust and accounting fraud, in the 2015 merger between Samsung C&T — a construction and engineering firm - and Cheil

Industries. "Today's verdict has made it clear the merger was legitimate. We sincerely thank the court for its judicious judgement," Lee's

shareholders.

#### It is part of an alliance of eth-Agencies

Shariful Islam, spokesperson

are there now," he said. "They have been disarmed and taken to safe places."

eral with gunshot wounds.

The Arakan Army is the welltrained military wing of the Rakhine ethnic minority seeking autonomy from the central government and has been attacking army outposts in the western state since mid-November.

MILITANTS ATTACK

**PESHAWAR:** Dozens of militants waged an hours-long gun attack

The assault comes just days before Pakistan votes in a general election that has already seen dozens of attacks on candi-

launched an attack from three directions," Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provincial police chief Akhtar Hayat Gandapur told AFP. "There was an exchange of fire for over two-and-a-half hours."

and four wounded in the assault on Chaudhwan police station in Dera Ismail Khan district in the early hours of Monday.

#### { DEEPFAKE CONTROVERSY } ONE IMAGE ON X HAD MORE THAN 45 MILLION VIEWS 'Taylor Swift's deepfakes originated from AI challenge'

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**WASHINGTON:** The pornographic deepfakes of Taylor Swift that proliferated on social media late last month originated from an online challenge to break safety mechanisms designed to block people from generating lewd images with artificial intelligence (AI), according to social network analysis company Graphika.

For weeks, users of internet forum 4chan have taken part in daily competitions to find words and phrases that could help them bypass the filters on popular image-generation services, which include Microsoft Designer and OpenAI's DALL-E, the researchers found. The ultimate goal was to create sexual images of prominent female figures such as singers and politi-

"While viral pornographic pictures of Taylor Swift have brought mainstream attention to the issue of AI-generated non-consensual intimate images, she is far from the only victim," said Cristina Lopez G, a senior analyst at Graphika, in an email. "In the 4chan community where these images originated, she isn't even the most frequently targeted public figure. This shows that anyone can be targeted in this way, from global celebrities to school children."

A representative for 4chan didn't respond to a request for comment.

According to Graphika's analysis, the deepfakes originated on that channel in early January before moving to Telegram and then X, which was forced to block all Taylor Swift searches after lewd pictures sparked outrage. One of the US singer-songwriter Taylor Swift arrives for the 66th Annual

Grammy Awards in Los Angeles on Sunday. images remained on X for 17

hours and had more than 45 million views, according to the Many text-to-image generation companies have banned

certain keywords to stop users

from generating harmful content. However, some users on 4chan and other online forums have shared tips on how to break through these safety measures.

"These images originated

another obstacle to 'defeat'," Lopez G. said. "It's important to understand the gamified nature of this malicious activity in order to prevent further abuse at the source." The viral images of Swift have helped push non-consen-

from a community of people

motivated by the 'challenge' of

circumventing the safeguards of

generative AI products, and

new restrictions are seen as just

sual deepfakes to the top of the political agenda, after years of concerns from experts that the technology was getting out of hand. The White House released a statement condemning the Swift images, and Congressman Joe Morelle, a Democrat from New York, said he hoped the incident would bring attention to his efforts to make deepfake pornography a federal crime that warrants fines and jail time.

#### POLICE STATION IN PAKISTAN, 10 DEAD

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on a police station in northern Pakistan early on Monday, killing at least 10 officers, a senior commander said.

dates and party supporters. "More than 30 terrorists

He said 10 officers were killed

attorneys said in a brief state-Critics argue that the 2015 takeover deliberately undervalued the construction firm's stock price, unfairly affecting its

#### Smailov. **Eight firms vow** to build 'more ethical' Al with UN LJUBLIANA, SLOVENIA: Eight global technology companies including Microsoft and Mastercard on Monday pledged at a forum in Slovenia to build 'more ethical' AI in accordance with Unesco's framework of principles. Paris voters back proposal to hike SUVs' parking fees PARIS: Paris voters on Sunday backed a proposal from the

#### parking in the city centre. But only 78,000, or 5.7%, of the 1.3 million eligible voters bothered to vote at the 39 voting stations set up around the French capital. Oz writer given suspended death

sentence: China

Australian dissident

writer Yang Jun was on

sentence for espionage

in China, Beijing said,

five years after he was

detained on a rare visit

to his homeland. The

Chinese-born Austr-

alian citizen has been in

jail since 2019 on spying

to be in ill health. AFP

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BEIJING: Chinese-

Monday handed a

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### Runaway rally in PSU stocks raises concern

Sensex's returns pale in comparison to the rally over three months

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MUMBAI: Euphoria has gripped stocks of government-owned companies, with their rally over the past three months making the benchmark Sensex's returns pale in comparison, and prompting notes of caution from ana-

The latest leg of the rally from October 26 has seen the BSE PSU index return 52.6% to 18,123.77 against the Sensex's modest 13.6% gain to 71,731.42 on Monday. Investor frenzy for the stocks drove the index up to a record 18,428.25 during the day..

Life Insurance Corp. of India, for one, which traded at ₹605 apiece on October 26, way below its IPO price of ₹949, hit a record

#### **Huge draw**

The rally from October 26 has seen the BSE PSU index return 52.6% to 18,123.77 against the Sensex's 13.6% gain to 71,731.44 on Monday.

Top five contributors to the BSE PSU Index since October 26, 2023 (in %)



₹1,028 on Monday. Others which hit new peaks include Coal India (₹450), BPCL (₹588.80), HPCL

Graphic by Sarvesh Kumar Sharma/Mint

(₹517.35) and Gail (₹Rs 186.50). "One needs to be a tad cautious as PSU stocks have run up significantly and profit-booking could lead to volatility and shakeout in certain segments of the index," said Siddhartha Khemka, retail research head, Motilal Oswal Financial Servi-

Union finance secretary

sector, providing incentives for

scrapping old government vehi-

cles and ambulances, reforms in

urban planning and urban

finance, increasing housing

stock for police personnel, and

setting up libraries with digital

infrastructure at panchayat and

ward levels for children and

is expected to be followed is that

they would be given for projects

that are set to be completed

within the fiscal year. In FY24,

as many as 16 states opted for the

loan scheme, namely Arunachal

Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh,

Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Hima-

chal Pradesh, Karnataka, Mad-

hya Pradesh, Mizoram, Odisha,

Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu,

Sitharaman said in an interview

with Mint that projects are best

developed when the capex is

used up within 12 months, even

though several capital expendi-

ture projects have long gestation

projects running into 24 to 36

have put is that you spend that

money within 12 months. My

monitoring clearly showed me

that wherever capex is used up

within 12 months, people have

done brilliantly," the finance

"But the condition that we

months or more.

minister said.

Finance minister Nirmala

Telangana and West Bengal.

T.V. Somanathan.

young adults.

Analysts attribute the rally to many of the stocks rising in unison after relatively underperforming their listed private peers in the past decade, cheaper valuations and a change in fundamentals. For instance, thermal power producer NTPC gained 201% over the past decade

against Tata Power's 446%

return and IOC 259% against

Reliance Industries' 661%. Again,

the trailing 12-month valuation

Source: Bloomberg

of NTPC stands at 16.7 times against Tata Power's 35.2 times. IOC's valuation is a mere 5.2 times against Reliance's 27.8 times.

"The rise in the PSU pack is not unusual, nor surprising, and neither are the stocks in bubble territory," said Deepak Shenoy, founder of portfolio management firm Capital Mind. "The rally can be attributed to a combination of underperformance in the past many years and some change in fundamentals."

Shenoy pointed to NTPC, which proposes to generate nuclear power from being a thermal power producer, and PFC and REC getting into the renewable financing space.

Incidentally, investors who acted on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's jibe at the Opposition last August-he had asked investors to buy shares of PSUs criticized by the latter-appear to have got rich, led by a surge in shares of LIC. Twenty two of the 56 PSU index stocks hit new records on Monday.

### Targeted mails to taxpayers over large discrepancies'

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**NEW DELHI:** The government sent about 4.4 million "targeted" emails to people who had "wide gaps" in the transactions on their accounts and the income they disclosed during last year's tax filing cycle, a senior official has said, the first time the income tax department delivered forewarnings to help people avoid being sent a tax notice.

The email were sent over the tax returns filed during the 2023-24 assessment year (AY), which pertained to people's incomes in the 2022-23 financial

"These emails are targeted at large discrepancies and not small ones," Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) chairman Nitin Gupta said. The email has a simple mes-

sage pointing out that the taxpayer's income as shown in his or her return is not commensurate with the return income filed with the income tax department, hence the assessee needs to file a revised return, Gupta said. CBDT, an arm of the Union finance ministry, is responsible

CBDT chairman Nitin Gupta.

for administration of direct taxes, including the income tax.

The first deadline to file a return is usually July 31 and people have time to file revised returns till December 31. Those who missed filing their original returns by July 31 could also do so by December 31 by paying a penalty of up to ₹5,000.

According to experts, a tax notice is more stringent and may lead to a scrutiny and penalties calculated as a proportion of the pending due.

Gupta described the email cautioning system as in step with the government's 'ease of doing business' and 'ease of living' initiatives. He said the department is lenient on unintended lapses by taxpayers and prompts them regarding unintentional omissions of any income while reporting to the department.

The chairman said there are also cases of non-compliance due to lack of awareness, but there are other types of cases, which are deliberate and fall in the category of tax evasion. On cases where people do not

disclose their income deliberately, there is "enforcement actions we do take, which are giving us good results", Gupta said. The e-mails, he explained, were for a third category.

"There is one more category, which is slightly different from these two, is that the taxpayer is filing return, but income therein is not commensurate to the financial transactions the taxpayer has undertaken. For example, purchase of a property, financial transactions of securities or mutual funds. For such cases, we are also applying two methodologies, one is, e-verification scheme. Where, for the old cases, we put the differential .. and request him to give explanation/response to that," he said

adding that extreme cases could be picked up for scrutiny.

"We sent out targeted e-mails for the assessment year 2023-24, before the last date for filing the revised returns, so that the tax payers could file revised returns."

Gupta said ease of compliance and use of technology have made the taxation system transparent and efficient, and has checked evasions significantly, which helped the government mop up high direct tax revenue.

Robust tax collections prompted the finance minister to raise CBDT's target from ₹18,23,250 crore (₹9,22,675 crore in corporate income tax or CIT, and ₹9,00,575 crore personal income tax or PIT) in 2023-24 BE (budget estimate) to ₹19,45,000 crore in 2023-24 RE (₹9,22,675 crore CIT and ₹10,22,325 crore

"We will try to achieve the RE (revised estimate) target as we still have two more months. We don't know what will be the inflow of advance tax or TDS [tax deducted at source], but we will make an endeavour to achieve this it is achievable," Gupta said.

#### Show outcome, get loan: Govt to states

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**NEW DELHI:** The Centre will link a large chunk of 50-year interestfree loans to states with specific outcomes, in a bid to nudge them to make capital investments for infrastructure in a time-bound manner, a senior finance ministry official said.

Of the ₹1.3 lakh crore earmarked for the 'special assistance to states for capital investment' scheme in the interim budget 2024-25, about ₹75,000 crore, or 58%, will be linked to outcomes and reforms carried out by the states, Union finance secretary T.V. Somanathan said.

The remaining ₹55,000 crore will also come with a "simple condition", Somanathan said: "For availing the ₹55,000 crore interest-free loan, it (the infrastructure project) should be incremental; don't use this to substitute your capital expenditure, make it over and above your last year's overall capital

expenditure." Interest-free loans with a tenure of 50 years have played a vital role in stimulating capital spending by the states and catalysing the economy in the aftermath of the pandemic. States in India make 20-25% of the overall infrastructure spending, a key focus area for the government.

The scheme was launched in FY21 to help states after the pandemic with an allocation of ₹12,000 crore. It stepped up the allocation to ₹15,000 crore in FY22, and dramatically scaled that up to ₹1.07 lakh crore in FY23 with ₹27,000 crore linked to specific reforms by states.

In FY24, ₹1.3 lakh crore was earmarked for the scheme, and about ₹30,000 crore of that allocation was marked out as outcome-based. The remaining ₹1 lakh crore had the same condition as is being proposed for FY25—states had to ensure that the loan was used to supplement their capex and not a substitute for it. The actual spending by the states, however, was lower than

budgeted (see chart). The conditions states had to meet in the ongoing fiscal year (FY24) to avail the central loans included reforms in the housing

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expected to turn up.

took place in Goa.

**NEW DELHI:** The second edition

of the India Energy Week kicks

off in Goa on February 6 with

major global oil companies

such as Russia's Rosneft and

Saudi Arabia's Saudi Aramco

Modi will inaugurate the event,

similar to the first edition which

which will see participation

from 120 countries, is expected

to delve into various themes,

including energy transition, the

development of a future-ready

energy stack, and exploration of

alternative fuels, amid India's

own quest for energy security

Prime Minister Narendra

India Energy Week 2024,

#### MFG RECOVERS FROM PANDEMIC DISRUPTION: ASI

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**NEW DELHI:** Bigger factories that are doing better, and a revival of organised manufacturing are headline findings of the 2020-21 and 2021-22 Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) data released by the Ministry of Statistics, on Monday.

Monday's numbers are important because ASI captures the registered manufacturing part of the overall manufacturing universe. In terms of numbers, the average number of workers per factory in ASI was 54.4 in FY22, compared to 50.3 in FY21 and 53 in FY20.

How did the pandemic affect industrial activity in India? HT has applied the deflator for manufacturing sector component of the GVA to make this comparison. In real terms, manufacturing GVA contracted by 2.5% FY20 and then expanded by 8.2% and 16% in FY21 and FY22.

So far, the Centre hasn't For overall manufacturing decided on the terms and conditions for FY25. "It may not be the GVA (culled from the GDP numsame conditions as last year. bers), these numbers were a 3% Specific reforms and conditions contraction in FY20 and 2.9% are yet to be decided," Somaand 11.1% expansion in FY21 and FY22. This suggests that smallnathan said. "The guidelines will also be similar, but not the scale manufacturing has lagged behind large manufacturing in the Indian economy during this For loans not linked to specific reforms, one criterion that

period. To be sure, not all parts of registered manufacturing survived the pandemic unscathed. The total number of workers and persons engaged shows a fall between FY20 and FY21 in the ASI data. This is despite an increase in the total number of factories during this period. The period between FY21 and FY22 shows the opposite trend. While the number of factories fell marginally (by 467) to 249,987 in 2021-22, both the number of workers and persons engaged actually increased during this period. ASI data also shows what has been described as a profitled recovery in the post-pandemic period. Overall wages paid to workers had recovered to pre-pandemic levels in FY22, but their compound annual growth rate (CAGR) since FY19 stood at 4%, compared to 8.9% between FY16 and FY19. On the other hand, the three-year CAGR of profits was 16.2% in the 2021-22 compared to just 0.4% in 2018-19.

India Energy Week: Energy security takes centre stage

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**NEW DELHI:** Service sector activity, as measured by the HSBC Purchasing Managers Index (PMI), climbed to a six-month high of 61.8 in January 2024, from 59 the previous month, on increased new business, according to a statement from S&P Global released Monday. The earlier high of 62.3 was in July 2023, according to data from the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE).

A reading above 50 indicates an expansion in economic activity over the last month. With the January 2024 value of 61.8, the services sector PMI has stayed in the expansion territory con-

Services sector growth hits six-month high in Jan secutively for the past 30 months.

> Services activity expanded at a faster rate than the recently released manufacturing index which came in at a four-month high of 56.5. This number was 54.9 in December 2023. The composite index now stands at 61.2, the highest since July 2023, a reflection of the economy's resilience.

GST collections in January 2024 stood at ₹1,72,129 crore, 4.4% more than the collection a month ago. The GST collections grew 10.4% in the reporting month on a year-on-year basis.

The new business intake subindex increased to 62.2 points in January 2024, up 2.8 points from a month ago value, according to data in a note by Rahul Bajoria, head of Emerging Markets Asia economics research at Barclays, which includes data of PMI sub-indices. The sub-index was the

highest in six months, said HSBC in its statement. "Advertising, positive demand trends, and new client wins reportedly fuelled sales", the statement added. "New business expanded at a faster pace and managers' expectation for future activity was strong," said Ines Lam, Economist at HSBC. New export orders increased to 53.2, from 51.9 in December 2023. "New business expanded at a faster pace and managers' expectation for future activity was strong,'

said added Lam. Higher orders in the reporting month did not however ing. The employment sub-index grew a marginal 0.1 point to 50.8 in January 2024, Barclays research note added.

translate into an increase in hir-

The input price PMI increased to a five-month high of 55.2 in January, 3 points higher than the December 2023 print, on higher salaries and freight costs, said Bajoria in his note. The consumer services sector contributed the most to the higher input price pressures in January, HSBC said in its statement.

Output prices index however fell to 52.3 in the reporting month, down 0.7 points from December 2023, as firms absorbed some costs to maintain demand, Bajoria added in his note. Selling prices in the communication sectors, increased at the quickest pace according to the statement from HSBC. The rate of inflation for service firms marked the fastest in five months, the statement added.

transport, information, and

The composite PMI index, which measures India's private sector activity and includes both services and manufacturing, increased to 61.2 in January 2024, from 58.5 a month ago, according to the statement by HSBC. This is the sharpest expansion since July 2023, when the composite PMI increased to 61.9 from its June value of 59.4. The manufacturing PMI rebounded in the reporting month after slowing for three consecutive months.

#### Apex court cautions Sebi against 'lethargy'

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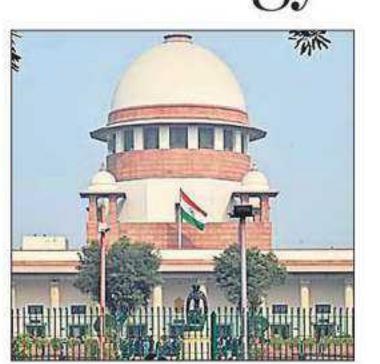
**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Monday reproached the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) for taking ten years to conclude an investigation into a case involving alleged violation of listing norms and unfair trade practice, calling the market regulator "lax" and cau-

bench of justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta asked Sebi's counsel. It added, "It's a very sad state of affairs. If this is the standard of the regulator, we don't know what to say...We aren't concerned with inconsistency,

tioning it against "lethargy". "Does it take 10 years for India's premier regulator to conshow-cause notice. clude an investigation? Is it an effective and good regulation practice? Is that the standard you want the world to know of the regulator that you are?" a

but you have been utterly lax." The court was irked at Sebi taking 10 years in issuing a showcause notice to a finance company over alleged misuse of funds raised through preferential allotment. The preferential allotment was made by Alps Motor Finance Ltd (AMFL) in August 2013. While BSE Ltd took

cognisance of the alleged viola-



The court was irked at Sebi taking 10 years in issuing a

of funds in 2016, it took another five years for Sebi to step in. The regulator issued a show-cause

notice only in 2023. "Explain the delay...Why did you take around two years to start the investigation after BSE flagged it? And what did you do between 2018 and 2022? You issued a show-cause notice in 2023. Is this what's expected from a good regulator? We can't keep on accepting your lethargy," the bench told additional solicitor general N Venkatra-

man, who represented Sebi. Responding, Venkatraman said that there was a batch of over a hundred cases that Sebi was looking into at the time and that the regulator was simultaneously focussing on policy tion of listing norms and misuse changes.

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#### **CRYPTIC CLUES**

#### **ACROSS**

1 Worn cuffs (5)

4 A cleric angered about being questioned (7) 8 Confess one's love at two points (3) 9 Audible cheering is produced in a flash (9) 10 He is sorry for one who is late (7)

11 She's in a fine state (5) 13 Observe the water has now thawed? (6) 15 Be relevant to grizzly performing (4,2) 18 Vehicle to travel as freight (5)

19 Small article produced by an erratic knitter?

21 Want to try? Only too willing (4,1,4) 23 Dad is right on the level (3) 24 Dead set about being relaxed (7)

#### 25 Return to deposit gold sovereign (5)

DOWN 1 He will run away when the sun comes out (7)

2 Musical livewire (9) 3 Fresh loans required for a hairdressing

business (5) 4 Consider changing gear on the road (6)

5 An improvement in relations (7)

6 Rumanian money that is left over (3) 7 Sort of lead mother will follow in principle

12 Unearned income? (6,3) 14 To prevent overheating use this - not coal anyway (7)

16 It's expected to be unaffected (7)

17 Attacked the copper with acid (6)

18 Shouts out names (5)

20 In the meantime I'm after it (5)

22 Deceive a child (3)

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ACROSS 1 Devoid of pity (5)

4 Barely able (4,3)

8 Insane (3) 9 Prevailing influence (9)

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10 Classify (7)

11 Large marine mammal (5)

13 A puzzling thing (6)

15 East Mediterranean island (6) 12 Ancient citadel in Athens (9) 18 Shout for joy (5)

14 High-ranking military officer (7) 19 Having expressionless face (7) 16 Unfeigned (7) 21 Colluding (2,7)

23 Sheltered side (3) 24 According to law (7)

17 Utter foolishness (6) 18 Feverish cold (5) 25 Predilection (5)

DOWN

1 Fellow soldier (7)

3 Burdened (5)

4 Obstruct (6)

5 Fugitive (7)

2 Being shot at (5,4)

6 Play on words (3)

20 Valuable quality (5) 22 Projection on toothed wheel (3)

DIFFICULTY LEVEL

7 Frequently recurring melody (5)

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#### global oil and gas majors would also attend the event. Among the who's who of the oil and gas industry at the event will be Opec secretary general Haitham Al Ghais. Energy ministers of Guyana, Nigeria, Iraq and Sri Lanka are

and sustainable growth.

The four-day event is likely to see over 35,000 attendees, more than 350 exhibitors, 400 speakers, and 4,000 delegates, according to the union ministry of petroleum and natural gas.

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utive officer (CEO) Igor Sechin, president and chief executive officer of Malaysia's state-run Petroliam Nasional Bhd (Petronas) Tengku Muhammad Taufik and its entire board will also attend.

largest energy majors, is a sponsor of the event. Among many participants

Saudi Aramco, one of the

and delegates, energy ministers of 17 countries and CEOs of

expected to be present, among

others. Modi is scheduled to meet the global CEOs at a roundtable discussion. The presence of the global oil and gas companies and Modi's

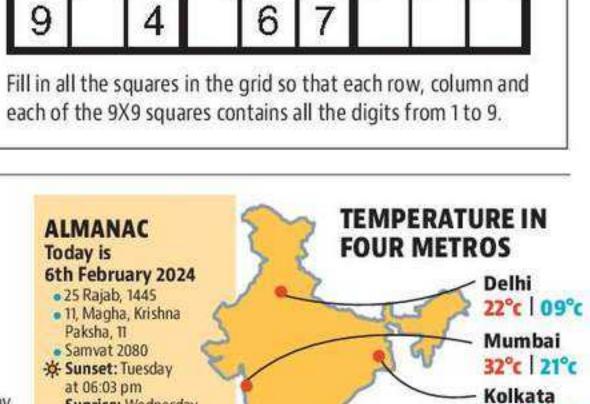
meeting with their chiefs comes

at a time when India is looking at increasing oil and gas exploration in the country in a bid to raise domestic hydrocarbon production and reduce import dependence. About 85% of India's energy requirement is met through imports.

Amid India's diversification efforts Russia and Iraq are currently the top suppliers to India.

"In just two years, India Energy Week has become a prominent part of the global energy calendar. With the fastest growing major economy, a growing consumer base, and an inviting investment climate, we've carved out a niche in the energy landscape," an official statement on Sunday quoted union petroleum and natural gas minister Hardeep Singh Puri as saying.

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#### WEATHER TEMPERATURE \*HIGH \*LOW WEDNESDAY TUESDAY Moderate fog

THURSDAY Strong surface winds during day 22°c | 09°c | 21°c | 08°c

Sunrise: Wednesday 28°c | 19°c at 07:06 a.m. Moonset: Tuesday Chennai at 01:58 p.m. 32°c | 21°c Moonrise: Wednesday at 04:53 a.m.

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3	Agra	Mainpuri-Etawah to Dharwar via Jamunabagh	88	135	Bareilly	Badaun Bareilly Biharipur to Kitauna-Awala-Sirauli- Shabbad	76	259	Lucknow	Hardoi-Atwa-Gopamau-Pisawan-Sitapur Hardoi-Barsoiya-Gadhiya- Nakataura-Allaganj-	94
5	Agra Agra	Mainpuri-Etawah to Kachoraghat via Jaswantnagar Mainpuri-Etawah to Raipura via Kumhawar Rahin	88 88	136	Bareilly	Bareilly Dabaura to Nurpur- Awala -Bisauli- Chandausi	70	260	Lucknow	Badaun  Hardoi-Pihani Chungi-Bavan Nahar-Hullapur-	161
6	Agra Agra	Mainpuri-Shikohabad to Lajpur Tiraha via Makkhanpur Mainpuri-Shikohabad-Naseerpur	84 71	137	Bareilly	Bareilly Vahanpur Kiratpur- Awala -Bisauli- Chandausi	83.5	261	Lucknow	Farrukhabad  Hardoi-Bawan Nahar-Majhilapul-Bilgram -	77
8	Agra	Mainpuri-Shikohabad via Sirsaganj Paigu	81 79	138 139	Bareilly Bareilly	Bareilly Sardarnagar to Kifri-Dataganj- Badaun Bareilly Chadpur Bilaspur Dataganj Badaun	95 75	262	Lucknow	Madhouganj-Kanpur Sitapur-Khairabad-Bishunagar-Jalalpur-Lucknow	154 98
10	Agra Agra	Mainpuri-Shikohabad via Sirsaganj Madanpur Mainpuri-Shikohabad-Jasrana-Kushiyari	82	140 141	Bareilly Bareilly	Bareilly Majnupur to Bisaratganj-Sirauli-Shahbad Bareilly Devchara to Bhairavpur-Dataganj	101 61	264	Lucknow	Sitapur-Imalia Sultanpur-Jharrekhapur-Lakhimpur Sitapur-Amberpur- Gobrepurwa-Rampurwa-	60
12	Agra Agra	Mainpuri-Shikohabad-Gudha-Gadhsan Bewar-Farrukhabad-Panchalghat-Chachupur- Kadahar	52 52	142 143	Bareilly Bareilly	Bareilly Awala - Himmatpur to Pathri Bareilly Makarandpur to Aspur- Awala -Saidpur	70 56	265	Lucknow	Raipur-Ramkot- Neemsar-Hardoi	83
13	Agra	Bewar-Farrukhabad- Maudarbaja-Chilsara- Shamshabad	67	144 145	Bareilly Bareilly	Bareilly Sardarnagar to Shyampur-Dataganj Bareilly Faridpur-Khalpura-Shahjahanpur	69.3 97	266	Lucknow	Sitapur-Khageshiamau-Ramnagara-Ramkot- Neemsar-Hardoi	87 50
14 15	Agra Agra	Bewar-Farrukhabad-Nabavganj-Babna link road Bewar-Farrukhabad- Nabavganj-Puthri link road	71 71	146	Bareilly	Bareilly Rampuria- Gharampur- Faridpur - Shahjahanpur	100	267 268	Lucknow Lucknow	Sitapur-Urdauli-Bihatgaud-Dadanamaughat-Hardoi Sitapur-Ramkot-Arthana - Hardoi	59 68
16 17	Agra Agra	Bewar-Farrukhabad-Pithnapur-Gudera Bewar-Mainpuri - Sahan via Angautha	46.5 52	147 148	Bareilly Bareilly	Bareilly Kishanpur-Jadopur-Khudaganj Budaun-Kadarchowk-Gangpur-Ganjdundwara	66 50	269	Lucknow	Sitapur-Kursinpurwa-Daudpur-Goverdhanpur- Biswan-Lucknow	124
18 19	Agra Agra	Bewar-Mainpuri - Nauner via Dannahaar Bewar-Mainpuri-Bhogaon via Salempur Padhina	51 58	149 150	Bareilly Bareilly	Budaun-Kuru-Bilsi-Sambhal Budaun Meow-Alapur-Farrukhabad	99 109	270	Lucknow	Sitapur-Tedwa-Chilola-Gaura-Imliya Sultanpur- Kasta-Gola	75
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22	Agra	Mathura-Agra-Basai	81	153	Barcilly	Budaun-Kunwargaon-Sigoi-Aonla-Rampur  Mundalia Bhaisa-Badapura-Harraipur Churaha-	103	272	Lucknow	Sitapur-Dharnag-Veniyapur-Daranagar-Farakpur- Imliya Sultanpur-Kasta-Gola	81
24	Agra Agra	Agra-Mathura-Shamsahad-Garhi Harinalnur	45 92	154	Bareilly	Amaria-Jehanabad-Pilibhit-Nawabganj-Bareilly Satellite	96.2	273	Lucknow	Sitapur-Imalia Sultanpur-Nizampur-Sadhvapur- Hargaon-Lakhimpur	66
25 26	Agra	Agra-Mathura- Shamsabad- Garhi Haripalpur Bah-agra-parna	92 92	155	Bareilly	Shahjahanpur-Basulia- Mahumaheshpur- Mahmudapur-Mudiapawar- Puwaya -Banda-	108	274 275	Lucknow	Gola-Aliganj-Malpur-Shahjahanpur Gola Kutwara Bhadura-Secunderabad-	95 187
27 28	Agra Agra	Bah-agra-kamtari Bah-Agra-Bhadrauli Kukthari Pinahat	97 97	156	Basti	Puranpur- Pilibhit  Basti-Dubhaula-Tinich-Gorakhpur  Pagti Pokdishanda Gorakhpur	109	276	Lucknow	Bhikhampur-Sitapur- Lucknow  Gola Sikbapur Sunderpur Rampur Mohammadi -	112
29 30	Agra Agra	Bah-Agra- Puraknaira Baasauni Bah-Agra-Narhauli Harlalpura	90 86	157	Basti Basti	Basti-Pakdichanda-Gorakhpur Basti-Barahshetra-Gorakhpur	104	276	Lucknow	Shahjahanpur Gola-Dharthania-Sakeethu-Kakarha Kasta-Sitapur-	194
31 32	Agra Agra	Bah-Agra-Kainjaraghat Bah-Agra- Vikrampur Sunsar	85 80	159	Basti	Basti-Nagarbazar- Pokhara Bazar-Gorakhpur Siddharthnagar-Udaipur Pakdi-Gorakhpur	99	277	Lucknow	Lucknow  Kaishwapur Saraiya Raipur Dhunshi Secunderabad	180
33 34	Agra Agra	Agra-Digrauta-Veerai Saiya Agra-Mathura-Bisalpur	38 87	161	Basti	Siddharthnagar-Paraiya Ghat Chilhiya-Gorakhpur Siddharthnagar-Paparhwa Wardpur-Gorakhpur	106 106	278	Lucknow	Badhya Khaira-Sitapur-Lucknow Unnao to Mudera Via Jagdishpur Rae Bareli	180
35 36	Agra Agra	Agra-Farah via Kirawali-Achhnera Agra-Saiya via Deori-Iradatnagar	56 36	163 164	Basti Basti	Mohana Uska Sohas Siddharthnagar-Gorakhpur Siddharthnagar-Patni Jungle Mahadeva-Gorakhpur	103 103	280 281	Lucknow Lucknow	Unnao to Padri-Hardoi Unnao to Bakatkheda via Taura Kanpur	135 59
37 38	Aligarh Aligarh	Agra-Hathras-Pavloi-Rajnagar Marg Mathura-Hathras- Varhad-Nagla Jar	77 67	165 166	Basti Basti	Siddharthnagar-Paraiyaghat-Chilhiya-gorakhpur Siddharthnagar-Tadiya Gaighat Kakarhi-	106 103	282	Moradabad	Bijnor-Ravali-Mandawar-Bhaguwala Amroha-Joya-Bhawalpur-Achoda-Kamboh-Nagli-	57
39	Aligarh	Agra-Hathras-Daulatpur-Sekhupura  Etah-Giraura Bauddha Vihar- Ataranjikheda-	78	167	Basti	Gorakhpur Siddharthnagar-Gangati Jogia Nadhepar Kodartal-	105	283 284	Moradabad Moradabad	Sambhal  Moradabad-Amroha-Jabda-Kudamafi	55 64
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42	Aligarh Aligarh	Aligarh Etah-Khadaua-Pahrai-Aligarh	112	168	Basti	Jogibari Sirvat Judhi Kuiya Sasna Mahala Shohratgand-Gorakhpur	110	287 288	Moradabad Moradabad	Najibabad-Ramdaswali-Bhaguwala-Bijnor Najibabad-Bundki-Nagina-Bijnor	78 53
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45 46	Aligarh Aligarh	Aligarh-Atrauli- Inayatpur Hathras-Aligarh-Andla-Ismailpur	40 61	170	Basti	Siddharthnagar-Jeetpur Agya Kala Madhubeniya Gaura Roshanjyot Kolhua to Kamhariya- Gorakhpur	107	291 292	Moradabad Moradabad	Najibabad-Kotwali-Nahtaur-Paijania-Chandpur Chandpur-Hastinapur-Mawana-Meerut	59 69
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49 50	Aligarh Aligarh	Kasganj-Piwari-Mohni-Soron Kasganj-Bhupalgarhi-Aligarh	31 89	172	Basti	Siddharthnagar-Siswa Grant Wardpur No-10 Rampur Mohana-Gorakhpur	109	294 295	Moradabad Mirzapur	Rampur-Shankarpur-Patwai-Shahbad-Bilari Khairahi-Shahganj-Robertsganj-Varanasi	65 127
51 52	Aligarh	Kasganj-Soron-Barbara-Aligarh Kasganj-Sailai-Aligarh	101 78	173	Basti	Siddharthnagar-Bhagwanpur LD to Yusufpur Sadda-Gorakhpur	116	296 297	Mirzapur	Gureth-Odar-Robertsganj-Varanasi Tiwaripur-Belkhurimod-Robertsganj-Mirzapur	129 100
53	Aligarh Aligarh	Kasganj-Baroda-Aligarh	91	174	Basti	Siddharthnagar-Chetia Supa-Gorakhpur	109	298	Mirzapur	Laibari-Chatra-Robertsganj-Varanasi	125
54 55	Aligarh	Kaushambi-Aligarh- Kodiyaganj via Panaithi Hathras-Aligarh-Kalua via Pachpeda	162 58	175	Gonda	Siddharthnagar-Hata Sonkhar-Gorakhpur Gonda-Baggiroad-Parasarayar-Dhanepur	36	300	Mirzapur	Churkbazar-Chatra-Robertsganj-Mirzapur Chakaria-Salkhan-Robertsganj-Varanasi	106
56 57	Aligarh Aligarh	Aligarh-Shahwajpur-Bulandshahr Etah-Aligarh-Badhuoan via Lhausra	78 93	177	Gonda Gonda	Gonda-Wazirganj-Jhilahi-Mankapur Bahraich-Bedenapur-Balwapur-Ramgaon-Mahsi- Behra	37 42	301 302	Mirzapur Mirzapur	Shahganj-Rajpur-Urmaura-Robertsganj-Varanasi Uttari Deori-Balhara Mod-Mirzapur-Varanasi	129 97
58 59	Aligarh Aligarh	Hathras-Aligarh-Bahrampur via Harduaganj Hathras-Aligarh-Barauli	58 53	179 180	Gonda Gonda	Balrampur-Mathura Bazaar-Bhinga Balrampur-Vishnapur-Sahbara-Babaganj-Dhancpur	42 37	303	Mirzapur	Jhengura-Barkachha Police chauki-Mirzapur- Varanasi Meerut-Badhdha mod Kila-Mawana-Falayada	90
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62	Ayodhya	Lucknow-Barabanki-Laxbar-Bajha-Zakriya- Sadatganj	61	183	Ghaziabad Ghaziabad	Hapur- Asra-Muradpur-Matnaura- Noida	81 82	305	Meerut	Marg  Meerut-Rachhauti, Disauri-Ajrada-Ataula, Hapur	56
63	Ayodhya	Lucknow-Barabanki-Bhanmau-Gangagaj to Bhanmau route	61	185	Ghaziabad Ghaziabad	Hapur-Bajheda Kala-Ikledi-Meerut Hapur-Pilkhuwa-Fhagauta- Kaushambi Hapur Chharlauli Ayadagar Vayahambi	85 95	306	Meerut	Bulandshahr Marg.  Meerut-Hassanpur Kala-Kila-Mawana Mirapur-	79
65	Ayodhya	Lucknow-Barabanki-Bhanmau-Zaidpur  Lucknow-Barabanki-Palhari-Zaidpur	57 52	187	Ghaziabad	Hapur-Chhapkauli-Ayadnagar-Kaushambi Hapur-Allipur-Nali Hussainpur- Kaushambi	89	307	Meerut	Bijnor Marg  Meerut-Mawana-Meerut-Lakhwaya-Jinjokhar-	96
66	Ayodhya Ayodhya	Lucknow-Barabanki-Satrikh-Tirgaon-Amethi Lucknow-Barabanki-Harakh-Zaidpur	52 53	188	Ghaziabad	Harampur-Loni-Ghaziabad Pachayra-Loni-Ghaziabad	34 39	308	Meerut	Dungar-Jatpura Badaut-Makhar-Bijwada-Badawad-Wajidpur	79
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70	Ayodhya	Kakwa to Amethi via Kohara Sultanpur Ayodhya Sarai Rajshah Munshiganj Amethi Via Ramdepur	108	192 193	Ghaziabad Ghaziabad	Lutfallapur Nawada-Loni-Ghaziabad Sirora Salempur-Ghaziabad	40 40	310	Meerut	Baraut-Baghpat-Loni Mod  Badaut-Sirsaali-Johadi-Badaut-Baghpat-Loni Mod	57 58
71	Ayodhya	Sultanpur Ayodhya  Ramgarh Amethi via Vishesharganj Sultanpur	109	194 195	Gorakhpur Gorakhpur	Gorakhpur-Rajdhani-Padrauna Gorakhpur-Tarkulha-Padrauna	95 104	312	Meerut Meerut	Badaut-Baghpat via Doula Nahar-Loni Mod Badaut-Nirajpur Gurjar via Baghpat Baghu-	58
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81 82	Ayodhya Ayodhya	Bhiti Akbarpur Azamgarh Bhai-Dubepur Sultanpur Ayodhya	117 74	208	Gorakhpur Gorakhpur	Gorakhpur  Deoria-Chhapauli-Usra-Gorakhpur	78 75	324 325	Prayagraj Prayagraj	Kotwa-Hanumanganj-Prayagraj-Handia  Bansi-Pratapgarh-Prayagraj	62 78
83	Ayodhya	Ramnugar Chandaur Sureshnagar Kudwar Sultanpur Ayodhya	89	210	Gorakhpur	Deoria-Jagatmazha-Karanpura-Silhata-Jogiya Chauraha-Gorakhpur	80	326 327	Prayagraj Prayagraj	Bansi-Chauhariganj-Pratapgarh-Prayagraj  Durgaganj-Prithviganj-Pratapgarh-Prayagraj	86 86
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86	Ayodhya	Ayodhya Mahesharganj Bhai Pakadi Sultanpur Ayodhya	82	213	Gorakhpur	Deoria-Balua-Mahiganj-Gorakhpur  Deoria-RampurAwasthi-Mahuapan-Ratanpura-	76	330	Prayagraj	Prayagraj-Manjhanpur-Koro-Tegai-Tedhimod- Shahzadpur	69
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Ph. No — (06652 —234647), Email. ID — eephbgr@yahoo.co.in NOTICE INVITING TENDERS NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement Bid Identification No. SE PH BGR 12/2023-24 Dt. 03.02.2024

01. Number of the Works : 03 Nos. 02. Estimated Cost 03. Period of Completion

: Rs. 59.55 to 186.62 Lakhs (approx.) : 4 Month to 9 Month 04. Date & Time of availability of bid : From 11.00 AM of dt. 09.02.2024 to 5.00 PM of dt. document in the portal : 23.02.2024

05. Last date / time of receipt of bids in the portal : 5 PM of dt. 23.02.2024 06. Date & Time of opening of bids 07. Name and Address of the Officer Inviting Bid : Superintending Engineer, P.H. Division, Balangir,

: At 11.00 AM of dt.26.02.2024 At- Tulsinagar, Dist- Balangir-767001

Further details can be seen from the web site http://tenders.ori.nic.in or www.tendersodisha.gov.in Superintending Engineer, (P.H. Division, Balangir) OIPR - 13005/11/0015/2324

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National Competitive Bidding **E-Tender Notice** 

On behalf of chairman Uttarakhand Peyjal Sansadhan Vikas Evam Nirman Nigam, Dehradun E-Tender are invited for construction of Mussoorie sewerage scheme (Revised) of Mussoorie Nagar Palika Prishad area Distt- Dehradun which can be seen on website http://www.uktenders.gov.in from dated 07.02.2024 to 28.02.2024. Terms & Conditions of the tender may also be obtained from above mentioned website. Superintending Engineer

#### G2@ NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY E-Tender No.- PRYJ-GSU-Sig-014-2023-24 Date: 03.02.2024

E-Tender Notice

Dy. CSTE Gati Shakti Unit (Signal & telecommunication), North Central Railway Prayagraj for and on behalf of the President of India invites open E-tender on

prescribed form for the following work up to 12.00 hrs on the opening date of E-tender mentioned therein. The details of the Tender are as under:-**Earnest Money** Tender No. Approx. Cost of work 327200.00 35434123.62

Name of work: Provision of CCTV surveillance system under telecom work for Up gradation of goods shed at Harduagani, Mainpuri, Etawah, Firozabad, Shikohabad, Fatehpur, Mirzapur, Manda, Iradatganj Athsarai, Ekdil & Phaphund. Cost of Tender Form: 0.00, Completion period: 12 Months, Date of Opening of

tender: 04.03.2024 2. Availability of tender form: Tender forms are available on www.ireps.gov.in 3. Earnest Money to be deposited: The prescribed amount of Earnest Money as mentioned above must be deposited along with the tender form Online through Internet Banking or Online Payment gateway only. The tenderer(s) should note that, in any case, the Earnest Money in any other form than specified above shall not be acceptable. Tenders without earnest money shall be summarily rejected. 4. Time & place of opening of tender: Tender will be opened through Etender at office of Divisional Railway Manager, Prayagraj at or after 12.30 hours. Ir case tender opening date happens to be holiday, Tenders will be opened on the next working day. 5. Validity of offer: 60 days from the date of opening. 6. Right of Railway to deal with tender: Railway administration reserves the rights to postpone/modify or to cancel the tender without assigning any reasons. 7. Similar Nature of Work: Any work involving supply, installation, testing and commissioning of Integrated Security System/Video surveillance system/Access Control, Personal & Baggage Screening System, Explosive Detection & Disposal System and their integration. 

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/ EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/ EMAIL
1.	MICAD DIVISION PANIPAT	REHABILITATION OF WATERCOURSE AT OUTLET RD 2290/L MOHANA MINOR + 6 WORKS	01.02.2024 15.02.2024	4.15 CRORES	https:// etenders.hry. nic.in	0180-2650805 xencadpanipat @gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in RO No. 13/2024/40/24717/I/19/7



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E\_Mail ID serw\_balasore@yahoo.in / Ph-No-06782 / 260318, Balia, Balasore "e" Procurement Notice for Road Work

Identification No.- Online Tender-Road N.C.B. No. 75 for 2023-24 Letter No. 515 / WE, Date: 02/02/2024

Road under MMSY-TRIP Name of the work :- 3 Nos. of Roads.

Total No. of work Estimated Cost

:- From Rs. 436.81 lakhs to Rs. 670.80 takhs(Approximatety) 4. Eligible Class of Contractor

: - "A" & "Special" Class(of Odisha P.W.D.) or relevant Class of other Licensing authorities (as per annexure). :- From 09 (Nine) to 11(Eleven)Calendar months for the work.

Period of Completion Other details

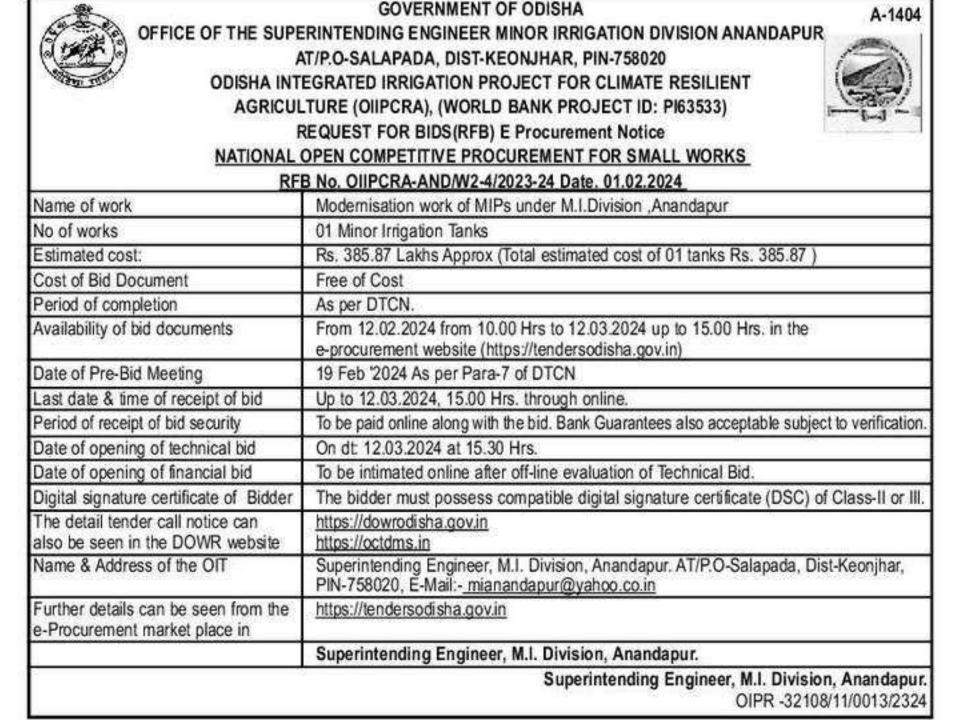
Date & Time of Opening of Tender in Availability of tender Last Date & Time O/O S.E.R.W. Circle, Balasore On-line for bidding Identification Procurement Officer of seeking Tender Technical Bid Financial Bid From Clarification 12.02.2024 Chief Construction 05.02.2024 13.02.2024 Will be 15.02.2024 at Engineer, Rural Works NCB No.-75 at 10.00 intimated Up to 10.00 P.M 5.00 P.M Circle, Balasore 5.00 P.M. later

\* Further details can be seen from the website: www.tendersodisha.gov.in

Sd/- N.V HariharRao Chief Construction Engineer, R.W. Circle, Balasore

OIPR - 25105/11/0098/2324

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DETAILS OF WORK :-

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER LOCAL AREA ENGINEERING ORGANISATION, WORKS DIVISION - 01, Bhagalpur (CIVIL WORKS)

(Through e-procurement mode only – www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

Amount of

Processing

SHORT TERM RE-TENDER NIT NO. 06/2023-24 The Executive Engineer, LAEO, Works Division-01, Bhagalpur on behalf of the Governor of Bihar invites percentage rate bid in two bid system(Technical /Financial) from the eligible and approved contractors registered in Bihar state works department/corporation/other State & Central Government /PSU or any Agency of National or International repute for following works. However, registration within the state of Bihar in any works department/ corporation (in which registration facility is available) will be essential after issue of letter of acceptance

Grou p No.	Name of work	BOQ Amount (Rs. in Lakh)	Money online mode or off line mode BG only (Rs. in Lakh)	B.O.Q. (non- refundabl e to be paid online only) (in Rs.)	fee (non- refundable payment only through online mode) (in Rs.)	Time of complet ion (in months)
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
1	Construction of Panchayat sarkar Bhawan at Sian panchayat in Kahalgaon block (Khata No. 368, Thana No. 311, khesra No. 715)	288.90561	5.778	10000.00	3540.00	14 Month
2	Construction of Panchayat sarkar Bhawan at Rampur panchayat in Kahalgaon block (Khata No. 330, Thana No. 256, khesra No. 198)	287.81583	5.756	10000.00	3540.00	14 Month
3	Construction of Panchayat sarkar Bhawan at Salempur Saini panchayat in Kahalgaon block (Khata No. 142, Thana No. 285, khesra No. 177)	286.96680	5.739	10000.00	3540.00	14 Month
4	Construction of Panchayat sarkar Bhawan at Shyampur panchayat in Kahalgaon block (Khata No. 51, Thana No. 263, khesra No. 36)	284.64801	5.693	10000.00	3540.00	14 Month
5	Construction of Panchayat sarkar Bhawan at Nisfambey panchayat in Nathnagar block (Khata No. 173, Thana No. 316, khesra No. 239)	284.89934	5.698	10000.00	3540.00	14 Month
6	Construction of Panchayat sarkar Bhawan in Amba panchayat in shahkund block (Khata No. 414, Thana No. 263, khesra No. 362)	288.87943	5.778	10000.00	3540.00	14 Month
7	Construction of Panchayat sarkar Bhawan at jagariya panchayat in shahkund block (Khata No. 547, Thana No. 237, khesra No. 837)	290.29802	5.806	10000.00	3540.00	14 Month
8	Construction of Panchayat sarkar Bhawan at Kamarganj panchayat in Sultanganj block (Khata No. 212, Thana No. 73, khesra No. 191)	291.86761	5.838	10000.00	3540.00	14 Month

2. Date of issue of Notice inviting lender Start date and time for uploding of Bid

4. Time, date and place of Pre.Bid Meeting

5. Last Date and Time for uploding of Bid 6. Date of Opening Technical Bids

7. Time and Date of Opening Financial 8. Place of Opening of Bids

9. Period of bid validity

Date: 10.02.2024, 10.00AM (only on website: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in ) Date: 09.02.2024 at 03:30 PM. office of the Chief Engineer, LAEO, Vishweshwaria Bhavan, 4 th floor ,Room no-423, Bailey Road,Patna-800015 Date: 17.02.2024 upto 3.00 PM (only on website: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in .) Date: 21.02.2024 upto 3.30 PM at 3.30 PM

(At least two working days after the date as mentioned in above clause 5) (only on website : www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in ). To be announced by competent authority (only on website/www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in).

Local Area Engineering Organisation,

: Through website/www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in . Only. 120 days after the deadline date for bid

submission 10 Name of the Employer : Executive Engineer, Local Area Engineering Organisation Works Division-01, Bhagalpur **Executive Engineer,** 

Works Division-01, Bhagalpur PR. No. 016526 (Planning) 2023-24 For further details please visit: www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar

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

**GOVT. OF MAHARASHTRA** Public Works (South) Division, Pune - 411 001 Phone No. 020/26121765 Web - www.mahapwd.gov.in & e-mail- integratedpune.ee@mahapwd.gov.in

E-TENDER NOTICE NO.119 FOR 2023-2024 Sealed Online B-1 Tender Format Tender \_01\_ is/are Invited By The Executive Engineer, Public Works (South) Division, Pune - 411 001. (Telephone No. 26121765) Invites bids for Given works from Registered as well as Unregistered

contractor in B-1 Tender Format Bids document can be downloaded from website https://mahatenders.gov.in. Executive Engineer reserves all rights to accept or reject bids without assigning any reasons. Conditional bids will not be accepted.

The detailed Tender Notice can be is available on Web - www.mahapwd.gov.in (Only Tender Notice)

https://mahatenders.gov.in (Details of Tender Notice & Detail Documents) (Any changes in the NIT will be Corrigendum's published on above website

(Amol A. Pawar) **Executive Engineer,** Public Work (South) Division, Pune 411 001. DGIPR/2023-2024/ROC 7684

यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण प्रथम तल, कॉमर्शियल कॉम्पलेक्स, सैक्टर-ओमेगा-1 (पी-2) ग्रेटर नौएडा

Toll Free No. 18001808296 वेबसाइट : www.yamunaexpresswayauthority.com

दिनांकः 02.02.2024

पत्रांक :- वाई.ई.ए./भूलेख/205/2024 सार्वजनिक सूचना

यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा नियोजित क्षेत्र में आपसी सहमति के आधार पर निम्न काश्तकारों से भूमि क्रय किया जाना प्रस्तावित है:-

क्रम सं0	ग्राम का नाम/सैक्टर	खाता संख्या		खसरे का कुल क्षेत्रफल (हे0 में)	खातेदार का नाम व पता	तहसील से प्राप्त रिपोर्ट के आधार पर काश्तकार का हिस्सा	काश्तकार क विक्रय हेतु क्षेत्रफल (हे0 में)
1.	सैक्टर—29 तिरथली	251	48	0.2190	रामचन्द्र सिंह पुत्र बलजीत निवासी ग्राम तिरथली पर0 व तह0 जेवर जिला गौतमबुद्धनगर	सम्पूर्ण भाग	0.2190
2.	सैक्टर—29 तिरथली	278	185	3.1340	मनुराज पुत्र राज कुमार नि0 करौली बांगर पर0 व तहसील जेवर जिला गौतमबुद्धनगर हाल नि0 बी1—301, क्लेओ काउंटी से0 121 नोएडा।	1 / 8 भाग	0.3917
3.	सैक्टर—29 तिरथली	278	185	3.1340	सुषमा पत्नी राजकुमार नि0 ग्राम करौली बांगर पर0 व तहसील जेवर जिला गौतमबुद्धनगर हाल नि0 बी1—301, क्लेओ काउंटी से0 121 नोएडा।	1/8 भाग	0.3917
4.	सैक्टर—29 तिरथली	123	230	0.0760	अमर सिंह पुत्र नारायन सिंह व रामचन्द्र पुत्र बलजीत व कलुआ व रामजीलाल पुत्रगण मुन्शी नि० ग्राम तिरथली पर० व तह० जेवर जिला गौतमबुद्धनगर	1/3	0.0254
5.	सैक्टर—29 तिरथली	123	230	0.0760	वीरपाल पुत्र देवीराम व योगेश, फूली पुत्रगण नवल सिंह नि0 ग्राम तिरथली पर0 व तह0 जेवर जिला गौतमबुद्धनगर	1/9	0.0084
6.	सैक्टर—29 तिरथली	218	105	0.3480	रामजीलाल पुत्र हरदयाल सिंह, नि0 विशनपुरा सै0 58 नोएडा। हाल नि0 म0न0—ए6—2/8 न्यू कोन्डली पूर्वी दिल्ली।	870 / 3480	0.0870
7.	सैक्टर—29 तिरथली	123	230	0.0760	घासीराम निरंजन, महेश पुत्रगण प्यारे नि0 ग्राम तिरथली पर0 व तहसील जेवर जिला गौतमबुद्धनगर	1/9	0.0084
8.	सैक्टर—29 तिरथली	75	333	0.5190	रामवती पत्नी नन्हे नि0 ग्राम तिरथली पर0 व तहसील जेवर जिला गौतमबुद्धनगर	1/4	0.1297
9.	सैक्टर—29 तिरथली	135	372	2.6440	पुनीता गुप्ता पत्नी अरूण गुप्ता नि0 ए—12 अशोक नगर गाजियाबाद।	843 / 26440	0.0843
10.	सैक्टर—29 तिरथली	11	318	0.7250	राजकुमार शर्मा पुत्र नन्दलाल शर्मा नि0 ग्राम नगला श्री गोपाल मजरा रबूपुरा पर0 व तहसील जेवर जिला गौतमबुद्धनगर।	1180 / 7250	0.1180
11.	सैक्टर—29 तिरथली	207	197	0.0330	कन्हैया पुत्र हरी सिंह नि0 ग्राम तिरथली पर0 व तहसील पर0 व तहसील जेवर जिला गौतमबुद्धनगर हाल नि0 बी–82 बलवीर विहार सुलेमान नगर, किरारी, नार्थ वेस्ट दिल्ली।	1/3	0.0110
12.	सैक्टर–29 तिरथली	19	219	1.3210	अमर सिंह पुत्र नरायन सिंह व रामचन्द्र सिंह पुत्र बलजीत सिंह नि0 ग्राम तिरथली पर0 व तहसील पर0 व तहसील जेवर जिला गौतमबुद्धनगर	में से	0.0390
13.	सैक्टर-32 चकवीरमपुर	92	4क. 158म	0.0630 0.0250	जगत सिंह पुत्र मिर्चू नि0 ग्राम चकवीरमपुर पर0 व तह0 जेवर गौतमबुद्धनगर	1/18 1/18	0.0035 0.0014
14.	सैक्टर-32 चकवीरमपुर	20 18	334, 340ख 358 177 178 / 2 357	0.0890 0.5280 0.3920 0.0630 0.0620 0.1140	पिंकी देवी पत्नी विक्रम सिंह नि0 ग्राम चकवीरमपुर पर0 व तह0 जेवर जिला गौतमबुद्धनगर	1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8	0.0112 0.0660 0.0490 0.0079 0.0079
15.	सैक्टर—32 चकवीरमपुर	133	328	1.5290	सरफुददीन पुत्र चाहत खाँ नि0 ग्राम नगला हाण्डा माजरा कुरैब तह0 जेवर जिला गौतमबुद्धनगर।	1/8	0.1911
16.	सैक्टर—32 वीरमपुर	42 52 66 205	329 323स 321 324ख 323क	0.4550 0.5560 0.3410 0.3290 0.5560	नईमुददीन पुत्र मान खाँ नि0 ग्राम शाहबेरी तह0 दादरी जिला गौतमबुद्धनगर	1/6 1/15 1/36 1/36 1/15	0.0758 0.0370 0.0142 0.0137 0.0370
17.	सैक्टर—32 वीरमपुर	198 199	369म 312क	0.0630 0.3790	रवि उर्फ रविन्दर पुत्र राममूल नि0 ग्राम वीरमपुर हाल नि0 ए—126 गली नं0 2/9 अम्बिका विहार करावल नगर उत्तर पूर्वी दिल्ली।	1/72 1/48	0.0009 0.0079
18.	सैक्टर—32 वीरमपुर	198 199	369म 312क	0.0630 0.3790	दिनेश पुत्र रामभूल नि0 ग्राम वीरमपुर हाल नि0 म0न0—423 खसरा नं0 33/14 गली नं0 11 फेस 9, शिव विहार, करावल नगर उत्तर पूर्वी दिल्ली।	1/72 1/48	0.0009 0.0079
19.	सैक्टर—32 वीरमपुर	322	44	2.0070	नरेशपाल पुत्र नानक नि0 ग्राम वीरमपुर पर0 व तह0 जेवर जिला गौतमबुद्धनगर।	2220 / 2.0070	0.2220
20.	सैक्टर—28 तिरथली	166, 169	3 18	0.3270 0.3010	रामचन्द्र पुत्र नेता नि0 ग्राम तिरथली पर0 व तह0 जेवर जिला गौतमबुद्धनगर।	2/5 9/20	0.1308 0.1354
21.	सैक्टर–28 तिरथली	166, 169	3 18	0.3270 0.3010	बलवीर पुत्र नेता नि0 ग्राम तिरथली पर0 व तह0 जेवर जिला गौतमबुद्धनगर।	2/5 9/20	0.1308 0.1355

प्राधिकरण के कार्यालय में अपनी आपत्ति प्रस्तुत कर सकता है।

डिप्टी कलेक्टर, यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे प्राधिकरण

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Engineer/General, New Delhi

(A Government of Jharkhand Undertaking)

JSFC Building, 4th Floor, Kadru,

Ranchi, Jharkhand

Expression of Interest (second call) is invited from the suitable agencies/organizations for "Empanelment of Survey Agencies for carrying out DGPS or Total Station Survey" in Jharkhand Exploration and Mining Corporation Ltd. (JEMCL) -a Govt. of Jharkhand undertaking. The detailed terms & conditions relating to the above EOI and the prescribed formats of the application are available at jharkhandtenders.gov.in and also at the official website of JEMCL at https://jemcl.

General Manager PR 317853 Jharkhand Exploration And Mining Co Ltd(23-24)D

(Exploration) **Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority** 

Plot No.: 01, Knowledge Park IV, Greater Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P.-201308 Website: www.greaternoidaauthority.in, Email: authority@gnida.in Reference Number: GN/land/2023/1452

No.: 635 /50 Yatayat -7/2024

https://www.uktenders.gov.in,

Name of Work

One Time Maintenance work of

Premix carpet, construction of

damaged wall, damaged

scupper, parapet construction

and other repair work in km 1 to

14.810 Thirpak Kandai motor

road in Nandanagar block of

Tharali assembly constituency of

Date :- 01/02/2024

Outward No. AB/G-34/ 631 / 2024

District Chamoli.

Period of download of Tenders

(Office Addresses) as on

Date if possible.

Dated: 05/02/2024 Hiring a consultant for providing services for Land audit and door to door survey to the Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority (Second Call)

RFP document is available on the E-Procurement Portal of Government of UP (https://etender.up.nic.in) and GNIDA website (https://www.greaternoidaauthority.in) from 06/02/2024. Interested participants are required to submit required documents on or before 1700 hrs, 20/02/2024 through the E-Procurement portal. Opening of the bid is scheduled on 21/02/2024 at 11:00 am IST.

In case of any queries, the Bidders are requested to contact: OSD, Land Department, Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority, Plot No. 1, Knowledge Park 4, Greater Noida, District Gautam Budh Nagar - 201308, Uttar Pradesh.

Email: osdhv@gnida.in; Phone: +91 120-2336016 Officer on Special Duty (Land)

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**U.P. State Road Transport Corporation** Parivahan Bhavan, Tehri Kothi, 6 M.G. Marg, Lucknow-226001 (U.P.) E-Tender No.: 269MT/2024-66 MT/2016

Dated: 05.02.2024 **E-TENDER NOTICE** 

U.P.S.R.T.C. is inviting E-tenders from only eligible sources (Eligibility for participating in tender is given in tender document for following depots:-Name of Items: - TECHNICAL BID & FINANCIAL BID FOR PERIODICAL MAINTENANCE, OVERHAULING OF ASSEMBLIES, BODY WORK ON TATA/LEYLAND BUSES WITH LABOUR, LUBRICANTS AND SPARE PARTS COST WITH NEW AND RTD TYRE

1-Taj Depot, Agra region, 2-Sahibabad Depot, Ghaziabad region, 3-Sohrab Gate Depot, Meerut region, 4-Chutmalpur Depot, Saharanpur region, 5-Etah Depot, Aligarh region, 6-Najibabad Depot, Moradabad region, 7-Badaun Depot, Bareilly region, 8-Hardoi Depot, Hardoi region, 9-Etawah Depot, Etawah region, 10-Vikas Nagar Depot, Kanpur region, 11-Jhansi Depot, Jhansi region, 12-Awadh Depot, Lucknow region, 13-Sultanpur Depot, Ayodhya region, 14-Zero Road Depot, Prayagraj region, 15-Ballia Depot, Azamgarh region, 16-Deoria Depot, Gorakhpur region, 17-Cantt Depot, Varanasi region, 18-Banda Depot, Chitrakoot region, 19-Balrampur Depot, Devipatan region, Availability & e-submission of e-Tender on e-portal : - W.E.F. 06.02.2024

Opening of e-Tender document: -28.02.2024 at 11.00 Hrs. All e-tenders of UPSRTC shall be available on the website of Govt. e-portal etender.up.nic.in Detailed Bill of quantity, Eligibility for participating in tender, Other terms and conditions of the tender and calendar/timing of the

tender may be seen on Govt. e-portal etender.up.nic.in Please do visit etender.up.nic.in from time to time before last date of submission of tender for any possible amendment/corrigendum/ addendum. Any amendment/corrigendum/addendum only published in e-portal of etender.up.nic.in. For any query/clarification regarding submission

of e-tender vendors may call on following helpline numbers of NIC:-1-0522-2286809/808 2-0522-4130303/2298813 3-09935149327 Additional Managing Director

#### APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



Sd./-

to 27.02.2024 up to 15.00hrs.

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male namely Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown was found dead on 02.02.2024 at 03:15 PM Near Hanuman Mandir Park, Kalkatiya Gate, Kashmiri Gate, Delhi.

In this regard DD No. 47 A, dated 02.02.2024 has been lodged at Police Station, Kashmiri Gate, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Name: Unknown, Age: 30 Years, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Black Colour Coat & Striped Shirt and Lower Body Bare.

If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

Dated: 05.02.2024

Contractor's

Category of

Registration

Registerd in

Category "B"

and above for

Road work in

Uttarakhand

Govt.

DP/1455/N/2024

Validity

of Tender

(in Days)

120

Office of The Superintending Engineer

7th Circle PWD, Gopeshwar

E-Mail: sepwdgope@rediffmail.com

Cost of

e-Tender

document

5000.00 +

18% GST

E-tender Notice (Two Bid)

Hon, ble Governor of Uttarakhand by e-tendering under two bid system for the

following works. Information regarding bid will be available from 07-02-2024 on

Amount of Ear-

nest Money

(Rs. Lakhs)

3.84

Superintending Engineer, 7th Circle, P.W.D, Gopeshwar invites bid on behalf of

Police Station Kashmiri Gate, Delhi Ph.: 011-23968730, 8750870123

#### Hindustan Times

**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY** 

Date: 02.02.2024

NOTICE INVITING E-AUCTION On Behalf of The President Of India, The Divisional Railway Manager, (Commercial) Jhansi invites e-auction as per categories given as under:-

Category: Miscellanies Static Units Catalogue No.: JHS-MSU-PS-03 Asset Details: E-Auction of contract of parcel scanning machine through miscellanie static units at Veerangana Laxmibai Jhansi (VGLJ) stations of Jhansi Division. Auction Start: 16.02.2024 At 10.30 Hrs. | Auction End: 16.02.2024 At 11.00 Hrs

Note:- Prospective bidders are requested to visit e-Auction Leasing module or IREPS website (www.ireps.gov.in). The Lot-wise details are available therein under 211/24(A) the above mentioned Catalogue Number.

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#### APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



No.: JHS/Comml./e-Auction/24/07

General public is hereby informed that one male namely Tahir S/o Unknown R/o Unknown Age about 52 years, Height 5'7", Complexion Shallow, Face Long, Built Medium, Wearing Grey Colour Lower, White Colour sweater with grey Colour coat was found dead at Back side of RTPC Office, Mandir Marg, New

Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 40-A Dated 13.01.2024 has been lodged at PS Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi. The Dead body has been preserved in RML Hospital Mortuary.

Any person having any information or clue about this deceased male may kindly inform to the undersigned at the address or telephone nos. given below. SHO

DP/1398/CD/2024

Ro.No: 181

PS Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi Ph. 011-25704008, 25704009

H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006 Telephones: 0135-2763808 Fax: 0135-2763508 CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866 Website: www.ujvnl.com Date: 05.02.2024 e-TENDER NOTICE The office of Executive Engineer (Maintenance), Maneri Bhali

Stage -II, Chinyalisaur (Uttarkashi) invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below Tender No: NIT-70/EE (M)/MB-II/2023-24 Name of work/Supply/Services: Procurement of SS Forged Liner

Plates for 76 MW Turbines at Dharasu Power House, MB-II Uttarkashi. Estimated cost: Rs. 21,78,000/-only + GST extra.

Date of availability of bid document on website: 06.02.2024 from 16:00 Hrs.

Last date for submission of bids on website: 27.02.2024 up to 16:00 Hrs.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal http://uktenders.gov.in Executive Engineer (Maintenance)

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#### **GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA** PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION, NASHIK

Online E-Tenders in "B-1" Form for the following works invited by Executive Engineer, P.W.Division, Nashik Phone No. (0253/2583761-64, 2575324) for and on behalf of Governor of Maharashtra State From Capable of P.W.Deptt. Registered/ Unregistered Contractor or International Contractor whose Sub company / branch in India and also complete terms and conditions mentioned in tender document.

E-Tender Notice No.80 for 2023-24 (Online)

Tender document download on our website https://mahatenders.gov.in Right of rejection of E-tender / cancellation of E-tender reserved by The Executive Engineer, P.W.Division, Nashik. Conditional Tender will not be accepted.

Note:- Above mentioned E-Tender Notice including Total 03 (Three) (Costing upto Rs.500.00 Lacks ) Works And details of mentioned E-Tender Notice available on below website.

1. www.mahapwd.gov.in 2. https://mahatenders.gov.in

Tender Document	06.02	то	20.02.2024		
Sale Start and End Date Time	From	11:05	10	Upto	17:00

Blank E-Tender form Fees (Non refundable) and EMD amount will be accepted Online only. Post Qualification criteria condition included in tender document.

All eligible/intrested Contractors are required to be enrolled on

https://mahatenders.gov.in before downloading tender documents and participate in e-tendering.

The information of E-Payment Gateway available on E-Tendering website https://mahatenders.gov.in

Please Note this to all Registered / Unregistered Contractors.

E-mail: - southkolhapur.ee@mahapwd.gov.in

DGIPR/2023-24/ROC 7724

**Executive Engineer** Public Works Division, Nashik

#### APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person namely Radhey Shayam, R/o C-1/15, Sultanpuri, Delhi, and whose family is unknown, was found ill at his house. He was declared dead during treatment at RML Hospital on 01.02.2024 at 09:55 PM. In this regard DD No. 111A, dated 01.02.2024, U/s 174 CrPC, has been registered at P.S. Sultanpuri, Delhi.

**NEW DELHI** 

**FEBRUARY 06, 2024** 

**TUESDAY** 

The description of the UIDB is as under:

Sex: Male, Age: About 55 years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Flat skinny, Built: Thin, Id Mark: Broken front teeth.

If anyone has any information about this UIDB, kindly inform the SHO/Sultanpuri, Delhi.

> P.S. Sultanpuri, Delhi Ph. No.: 7065036134

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#### WESTERN RAILWAY - AHMEDABAD DIVISION CORRIGENDUM

The date of opening of tender of TENDER NOs. DRM-ADI-159, 160 163-2023-24 of NIT NO. 35 of 2023-2024 dated 18-01-2024 may be read as 20.02.2024 instead of date 13.02.2024. The details are as under: Tender Nos. DRM-ADI-159, 160 & 163-2023-24-2023-24. Date of Opening: 20-02-2024. All other terms and conditions of above tender Notice remain unchanged. ADI-262 Follow us on: X twitter.com/WesternRly

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#### Tender Notice No. CEN05GWL0124 **Ist CORRIGENDUM**

It is notified for all concerned that 1st corrigendum of Tender No. CEN05GWL0124 has been uploaded on Railways website www.ireps.gov.in on 03.02.2024. For detailed information see the Indian Railways website www.

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY 520 No.: TMC/CPOH/CORR./PRYJ/23-24/01 Dated: 03.02.2024

Corrigendum Notice

E-Tender for the work of "Intermediate overhauling (IOH) of Track machines in CPOH workshop, Prayagraj as per schedule of work" under notice No. TMC/CPOH/PRYJ/23-24/05 dated 24.01.2024 having date of opening 16.02.2024, was invited from the nterested firms. The aforesaid tender now to be opened on 21.02.2024 instead of 16.02.2024 till 15.00 hrs.

Note: (1) All other T & C of said notice will remain unchanged. (2) In case of any difficulty, helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be 155/24 (A)

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, CONSTRUCTION CIRCLE U.P. JAL NIGAM (URBAN),

220 CIVIL LINES, MEERUT E-mail: gmypcugzb@gmail.com Letter no. 51/Nivida /12

Dated: 05.02.2024 SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE

U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban) invites E-bids for execution for "Operation and Maintenance of 100 MLD Water Treatment Plant and appurtenant works located at Bhola ki Jhal, Meerut along with Clear Water Feeder Main under Deposit program from Nagar Nigam Meerut" are invited in two bid system on percentage basis from eligible, reputed and experienced bidder. E-bid documents will be available on U.P. Govt. e-procurement portal https://etender.up.nic.in and U.P.J.N. (Urban) website www.jn. upsdc.gov.in for download from dated 05.02.2024 from 17:00 hrs. Pre-bid meeting will be held on dated. 15.02.2024 at 12:00 PM in undersigned office. E-bids can be submitted till 20.02.2024 up to 15:00 Hrs. and technical bid shall be opened on 21.02.2024 at 15:00 hrs. in the office of Superintending Engineer, Construction Circle, U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban), Meerut in presence of contractor or their authorized representative, E-tender Cost is Rs. 10000.00 + GST @ 18% for tender. Details are available on

U.P. Govt. e-procurement portal

http://etender.up.nic.in & U.P.J.N

website www.jn.upsdc.gov.in.

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Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works (South) Division, Kolhapur Tarabai Park,

Completion

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(in Months)

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Opp. Residency Club, Kolhapur- 416 003 Phone No. 0231-2650042, Fax -0231-2650140

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E - TENDER NOTICE NO. 83 for 2023-24 Executive Engineer, P. W. (South) Division, Kolhapur, on behalf of Public Works Department., Govt. of Maharashtra, invites offers from the contractors fulfilling the eligibility criteria mentioned in the Tender Document for the following works on e-tender platform. The tender forms (B-1Type) can be downloaded from Govt. of Maharashtra, website http://mahatenders.gov.in The Executive Engineer, P.W. (South) Division, Kolhapur reserves right to accept or reject any offer. Conditional offers will not be accepted.

Sr. No.	Name of Works	From of Tender	Estimated cost. Rs. in lakhs.	Earnest Money Rs.	Cost of tender From Fee Rs.	Time Limit for Complation	Class of contractor (PWD Registration)
1.	Various Development Works of Nature Tourism Center at Samangad, Taluka-Gadhinglaj, Dist. Kolhapur.	B-1	73.86	74,000/-	1200/-	12 Months	Class-IV-(A) and Above
2.	Strengthening and Improvements to S.H.189 to Walkoli Kerawade Vargaon to join MDR.102 road. ODR.161 Km. 0/00 to 1 /500, Taluka-Chandgad, Dist. Kolhapur.	B-1	60.51	61,000/-	1200/-	12 Months	Class-IV-(A) and Above
3.	Improvements and Widening to Bhadavan Pedrewadi Kovade Maligre Kaginwadi Kolindre Poshratwadi MDR.82 Km. 4/600 to 5/400, Taluka-Ajara, Dist. Kolhapur.	B-1	59.28	60,000/-	1200/-	10 Months	Class-IV-(A) and Above
4.	Improvements and Widening to Kine Kolindre Handewadi Batakangale road. MDR.62, Km. 0/700 to 1/800, Taluka- Aiara.	B-1	59.24	60,000/-	1200/-	10 Months	Class-IV-(A) and Above
5.	Improvements to road starts from S.H.180 to Morewadi Marg Via Bonjurdi road. VR.13, Km. 0/00 to 2/800, Taluka-Chandgad, Dist. Kolhapur.	B-1	53.06	54,000/-	1200/-	12 Months	Class-IV-(A) and Above
	Improvements and Strengthening to Ganuchiwadi to Sonarwadi Phata road. V.R.47, Km. 0/00 to 3/500, Taluka-Chandgad, Dist. Kolhapur.	B-1	53.02	54,000/-	1200/-	12 Months	Class-IV-(A) and Above
	Improvements to road starting from S.H.180 to Sade Gudawale to Phatakwadi Dam road. VR.68 Km. 0/00 to 3/00, Taluka-Chandgad, Dist. Kolhapur.	B-1	45.43	46,000/-	600/-	12 Months	Class-V and Above
8.	Construction of Retaining wall and Improvements to road starts from S.H.180 to join Inam Mhalunge joining road. V.R.5, Km. 0/00 to 0/700, Taluka-Chandgad, Dist. Kolhapur.	B-1	39.40	40,000/-	600/-	12 Months	Class-V and Above
9.	Improvements to road S.H.188 to Haloli road. VR.36 Km. 0/00 to 1/00, Taluka-Ajara, Dist. Kolhapur.	B-1	39.55	40,000/-	600/-	12 Months	Class-V and above
10.	Improvements to road S.H.188 to Sulgaon road. VR.26, Km. 0/00 to 1/00, Taluka-Ajara, Dist. Kolhapur.	B-1	39.43	40,000/-	600/-	10 Months	Class-V and above
11.	Improvements to road Ganuchiwadi to Taluka Border road. VR. 113 Km. 0/00 to 1/00 and Construction of C.D. work at Km. 0/300, Taluka-Chandgad, Dist. Kolhapur.	B-1	34.30	35,000/-	600/-	12 Months	Class-V and above
12.	Strengthening and Black topping to internal roads at Village Mhasarang paiki Sattar Awate, Taluka-Bhudargad, Dist. Kolhapur.	B-1	16.88	17,000/-	600/-	06 Months	Class-V-(A) and Above

#### E-Tender Schedule

Prebid Conference (On line) -- NIL --Bid Submission Closing Date of Date:- 13/02/2024 at 17.55 hrs. Tenders Submission of Hard Copy At any of the following places within 72 Hrs. after Bid Submission Closing at office of the

From :- Date. 06/02/2024 to 13/02/2024 at 17.55 pm.

1. Superintending Engineer, Public Works Circle, Kolhapur.

Date - 15/02/2024 at 10.00 am 2. Executive Engineer, Public Work Division, Kolhapur, 3. Executive Engineer, Public Work (South) Division, Kolhapur, Executive Engineer, Public Work (South) Division Kolhapur. at 10.05 Hrs (Online) if possible. Place, Time and Date of Bid Opening Date:-

1. http://mahapwd.gov.in 2. http://mahatenders.gov.in (If there is any change in above notice, same will informed on above website)

All information relating to above tender is available on following websites.

2. On the notice board of Executive Engineer, P.W. (South) Division, Kolhapur. DGIPR/2023-24/ROC 7690

15/02/2024

(P. R. Jadhav) **Executive Engineer** Public Works (South) Division, Kolhapur.

#### ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES BHOPAL Saket Nagar, Bhopal (M.P.) 462020 **NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)**

NIT No.AIIMSBHOPAL/E-Tender/NIT/23-24/043 Dated: 05.02.2024 AIIMS Bhopal invites e-Tender from registered manufactures/dealers/ distributors/Contractors for below mentioned items Required Items/Services at AIIMS Bhopal Est. Cost (Rs. in Lakh E-Tender ID No. 33/NIT/EE(C)/ABEU/ Comprehensive AMC of the water cooler with inbuilt AIIMS/BPL/2023-24 (ultra violet with treatment) RO water purifiers at AIIMS Addition/Modification and renovation for creating 34/NIT/EE(C)/ABEU/ idiometry room in Block-14 UGF for ENT department AIIMS/BPL/2023-24 25/NIT/SE/Project Cell/ Round the clock operation and maintenance of EPABX System including Up gradation of the existing system a ABEU/AIIMS/BPL/2023-24 26/NIT/SE/Project Cell 454.28 ABEU/AIIMS/BPL/2023-24 No.), Medium Halls (4 No.) and big hall (4 No.) at AIIMS Lecture/Seminar halls in Block No.-06, small halls (5 19/NIT/EE(E)/ABEU/AIIMS Replacement of old Electrical Energy Meter to New Meter in Housing area at AIIMS Bhopal /BPL/2023-24 20/NIT/EE(E)/ABEU/AIIMS
/BPL/2023-24

Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of solar
PV power plant for capacity 30 KWp Ongrid System at
Chiklod Kalan Building for AIIMS Bhopal 21.03

For further details of the above e-Tenders, the prospective bidders may please visit email: www.aiimsbhopal.edu.in Email: se@aiimsbhopal.edu.in. Tenders may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal http://tenderwizard.com/AIIMSBHOPAL, www.aiimsbhopal.edu.in and CPP Portal www.eprocure.gov.in. Any corrigendum/

amendments related to this NIT shall be published in the same websites only. I/c. Senior Procurement Cum Store officer For & On behalf of Director, AIIMS Bhopal



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#### **Tender Notice**

Member Secretary, Maharashtra Tribal Public School Society, Nashik alias Commissioner, Tribal Development, Maharashtra State, Nashik are inviting open competitive Tenders from recognized and experienced Manufacturer/Distributors to supply following services to Eklavya Model Residential Schools in Maharashtra state

1. Supply of Mess service for Students studying in Eklavya Model Residential Schools

2. Supply of Man Power service for Eklavya Model Residential Schools

3. Supply of Science Material to Eklavya Model Residential Schools Desired Tender may visit GeM portal website for tender documents.

Only online tenders will be accepted. 1. Mess Service Date 06.02.2024 to date 20.02.2024 & time 5.00

p.m. is the final time limit to submit Tender online. 2. Man Power service Date 06.02.2024 to date 27.02.2024 & time 5.00 p.m. is the final time limit to submit Tender online.

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### SPORT

## Bumrah, Ashwin lead the way as India triumph in second Test



The duo shares six wickets in England's second innings to help hosts level series in Visakhapatnam with three Tests left

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VISAKHAPATNAM: In the end, England died by the sword, having preferred to live by it. The most crucial blow came in one swoop - Shreyas Iyer dashed in from midwicket and effected a pick-and-throw direct hit that caught Ben Stokes napping with England still needing 179 to win. Defeat wasn't a foregone conclusion with this team though. They continued to fight through a 55-run partnership between Ben Foakes and Tom Hartley before falling to the collective might of Ravichandran Ashwin and Jasprit Bumrah who shared six England second-innings wickets to seal a 106-run win here on Monday.

Coming into this Test without Virat Kohli, KL Rahul and Ravindra Jadeja, India needed their young and experienced to stand up and be counted to avoid losing two Tests in a row. And they did exactly that. Yashasvi Jaiswal scored a double hundred in the first innings, Shubman Gill scored a careerresuscitating hundred in the second but it's Bumrah match haul of 9/91 that proved too much for England.

"Very, very proud of such a young squad in terms of the Test matches that they've played," said India captain Rohit Sharma after the win. "To come up against a team like that, (who) won the first Test match, and then to come out and play like that for us, (it's) very, very positive. When you win a game like that you have to look at the overall performance. We know that winning a Test match in these conditions is not going to be easy, the

bowlers stepped up." With the series levelled 1-1, India can now use the long break to probably analyse where they could go harder at England. Not being able to consolidate on Jaiswal and Gill's knocks to post big scores in both innings have raised flags within the team. "The wicket was really good to bat on," said Sharma. "That's where, if I have to point out anything, a lot of the batters got the start, but didn't convert into a big score; (that's) something that we

really need to look into." This was England's third

SCORECARD India (1st innings) 396 England (1st innings) 253 India 2nd innings 255

(overnight 67/1) Z Crawley Ibw b Kuldeep 73 R Ahmed Ibw b Patel O Pope c Rohit b Ashwin J Root c Patel b Ashwin J Bairstow Ibw b Bumrah B Stokes run out (Iyer) B Foakes c and b Bumrah 36 T Hartley b Bumrah S Bashir c Bharat b Kumar

**Extras** (b8, lb5, nb2)

**Bowling** Bumrah 17.2-4-46-3, Kumar 5-1-26-1, Yadav 15-0-60-1, Ashwin 18-2-72-3, Axar 14-1-75-1

defeat in 11 fourth innings chases since Brendon McCullum took charge of this team with Stokes as captain in the summer of 2022. "We had full belief in ourselves that we could chase that down," Stokes said after the match.

"The way we have gone about taking on challenges like that is what we are about. In moments like that, when you have scoreboard pressure, that is when we get the best out of ourselves as individuals. The way we applied ourselves and put India under pressure was great; unfortunately we didn't end up on the right side of the result.

Even though the 106-run margin might seem big, India should take cognizance of England's 292 already being the second highest fourth innings total by a visiting team.

Partly responsible for that was India's insipid fielding placements. Starting the day 332 runs in arrears, the onus



The wicket was good to bat on, a lot of the batters got starts and didn't convert. They are young, new to this format, it will take some time. This win gives us a lot of confidence.

ROHIT SHARMA, India

both innings. You know, in both

innings I felt we could have got,

certainly in the first innings here,

396 I thought was under par. You

win a toss. We have one guy with a

double hundred, you should be

pushing 450, 475 in these condi-

Yashasvi Jaiswal's 209 and Jas-

prit Bumrah's incisive bowling in

the first innings may have allowed

we lost a couple of wickets. Like if

we had got to tea at 250/4 instead

tions.'

England 2nd innings

J Anderson not out

**Total** (all out, 69.2 overs) **292** FoW 2-95, 3-132, 4-154, 5-194, 6-194, 7-220, 8-275, 9-281

was on England to negate Bumrah and Ashwin. But with the field spread out, England were off to an easy start as India almost seemed to rely too much on the probability of England erring as they attacked. When Axar Patel was

spanked for consecutive boundaries in his second over of the day, the full, alarming implications of England's mindset was becoming abundantly clear. More when Zak Crawley took two boundaries off Bumrah, the last one dazzled down the ground to make an emphatic statement. Rehan Ahmed entertained as long as he batted. But with Ollie Pope, the chase suddenly became more real. Pope raced to 23 off 21 balls before Ashwin forced him to play on the backfoot a ball that hadn't bounced enough. He still played the cut, but got a thick edge and Sharma took a reflex catch at slip. With Root nursing a finger injury, he too wasn't going to hang around. Out came the reverse sweep off the first ball from Ashwin. Another reverse sweep left Ashwin stunned but he quickly shortened his length to induce a hoick that ended up in a leading edge and was caught comfortably by Patel at backward point.

With Crawley chipping away at the total, England were still in charge of the chase despite losing two big wickets. But Kuldeep Yadav picked the right time to make his presence felt. He bowled a top-spinner that Crawley failed to stab away. On being referred after umpire Marais Erasmus didn't give out, replays showed the ball had not spun enough and would have hit leg stump, thus ending a vigilant 73 from 132 balls by the England opener.

That dismissal should have prompted England to go into repair mode, but they were clearly in no mood for half measures. Jonny Bairstow was repeatedly risking drives against Bumrah but on the stroke of lunch, he was hit on the back leg by a Bumrah delivery that shaped in late.

The first session had produced 127 runs in 28.4 overs but once Stokes and Foakes got together after lunch, the game slowed down. With the Barmy Army belting out Bon Jovi's 'Living on a Prayer' to aptly sum up the scenario for the visiting fans, the pair cautiously took England past 200. But just when they could have started entertaining thoughts of shifting gears and making a charge for a seemingly impossible target, Foakes called Stokes for that fateful single.



KS Bharat hasn't made his chances count.

### It's up to Kishan to decide when he is ready, says Dravid

**HT Correspondent** 

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VISAKHAPATNAM: India head coach Rahul Dravid said the onus is on Ishan Kishan to decide when he wants to come back to international cricket, provided he gets some game time. The wicketkeeper-batter had requested time off from international duties during the South Africa tour in December citing personal reasons. Since then Kishan, who hasn't played for his home state Jharkhand as well, hasn't been considered for any format.

"There's a way back for anyone and everyone. It's not that we rule out anybody from anything," Dravid said after India's 106-run win in the second Test against England here on Monday. "I just don't want to go on labouring about the Ishan Kishan point. I've tried to explain it as best as I can. The point was that, you know, he requested a break. We were happy to give him the break, and whenever he was ready...I didn't say he has to play domestic cricket. I said, whenever he's ready, he needs to play some cricket and come back, and the choice is his.

"We're not forcing him to do anything and we are in touch with him. It's not that we're not in touch. We know what it is, but he hasn't yet started playing, right? So at the moment it's not something that we would consider because, you know, he's maybe not ready. He decides when he wants to be ready and we've got options obviously with Rishabh (Pant) injured and stuff. So, I'm sure the selectors will weigh all the options."

#### **Bharat lacklustre**

India picked Bharat and Dhruv Jurel as wicketkeeper-batters for the first two Tests. Bharat, senior of the two, has been excellent behind the wickets, but has been lacklustre with the bat, getting out cheaply in both innings when India needed him to dig in.

"Of course, as a coach, you really want players who come in to be able to grab the opportunities they get and be able to perform," said Dravid. "His keeping, to be honest, in the Test matches has been really good. I think he'll also feel that, with his batting, I think he'll agree that he certainly could have done better."



### England's defeat in Vizag will only Unbeaten India face SA, embolden their Bazball approach

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VISAKHAPATNAM: "It was never too far."

When Ben Stokes says this after England falls 106 runs short of 398, you pause and take note. The unshakeable belief Stokes has in every member of this squad irrespective of age and experience is still understandable. But it's this confidence that no score and no target is beyond them if they put their mind to it can be scary. It encouraged Zak Crawley and Ben Duckett to chew up 67 runs out of a target of 399 in just 14 overs on Day 2, like it pushed Ben Foakes and Tom Hartley to add 55 when

all seemed lost on Monday. Not to forget, this England has chased down 378 before. Stokes himself was at the front and centre of that epic 362-run Ashes chase at Leeds in 2019, 76 of which were scored with No.11 Jack Leach at the other end. It's a matter of time before England come upon a pitch and a collective day off for the Indian bowling to make that happen. And with three Tests to go, the England players, who will be spending the next few days in Abu Dhabi with their families, know they have plenty of time to

leave their imprint on this tour. "Being 2-0 up would be great for us, but that's the great thing about a five-match series," said Stokes. "It's the end of the series where everything counts. We're a very level-headed team and that allows us to put things behind us,



India captain Rohit Sharma (left) and coach Rahul Dravid have a chat with chief selector Ajit Agarkar at the end of the second Test in Visakhapatnam on Monday.

move on to the next thing and concentrate there. Last week, we were pretty level even though we had achieved something pretty special. We recognised that but we didn't get too high. Same this week, in the changing room we're still very upbeat about some of the great stuff we've managed to do albeit not getting the result we

That too without taking their foot off the pedal. Two days and 190 overs could have invited a different approach, especially after Rehan Ahmed was sent in as nightwatchman, but Stokes said they will stay true to their strength —attacking.

in which we thought would give us the best chance to chase down a very big total," said Stokes. "And look, if we try and bat 198 overs, we could probably win the game. But also if you try and just think "right, just try and bat 198 overs" you're probably going to get bowled out anyway. "I was happy with the way we

"We had to come up with a way

went about that chase. That's exactly how we play cricket. When an opportunity presents itself and it's a pressure situation, I think that generally brings the best out of people. It doesn't always work. There were a lot of times when we were on top of

India to bat again sitting on a big lead but the second innings was far from ideal. "I don't think there was any stage of the game where we felt we could actually force the play," said Dravid. "As soon as we thought we could force the play

India and then India were able to

produce something that then put

bad news for India. To avoid

trouble they should first of all try

to bat longer. It is something head

coach Rahul Dravid feels wasn't

achieved to a satisfying degree at

Visakhapatnam, especially in the

second innings. "There was

enough time in the game for us to

just bat. I don't think we had

decided to set any target, to be

felt India fell short of a par score. "I

will honestly say that I think we

left a few runs on the board in

About the first innings, Dravid

honest," said Dravid.

This kind of attitude can mean

them back on top."

of 230/6. We just start getting comfortable and then we lose a couple of wickets and then you are thinking "oh". "After we lost the first couple of wickets, we soaked up the pressure really well. But we couldn't capitalise on it enough. And then the same thing happened when we got another 80-run partnership (89 between Shubman Gill

and Axar Patel). If we had made

that into 120-130 then I'm sure we

would have probably thought

slightly differently." This only shows how despite winning, India are left with some regret. England, on the other hand, have none. When you have such diametrically opposite schools of thought pitted against each other, it won't be difficult to predict that this series has more twists and turns to come.

# eye fifth consecutive final

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NEW DELHI: A semi-final appearance is the least you would expect from an Indian team that has won the U-19 World Cup five times and made each of the last four finals. So, there is perhaps nothing eyecatching about the 2024 batch gearing up for a last-four showdown against hosts South Africa in Benoni on Tuesday, but the swagger with which they've dismantled opponents thus far is still commendable.

The group of boys changes every two years — no Indian is allowed to play more than one World Cup - but so professional and robust is the U-19 system in the country that their players just look better-equipped at this level than most of their opponents.

They have underlined their superiority by sauntering to one convincing win after another. When India began their campaign against Bangladesh in Bloemfontein two weeks ago, you wouldn't have estimated an 84-run win to be their narrowest margin of victory so far. In that game, fifties by Adarsh Singh and skipper Uday Saharan proved to be crucial to India reaching 251/7 and Saumy Pandey's 4/24 confined Bangladesh to 167. Thereafter, they haven't had to break a bead of sweat. Various players have contributed at different junctures, which is ever so crucial in a mar-



India U-19 skipper Uday Saharan (L) and Saumy Pandey.

quee tournament where over-reliance on one or two players can be a dangerous path to tread come the knockouts. But as far as standout performers go, it's hard to look beyond Musheer Khan with

the bat and Pandey with the ball. Musheer, the younger brother of Sarfaraz Khan, is leading the run-scoring charts with 334 runs at 83.5. At No. 3, Musheer has been able to withstand the early pressure before opening up and showing his more flamboyant side. His most defining contribution came against NZ, scoring a 126-ball 131 that took India to 295/8 for a 214-run win. His leftarm spin is a useful second skill too, reflected in his four wickets at an economy of 3.01.

It's another left-arm spinner in Pandey though who has been India's primary weapon with the ball. The 19-year-old from Madhya Pradesh is the third-highest wicket-taker with 16 scalps in five

games. An uncomplicated bowling action and unrelenting accuracy are at the heart of Pandey's method, allowing Saharan the comfort of control on the field.

"Different players stepping up is a good thing. We aren't thinking of dominance. We are just looking to play to the best of our ability on any given day. All the players are working hard, we are playing well as a team," India U-19 coach Hrishikesh Kanitkar said ahead of the semi-final versus South Africa.

While most indicators point to India bidding for a sixth title, the South Africans will hope to spring a surprise in familiar conditions. Their campaign hasn't been all too smooth sailing having lost to England in the group stage, but as the senior ODI World Cup three months ago reiterated, what transpired in the past can be rendered irrelevant on the big day. At least that's what South Africa will cling onto on Tuesday.



#### New York to host 2026 FIFA WC final

MIAMI: The 2026 World Cup final will be held at MetLife Stadium in New York/New Jersey, FIFA said. The New York bid held off a strong challenge from Dallas to secure the July 19 final of the 48-team event co-hosted by the USA, Canada and Mexico. The competition will kickoff with the opening game at Mexico City's iconic Azteca Stadium on June 11.

#### Rachin double ton puts NZ in control

MOUNT MAUNGANUI: Rachin Ravindra struck a majestic double century before South Africa's top order collapsed, leaving New Zealand in command of the first Test. Ravindra crafted a career-best 240 as NZ were dismissed for 511. The tourists then slumped to 80/4 on Day 2.

#### Sri Lanka celebrate 10-wicket Test win

COLOMBO: Sri Lanka won their one-off Test against Afghanistan by 10 wickets with a day to spare, with their opening batsmen chasing down an easy target of 56. Afghanistan were bowled out for 296 in their second innings. Dimuth Karunaratne (32\*) and Nishan Madushka (22\*) finished the job in 7.2 overs. Afghanistan had conceded a lead of 241 runs in the first innings.

#### Lovlina disqualified at Strandja Memorial

SOFIA: Lovlina Borgohain (75kg) was disqualified against Ireland's O'Rourke Aoife in the last 16 of the Strandja Memorial boxing. She was docked 1 min 18 secs into Rd 3 after a third warning for grappling. Lovlina, who has already qualified for the Paris Olympics, won the first two rounds 3-2 but had a point deducted in each of the rounds, which left her trailing with three minutes to go.



### for Paris Olympics Top wrestlers seek time to prepare for selection trial

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JAIPUR: With two Paris Olympics qualification events left, top wrestlers have sought more time from the ad hoc panel to prepare for selection trials. In November, the ad hoc body had announced a selection policy as per which the quota place winners will also have to face trials at home to confirm their spots.

Qualifying events left

However, the newly-elected Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) came back to power in December and said they would scrap the policy as there was no time to conduct trials, leading to much confusion among wrestlers. Now, with WFI suspended and the ad hoc body looking after administration, wrestlers want clarity about the process that will determine their berths for Paris Games.

An Olympic quota in wrestling is for the country and not the wrestler. However, the earlier WFI policy gave quota winners direct

entry to the Olympics. It has been learnt that the ad hoc body will go with their policy of holding trials for the Olympics but with some change in dates. The committee has taken inputs from top wrestlers, including Vinesh Phogat, Bajrang Punia, Anshu Malik etc, who were competing here at the ongoing nationals in Jaipur.

As per the earlier announced dates, the trial for the two Olympic qualifiers was scheduled to take place from Feb 27-29. The wrestlers have now asked the ad hoc committee to advance the dates by 10 days. It will be the most important trial that will decide India's representation for Asian and World Olympic qualifiers. Also, any wrestler who aspires to be a challenger to the quota winner for the 'wrestle-off' to decide Olympic berth will have to compete in this trial. Vinesh, as a first step, will have to finish in the top four to be eligible to face quota winner Antim Panghal.

"The nationals were delayed, so the wrestlers need some more

time to prepare. Wrestlers have made a request and the ad hoc committee is looking into it," said officials aware of the development.

Bajrang is currently training in

Russia while Deepak Punia is in the US. Sarita and Anshu Malik are also headed for overseas training. Worlds medallist Sarita said the Olympic selection policy should be announced. "It is a very important year for wrestlers and we need to plan our schedule. Everything from Olympic selection policy, the tournaments where the Indian team will participate etc. should be announced. We have already lost so much time last year but now the focus should be on Olympic preparation," she said.

#### Entries soar in freestyle

On the last day of the Nationals, there was a delay in the start of freestyle event because the ad hoc body was flooded with entries. In fact, the draw sheets showed 325 wrestlers competing in 10 weight categories representing 34 states, UTs and institutional units. Most

of the North Eastern states, along with UTs such as Puducherry, Lakshadweep and Andaman and Nicobar Islands also featured in the competition, which led some coaches to claim that wrestlers from Haryana are being given

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opportunity from these places. However, with several states organising two separate trials one for WFI-backed Nationals and another for ad hoc backed 'sanctioned' Nationals - there was difficulty in verification of eligible candidates. The technical officials were busy sorting out such issues till midnight on Sunday.

"The Nationals are happening after one year and we had to ensure that nobody was left out because it is an important year. The national campers will be decided from here," said a technical official.

To avoid such things, the ad hoc committee is expected to reach out to state units to hold trials and send teams for the Junior National Championships in Gwalior later this month.

#### SAHAJA STUNS TOP SEED DAY AT WTA MUMBAI OPEN

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MUMBAI: Around this time a couple of years ago when she captured her first ITF title,

Saĥaja Yamalapalli was ranked in the 1000s. On Monday playing her first match at the WTA level as India women's No. 2 at 336, Sahaja produced the biggest victory of her career knocking out top seed and world No. 92 American Kayla Day 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 in the first round of the WTA 125K L&T Mumbai Open.

The 23-year-old was among the four singles main draw wild cards. Sahaja not only cashed in on the opportunity but also added to her reputation as the leader of Indian women's tennis' next-in-line set of players, five of whom are aged below 25 among the country's top eight.

The youngest among them. 19-year-old Vaishnavi Adkar, also took a set off a player ranked over 500 places above, eventually losing to Korea's Sohyun Park (ranked 309) 2-6, 6-2, 1-6.

Sahaja had never played, let alone beaten, a top-100 player before. But just being around these top level players here and having a hit with them gave her the belief that "I belong here".

"So I went into the match thinking: I can do this," Sahaja said after her win. "Getting this win at this point

of my career, it is incredibly motivating to get more such wins on the bigger stages. I want to build on this."

### Ranji Trophy: Delhi batters fail again in draw versus Baroda

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**NEW DELHI:** Yet another poor batting performance by Delhi on Monday meant they earned just one point from their Group D match against Baroda, dashing their slim hopes of a knockout berth in the 2023/24 Ranji Trophy season.

After Baroda declared their first innings at 435/9, Delhi, resuming at 113/4, were bundled out for 177, conceding a first-innings lead of 258 runs. Baroda skipper Vishnu Solanki enforced the follow-on and Delhi limped to 68/1 in 34 overs in their second innings before the match ended in a tame

Delhi are seventh in Group D with eight points from five games. With only two games left - one away against Himachal Pradesh and one at home against Odisha - Delhi are in danger of relegation for the first

Baroda, on the other hand, are through to the knockouts with 23 points from five games.

On a docile track where Baroda's batters patiently accumulated runs, a distinct lack of application plagued Delhi's

inconsistent batting line-up. Once Ayush Badoni was dis-

missed on 44, the next five wickets fell for just 57 runs.

Medium-pacer Atit Sheth and left-arm spinner Bhargav Bhatt were the star contributors for Baroda, claiming three wickets apiece.

#### TN beat Goa

S Lokeshwar (52) and Pradosh Ranjan Paul (65) struck halfcenturies to help Tamil Nadu win their Group C match against Goa by seven wickets in Porvorim on Monday.

Having reached 61/1 in 26 overs at stumps on the third fay, TN needed to score just 76 runs more for an outright win after ending Day 3 on 61 for 1 from 26

While Lokeshwar and Paul brought up their fifties, it was left to Baba Indrajith (7 not out) and Vijay Shankar (13 not out) to take them home. Chasing 137, TN reached 142/3 in 49.5 overs.

Lokeshwar added 18 runs to his overnight score of 34 and he struck six fours during his 129ball knock. Paul was able to add 43 runs on the final day after resuming on 22. He decorated his 125-ball innings with six

For Goa, Darshan Misal took two wickets while Suyash Prabhudessai got one.

TN are on top of the points table in Group C.

### Red Bull investigate boss Horner over 'inappropriate behaviour' accusation

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sportsdesk@hindustantimes.com LONDON: Red Bull Formula 1 team boss Christian Horner is

under investigation following an accusation of "inappropriate behaviour". It is understood the allegation

was made by another member of staff for the British-based team. which last year carried Max Verstappen to his third consecutive world championship.

Horner, 50, who has been Red Bull team principal since 2005, strongly rejects the accusation. "After being made aware of cer-



Christian Horner.

tain recent allegations, the company launched an independent investigation," Red Bull, the Austrian energy drinks firm which owns the Fl team, said in a state-

"This process, which is

already under way, is being carried out by an external specialist barrister.

"The company takes these matters extremely seriously and the investigation will be completed as soon as practically possible. It would not be appropriate to comment further at this time.'

Horner has overseen seven drivers' world championships and six constructors' titles.

Red Bull won 21 of the 22 races staged last year, with Verstappen setting a record of 10 consecutive victories as he cruised to his third straight title.



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