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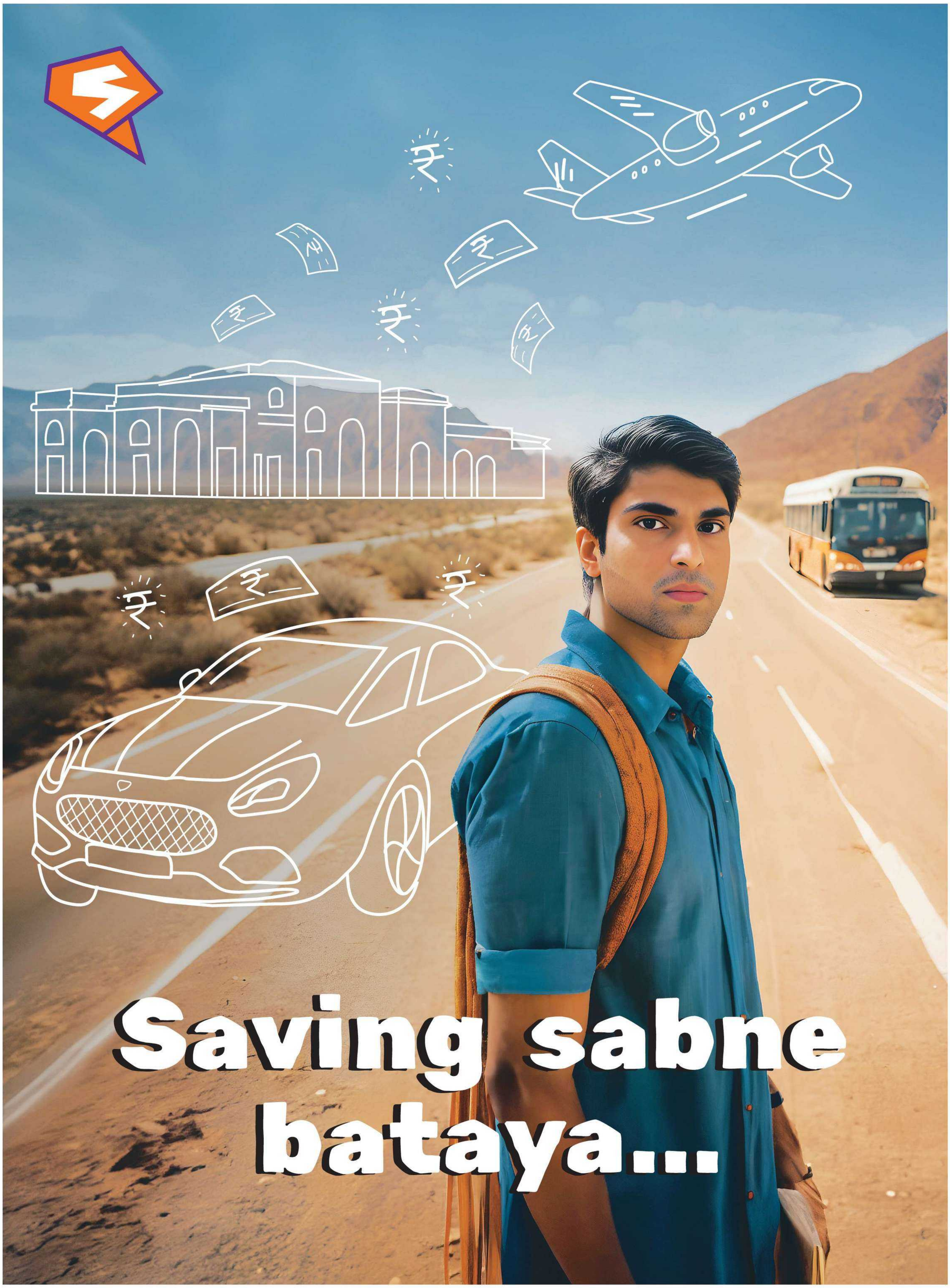

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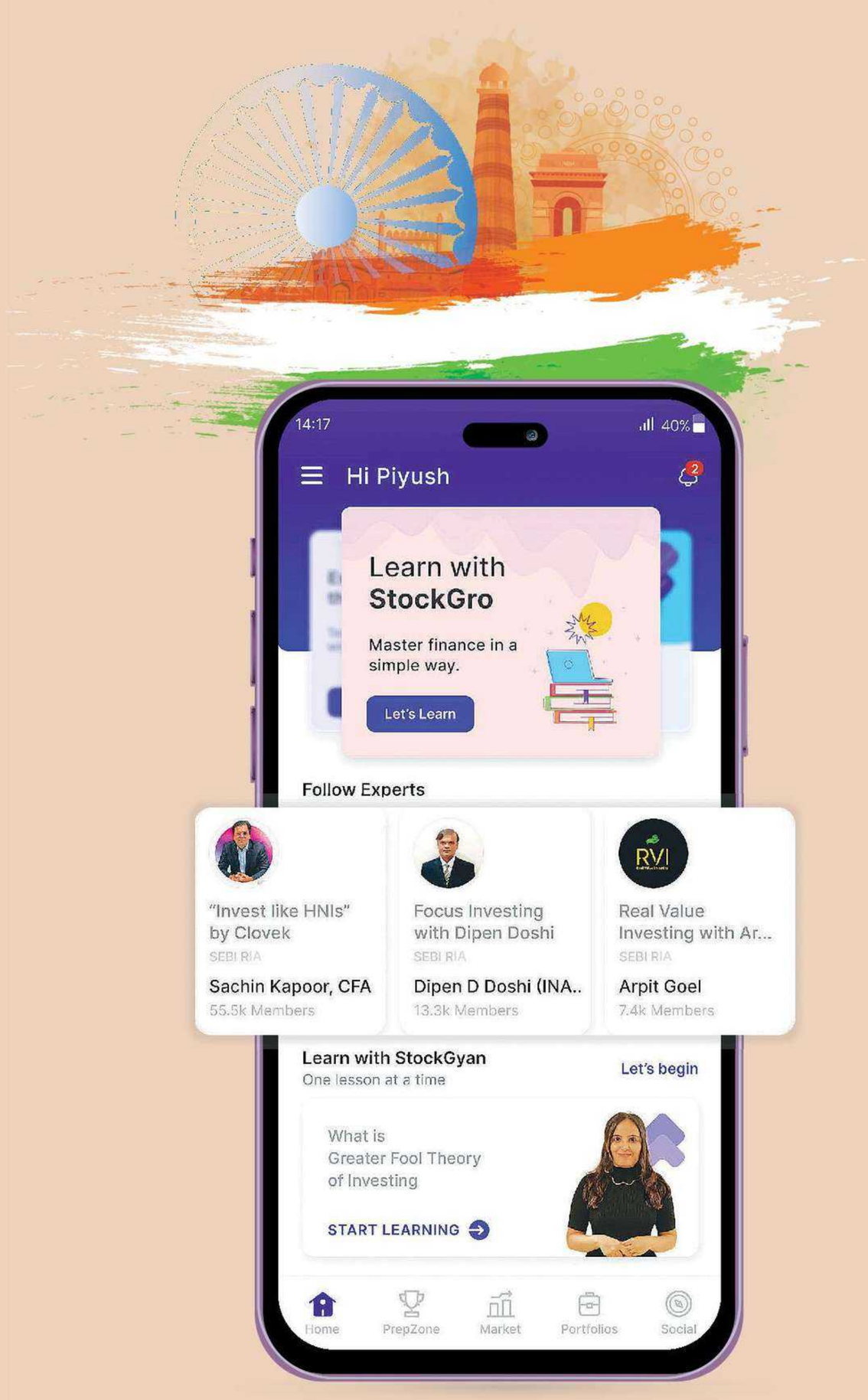

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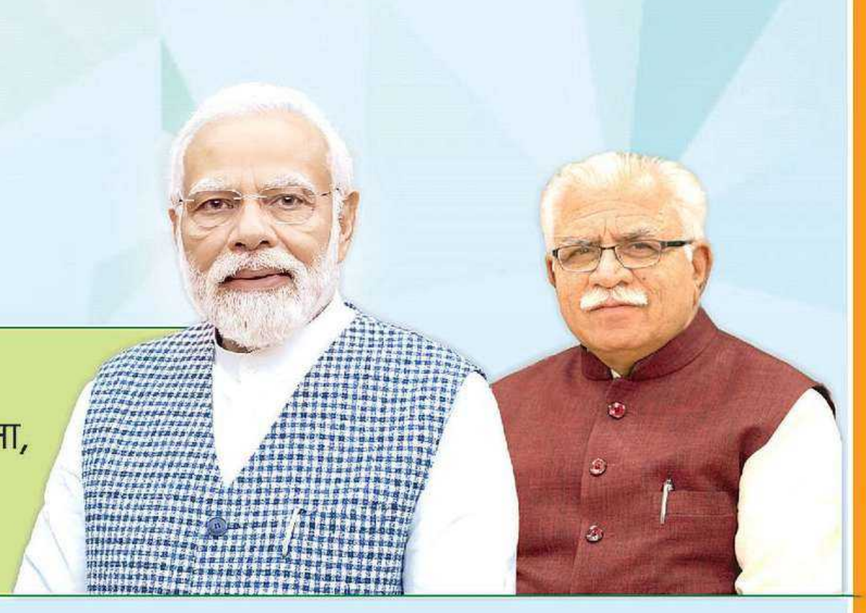

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E-TENDER NOTICE

Power Transmission Corporation of Uttarakhand Ltd. Invites the following e-tenders. **1.** Procurement of 245 KV & 145 KV Current Transformers at 220 KV Substation SIDCUL Haridwar against e-tender specification **No.CE/GZR-27/2023-24.** Last date of submission online/offline of e-tender is **06.03.2024** upto 15.00 hrs which shall be opened on **07.03.2024** at 15.00 hrs.
2. Procurement of 145 KV & 33 KV Circuit Breaker at 220 KV Substation SIDCUL, Haridwar against e-tender specification **No.CE/GZR-28/2023-24.** Last date of submission online/offline of e-tender is **06.03.2024** upto 15.00 hrs which shall be opened on **07.03.2024** at 16.00 hrs.
3. Procurement & installation of 132KV Hybrid Circuit Breaker for transfer bus at 132 KV Substation Bhagwanpur against e-tender specification **No.CE/GZR-29/2023-24.** Last date of submission online/offline of e-tender is **12.03.2024** upto 15.00 hrs which shall be opened on **13.03.2024** at 15.00 hrs.
Details of E-tender can be obtained from E-tender website **www.uktenders.gov.in** and information of E-tender can be seen from PTCUL website **www.ptcul.org**. For any assistance on e-tendering, please contact on Mb. No.+91-8899890000.

CHIEF ENGINEER (O&M)
No.172/CE(O&M)/GZR/Advt. **Dated: 07/02/2024**

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NOTICE FOR E-TENDER (Gem Bid)

Following e-tenders invites by the Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Divisional Railway Manager's Office, North Central Railway, Prayagraj on behalf of President of India in the prescribed form, from the reputed contractors having sufficient experience and financial capacity:-

E-Tender Tender Notice Number No.: GEM/2024/B/4576942 Dated 03.02.2024

Name of Work: Contract for operation of 25 inquiry counters for 20 different stations of Prayagraj division on the basis of manpower for 1095 days (03 years).

E-Tender Type: Two Packets System	**Work Completion Period:** Three Years
Estimated Cost of Work: ₹ 70155849.81	**Earnest Money:** ₹ 500800.00
Tender Closing Date and Time 28.02.2024 15:00	**Tender Opening Date and Time** 28.02.2024 15:30

Note:- (1) Details of the above e-tender (including tender form) are available on the website of **www.gem.gov.in** from the date of publication till the date of opening of the tender. **(2)** For the above mentioned tender, only online bid will be accepted. For this purpose the vendor should register themselves on Gem website. **(3)** All documents to be attached should be signed by the tenderer. **(4)** E-tender forms will be issued free of cost to all tenderers. **(5)** For any technical issue please contact the helpline of GeM website.

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Dy.Chief Electrical Engineer/Elect. Services, Patiala Locomotive Works (Formerly Diesel Loco Modernization Works), Patiala (Pb.) for & on behalf of President of India invites open E-Tender on website **www.ireps.gov.in** for the following work. Tenderer may upload their original offer on website upto prescribed closing time & date. The offers will be uploaded up to 15.00 hrs. of closing date and uploaded offers will be opened on same day at 15.30 hrs for the under noted work. No tender will be accepted manually.

Tender Notice No.	Name of work	Approx. cost of work (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (In Rs.)	Completion period	Closing date & Time of Tender
PLW/ EL-402 /R/24	Work required for Up- gradation of various Electrical items in Kendriya Vidyalaya-2 of Colony no. 2 area, in PLW/Patiala.	Rs. 338163/-	6,800/-	03 Months	On 04.03.2024 at 15:00 hrs
PLW/ EL-403/24	Electrical work required for Rewiring of Staff Quarters (total = 80 No. Qtrs i.e. Type-III = 40 Nos., Type-II = 40 Nos.) with latest scale of fittings along with copper wiring for first phase in Colony area, PLW/Patiala.	Rs. 3296980/-	66,000/-	03 Months	On 04.03.2024 at 15:00 hrs

Tender documents are available on Railway website i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in** and the same can be downloaded from there. All terms & conditions may be seen and downloaded from Railway website i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in.** Payment of Earnest Money (EMD) in respect of e-tendering shall be accepted through Net Banking or only payment modes available on IREPS portal only.

Note :- Tenderer/s shall submit valid Electrical contractor license issued by any State Govt./UT for any State/UT. Tender without Electrical Contract or licence will be summarily rejected.

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1.	रजिस्ट्रेशन एवं भुगतान प्रारम्भ करने की तिथि	10.02.2024 से 23.02.2024 तक
2.	विलम्ब शुल्क के साथ रजिस्ट्रेशन एवं भुगतान की अंतिम तिथि	25.02.2024
3.	ऑनलाइन आवेदन प्रारम्भ करने की तिथि	10.02.2024
4.	ऑनलाइन आवेदन भरने की अंतिम तिथि	25.02.2024 (अविस्तारणीय)

3. उपर्युक्त विज्ञापन के संबंध में विस्तृत सूचना/विवरणी एवं जानकारी आयोग के वेबसाईट www.bpsc.bih.nic.in पर प्रदर्शित है।
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1	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SONIPAT	CONSTRUCTION OF SHED AND RASTA FOR SHAMSHAN BHUMI IN VILLAGE KAILASHPUR IN WARD NO 4 M C SONIPAT + 5 WORKS	CLOSING DATE 16.02.2024	6.98 CRORES	https:// etenders.hry. nic.in	ajaynirala45@ gmail.com
2	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SONIPAT	ESTIMATE FOR BEAUTIFICATION OF 3 PARKS IN VIKAS NAGAR IN M.C SONIPAT + 5 WORKS	CLOSING DATE 13.02.2024	1.54 CRORES	https:// etenders.hry. nic.in	ajaynirala45@ gmail.com
3	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SONIPAT	SUPPLY OF STATIONERY IN M.C SONIPAT.	CLOSING DATE 13.02.2024	EMD 10000/-	https:// etenders.hry. nic.in	ajaynirala45@ gmail.com
4	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SONIPAT	ESTIMATE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATH IN HERITAGE BUILDING PARK KOT MOHALLA IN M.C SONIPAT. + 2 WORKS	CLOSING DATE 13.02.2024	1.01 CRORE	https:// etenders.hry. nic.in	ajaynirala45@ gmail.com
5	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SONIPAT	SELECTION OF ARCHITECT/FIRM FROM EMPANELED ARCHITECTS UNDER CATEGORY B AND ABOVE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PARK WITH RECREATIONAL FACILITIES/SPORTS FACILITIES, LIBRARY AT VILLAGE LEHARARA NEAR GOVERNMENT SCHOOL AND CATTLE POND IN WARD 16 AREA. 3.5-4 ACRES OF LAND OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SONIPAT. SELECTION OF ARCHITECT/FIRM FROM AMONG CATEGORY C AND ABOVE EMPANELED ARCHITECTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THEMATIC PARK AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT RISHI COLONY NEAR OLD WATER WORKS. 8 ACRES AREA OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SONIPAT	CLOSING DATE 12.02.2024	EMD 40000/-	https:// etenders.hry. nic.in	ajaynirala45@ gmail.com

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N.I.T. No. & Name of Work	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Closing date & time of tender	Opening date & time
CE/PLW/T-42/2023-24/PTA Dt. 03.02.2024	36,65,136/-	73,400/-	05 Months	12.03.2024 at 15.00 hrs.	12.03.2024 at 15.05 hrs.
Construction of Drug store & toilets in PLW Hospital in colony-II PLW/Patiala.					
CE/PLW/T-43/2023-24/PTA Dt. 03.02.2024	29,18,486/-	58,400/-	08 Months	12.03.2024 at 15.00 hrs.	12.03.2024 at 15.05 hrs.
Renovation of Camp office and Construction of septic tank & soak pit in camp office, Tilak Bridge New Delhi, PLW/Patiala.					
CE/PLW/T-44/2023-24/PTA Dt. 03.02.2024	2,04,92,132/-	2,52,500/-	09 Months	13.03.2024 at 15.00 hrs.	13.03.2024 at 15.05 hrs.
Repair of roof leakage in Type-IV special & Type-V quarters in colony-I area (Type-IV special-27 Nos., Type-V 44 Nos.) and Type-II, Type-III quarters & Type-IV quarters in colony-II area (Type-II-90 Nos., Type-III-30 Nos., Type-IV-30 Nos.) in colony-II area PLW/Patiala.					
CE/PLW/T-45/2023-24/PTA Dt. 03.02.2024	82,23,414/-	1,64,500/-	06 Months	14.03.2024 at 15.00 hrs.	14.03.2024 at 15.05 hrs.
Providing and fixing of Jali doors in balance type-II qtrs. (293) of colony-II, PLW/Patiala.					

Note:- 1. Credentials/documents received from the tenderer after opening of the tenders shall not be given cognizance. **2.** The eligibility criteria for NIT No. T-44, 45 can be viewed on the website **www.ireps.gov.in. 3.** Before bidding, bidders to chek for any corrigendum issued against tender. **No.: PLW/WW/WA/CS/979/Vol-III Dated: 03.02.2024** **414/2024**

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GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
PUBLIC WORKS (NORTH) DIVISION NASHIK
E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 22 FOR 2023-24 [ONLINE]

Online E Tenders in "B-1" form for the works included in detail tender notice are invited by Executive Engineer, P. W. (North) Division, Nashik Untwadi road Nashik Tal. and Dist. Nashik Phone No 0253-2576249 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 documents.

Right of Rejection of E-Tender / Cancellation of E-Tenders reserved by the Executive Engineer, P. W. (North) Division Nashik. Conditional Tender will not be accepted.

E_Tender Notice including **Total 33 (Thirty Three) work cost Above Rs. 150.00 Lacks.** Details of mentioned E Tender Notice available on below websites

1) **https://mahatenders.gov.in**

Tender Document Sale Start and End Date Time	08/02/2024 From 11:05 Hrs	to	22/02/2024 Up to 17:00 Hrs
Pre Bid Meeting	Pre bid as on 15/02/2024 office of the Chief Engineer, P.W. Region, Nashik at 12.00 pm. And on 15/02/2024 office of the Superintending Engineer, P.W. Circle, Nashik at 13.00 pm.		
Hard Copy Submission	After Bid Submission on E-Portal (After Bid Lock) one set of Bid Document (Technical and Financial Bid) Hard Copy submitted in the office of the Executive Engineer, P.W. (North) Division, Nashik for the above Work as on **23/02/2024 at 17.00 hrs. (Not Mandatory)**		
Date, Time and Venue of Opening of Technical and Financial Bid (Envelope No. 1 and 2)	**On 23/02/2024 Time 17:05 hours (If Possible) for above work In The Office of the Superintending Engineer, P. W. Circle, Nashik**		

Note:-

1. E-Tender Fee [non refundable] and Earnest Money will be accepted online only.
2. All eligible/ interested Contractors are required to be enrolled on portal **https://mahatenders.gov.in** before down loading tender documents and participate in e-tendering
3. Post Qualification Criteria is applicable for all works.
4. The Above format is taken from Govt. G.R. of G.A.D. No.- मावज-2018/प्र.क्र.348/34 Dt.- 20/12/2018 Para No.- 4.6.2 in page No.- 10 of 25.
5. 1. **https://mahatenders.gov.in**

(Any changes to this Tender Notice, informed on the above website)

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
P. W. (North) Division,Nashik

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GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, WATER RESOURCES DIVISION, BALRAMPUR, DISTT.- BALRAMPUR-RAMANUJGANJ (C.G.)

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

eProcurement Portal : https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in

(SECOND-CALL) CORRIGENDUM NO. 01

Following corrigendum is N.I.T. No. 21 & 22 /SAC/2023-24, S.T.N. No. 151703 & 151704, Balrampur -Ramanujganj, Dated 16-01-2024, Adv no. G- 07174 & N.I.T. No. 23 & 24 /SAC/2023-24, S.T.N. No. 151709 & 151714, Balrampur -Ramanujganj, Dated 17-01-2024, Adv no. G-07210.

S. No.	Particulars	Previous Published Bid Due Date	Previous Bid Open Start Date and Time	Revised Bid Due Date	Revised Bid Open Start Date and Time
1.	STN-151703 / 21/SAC/ 2023-24 / 16.01.2024	02.02.2024 17:30 Hours	05.02.2024 11:30 Hours	09.02.2024 17:30 Hours	12.02.2024 11:30 Hours
2.	STN-151704 /22/SAC/ 2023-24 / 16-01-2024	02.02.2024 17:30 Hours	05.02.2024 11:30 Hours	09.02.2024 17:30 Hours	12.02.2024 11:30 Hours
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4.	STN-151714 /24/SAC/ 2023-24 / 17-01-2024	05.02.2024 17:30 Hours	06.02.2024 11:30 Hours	12.02.2024 17:30 Hours	13.02.2024 11:30 Hours

Previous Published Adv no. :- G-07174 & G-07210.
Note :- All other terms and conditions NIT will remain be unchanged

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Modi lays road map for 3rd term on House floor

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday outlined his vision for a potential third term and said it will strengthen the foundation for a developed India, as he launched a scorching attack on the Congress over its handling of the economy, internal security, and social justice just months ahead of general elections.

In his last speech in Parliament before the polls, Modi also hit out at the Opposition for trying to pit northern states against southern states, referred to West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee's comment that the Congress will not win 40 seats in the Lok Sabha elections, and accused the Congress of colonial mentality and hurting marginalised castes.

"The third term of our government is not far away. Some people call it Modi 3.0. Modi 3.0 will put all its might to strengthen the foundation of Viksit Bharat (developed India)," the PM said while speaking in the Rajya Sabha as part of his reply to the debate on the motion of thanks on the President's address.

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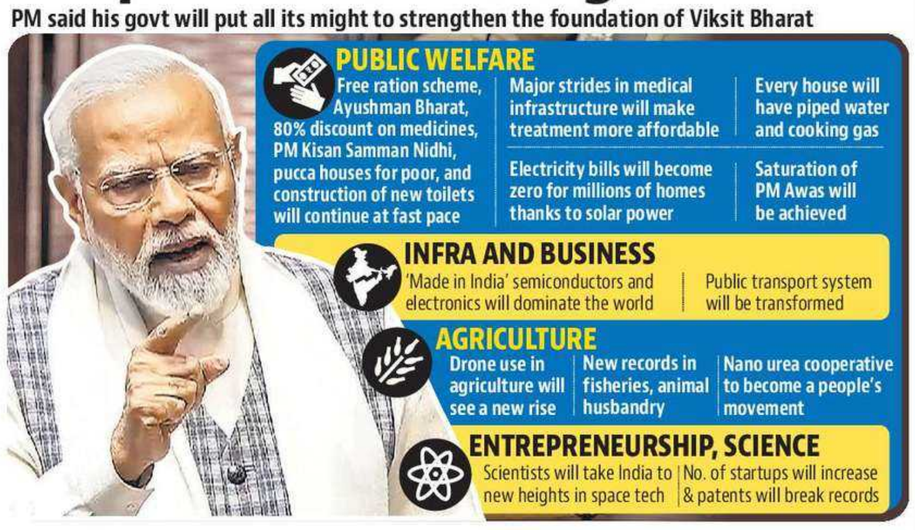
The promises of Modi govt 3.0

PM said his govt will put all its might to strengthen the foundation of Viksit Bharat



India's GDP growth is inclusive: FM

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NEW DELHI: India's economic growth has been inclusive, has generated employment and has kept inflation under check, Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Wednesday, as the Lok Sabha passed the Finance Bill 2024, thus completing the exercise for the passage of the interim budget 2024-25. The Lok Sabha also passed the interim budget for 2024-25 and the second supplementary demands for grants (2023-24) of the Union government. The government has been "fairly prudent" in remaining on the path of fiscal consolidation, Sitharaman said, as the budget revised fiscal deficit estimate to 5.8% of GDP from 5.9% estimated in the previous budget. →P11

ECI APPROVES NEW NAME FOR SHARAD PAWAR FACTION OF NCP

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NEW DELHI: The Nationalist Congress Party-Sharadchandra Pawar is now the official party name of the faction led by Sharad Pawar, the Election Commission of India (ECI) declared on Wednesday, paving the way for the party to contest the Rajya Sabha elections for six Maharashtra seats on February 27. In a communication to Sharad Pawar, ECI said it has "acceded to your first preference... as the name of your group as a one-time option..." →P9

NITISH MEETS PM AHEAD OF FLOOR TEST ON FEB 12

NEW DELHI: Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday in what was their first meeting after the JD(U) president dumped the opposition INDIA bloc and joined the BJP-led NDA and reiterated that he will not leave it again.

Kumar also met Union home minister Amit Shah and BJP president JP Nadda, in meetings that came five days before a trust vote in the state.

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Centre vs states row on tax devolution deepens

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NEW DELHI: The Karnataka government led by chief minister Siddaramaiah and deputy chief minister DK Shivakumar took to Delhi's streets on Wednesday to protest alleged "financial discrimination" against the state, prompting a furious response from the Union government that accused the Congress of fuelling a "separatist mentality" that wanted to "break up the country" based on outrageously "false claims". The protest marks deepening fissures between the BJP-led Union government and states ruled by parties opposed to the BJP, particularly those from southern India, with Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan set to hold a similar protest on Thursday, with support from Tamil Nadu.

Speaking at Jantar Mantar on Wednesday, Siddaramaiah said that it was a "historic protest" that sought to gain the attention of the central government and the people of the country. "We are raising the issue of discrimination meted out by the govern-

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Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah and dy CM DK Shivakumar at the protest at Jantar Mantar in Delhi on Wednesday. VIPIN KUMAR/HT

Modi slams Cong over North-South false binary

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday accused the Congress of trying to drive a wedge between the northern and southern states and said the opposition party's government in Karnataka was trying to create a narrative that will jeopardise the country's future.

"Today I want to share my pain on a specific matter... The way language is being spoken these days to break the country, these new narratives are being made for political gains. An entire state is speaking this language, nothing can be worse for the country than this... what language have we started saying," Modi asked in the Upper House. →P10

'Wanted 3 temples': After Ayodhya, Yogi backs Mathura, Kashi push

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LUCKNOW: Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday appeared to endorse a claim by Hindu groups over two shrines in Varanasi and Mathura as he hailed the opening of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya and accused previous governments of neglecting the temple town.

Invoking Lord Krishna on the floor of the legislative assembly, Adityanath said that in the Mahabharata, Krishna asked for five villages, but today the Hindu society was only asking for the three centres of faith.

"Before the start of the Kurukshetra war mentioned in the epic Mahabharata, Lord Krishna urged Duryodhana to give five villages to the Panda-

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{ BILL PASSED } TO BE SENT FOR PRESIDENT'S NOD

India's 1st Uniform Civil Code gets nod in U'khand House

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DEHRADUN: The Uttarakhand assembly on Wednesday passed the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill, 2024 by voice vote after a debate spanning two days to become the first state in India to pass such a law, with chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami terming it a "historic moment" for the country.

After the bill was passed, Dhami told reporters that the bill would be sent to President Droupadi Murmu for consent. The proposed law overrides several national laws on marriage and property inheritance.

"After we get approval from the President, we will start the process for its implementation in the state," he said.

Officials said that once the bill is approved by the President and notified, the state government will frame the rules for its implementation. They, however, refused to give a time frame for implementation, saying drafting of the rules will start only after President approves the bill.

> I hope other states will also table the UCC bill. People in the state must be feeling proud... It will strengthen our slogan of unity in diversity.
>
> **PUSHKAR SINGH DHAMI,** Uttarakhand chief minister

Dhami said with the passage of the bill they have fulfilled the promise made to the people before the 2022 assembly elections. In his address to the house before the passage of the bill, Dhami said it was a "historic opportunity" to frame such a law that provides a "common legal framework" for all.

"I hope other states will also table the UCC bill. Every person in the state must be feeling proud today... This bill will

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Court summons Kejriwal over complaint filed by ED

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NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Wednesday summoned chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on February 17, calling for his personal appearance while observing that the Aam Aadmi Party leader was "legally bound" to join an investigation being conducted by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) into the Delhi excise policy case.

The order by the Rouse Avenue court came on a complaint, filed by the federal agency on February 3, that Kejriwal had not appeared for questioning despite five summons being issued to him. The Delhi CM has maintained that the ED summons were vague, illegal, and politically motivated.

Arvind Kejriwal

"By virtue of Section 50(3) of the Act, the respondent of the summonses i.e. the proposed accused was legally bound to attend in person in pursuance of the same but purportedly he failed to do so," additional chief metropolitan magistrate (ACMM) Divya Malhotra said in his order on Wednesday.

The judge noted that, at the face of it, an offence of non-attendance despite an order from a public servant was made out against Kejriwal. →P4

Bumrah first bowler to be No. 1 in all 3 formats

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MUMBAI: Jasprit Bumrah has just become the first Indian fast bowler ever to become No.1 in the ICC Test ranking. With this, he is also the first bowler to have topped the rankings in all three formats. Only three batters — Matthew Hayden, Ricky Ponting and Virat Kohli — have held this distinction. This rise is reward for his sensational spell in the Visakhapatnam Test win.

Bumrah replaced his teammate, off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin, at the top of the ICC table.

While Bumrah climbed three places, Ashwin fell to third. →P20

CENTRE WORKING ON PROPOSAL FOR DECLARATION OF ASSETS BY JUDGES

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NEW DELHI: The Centre is working on a proposal to make it mandatory for all judges of the Supreme Court and HCs to declare their assets and has sought social status data of all serving judges pertaining to assess diversity in the judiciary. →P13

HAMAS SUGGESTS 135-DAY TRUCE, HOSTAGE DEAL; ISRAEL SAYS NO

DOHA: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Wednesday total victory in Gaza was within reach, rejecting the latest offer from Hamas for a ceasefire to ensure the return of hostages still held in the besieged enclave. Netanyahu renewed a pledge to destroy the Hamas, saying there was no alternative for Israel but bringing about the collapse of Hamas. Hamas had proposed a Gaza ceasefire of four-and-a-half months, during which all hostages would go free, Israel would withdraw its troops from the Gaza Strip and an agreement would be reached on an end to the war. →P17

{ REIGN OF TERROR }

At least 30 killed as twin blasts rock Pakistan a day ahead of crucial polls

The attacks took place in Baluchistan province, which is home to a low-level insurgency and various militants groups. AFP

ISLAMABAD: Two explosions near electoral candidates' offices in Pakistan's southwestern province of Balochistan killed 30 people and wounded dozens on Wednesday, officials said, raising concerns over security on the eve of a general election.

Pakistan goes to the polls on Thursday amid rising militant attacks and the jailing of Imran Khan, the winner of the last national election, who has been dominating the headlines despite an economic crisis and other woes threatening the nuclear-armed country.

Authorities have said they are boosting security at polling booths.

The first attack, which killed 14 people, took place at the office of an independent election candidate in Pishin district.

The second explosion in Qilla Saifullah, near the Afghan border, detonated near an office of Jamiat Ulema Islam (JUI), a religious party that has previously been the target of militant attacks, according to the province's information minister. →P17

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NUMBER THEORY

Behind India's growing fiscal federalism fights

By Roshan Kishore

The Karnataka government on February 7 held a protest in Delhi, branded "My Tax, My Right", to "protest against the financial atrocities committed by the Central government on Kannadigas and Karnataka". The Kerala and Tamil Nadu governments are holding a protest on similar lines on February 8.

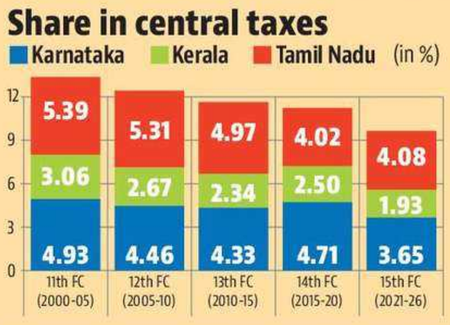
Is India's fiscal federalism framework really in a crisis? Is the Centre garnering more fiscal resources instead of sharing it with the states? Are southern states being short-changed when it comes to resource transfers from the Centre? Are these fights likely to worsen going forward?

There are no easy answers to these questions. But a holistic look at the data can help put things in perspective. The first part of this data journalism series will look at the North-South debate, and the second part will look at India's fiscal federalism tensions against a larger backdrop.

1 K'taka, Kerala and TN have seen a sharp fall in their share in central tax devolution

Prima facie, these three states have a reason to feel upset with the fiscal federalism framework in the country. A comparison of their share in central taxes, as per the awards of the 11th Finance Commission (2000-2005) onwards, shows that the combined share of these three states in central tax devolutions has fallen by almost 28% from 13.4% under the 11th Finance Commission to 9.7% under the 15th Finance Commission (2021-2026).

Share in central taxes

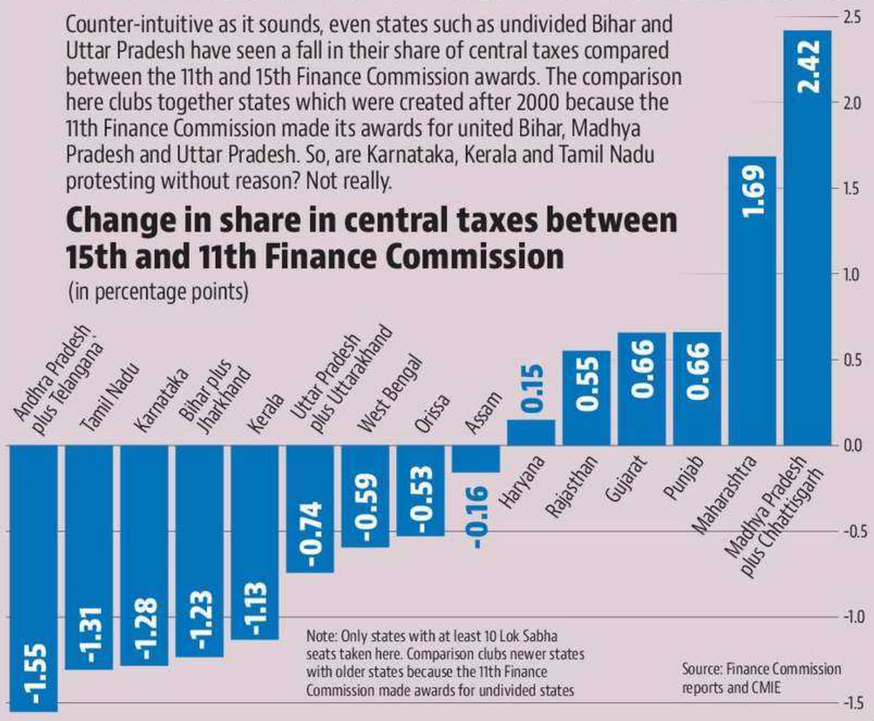


2 To be sure, they're not the only ones to have seen a fall in share in central taxes

Counter-intuitive as it sounds, even states such as undivided Bihar and Uttar Pradesh have seen a fall in their share of central taxes compared between the 11th and 15th Finance Commission awards. The comparison here clubs together states which were created after 2000 because the 11th Finance Commission made its awards for united Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. So, are Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu protesting without reason? Not really.

Change in share in central taxes between 15th and 11th Finance Commission

(in percentage points)



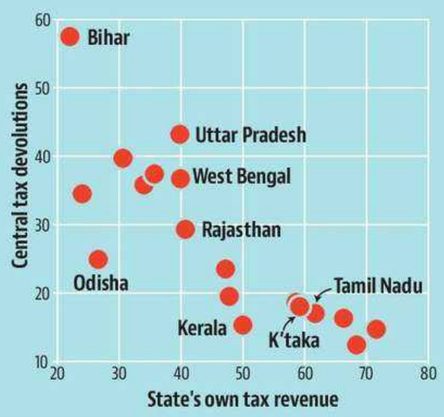
Note: Only states with at least 10 Lok Sabha seats taken here. Comparison clubs newer states with older states because the 11th Finance Commission made awards for undivided states

Source: Finance Commission reports and CMIE

3 There is a wide state-wise gap in the fiscal cushion which the Centre provides

The numbers speak for themselves. According to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) database, the share of own tax revenue in total revenue receipts of states varied from 71.6% for Telangana to just 22% for Bihar among the major states in 2021-22 (the latest period for which this information is available). The importance of central tax devolutions in total revenue receipts of the states follows an opposite pattern compared to the importance of own tax revenues. This clearly shows that the fiscal cushion on account of share in central taxes varies drastically across India's states. It is here that the southern states are feeling that they are being given an increasingly unjust treatment under India's fiscal federalism framework.

Share in revenue receipts 2021-22



4 How does the Centre distribute its taxes among states?

This is the most important part of the fiscal federalism debate. Questions of tax devolution between the Centre and the states are decided by the Finance Commission – it is appointed every five years – under India's constitutional framework. The Finance Commission decides on a devolution criterion to make its awards. The 15th Finance Commission, which upheld the goal promoting "equity with efficiency" based its devolution formula on six factors, the largest of which was income distance with a weight of 45% in the overall sharing formula. The income distance criterion entails taking from the richer states (it uses per capita GSDP) and giving more to the poorer states to make up for their spending requirements. While a lot of the rhetoric coming from the southern states subtly questions this income distance criteria – richer states, by default, contribute a larger part of the total central tax collections – this has been a part of the Finance Commission's methodology for a long time. In fact, the weight ascribed to income-distance criterion by the 15th Finance Commission is the lowest since the 10th Finance Commission. It remains to be seen whether the southern states take an explicit position against this principle in the deliberations of the 16th Finance Commission.

Weights for tax-devolution formula in the 15th Finance Commission

This is the first of a two-part data journalism series on fiscal federalism fights in India. **The second-part will look at the larger context of center-state transfers in India.**

{ WORLD } DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

Biden wins Nevada in lopsided contest

President Joe Biden easily won Tuesday's Democratic presidential primary in Nevada, his second lopsided victory in four days over a mostly unknown field of challengers. At the time the race was called, Biden led with about 89% of the vote, with "None of these candidates" a distant second at about 6%. Self-help author Marianne Williamson was at about 3%. US Rep. Dean Phillips of Minnesota opted to skip the first-in the-west contest in Nevada and did not appear on the ballot. On Saturday, Biden scored a big win in South Carolina. →P17

{ MY INDIA } IN UTTAR PRADESH

Speculation rife over RLD leaving Oppn's INDIA bloc

Uncertainty over the fate of opposition INDIA bloc in Uttar Pradesh continued on Wednesday, with speculation that the RLD may walk away from the alliance gaining steam due to party chief Jayant Chaudhary's studied silence on the matter and cryptic comments from ruling BJP leaders. The SP, the senior partner in the opposition bloc in UP, however, sounded confident that the RLD will remain with the INDIA bloc and accused the BJP of "creating confusion". SP chief Akhilesh Yadav said he hopes that Chaudhary will not weaken the struggle going on for the prosperity of Uttar Pradesh. →P11

{ MY INDIA } BY ANOTHER 5 DAYS

Hemant Soren's ED remand extended

A special PMLA (Prevention of Money Laundering Act) court on Wednesday extended the Enforcement Directorate (ED) remand of former chief minister Hemant Soren by five days in a money laundering case linked to an alleged land scam, lawyers said. ED told the court that there was blatant use of power for "hampering and frustrating evidence" linked with this case, people aware of the development said. The agency sought a seven-day extension of the former Jharkhand CM's remand, but the court granted five days. HTC

{ WATCHDOG REPORT } BOLTS 'MISSING' FROM DOOR

Key findings of the safety report on Boeing MAX's door blowout

A door panel that flew off a Boeing 737 MAX 9 jet mid-flight on January 5 appeared to be missing four key bolts, according to a preliminary report from the US National Transportation Safety Board released on Tuesday. A look at its key takeaways.

NTSB investigators examine the door plug from Alaska Airlines flight 1282, a Boeing 737-9 MAX. NTSB

DAMAGED SEATS

Inside the airplane investigators found damage in seat rows 25 ABC and 26 ABC, but otherwise no signs of other failures or malfunction in the plane or any of its systems.

DAMAGED RIVETS

The report noted five damaged rivets next to the site of the door plug. The bolts in the door plug would have needed to be removed to repair the rivets. In a photo supplied by Boeing in the report, one can see the door plug after the rivets were repaired and just before interior material like insulation was restored. In 3 spots, key bolts were missing.

"The investigation continues to determine what manufacturing documents were used to authorise the opening and closing of the plug during the rivet rework." – The report said.

SEAL FLUSHNESS

The door plug was manufactured by Spirit AeroSystems in Malaysia in March and then sent to its facility in Kansas in May where it was installed on the fuselage before being delivered to Boeing. In the building process it was noted that the door seal was off very slightly. But no action was required as Spirit said that the situation "was structurally and functionally acceptable."

MISSING BOLTS

The 19-page NTSB report said four important bolts that played a role in holding the door plug in place appear to be missing and have not been recovered. Damage patterns and the lack of damage around holes associated with the missing bolts "indicate that the four bolts that prevent upward movement of the MED (door) plug were missing" before the door plug moved upward and blew out of the plane.

INVESTIGATION ONGOING: The report said Boeing and Spirit AeroSystems staff still need to be interviewed and that investigators will be looking at safety management systems as the investigation continues.

{ EXPLOSION KILLED 11 } OVER 200 INJURED

Host of violations across the board at MP factory

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BHOPAL/HARDA: Irregularities such as storage of explosives well above the permitted limit and absence of proper water tanks were detected at the factory that caught fire in Harda on Tuesday, leaving 11 people dead and over 200 injured, in an inspection conducted by the district administration in September 2023, documents accessed by HT showed on Wednesday.

No corrective action was taken in the interim period. The copy of the inspection report at the factory in Bairagarh area of Narmadapuram district owned by Rajesh Aggarwal and Somesh Aggarwal, who were arrested on Wednesday, said that the factory flouted several norms under of the Explosives Act, 2008 and operations should be stopped immediately to prevent any loss of life.

"No documentary evidence has been presented during the investigation regarding the approved map/drawing of the firecracker manufacturing complex. During investigation, it was found that the firecrackers manufactured were kept in the warehouse rooms for drying, which is not in accordance with Specification 3 of the Explosives Act, 2008," the report said.

The report also said that the explosives found in the factory were much more than permitted and there were crackers such as twine bombs, which was in violation of the licence conditions. The report said the factory was allowed to stock only 15kg of explosives but the accused took two licences for the factory in the same premises. "The stock was many times higher than the prescribed limit," the report said.

The factory was operating illegally, said officials. PTI

The report said the factory did not have adequate water tanks as prescribed under Rule 13(1) of the Explosives Act, 2008 and did not have a certified foreman to ensure implementation of the safety regulations as prescribed under section 11 (4) of the Act.

The inspecting officer and then sub-divisional magistrate, Ashish Khare, asked the Narmadapuram commissioner in September 2023 that the factory be sealed. But no action was taken.

In September 2022, the factory was inspected by the then collector Rishi Garg and he recommended sealing of the factory and cancellation of the licence under the Explosives Act. However, his recommendation was overturned by the then divisional commissioner Mal Singh on October 14, 2022, documents showed.

Mal Singh refuted the finding and said, "It was an old matter and when it came to me in a public hearing, I referred it to the collector for reconsidering the action."

On Wednesday, divisional commissioner Pawan Sharma said, "Four licences were issued — two each by the deputy controller of explosives, Bhopal, and two by the local administration — for running cracker factories in the same premises. Two licences given by the local administration had been cancelled and they have asked Bhopal to cancel the other two licences too."

Former Bairagarh sarpanch Dhirendra Saini said the accused turned the entire area into a "godown" of explosives. "He used to give explosives to locals to manufacture crackers at their homes on contract. This was a reason that when the factory caught fire, there were also explosions in the nearby houses," she said.

A resident of Bairagarh, Ramkunwar Singh, 65, who lost her son and daughter-in-law, in the incident said, "He [my son] had to take a loan to pay for construction of the house under the housing scheme. My son and daughter-in-law started working at the factory to pay back the loan. The accused lured the locals to work in dangerous conditions."

Another local resident, Kalabai Beldar, said, "We are getting only ₹200 for making one thousand thread bombs. On Tuesday, when the blast happened, I was working on the second floor. We rushed towards the main door but the massive explosion left me badly injured."

Praveen Soni, a local lawyer, said that in July 2021, a Harda court had convicted factory owner Rajesh Aggarwal and Dinesh Sharma of culpable homicide not amounting to murder for running a firecracker factory where two workers died in a fire in 2015.

Russia to introduce nuclear war survival training in schools

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NEW DELHI: The Russian government is set to introduce nuclear survival training as part of its national curriculum for high school students, a local newspaper reported on Tuesday, citing the ministry of education.

As part of the training, students will learn about "the combat properties and damaging effects of weapons of mass destruction, as well as methods of protection against them", the report in newspaper Kommersant said.

The training will be part of a subject called "Fundamentals of Security and Defence of the Motherland" expected to be rolled out in high schools in Russia from September 1.

Nuclear rhetoric has been prominent since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022.

Senior officials in Moscow, including former President Dmitry Medvedev, have warned on multiple occasions that a nuclear war could break out amid the ongoing conflict.

In September 2022, Russian President Vladimir Putin said that Moscow was prepared to use nuclear weapons to defend its "territorial integrity".

In August 2023, Putin signed a law introducing a mandatory security and defence course in schools as part of an overhaul of the national curriculum.

Other elements of the subject will include basic military training, how to use a Kalashnikov assault rifle and hand grenades, how to administer first aid in combat, and lessons on self-defence.

THE STUDENTS WILL LEARN ABOUT COMBAT PROPERTIES AND DAMAGING EFFECTS OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

The students will be trained in constructive communication, to learn to identify "dangerous phenomena in social interaction" and how to counter "extremist and terrorist activities".

The official course outline says that students will "develop intolerance towards manifestations of violence in social interaction" and the ability to counteract danger in the digital environment, Kommersant reported.

The full version of the course will be taught in schools from September 1.

The course is reminiscent of a Soviet-era military training course that was abolished in 1993.

Sergey Mironov, the head of A Just Russia party, told Russian media in November 2022 that rolling out such a course "would systematically prepare citizens for a possible confrontation with the enemy".

Kremlin propagandists have routinely warned of a looming world war and strikes by Russia on NATO territory over aid and weapons provided by American President Joe Biden's administration and members of the military alliance to Kyiv.

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MY DELHI

AAP a direct beneficiary of DJB corruption, claims ED

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NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday alleged that bribes generated during an illegal Delhi Jal Board (DJB) tender process were passed on as "election funds" to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP).

These alleged bribes were collected from the people who were awarded DJB contracts at highly inflated rates, the agency said in a statement, a day after carrying out raids at multiple locations in Delhi, Varanasi and Chandigarh, including premises linked to chief minister Arvind Kejriwal's personal assistant Bibhav Kumar, AAP Rajya Sabha member ND Gupta and former DJB member Shalabh Kumar under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

The agency said it has recovered "incriminating" documents and digital evidence, apart from valuables worth ₹1.97 crore and foreign currency worth ₹4 lakh during Tuesday's raids — claims that the Capital's ruling party dismissed and called "blatantly false"

Delhi minister Atishi on Wednesday said the agency sleuths "found nothing incriminating during the raids". ED's money laundering case stems from a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) first information report (FIR) filed in July 2022.

ED alleged – based on a complaint by CBI – that Arora "illegally" awarded the contract for supply, installation, testing and commissioning (SITC) of electromagnetic flow meters to NKG Infrastructure Ltd in September 2018 for five years for a negotiated cost of over ₹38 crore, despite the firm not meeting the technical eligibility criteria.

The agency alleged that out of the contract value of ₹38 crore, about ₹17 crore was spent on the tender work, and the remaining funds were siphoned off under the guise of various false expenses.

ED SAID IT FOUND 'INCRIMINATING' DOCUMENTS, DIGITAL EVIDENCE AND VALUABLES DURING THE RAIDS ON TUESDAY, CLAIMS THAT THE AAP DISMISSED

The ED probe showed that NKG Infrastructure Ltd obtained the bid by submitting forged or false documents.

"Arora was aware of the fact that the company does not meet the technical eligibility. He received the bribe amount in cash and in his bank accounts," the ED statement said.

"Investigations and digital evidence show that Arora passed on the bribe funds to various people connected with managing DJB's affairs, including people connected with the AAP. Bribe amounts were also passed on as election funds to the AAP," added the statement.

ED said it has found that the contract (to NKG) was awarded at highly inflated rates.

"As against the contract value of ₹38 crore, only about ₹17 crore was spent towards the contract and the remaining amounts were siphoned off in guise of various fake expenses. Such fake expenses were booked for paying bribes and election funds," the statement said.

The financial crimes probe agency had also carried out raids in the case on November 17 and July 24 and had seized various digital devices.

Arora is currently being interrogated by the agency. In a statement, an AAP spokesperson said the party's leaders have "nothing to do with the case".

Blatantly false, nothing recovered in raids: AAP

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NEW DELHI: A day after the Enforcement Directorate (ED) conducted searches at several locations across the Capital in connection with alleged irregularities in Delhi Jal Board (DJB) contracts, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Wednesday said that the party or its leaders did not have anything to do with the case.

On Tuesday, ED conducted raids at 12 locations, including those connected to Kejriwal's personal secretary Bibhav Kumar and AAP parliamentarian ND Gupta.

In a statement issued on Wednesday evening, the AAP said, "We condemn any kind of wrongdoing done by DJB officials or its contractors, if proven true. We also condemn ED's blatantly false allegation that the AAP or its leaders have anything to do with this case. Not a single penny or piece of evidence has been recovered from the AAP leaders who were raided yesterday (Tuesday) by ED."

The statement added, "By yet again naming the AAP without any evidence, ED has proven it is nothing but a mouthpiece of the BJP. We will take legal action against ED for defaming the AAP."

ED, meanwhile, said it conducted search operations at various locations in Delhi, Varanasi and Chandigarh in connection with the DJB case. "ED initiated investigations on the basis of FIR registered by CBI (Central Bureau of Investigation) for offences related to corruption/bribery in DJB," the agency said in a statement issued on Wednesday.

ED conducted a raid at AAP Rajya Sabha MP ND Gupta's residence in the city on Tuesday. ANI

Earlier in the day, the AAP claimed that the federal agency did not specify the case under which the raids were conducted, and alleged that the actions were attempts to "politically crush" chief minister Arvind Kejriwal.

ED officials did not respond to the AAP's allegations. However, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) accused the AAP of wasting time "defending scams", rather than working for the people of Delhi.

Referring to the ED searches on Tuesday, Delhi minister Atishi, addressing a press conference, said, "The ED officers did not search the houses, did not go to any room, and conducted no inquiries with Kumar and Gupta."

Atishi claimed that during the raid at Kumar's residence, the ED officers sat in the drawing room, and alleged that the document provided to Kumar did not mention the case in which the raids were conducted.

"Usually when the ED conducts raids, it prepares a search and seizure report mentioning the details... They did not see any documents, did not inquire, did not prepare any search and seizure report. They only took the downloads of two Gmail accounts of [Kumar] and three phones," she said.

Meanwhile, the BJP urged the AAP government to focus more on administrative duties.

"Every day, we see AAP leader Atishi spending hours just defending her government's scams. If she spends time on her administrative duties, then maybe Delhi's water supply and sewage treatment issues could get better," Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said.

Court summons to CM in ED's excise case probe

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NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Wednesday summoned chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on February 17, calling for his personal appearance while observing that the Aam Aadmi Party leader was "legally bound" to join an investigation being conducted by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) into the Delhi excise policy case.

The order by the Rouse Avenue court came on a complaint, filed by the federal agency on February 3, that Kejriwal had not appeared for questioning despite five summons being issued to him. The Delhi CM has maintained that the ED summons were vague, illegal, and politically motivated.

"By virtue of Section 50(3) of the Act, the respondent of the summonses i.e. the proposed accused was legally bound to attend in person in pursuance of the same but purportedly he failed to do so," additional chief metropolitan magistrate Divya Malhotra said in an order on Wednesday.

The judge noted that, at the face of it, an offence of non-attendance despite an order from a public servant was made out against Kejriwal. "Prima facie offence under Section 174 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, is made out and there are sufficient grounds for proceeding under Section 204 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, against accused Mr Arvind Kejriwal," the court said in its order.

Kejriwal has now been summoned by the court to furnish his response as to why he did not appear on the summons sent by ED. Section 174 — if a person does not appear in response to the orders of a public servant — has provisions of imprisonment up to one month, or a fine of up to ₹500, or both.

Section 204 of CrPC gives a magistrate the power to summon someone after ascertaining that sufficient grounds exist.

In response, the AAP claimed that the ED summons are part of a "conspiracy" to stop Kejriwal from campaigning in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

"These summons are being sent to arrest and stop the CM from campaigning for the Lok Sabha elections... People from the BJP are approaching AAP MLAs for poaching and offering them money and tickets...," AAP legislator Atishi said.

The court, in its order, said that the summons were issued to Kejriwal by the investigating officer, who is the assistant director of ED, and is therefore authorised to issue summons as per the law. Under Section 50(2) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, directors, additional directors, joint directors, deputy directors and assistant directors have been granted the power to issue summons to any person who needs to give evidence during an investigation.

ED, in its complaint, blamed Kejriwal for intentionally omitting to obey ED's summons and for rasing "frivolous" objections.

"Instead of attending pursuant to the summons, Shri Arvind Kejriwal raise frivolous objections and deliberately created grounds which clearly show that Arvind Kejriwal intentionally did not want to obey the summons and kept on giving lame excuses which were not only frivolous but made with an intention to make out a false defence", the ED said in its written submission.

The agency added that Kejriwal was summoned to unearth the role of several people, including himself, involved in the alleged irregularities.

To be sure, Kejriwal has repeatedly and consistently objected to the summons by stating that it was not clear whether he was asked to appear before the agency as a witness or suspect; as chief minister or as AAP chief; and without any details on the line of questioning.

Responding to the development, Virendra Sachdeva, the president of the Bharatiya Janata Party's Delhi unit, said, "If Arvind Kejriwal does not appear in the court on February 17 or does legal manoeuvring, it will directly mean that he is the mastermind of the liquor scam."

Encroachment on public land is akin to dacoity: High court

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NEW DELHI: Encroachment on public land is akin to dacoity, the Delhi high court has remarked even as it reprimanded the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) for their failures to act against the unauthorised construction in a sealed guest house within 100 meters of the centrally protected monument "Nizamuddin ki Baoli" and the Barakhamba Tomb.

"Encroachment is the worst form of construction. It is like committing dacoity... public is losing land... state is losing assets. This is something serious. Government has lost possession of its land," a bench led by the acting chief justice said to an MCD official.

The court urged the agencies to use newer technologies like drones or satellite images to maintain a vigil. The court was hearing a plea filed by an NGO, Jamia Arabia Nizamia Welfare Education Society, seeking to halt and demolish the illegal construction being carried out in the guest house.

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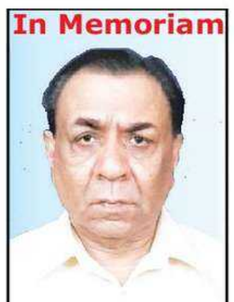

14th Death Anniversary of
Sh. Dev Raj Aggarwal
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You live in our hearts each and every moment of our lives, not a single day goes when you are not missed.

Fondly remembered by:
Rajiv Aggarwal & Anita
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(Great Grand Daughters)
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Letter No:186 **Short term Tender Notice** Date: 06/02/2024

Office of the Executive Engineer (M&G) Kulhal Power Station, Kulhal, invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below :
Tender No. 23/UJVNL/EE(M&G)/KPS/2023-24: "Protective coating on stay vanes and stay ring area of Unit A at Kulhal Power Station"
Tender No. 24/UJVNL/EE(M&G)/KPS/2023-24: "Refilling of fire extinguisher & other miscellaneous fire equipment related works at Kulhal power Station"
Estimated cost : Rs. 7,45,500 /- & Rs. 3,57,045 /- GST Extra
Date of availability of bid document on website.: 07/02/2024 11:00 Hrs
Last date for submission of tender: 18/02/2024 15:00 Hrs
For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website **"www.ujvnl.com"**

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Letter No:188 **e-Tender Notice** Date: 06/02/2024

Office of the Executive Engineer, PCM(GV), Mayapur, Haridwar invites sealed & separate tender from interested bidders. Brief summary of tender is given below:-
1. Tender Notice Reference:
NIT No.- 19/2023-24/EE/PCM(GV)/Mayapur:- Restoration of Damaged Structures due to Disaster at Pathri Power House & Colony.
2. Estimated Value of Tender:- Rs. 1,19,20,691.07 only, excluding GST.
3. Date of availability of bid document on website:- 07.02.2024 from 11:00 Hrs.
4. Last Date for Submission of Tender:- 28.02.2024 upto 13:00 Hrs.
For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal **http://uktenders.gov.in**

Executive Engineer, PCM (GV), Mayapur, Haridwar

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

No.: JHS/ELG/W/T-23/2023-24/RT Date: 05/02/2024

TENDER NOTICE

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

Description: Trip Maintenance/A-check and Escorting & Operation of DA set fitted in power car of FOG type trains of Jhansi division for a period of three years.	**Tender value:** Rs. 16453513.12/-
	Earnest money: Rs. 232300/-
	Cost of tender Document Rs. 5250/-

Tender No: JHS/ELG/W/T-23/2023-24/RT; **Completion period:** Three years (36 months); **Closing date of tender:** 27/02/2024 (at 15:00 Hrs); **Date & time of opening of tender:** 27/02/2024 (at 15.30 Hrs); In case the date of tender opening happens to be a holiday or technical problem in website, the tenders shall be opened on the next working day in the same manner. The complete information along with tender document of above E- Tender is available in website on **https://www.ireps.gov.in** up to 15.00 Hrs. on the due date of tender opening. Tenderer will submit the tender online up to 27/02/2024 (at 15.00 Hrs.) complete details & for submission of tenders can be seen in Indian Railway website **http://www.ireps.gov.in** 232/24 (ADM)

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No. /MPGMC/264/24x9/1/Sewerage Network/2024 Gwalior, Dated : 01.02.2024

जनसम्पर्क RO क्रमांक 76 **Notice Inviting Tender** दिनांक 06-02-2024

On behalf of Gwalior Municipal Corporation (GMC), Madhya Pradesh, online **Percentage Rate** bids are invited on website **http://mptenders.gov.in** from registered Contractors and Firms of repute, fulfilling eligibility criteria.

Tender ID	Name of Works	Probable amount of Contract (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (In Rs.)	Cost of Bid Document (In Rs.)	Time of Completion
2024_UAD_329343_1 dated 31.01.2024	Survey, design, preparation of drawings, providing, laying and commissioning of sewerage network in Ward No. 40, 47, 48, 50, 52 & 53 of Gwalior Municipal Corporation.	36862087.60	184310.43	15000.00	06 months including rainy season.

NIT with all details of works to be executed and provisions of contract can be viewed on website **http://mptenders.gov.in** and **www.mpurban.gov.in.** and bid document can be purchased from 10:30 AM dated 31.01.2024 to 5:30 PM dated 01.03.2024.

(R.K. Shukla)
Executive Engineer, Gwalior Municipal Corporation

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E-TENDERING NOTICE

1. The Director, Directorate of Sports & Youth Welfare, M.P. Bhopal invites bids on electronic mode for **Construction of Hockey Field Sports Fencing at CRC, Mayur Park, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.**
2. The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained on **www.mptenders.gov.in.** If any queries regarding participation through e-tender process interested bidder may contact on **Toll Free No. 18002588684.**
3. The corrigendum and agendum issued (if any) related to this bid will be published on e-tendering portal only.

M.P. Madhyam/113676/2024 **DIRECTOR**

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(Dear Behanji)
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It's been 22 years that you left us all. Will cherish all the fond memories. Miss you every moment. **Kawatra's, Kamla Chawla, Anand's.**

Mrs Manjula Ahlawat
(22.08.1963- 08.02.2023)

Though you have left this world, your warmth and love linger in our hearts. Rest peacefully Forever. **Fondly Remembered By R.S. Ahlawat (Husband)**
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Rohit & Kanika Ahlawat (Son & Daughter-in-law)

In Loving Memory of
DALJIT SINGH NARULA
(27.01.1976 - 08.02.2018)

It been 6 yrs now, words can not express our grief of losing you. Not a day passes by when you are not fondly loved & missed. We pray to grant eternal peace to your soul. Remembered by Babita Narula, Bhoomi Narula Harnnav Singh Narula. All Narula & Sachdeva Family

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System Tender No. : 152083/NIT No.: 30/SAC/2023-24, Kawardha, Dated : 29.01.2024

Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 19.02.2024 at 17:30 Hour.

Name of Work : Construction of Bhatkundera (Thathapur) Diversion Head Work of Length 33.0 m and Canal from RD 0.0 M To 1680.0 m including 01 No Fall, 03 No V.R.B. 01 No C.D. Fixing of Colaba pipes in District Kabirdham, Block Sahaspur Lohara.

Probable Amount of Contract :- **Rs. 436.13 Lakhs.**

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal **(https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in)** from **Date 05.02.2024, at 17.31 Hours (IST) onwards.**

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Disst. Kabirdham (C.G.)
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MCD proposes ₹1,000 crore revamp of inner colony roads

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NEW DELHI: The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) plans to carry out a major revamp of the city's internal colony roads in the 2024-25 financial year, with a budgetary provision of ₹1,000 crore, senior municipal officials aware of the matter said.

The laying and maintenance of Delhi's 12,700-km internal colony road network has been affected by the financial crisis that plagued the erstwhile North, South and East MCDs over the preceding decade.

Of the internal colony network, areas under the erstwhile South MCD has the largest share — 7,438.3km — followed by the erstwhile North MCD at 4753km, and the erstwhile East MCD at 512.4km. The three corporations were merged into the unified MCD in May 2022.

Repairing broken roads was one of the 10 guarantees announced by AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal in run-up to the MCD polls in December 2022.

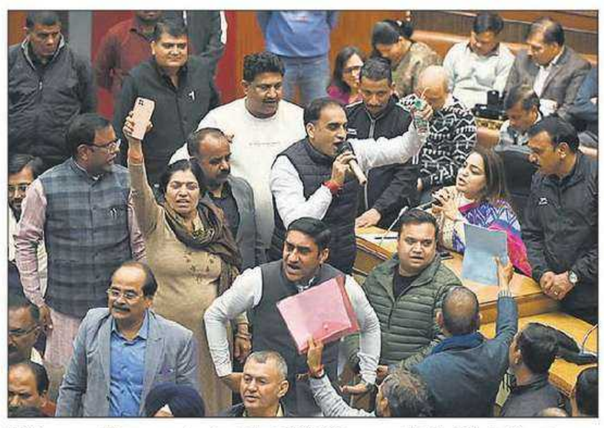
On Tuesday, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) introduced a cut motion — a budgetary amendment proposal — to modify revenue expenditure, setting aside ₹1,000 crore for the revamp of internal colony roads from the total budget proposals of ₹16,683 crore announced by MCD commissioner Gyanesh Bharti in December. The corporation's budget will be finalised on February 8 after a vote on amendments moved by the ruling AAP and the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) — AAP has a clear majority in the house, so its cut motions are expected to be passed without any difficulty.

An official from mayor Shelly Oberoi's office said the AAP administration plans to make dedicated budgetary provision for internal colony roads under a hybrid annuity model.

"Under the hybrid annuity model, there is a PPP-like arrangement between the developer and the government agency, payment is released in instalments, based on the completion of targeted project milestones. The developer will also responsible for the upkeep of the road for 10 years," the official said, on condition of anonymity.

BS Vohra, who heads the East Delhi RWA Joint Front, said east Delhi has particularly suffered due to poor road maintenance, and the construction of roads has largely been carried out through MLA local area development (LAD) funds. "Some patches in colonies need urgent repairs. Promising 10-year maintenance is one thing. Promises have been made in the past as well, but it remains to be seen whether they will be able to deliver on ground," he said.

Atul Goyal, who heads URJA (united RWAs joint action), a collective body of resident welfare associations, said that there is no doubt that inner colony roads are in poor shape and need maintenance, but the seriousness of the AAP's claims would be seen in execution and monitoring. "There are 250 wards and the allocated funds will leave just ₹4 crore for each ward. It remains to be seen how these funds will be distributed and which wards will be prioritised. Roads in North Delhi are in very poor shape and the planned colonies need equal amount of focus," he added.



BJP councillors protest at the MCD House at Delhi Civic Centre on Wednesday. SANJEEV VERMA/HT PHOTO

US embassy flags new job scam, approaches police

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NEW DELHI: The US embassy in New Delhi has flagged a new job scam targeting health and safety officers in India and Nepal, and has requested the Delhi Police look into the matter, crime branch officers aware of the matter have said. According to the officers, the fraudsters posed as agents for US-based companies with offices in other countries, and convinced their victims that they needed US visas to move abroad.

The Delhi Police registered a first information report on Monday after the US mission requested an investigation into the scam, and reported a threat to security since several "random" Indian and Nepal nationals had turned up at the embassy premises since October with fake or forged documents.

In its complaint letter, the embassy attached the details of the Indian and Nepal nationals who turned up at the mission, along with their passport details and the telephonic conversations with them. They mentioned names of at least seven individuals, including two Nepal nationals, who reached out to them in the last four month with similar requests.

HT has seen a copy of the letter.

Sharing details about the case, a senior crime branch officer said the scamsters use ads on social media sites such as Instagram to lure job seekers.

"To make the scam seem real, the victims are introduced to fake 'agents', who offer jobs as per the candidate's education qualifications. The accused allegedly demand Rs 2-10 lakh from each candidate to process their application, but flee with the money. The scamsters usually shut shop as soon as they are able to cheat 4-5 victims, but this time, we found that they directed their victims to the US embassy in order to buy time to escape," the officer said, on condition of anonymity.

According to police, the first person duped by the scamsters was Ahmed Khan, 25, a resident of Hyderabad, in October 2023. They said the scamster convinced him to come to the US embassy in the Capital and submit an application that he had bagged a job at a US-based company in Canada, and wants his work visa application to be processed.

"Embassy officials contacted Khan and found that he was lured to pay $3,200 (Rs 2.65 lakh) by the accused. The accused also provided Khan with contacts of fake agents and company officials to cheat him. He was sent to Delhi to get a work visa and other travel documents. However, we found he was cheated, and the embassy had no record of any visa application in his name," a second officer probing the case said.

In the same month, police said, two more people — a 24-year-old woman from Chandigarh, and a 35-year-old man from Nepal — submitted similar applications to the US embassy.

The second officer quoted above said, "We called the Nepal national, identified as Ajay Kurmi. He told us that he saw ads on Instagram about jobs at a US-based company in Poland, and was offered a job, for which he was told to pay Rs 5 lakh as a 'processing fee'. We found there was no such job in Poland, and no visa entry was available in Kurmi's name."

Police eventually found the names of around seven other people who were duped, who were from Gujarat, Haryana and Andhra Pradesh.

"All the victims were told that different US-based companies are looking for staffers in their offices abroad. We are trying to get names of the offices, the agents and the Instagram handles. However, the social media pages have been deleted," the first officer said. The police refused to share the names of the US companies that the fraudsters claimed they were agents for. HT reached out to the US embassy, but a comment was not immediately available.

The first citizen takes the Metro

President Droupadi Murmu interacts with school children on the Delhi Metro. Murmu travelled in the Delhi Metro from Central Secretariat to Nehru Place and back on Wednesday, becoming the second serving President to travel by Delhi Metro. COURTESY: RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN

AAP, BJP clash in MCD over funds

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NEW DELHI: The third day of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) House meeting on Wednesday was washed out completely with no councillor being able to participate in the Budget discussion as the mayor Shelly Oberoi adjourned the proceedings for the day after two disruptions.

The ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) councillors clashed over various amendments or cut motions, specially the one which proposed to increase the discretionary funds of Mayor to be increased from the existing ₹10 crore to ₹1,500 crore.

The motion was tabled yesterday by AAP councillors.

While the BJP members have claimed that increase will be one by slashing down the budget for various statutory committees, the AAP has maintained that before a final decision, the amendments will be put to vote in the House on Thursday.

Over the last three days, the BJP councillors have repeatedly moved to the well of the House raising slogans and demanding that these amendment be withdrawn.

MCD officials said that the stalemate still on, it was unlikely leader of the House Mukesh Goyal will be able to deliver the final budget speech on Thursday when the House will take up voting on 49 amendments tabled by the two parties.

Boy mowed down by car in NW Delhi

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NEW DELHI: A two-and-a-half-year-old boy was killed after he was run over by a car allegedly driven by his father's employer in a residential neighbourhood in Mukherjee Nagar in northwest Delhi on Tuesday evening, police said.

The incident was captured on a CCTV camera installed at one of the buildings in the lane. The driver took the injured child to a nearby hospital along with his family but the he was declared dead on arrival at the hospital.

The driver of the car, identified as Mehak Bansal, was arrested and booked for rash and negligent driving causing death.

A case has been registered under the relevant sections of law at the Mukherjee Nagar police station, deputy commissioner of police (northwest), Jitendra Kumar Meena said.

"Bansal is into the construction business. The father of the dead child is employed as a watchman by Bansal. The child's father was present outside the building when his son was mowed down by his employer's car," DCP Meena said.

"Bansal told us that he could not see the child playing near his vehicle," added the DCP.

HC denies bail to AAP leader in excise case

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi high court on Wednesday denied bail to Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) member of Parliament (MP) Sanjay Singh in the money laundering case registered in connection with the now-scrapped Delhi excise policy 2021-2022.

A bench presided by justice Swarana Kanta Shama said there was no ground to grant bail to Singh even as it directed the trial court to expedite the trial once it commences.

"No ground for grant of bail to the accused at the stage is made out," said justice Sharma.

The court said: "...Prima facie, it is clear that the present applicant was part of preparation of the old excise policy and thereafter, the new excise policy was made to suit the co-accused(s) who were to pay kickbacks to the present applicant and co-accused(s) and the party concerned, from the profit so generated due to excise policy drafted to suit them and there are specific statements that ₹2 crores were paid to Sarvesh Mishra for Sanjay Singh at his official residence in lieu of the new excise policy made to suit them and generate profit for them, the role at this stage of the applicant cannot completely be ruled out," justice Sharma said.

Sanjay Singh

Justice Sharma added: "The specific allegations with time, place and manner when the meetings and conversations took place between Dinesh Arora, Vivek Tyagi, Sarvesh Mishra, Vijay Nair, Sisodia, Sanjay Singh, etc., cannot be disregarded at this stage."

Singh, who was arrested on October 4 under provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) for allegedly receiving ₹2 crore, which according to the probe agencies were irregularities in the policy, approached the high court against a city court's order denying him bail in December, 2023. His plea against the high court upholding the arrest and remand is pending before the Supreme Court.

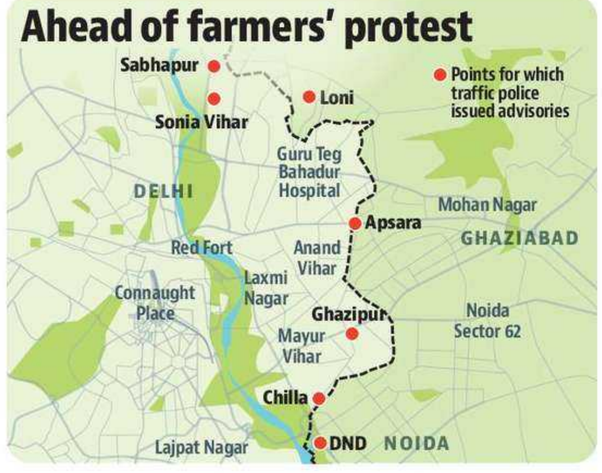
While rejecting his bail, the city court had observed there was reasonable ground to believe he was connected with the "proceeds of crime". Special judge MK Nagpal had underlined that there were no "irregularities" or "illegalities" in his arrest and remand adding that it was not necessary for him to either be named in the FIR or be charge-sheeted in the main excise policy case to be made as an accused in the money laundering offence.

Singh, appearing through senior advocate Mohit Mathur, submitted that the amount of ₹2 crore, alleged to have been paid to his close associate, was neither a charge nor an allegation made in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) charge sheet. Mathur contended that the MP was arrested based on the 10th statement made by the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) "star witness"

Dinesh Arora "who had been changing his statements according to the agency's wishes and fancies". Mathur also argued that the probe agency had failed to produce any incriminating information to determine his involvement in any activity of placement or layering proceeds of crime.

ED appearing through additional solicitor general (ASG) SV Raju submitted that the MP was not only involved in collecting and using kickbacks from the liquor groups in the policy but also extending favor to private persons in its formulation, in exchange for illegal gratification.

Ahead of farmers' protest



Traffic chaos likely at borders with UP

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi Police on Wednesday issued a traffic and security advisory ahead of the protests by farmers' organisations, which announced they would march to Parliament on Thursday.

Police said that heavy deployment of security and traffic personnel will be in place at all borders in east Delhi connecting UP to stop agitating farmers from entering the city, especially on tractors and other heavy vehicles.

Since the key borders such as Chilla, UP Gate and Apsara will be heavily barricaded from 7am on Thursday, people using the routes to reach their offices and other destinations are likely to be stuck in traffic congestion due to the heavy checking. The city police have urged the public to use alternative routes and leave early for their destinations.

The Delhi Traffic Police advisory, posted on X, said: "Heavy traffic is expected on the routes connected to Soniya Vihar, DND, Chilla, Gazipur, Sabhapur, Apsara and Loni borders on 8th Feb, 2024 i.e. tomorrow. Kindly avoid/plan journey accordingly."

DCP (east) Apoorva Gupta said: "Security personnel in adequate numbers will remain deployed at all borders in the east district. The standard preventive measures taken during such events will be followed. We are having dialogues with the organisers of the protests and requesting them not to enter the city."

Man held for trying to enter North Block with forged ID

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi Police have arrested a man who attempted to enter North Block on the basis of forged papers, officers aware of the matter said on Wednesday. The suspect was caught at a security checkpoint at the entrance of the offices of the Union ministry of home affairs (MHA) on Tuesday afternoon when he presented a forged ministry ID card, which bore the name "Aditya Pratap Singh", to Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel, the officers said.

The suspect has been booked under Indian Penal Code sections related to impersonation, cheating, and forgery. Devesh Kumar Mahla, deputy commissioner of police (New Delhi), said that the suspect is being interrogated to verify his identity.

Investigators said the suspect has no identifiable terror links, and is believed to be a con man who was trying to enter the MHA offices to dupe candidates for ministry jobs.

Giving details of the case, a senior police officer said the man arrived at the security checkpoint at 4pm on Tuesday and presented an ID card identifying him as MHA private secretary Aditya Pratap Singh. "However, CISF personnel were immediately suspicious because they had never seen him before and the ID appeared forged. When he failed to give satisfactory answers to questions about his ministry profile, he was handed over to Delhi Police," the officer said, on condition of anonymity.

"The suspect was brought to the Kartavya Path police station, where he showed us his Aadhaar card identifying him as Aditya Pratap Singh. He claims to be 21 years old and a resident of Faizabad in Uttar Pradesh. We do not know if this is his original name, and all his claims are subject to verification," the officer said.

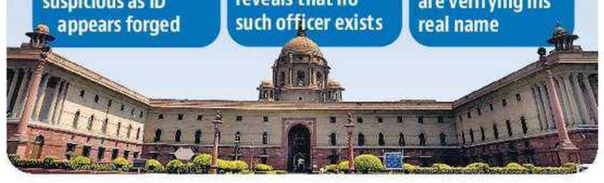
A second police officer said, "The man told us that he was trying to enter the ministry of home affairs' office because he had given ₹4 lakh to a senior home ministry officer named Pawan Kumar Mishra to get a job as a stenographer... We have verified with the home ministry that no Pawan Kumar Mishra works there."

"The arrested man also claims that he worked for two-three days as a stenographer in the Niti Aayog office, where he gained entry as Aditya Pratap Singh. He stopped going there after security officials found out that his father's name did not match that of another Aditya Pratap Singh who works there. We have to verify these claims as well," the officer added.

A CISF spokesperson said, "The suspect was caught with a forged pass at the security checkpoint, and since it is a police matter, we handed him over to the police."

Security breach averted

- A man arrives at the North Block on Tuesday, presents an ID card identifying him as a private secretary in MHA
- CISF officials are suspicious as ID appears forged
- The suspect is handed to police
- He claims he was duped by MHA officer Pawan Kumar Mishra of ₹4 lakh, but a probe reveals that no such officer exists
- Investigators say the suspect has no identifiable terror links, and is believed to be a con man
- Police say they are verifying his real name



Strong winds keep AQI at 'moderate', minimum at 6.9°C

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NEW DELHI: Strong and gusty winds coursing through the city on Wednesday kept bad air at bay for the third consecutive day, with the 24-hour average air quality index (AQI) settling at 175 (moderate) at 4pm, according to the Central Pollution Control Board's (CPCB) national bulletin.

Wednesday's AQI was a marginal rise from Tuesday's 141, but better than 180 on Monday. This three-day streak of moderate pollution levels is Delhi's best air spell since October last year, when the air was also moderate for four straight days.

The relief from noxious air has come after a gap of over 100 days in the Capital — when it was 121 (moderate) on October 19, 2023.

According to weather officials, even though the winds blowing in from the mountains of the northwest gained momentum on Wednesday, temperatures were largely unaffected. The minimum temperature was recorded at 6.9°C, three below normal, as compared to 7°C on Tuesday. Meanwhile, the maximum was at 20.7°C, a marginal dip from 21°C on Tuesday.

"The wind speed throughout the day stayed between 25-35 km/hour and this helped keep the skies mostly clear, with occasional clouds. But the clouds were not stagnant and kept clearing out," said Kuldeep Srivastava, a scientist at the India Meteorological Department.

IMD has forecast mainly clear skies with strong surface winds with a speed between 25 to 35 km/hour through Thursday as well.

"There might be strong gusty winds along with the surface winds, of up to 45 km/hour on Thursday. The minimum should stay around 7°C till Friday and then gradually increase while the maximum will stay around 21°C on Thursday, before rising," said a Met official.

Pollution levels would also likely stay in the "moderate" category, officials said. Forecasts by the Early Warning System (EWS) for Delhi, an air quality forecasting model under the ministry of earth sciences, shows that a similar air quality is expected for the next two days.

"The air quality is likely to be in 'moderate' category till Friday and deteriorate to 'very poor' on Saturday. The outlook for the subsequent six days shows air quality is likely to be in the 'very poor' to 'poor' categories," said EWS in its daily bulletin on Wednesday.

According to Srivastava, the strong winds also helped keep the early hours of the day free of any fog.

LG office says govt misled HC on delay in excise policy list

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NEW DELHI: Lieutenant governor (LG) VK Saxena has said that the Delhi government's counsel "misled" the Delhi high court and "committed perjury" even as they delayed the submission of a list of conforming and non-conforming wards in the city prepared in 2022 for the implementation of the now-scrapped excise policy 2021-22, officials in the LG office said on Wednesday.

In a note to chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, the LG said: "The Committee submitted its report on 18.08.2022, however, the file... was received for the first time only on 16.01.2024, after a lapse of almost 1 year and 5 months, even as the government counsel kept misleading the High Court on all occasions that the file was pending approval of the LG. This file moved unnecessarily between departments... resulting in unwarranted delay in disposal of this matter, even as the government counsels kept committing perjury in the name of the LG." HT has seen a copy of the LG's note.

Delhi government counsel Arun Panwar in a letter to law minister Atishi on Wednesday said: "...It was never ever remotely submitted before the court that the file has reached the offices of LG. This fact can be verified from the officers of department who used to appear along with me on each and every date of hearing."

AAP SAID ATISHI CALLED GOVT COUNSEL, OFFICIALS TO ASCERTAIN THE REASONS BEHIND INADEQUATE COMMUNICATION WITH THE COURT

An Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government official said Atishi on Wednesday called the government counsel and the excise department officials for a meeting to ascertain the reasons behind the said "miscommunication" with the high court.

Officials at the LG office said Saxena approved the file and directed that the government provide a full disclosure that the delay was attributable to it and action should also be taken against the advocates concerned in an affidavit.

The case is not directly related to the ongoing probes by CBI and ED into alleged irregularities in the implementation of the policy.

Work at Mundka sports varsity to be completed in 3 years: CM

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NEW DELHI: Chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday inaugurated an air-conditioned indoor swimming pool at Delhi Sports School in Civil Lines in north Delhi and said the construction of Delhi government's 80-acre sports university in Mundka would be completed within three years.

Kejriwal said that the new university will offer training to 2,500 students across 20 Olympic sports and would take around three years to be functional.

Currently, 172 students are being trained in 10 Olympic sports such as weightlifting, and boxing, at the Delhi Sports School, which was established in 2023. He added that once the university is fully operational, it can provide training to students in up to 20 Olympic sports. Currently, the space in Mundka hosts the office of the university.

"There is a lot of talent hidden in the children of our villages, but so far, no one has supported that talent. If that talent is supported, we can defeat any country in the world in competition... Behind the establishment of Delhi Sports University, we have a very big vision. This university is being built in Mundka on about 80 acres of land, where 2500 students will be enrolled. It may take about three years for the university to be established. For now, Delhi Sports School has been established, and training in 10 Olympic sports is being provided here," Kejriwal said.

Chief minister Arvind Kejriwal at the school on Wednesday. HT

The Delhi Sports University is a recognised state university, established through an Act of the Delhi Legislative Assembly in 2020.

Karnam Malleswari, the first woman Olympic medalist of India, was appointed the vice-chancellor of the university.

The fully residential Delhi Sports School at Sham Nath Marg in Civil Lines has been set up as an incubator to identify and nurture talent from an early age, officials said and was designated as one of the Schools of Specialised Excellence, with classes from 6 to 12. It is affiliated with the Delhi Board of School Education, offering a specialised sports-centric curriculum to enhance the overall educational experience.

"This country desires that all the medals in these 20 Olympic sports should come to India. All the children have passed through very difficult tests to reach here... more than 10,000 applications were received, out of which only 170 children have been selected... we will support them," the CM said.

VASTU GURU HELD IN DELHI FOR DUPING ASSAM GOVT OF ₹65 CR

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi Police counter-intelligence unit on Tuesday arrested renowned Vastu expert and author Khushdeep Bansal in connection with alleged irregularities of ₹65 crore in Assam.

Police said that Bansal and his associates have been accused of siphoning off funds from the government using false work orders. Police said raids were conducted at Bansal's house in Sainik Farm, and on Tuesday, he and his brother Harish was arrested from Barakhamba Road in New Delhi.

The arrest came after the Assam Police approached the Delhi Police earlier this week with a non-bailable warrant issued against Bansal. A senior police officer, who refused to be named, said a complaint was filed against Bansal by a Delhi-based businessman in 2022.

During his interrogation, Bansal told the police that he only knew two individuals involved in irregularities, but he did not cheat anyone. A police officer, however, said that Bansal's role (in the alleged scam) is bigger, adding that he was in touch with all the associates in Assam.

HT tried to contact Bansal's office in Saket but there was no response.

Metro, parks, housing in focus in DDA budget

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) on Wednesday enhanced allocations to various public infrastructure and housing projects as well as announced aesthetic revamp of buildings and parks in various areas with the agency finalising its budget for the 2024-25, senior officials aware of the matter said.

They said that the authority has fixed a revenue target of ₹9,182 crore for the next year and has planned to spend ₹8,804 crore on various ongoing and new projects.

In the urban transport sector, the authority has enhanced allocations in two major areas --- the Urban Extension Road-II and the phase IV expansion of the Delhi Metro.

According to officials aware of the budget deails, the authority aims to complete the construction of UER-2 road with the allocation for Ring Road around Delhi going up from ₹920 crore to ₹1,590 crore. UER-II begins in north from NH44 between Bankoli and Alipur, goes via Bawana Industrial Area, Rohini, Mundka, Bakkarwala, Najafgarh and meets Dwarka Expressway near IGI Airport tunnel, culminating at at NH48 (Shiv Murti).

Aim at infra boost

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₹1,590 cr UER-2 road	₹390 cr Delhi Metro phase 4	₹266 cr Sports complex in Narela
₹450 cr Ongoing housing projects in east Delhi	₹70 cr Multilevel parking in NW Delhi	₹62 cr Houses for slum dwellers

₹2 cr Transforming Rajghat power plant into an educational public space

Similarly, the allocations for Phase IV of Delhi Metro projects have been enhanced from ₹350 crore to ₹390 crore.

The authority said it will spend ₹120 crore on constructing roads to connect SAARC University and CAPFIMS (Central Armed Police Forces Institute of Medical Sciences) in Maidangarhi. The agency has also proposed to develop a new multilevel parking lot at Netaji Subhash Place at a cost of ₹70 crore. DDA is already working on two multilevel car parking lots at Nehru Place and Bhikaji Cama Place.

Under the agency's plans to revamp urban landscapes, DDA says it will spend ₹2 crore on transforming the Rajghat Power Plant into an educational public space through facade illumination and laser shows. It added that also undertake the redevelopment of Dilli Chalo Park, Ghata Masjid Park, Sadhbhavna Park and Urdu Academy Park behind the Red Fort.

In the housing sector, the agency announced that the allocation for the ongoing housing projects under the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) in east Delhi's Karkardooma will see enhanced allocation from ₹245 crore to ₹450 crore.

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May 2024	10,000 MT
June 2024	5,000 MT

The tender should be submitted on e-tendering portal on Website **eproc.punjab.gov.in**. The Tender will have to be submitted online. The detailed terms & conditions can be downloaded from **www.markfedpunjab.com**. The bid will be opened on 23.02.24 at 10.00 AM. MD, Markfed, reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reasons.
Managing Director, Markfed

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(for-E-tendering assistance)
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER (P-4/2024-2025)
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The tender has been processed on the e-Procurement System Portal **https://mptenders.gov.in**. Detailed NIT, Tender Document and other details will be available on the portal from 4.00 P.M. on 8.2.2024. The Bid documents can be downloaded upto 11.00 AM on 22.02.2024 and online bids can be submitted upto 11.30 AM on 22.02.2024. For any technical related queries please call at 24 x 7 Help Desk Number 0120-4001 002/0120-4001 005/0120-6277 787.
All Corrigendum/Amendments/Changes, if any, will only be issued and made available on website **https://mptenders.gov.in**
M.P. Madhyam/113660/2024 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
(SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person(s) **Deepak Jain R/o C-75, Khazan Basti, Nangal Raya Village, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in Case FIR No./CC No. **9043/2016, U/s 138 NI Act, PS K.N. Katju Marg, Rohini, Delhi** and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person(s) **Deepak Jain** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) **Deepak Jain** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person(s) **Deepak Jain** of FIR No./CC No. **9043/2016, U/s 138 NI Act, PS K.N. Katju Marg, Rohini, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated **07.03.2024.**
By Order
Sh. Rohit Kumar
Ld. Metropolitan Magistrate-04
Room No. 110, 1st Floor,
Rohini District Courts, Delhi
DP/1513/RD/2024
(Court Matter)

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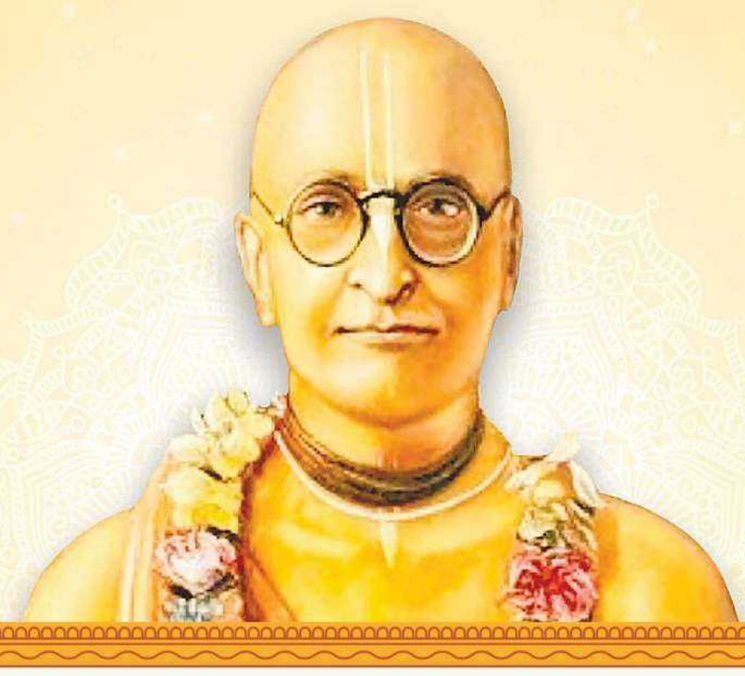

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ई-निविदा सुचना क्र. ४८ सन २०२३-२४

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सा. बां. (उत्तर) विभाग, धुळे

ROC-2023-24/No.5/C7881

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

DRM (TRD & GSU) NWR Ajmer on behalf of The President of India invites E - Tenders for the following work up to 15.00 Hrs. on the mentioned date. **Tender No.: DRM-TRD-22-2023-24** **Name of work:** Railway Electrification/ OHE modification of Railway siding /pit line/sick line over Ajmer division (07 Nos.) **Approximate cost of work:** Rs.1,98,39,008.00/- **Bid Security:** Rs. 2,49,200/- **Date & Time of closing E-Tender:** 28.02.2024 at 15.00 Hrs. **Date & Time of opening E-Tender:** 28.02.2024 at 15.30 Hrs. The details of above E - tender are available on website **www.ireps.gov.in** 169-AC/24

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Public Works Department
Office of The Executive Engineer, Public Works Pune Electrical Division Pune
1st floor, New Central Building Annexe, Pune-411001.
E-Mail ID : elpune.ee@mahapwd.gov.in **Tel.No. 020-26126258**

E-Tender Notice No. 27 / 2023-24
Brief Tender Notice

The Executive Engineer, Public Works Pune Electrical Division, Central Building Annexe, 1st floor, Pune (Phone No.020-26126258) invites bids from Electrical contractors in whose class mentioned in **B -1 (Percentage Rate)** tender format. Bids document can be downloaded from website **www.mahatenders.gov.in** Executive Engineer reserves all rights to accept or reject bids. Conditional bids will not be accepted.

Sr.no.	Name of Work	APT Amt. Rs.
1.	Estimate No.: 121230 of 2023-2024 Providing Internal Electrification, External Electrification, LV system, LIFT system, Street Light, Waterpump System & CCTV system for the proposed G+3 floor Bhor Admin Building. (Subwork 1 to Subwork 7)	Rs. 12356601/-
2	Estimate No.: 121231 of 2023-2024 Providing Internal Electrification, External Electrification, LV system, LIFT system, Street Light, Waterpump System & CCTV system for the proposed G+3 floor Velhe Admin Building.(Subwork 1 to Subwork 7)	Rs. 10903620/-

1	Period of Sale Documents & Submission	:	08.02.2024@ 11.00 to 15.02.2024@ 17.30
2	Pre-Bid Meeting	:	Nil
3	Date of Opening of bid	:	Dated 20.02.2024 @ 11.00 AM At office of Superitending Engineer (Elect.), Pune Regional Circle, P.W.D. Date Bunglow, Government Milk Scheme Premises, Kirkee Pune - 4111003

The detailed tender notice can be is available on www.mahatenders.gov.in (Any changes in the NIT will be published on above web site)

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Public Works Pune Electrical Division Pune.

DGIPR/2023-24/ ROC 7860

OFFICE OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, WEST DISTRICT, NEW DELHI

E-mail: dcp.west@delhipolice.gov.in
Phone No. 011-25500935

The vehicles as per below mentioned details have been seized U/s 66 DP Act, 1978 by the police stations of West District, Delhi. Now, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by the Commissioner of Police, Delhi vide PHQ's Circular No. 24/2023 circulated vide PHQ's No.3851-4000/Record Branch/PHQ dated 25.10.2023 and as envisaged under section 67-(1) of Delhi Police Act- 1978, the undersigned issues a proclamation for the 128 vehicles as per list attached. Any person who may have a claim thereto shall appear before ACP/SDPO concerned and establish his claim within six months from the date of this proclamation. The aforesaid vehicles are notified for the information of the general public through this proclamation.

LIST OF UNCLAIMED VEHICLES SEIZED U/S 66 DP ACT

Police Station : Mayapuri, Delhi

Sl No.	DD No. & Date	Registration No.	Type
1	08A Dt. 18.10.23	DL9SBT3197	Scooty Jupiter
2	06A Dt. 22.10.23	DL4SCH2442	Scooty Activa

Police Station :Naraina, Delhi

Sl No.	DD No. & Date	Registration No.	Type
3	96A Dt. 25.05.23	DL10ST1519	Scooty
4	82A Dt. 07.06.23	UP42AX6206	Activa
5	06A Dt. 08.06.23	DL10SG8041	Scooty
6	82A Dt. 17.07.23	DL3SCQ6539	Activa
7	77A Dt. 01.10.23	DL4SBT2668	M/Cycle
8	112A Dt.27.07.23	Without No.Plate	Splender
9	49A Dt. 09.10.23	DL3SCR7497	Splender
10	112A Dt. 25.10.23	DL3SCL5895	M/Cycle

Police Station : Inderpuri, Delhi

Sl No.	DD No. & Date	Registration No.	Type
11	48A Dt. 10.04.23	DL 8SBT5115	Scooty Jupitor
12	49A Dt. 07.05.22	DL 9SAM7361	Scooty Activa
13	47A Dt. 21.01.23	DL 6SAT1651	Scooty Activa

Police Station : Punjabi Bagh, Delhi

Sl No.	DD No. & Date	Registration No.	Type
14	106A Dt. 05.05.23	DL8SCD0832	Scooty
15	123A Dt. 06.07.23	DL4SBJ9224	M/Cycle
16	121A Dt. 02.08.23	HR13M5938	Scooty
17	80A Dt. 08.10.23	DL6SAS7216	Scooty
18	72A Dt. 10.10.23	DL4SCC9778	M/Cycle

Police Station : Moti Nagar, Delhi

Sl No.	DD No. & Date	Registration No.	Type
19	110A Dt. 03.05.23	DL10SG8121	M/Cycle
20	162 Dt. 10.05.23	DL4SBN9192	M/Cycle
21	09A Dt. 05.06.23	DL6SAD5592	Scooty
22	120A Dt. 06.06.23	DL6SAX0179	Scooty
23	120A Dt. 20.06.23	DL4SBT5856	M/Cycle
24	17A Dt. 27.06.23	DL2SM9251	Scooty
25	86A Dt. 28.06.23	DL11SF4359	M/Cycle
26	01A Dt. 28.06.23	DL4SBQ2239	Scooty
27	12A Dt. 04.07.23	DL8SAN2324	M/Cycle
28	05A Dt. 18.07.23	DL8SAS2500	M/Cycle
29	70A Dt. 29.09.23	DL4SNC3767	Scooty
30	66A Dt. 30.09.23	DL11ST9137	Scooty
31	148A Dt. 05.10.23	BW-EV0197	Electric Scooty
32	103A Dt. 22.10.23	DL4SCC5615	Scooty
33	101A Dt. 29.10.23	DL10SE1779	M/Cycle
34	155A Dt. 31.10.23	DL9SBV5556	Scooty
35	163A Dt. 03.11.23	DL6SAX1781	M/Cycle
36	90A Dt. 04.11.23	DL4SBM3366	M/Cycle
37	137A Dt. 07.11.23	DL6SAH3719	Scooty

Police Station : Kiriti Nagar, Delhi

Sl No.	DD No. & Date	Registration No.	Type
38	53A Dt. 16.06.23	UP 23F3454	Hero Honda
39	77A Dt. 16.07.23	DL 6DAX7317	Bajaj Vespa
40	111A Dt. 18.07.23	DL 12SR0536	TVS NTORQ
41	110A Dt. 22.10.23	DL 4SBL5898	Scooty TVS
42	139 Dt. 23.10.23	DL 5SX8235	Bullet

Police Station : Rajouri Garden, Delhi

Sl No.	DD No. & Date	Registration No.	Type
43	08A Dt. 18.06.23	RJ 01ES4261	Splender Pro
44	07A Dt. 03.09.23	DL 11D2625	TVS Ntqrq
45	11A Dt.03.09.23	DL 8SND8888	Activa
46	12A Dt. 07.09.23	UP 21BC4843	Jupiter
47	120A Dt. 07.09.23	DL 4SCU4964	Jupiter

Police Station : Hari Nagar, Delhi

Sl No.	DD No. & Date	Registration No.	Type
48	82A Dt. 12.05.23	DL4SBZ1586	Scooty
49	17A Dt. 20.07.23	DL 8SAN0737	M/CYCLE
50	165A Dt.31.07.23	DL 1SAC6978	Scooty
51	118A Dt.19.09.23	DL 11SQ3572	Scooty
52	16A Dt.20.08.23	DL 3SBF3307	M/CYCLE

Police Station : Jank Puri, Delhi

Sl No.	DD No. & Date	Registration No.	Type
53	13A Dt. 27.04.23	RJ 32SK1153	M/Cycle
54	128A Dt. 27.04.23	DL 12SD3558	Scooty
55	128A Dt. 27.04.23	DL 4SDK9183	Scooty
56	127A Dt. 27.04.23	DL 4SCZ066	M/Cycle
57	145A Dt. 28.04.23	DL 1SC6332	Scooty
58	102A Dt. 08.05.23	HR 06AV2985	M/Cycle
59	113A Dt. 10.05.23	DL 4SCV 0706	M/Cycle
60	146A Dt. 11.05.23	DL 8SAT5069	M/Cycle
61	08A Dt. 12.05.23	DL 9SAN7184	M/Cycle
62	109A Dt. 10.05.23	DL 9SAM6416	Scooty
63	162A Dt. 12.05.23	DL 09TC028 (Temp No. plate)	M/Cycle
64	17A Dt. 10.06.23	DL 8SBR1516	M/Cycle
65	97A Dt. 12.06.23	DL 7SAK9360	M/Cycle
66	129A Dt. 12.06.23	DL 9CAC0290	M/Cycle
67	146A Dt. 14.06.23	DL 7SBM1113	Scooty
68	01A Dt. 27.06.23	DL 11SC5950	Scooty
69	06A Dt. 27.06.23	DL 3SDM7024	Scooty
70	08A Dt. 29.06.23	DL 12S3030	M/Cycle
71	153A Dt.12.07.23	DL 9SBD3452	Scooty
72	132A Dt.17.07.23	DL 9SBT0777	Scooty
73	162A Dt.30.08.23	DL 9SBQ3220	Scooty
74	15A Dt.11.09.23	DL 7SBD1103	Scooty
75	79A Dt.23.09.23	DL 3SEP8382	M/Cycle
76	81A Dt.24.09.23	W/O NO. Plate	M/Cycle
77	118A Dt.24.09.23	DL 5SAF0600	M/Cycle
78	117A Dt.25.09.23	DL 9SCG3178	M/Cycle
79	117A Dt.25.09.23	UP 85CP3511	M/Cycle
80	173A Dt.27.09.23	DL 9SCK4899	M/Cycle
81	173A Dt.27.09.23	HR 43A0806	M/Cycle
82	192A Dt.27.09.23	DL 4SBX3546	Scooty
83	89A Dt.02.10.23	W/O NO. Plate	M/Cycle
84	74A Dt.06.10.23	W/O NO. Plate	M/Cycle
85	03A Dt.22.10.23	DL 4SDL5773	M/Cycle
86	160A Dt.30.10.23	DL 4SDA8831	Scooty
87	160A Dt.30.10.23	DL 11L7160	Scooty

Police Station : Tilak Nagar, Delhi

Sl No.	DD No. & Date	Registration No.	Type
88	170 Dt. 21.07.23	DL3SDC3578	Scooty
89	32A Dt. 22.07.23	DL10AD4915	Scooty
90	143A Dt. 17.08.23	DL9SBX3698	M/Cycle
91	167A Dt. 17.08.23	UP14BN3480	Scooty
92	185A Dt. 18.08.23	DL5SBG4817	Scooty
93	51A Dt. 22.08.23	DL4SCP4781	M/Cycle
94	84A Dt. 06.10.23	DL4SCG0553	M/Cycle
95	168A Dt. 08.10.23	DL4SCY2583	M/Cycle
96	05A Dt. 28.10.23	DL4SBU9111	M/Cycle
97	123A Dt. 28.10.23	DL13SV2547	Scooty
98	171A Dt. 31.10.23	DL9SBC9883	Scooty

Police Station : Vikas Puri, Delhi

Sl No.	DD No. & Date	Registration No.	Type
99	15 Dt. 19.05.23	DL9SBX0787	Activa125
100	81 Dt. 20.05.23	DL45CS2490	Activa
101	95A Dt. 07.06.23	DL6SAP9128	Activa
102	125A Dt. 08.06.23	DL9SBB1489	Activa White
103	110A Dt. 10.06.23	DL4SND2299	Pulsar
104	13A Dt. 16.06.23	DL4SCU7184	Apache Red
105	72A Dt. 16.06.23	DL9SAN1853	Deluxe HF
106	97A Dt. 16.06.23	DL9SBD9301	Scooty Activa
107	05A Dt. 17.06.23	DL9SBU9764	NTORQ TVS
108	89A Dt. 27.06.23	DL10SS9405	Navi Green
109	154A Dt. 07.06.23	DL8SBQ1408	Activa
110	09A Dt. 14.07.23	DL9SBP1598	Scooty Suzuki
111	10A Dt. 26.07.23	DL9SBK1287	Scooty Activa
112	124A Dt. 09.08.23	DL6SAC8437	Avnger
113	168A Dt. 09.08.23	DL8SBR4502	White Activa
114	58A Dt. 18.08.23	HR96 6876	Splender
115	27A Dt. 25.08.23	DL10SA7746	Activa
116	117A Dt. 25.08.23	DL9SBC2293	TVS M/Cycle
117	91A Dt. 07.09.23	DL3SEE8644	Activa
118	104 Dt. 15.09.23	DL3SCD6134	Activa

Police Station : Khyala, Delhi

Sl No.	DD No. & Date	Registration No.	Type
119	103A Dt.13.06.23	DL 4SBC3641	Platina
120	108A Dt.12.06.23	DL 4SBS0322	FZ Yamaha
121	116A Dt.16.08.23	DL 8BY6767	Activa
122	107A Dt.19.07.23	DL 4SBT7318	Discover
123	185A Dt.12.08.23	DL 4SCP7032	Splender
124	84A Dt.07.05.23	DL3SCY6996	Mastro
125	110A Dt.05.07.23	DL12SE3321	Activa
126	110A Dt.30.06.23	DL10SZ0371	Access
127	168A Dt.15.10.23	HR81 5284	Splender
128	114A Dt.21.09.23	DL11SU0912	Jupiter

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The chef is refusing. He wants the recipe to remain a secret.

Chef Vijay Kumar Thukral is a living landmark of Delhi's iconic India International Centre, and the recipe he is declining to share is of a major culinary monument. The venerable man is so possessive about the fabled delicacy that he didn't even disclose its secret in the book he co-authored a decade ago—*Secrets From the Kitchen-Fifty Years of Culinary Experience at the India International Centre.*

One of the most special dishes in one of Delhi's most exclusive members-only spaces, the fig and honey served at the IIC's Dining Hall is arguably Delhi's best ice-cream, a fact that can be attested by its many loyalists. (If not a member of the IIC, please pester member-friends to treat you to it.)

While the Dining Hall's distinguished patrons—think tank experts, historians, professors, economists, lawyers, journalists, publishers, retired bureaucrats, bhoole-bhisre politicians and other miscellaneous newsmakers—are radical enough to exchange dissenting notes on the IIC's changing traditions, they remain unanimously conservative in their admiration for the fig & honey ice-cream. Other respectable desserts are present in the menu, though, including the delicious ginger pudding with hot custard sauce, or the classic gulab jamun, absolutely divine when served steaming hot.

IIC's fig & honey traces its origins to 1990, when chef Vijay created the recipe with tips from the IIIC's then catering consultant, the Cordon Bleu-trained Bhicoo J Manekshaw. Since then, the ice-cream has commanded a position of privilege in the Dining Hall, where mobile phone gupshup, collarless shirts, and children under 8 are banned. Indeed, the suffocating effect of the oppressive rules is somewhat softened by the tender sweetness of this ice cream's honeyed cream. While the fig, said to be Queen Cleopatra's favourite fruit, stays longer in the mouth—its after effects are surprisingly transitory, lingering more like a dream too satisfying to be substantial.

This evening, as the Dining Hall is set to throw open its doors to diners, Chef Vijay suddenly condescends to give away the ice-cream's recipe. "First, prepare the custard sauce, keep it in fridge for eight hours, then add cream and condensed milk, and finally mix fig and honey."

And measurements?

Chef Vijay enigmatically smiles and says, "Andaz se (to taste)."

PS: Seen in the pic with the chef—Dining Hall personnel Davinder Chaudhary, Sandeep Katoch, Suryakant Shukla, and Mukesh Rana.

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MODI 3.0

In the speech that lasted nearly 90 minutes, Modi said that the 10 years of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government will be remembered for "big and decisive" moves, and added that the nation's policies were geared towards ensuring basic facilities for all and raising the standards of living.

"In the coming days, our focus will be going beyond ease of living to improving quality of life... my resolve to provide new opportunities to the neo-middle class that has just come out of poverty. We will provide more strength to the Modi kavach (shield) of social justice," he said.

Modi said that the free ration scheme, Ayushman Bharat scheme, 80% discounts on medicines, PM Kisan Samman Nidhi that pays cash to farmers, pucca houses for the poor, tapped water connections and construction of new toilets will continue at a fast pace. He said medical infrastructure will be augmented, medical treatment will become more affordable, every house will have piped water, saturation of the PM housing scheme will be achieved, electricity bills would become zero for millions of houses due to use of solar power, and piped cooking gas connections will cover the entire country.

Modi said his first two terms went in grappling with the problems left by the Congress, which he alleged knew of the "disease" but did nothing to resolve it. "Viksit Bharat is not a wordplay, but it is our commitment. The country will not listen to those whose warranty has expired. The one who has shown the power of guarantee will be trusted by the nation," Modi said.

The PM assured the House that India will make greater strides in space exploration and scientific research and patent filing will break records. "In the next five years, the world will witness the capabilities of Indian youth in every international sporting competition," he added.

He said the Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India) campaign will attain new heights, Made In India semiconductors and electronics will dominate the world, and the country will work towards reducing energy dependence on other countries. India will see more startups, 100,000 unicorns, the best universities, transformation in public transportation, and bullet trains, he added.

In Modi 3.0, the PM continued, India will extensively use AI, nano-fertilisers, green technologies, natural farming and super food. "3 crore lakhpati didis will write a new script of women empowerment. By 2047, India will relive its golden period," he added.

No guarantee vs Modi ki guarantee

A large chunk of the speech was reserved for the Opposition.

Modi mocked Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge and said there was public anger against the party because of its deeds, even alleging that the Congress was opposed to awarding Bharat Ratna to BR Ambedkar. He also repeatedly invoked that various schemes and developing India were "Modi Ki Guarantee", a promise linked to the PM that reaped handsome dividends in the recently concluded assembly polls in three heartland states.

"The Congress's thought process has become outdated and it has outsourced its work. We are not happy at such a downfall of the party and we express our sympathies," he said. The Congress does not have the guarantee of its own leader and policy but is questioning Modi's guarantee, he added.

Modi also rejected the Opposition's claim of a north-south divide and discriminatory behaviour towards some states. Drawing an analogy to the functioning of the nation with that of the human body, the PM said that even if one state remained underdeveloped, the nation could not be considered developed, on the lines of how one injured organ or limb affects the entire body.

Accusing the Congress of trying to divide the country, Modi said such narratives jeopardise the country's future. He appeared to be referring to protests led by Karnataka chief minister Siddaramaiah in Delhi over alleged "injustice" meted out by the Centre on devolution of taxes to southern states.

"The Congress which had openly strangled democracy in its greed for power, the Congress which had dismissed democratically elected governments dozens of times overnight, the Congress which had even tried to lock newspapers, is now trying to break the country," he said.

A significant theme of his speech was social justice. Modi again referred to the "four most important castes" — women, youth, farmers and the poor, saying that the development and progress of these four pillars will lead to a developed India.

"The 20th-century approach will not work if we want to achieve Viksit Bharat by 2047," he added.

'Nehru opposed reservation'

He also took on the Congress, which has repeatedly blamed the Bharatiya Janata Party of ignoring marginalised castes and demanded a nationwide caste census.

Citing a letter written by Jawaharlal Nehru to chief ministers, Modi said it clearly stated that the first PM was against reservation of any kind, especially in jobs, and believed that it adversely affected the functioning of the government. He said the roots of those who ask for numbers — a reference to the Congress — lay in this mindset. "If they had been recruited in the government at that time, they would have been promoted today," he said.

The PM also touched upon the rights and development of marginalised castes, and said that abrogation of Article 370 ensured that these communities get the same rights as the rest of the country in Jammu and Kashmir. He also underlined how a government backed by the BJP had awarded the Bharat Ratna to Ambedkar and how his administration nominated a tribal woman to be President.

"The Congress which never gave complete reservation to other backward classes (OBCs), which never gave reservation to the poor of the general category, which did not consider Babasaheb worthy of Bharat Ratna, kept giving Bharat Ratna only to its family. They are now preaching to us," he said. "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas (inclusive development for all) is a Modi guarantee."

He said that in the last 10 years, scholarships for SC and ST students were hiked, school enrolment numbers rose, dropout rates dipped, a new central tribal university was established and the number of Eklavya model schools increased from 120 to 400. The enrolment of SC students in higher education increased by 44% percent, ST students by 65% and OBC students by 45%. "In the last 10 years, a large number of our brothers and sisters from SC, ST and OBC communities have been the beneficiaries of our government schemes," he said.

"The Congress strangled democracy for power and dismissed democratically elected governments. The Congress has been against Dalits, backwards, tribals and had it not been for Babasaheb Ambedkar, they would not have got any reservation," he said.

He accused the Congress of following colonial mentality after Independence and quoted former PM Manmohan Singh to underline the state of the economy under the then United Progressive Alliance government.

"During the Congress government's 10 years, the entire world used words like 'fragile five' and policy paralysis for India. And in our 10 years, they now talk of us as among the top 5 economies."

He highlighted the government's effort to remove signs of colonial mentality — new ensign for the defence forces, the renaming of Rajpath as Kartavya Path, the abolition of British-era penal codes, and the promotion of Indian languages. "The Congress promoted a mindset that looked down upon those following Indian traditions," he said.

He said that the government had cleaned up the mess in public sector enterprises, and their number had gone up from 234 in 2014 to 254 now. In the last 10 years, PSU's net profit saw an increase from ₹1.25 lakh crore between 2004 and 2014 to ₹2.50 lakh crore, and the net value of PSUs increased from ₹9.5 lakh crore to ₹17 lakh crore, he added.

Speaking about PM Modi's reply, Congress chief Kharge said, "It was not a reply to the Motion of the Thanks on President's address, it was only about him (PM Modi) cursing the Congress. He only spoke on what the Congress did. I believe that these people (BJP) don't consider the Constitution, they never participated in Mahatma Gandhi's Dandi March, they never participated in Bharat Chhodo Andolan and are teaching the lesson of patriotism to the Congress."

In a post on X in Hindi, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said, "Be it election platform or Parliament, every speech of the Prime Minister is just a 'heap of lies'. He has become so engrossed in his lies, the applause and his media that every question related to the public makes him angry. Anger is a guarantee of destruction, not development."

Trinamool Congress leader Derek O'Brien said there were no guarantees about employment, price rise, the situation in Manipur and accused him of "butchering federalism".

"PM @narendramodi delivers looong Mann Ki Baat (Rajya Sabha edition). His govt has converted Parliament into a deep, dark chamber. No guarantees about employment, price rise, Manipur. Hollow words about federalism from a man who has blood on his hands for butchering federalism," Derek O'Brien said in a post on X, formerly Twitter.

{ AHEAD OF RAJYA SABHA POLLS } MAHARASHTRA

EC allots name to Pawar group

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NEW DELHI: The Nationalist Congress Party-Sharadchandra Pawar is now the official party name of the faction led by Sharad Pawar, the Election Commission of India (ECI) declared on Wednesday, paving the way for the party to contest the Rajya Sabha elections for six seats in Maharashtra on February 27.

The development came a day after the poll panel recognised the faction led by Sharad Pawar's nephew and Maharashtra deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar as the real NCP and allotted the party name and poll symbol 'clock' to it.

In its order on Tuesday, ECI allowed the Sharad Pawar faction a "one-time option" to claim a name for its political party and provide three preferences in view of the upcoming Rajya Sabha polls. The poll panel gave the group till Wednesday evening to send its choices for the party name.

On Wednesday, the Sharad Pawar faction submitted to the poll panel its three preferences: Nationalist Congress Party-Sharadchandra Pawar, Nationalist Congress Party-Sharadrao Pawar, and NCP-Sharad Pawar — in the same order.

In a communication to Sharad Pawar, ECI conveyed that it has "acceded to your first preference, i.e. 'Nationalist Congress Party - Sharadchandra Pawar' as the name of your group/faction as a onetime option for the purposes of forthcoming election to 6 seats in the Rajya Sabha in Maharashtra..."

"The ECI has given an interim arrangement for us to be recognised as the Nationalist Congress Party-Sharadchandra Pawar. We shall be approaching the relevant forum to seek complete justice nevertheless," the NCP-SP said in a tweet from its official handle @NCPspeaks. This handle has been the united NCP's handle since August 2013 and

Sharad Pawar

has been retained by the Sharad Pawar faction; Ajit Pawar's faction uses the handle @MahaNCPspeaks which was created in July 2023.

In a major setback to NCP co-founder Sharad Pawar just months before the crucial Lok Sabha polls, ECI on Tuesday ruled that the faction of the NCP led by Ajit Pawar will inherit the original party's name and its iconic clock poll symbol. The order, which came on the back of Ajit Pawar's superior numbers among party legislators, bolstered the three-party alliance ruling Maharashtra and came roughly a year after a similar ECI decision found that the faction of the Shiv Sena headed by Maharashtra chief minister Eknath Shinde was the real party.

"This commission holds that the faction led by the petitioner, Ajit Anantrao Pawar, is the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and is entitled to use its name and reserved symbol 'clock' for the purposes of the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968," ECI's 140-page order stated.

The decision capped a months-long feud between Sharad Pawar and his nephew Ajit, who joined hands with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena in a surprise move in July 2023.

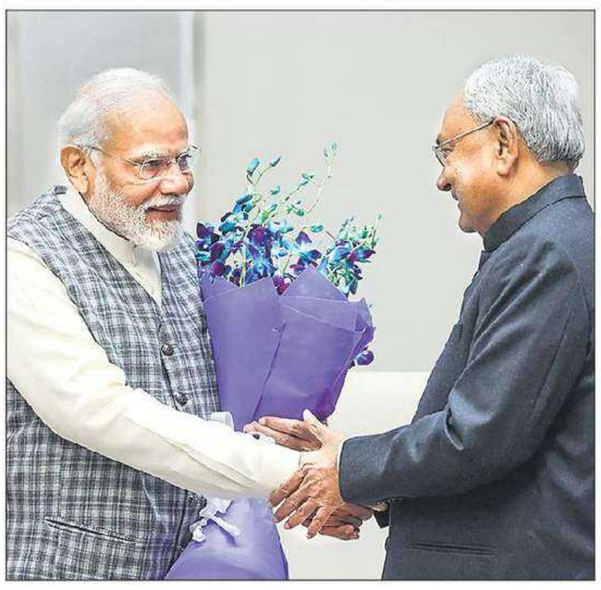
The Sharad Pawar faction, however, said it will challenge the poll panel's order in the apex court.

"We will obviously go to the Supreme Court. There is a Supreme Court directive which says that legislative party cannot be chosen over the political party. So, if the decision has gone against the Supreme Court's verdict, then we will approach the Supreme Court because we have faith in it," Clyde Crasto, a spokesperson of the NCP-SP said on Wednesday.

The ECI said in its order that it had to make special arrangements to allow Sharad Pawar faction to contest the Rajya Sabha polls. "The Commission provides a one-time option to the Respondent (Sharad Pawar), for the purposes of the forthcoming Election to Rajya Sabha in Maharashtra, to claim a new name to its new political formation," the order stated.

The ECI decision was welcomed by Ajit Pawar. "We humbly accept the decision given by the Election Commission after listening to the side presented by our lawyers," Ajit Pawar said in post on X on Tuesday.

Nitish meets Modi, Shah in Capital



Bihar CM Nitish Kumar meets Prime Minister Narendra Modi (left), Union home minister Amit Shah (above) in New Delhi on Wednesday. During his visit to the Capital, the JD(U) chief also met BJP president JP Nadda. "Ab idhar-udhar nahi honge (now there will be no switching sides)," Nitish said after the meetings.

Chinese survey ship to enter Malé port today

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NEW DELHI: A Chinese dual-use survey ship will enter Malé seaport for rotation of personnel and replenishment on Thursday afternoon even as India has decided that a civilian crew will replace the existing non civilian one from India for one Maldivian ALH helicopter in March.

HT learns that civilian crew will replace the current ones for the second ALH and the Dornier in April and May. Maldivian President Mohammed Muizzu has made the replacement of the crew of the three aircraft, operated by India in the Maldives for relief and rescue, an election issue for the Majlis elections in April.

While the Muizzu government has made it clear that the Chinese ship Xiang Yang Hong 3 will only be allowed into Malé port for operational turnaround and will not be conducting any "research" in the Maldivian exclusive economic zone, the ship has both civilian research and military surveillance capabilities. The ship has been behaving suspiciously since it left its port of Sanya in China and the crew was pulled up by Indonesian Navy for switching off its transponder at least three times while crossing the Sunda Straits. Ships do this only when they do not want to be tracked.

Even though the Chinese ship has been monitored by the Indian Navy since it entered the Indian Ocean Region (IOR), Marine Traffic monitoring sites show that the vessel transponder has been switched off since it entered the Indo-Java sea around a fortnight ago.

According to people familiar with the matter, close monitoring of the ship shows that the vessel has not conducted any research or surveillance activity since it has entered IOR but the possibility of the same cannot be ruled out after the rotation and replenishment in Malé.

The same ship was expected to reach Colombo for maritime research on February 5 but the Sri Lankan government on December 22 decided to close its ports to any Chinese surveillance at New Delhi's request.

The Narendra Modi government conveyed its serious concerns over Xiang Yang Hong 03's proposed research in Sri Lankan and Maldivian waters at the apex level to Colombo and Malé in 2022 itself.

The Chinese Navy has been extremely active in IOR in 2023 when around 23 warships including a conventional diesel electric submarine were deployed. In addition, around 11 Chinese research and survey ships were spotted in the region. China also had 11 satellite ballistic missile tracking ships in the region that year.

While the Xi Jinping regime claims that these ships are only carrying out surveys in support of Maldives and Sri Lanka, Indian intelligence inputs indicate that the PLA is charting Indian Ocean bed for new submarine routes through Sunda, Lombok and Ombai-Wetar straits. The main reason for new routes to IOR is that submarines have to surface if they come into Andaman Sea through Malacca Straits due to depth issues.

Myanmar situation worrying for Dhaka, Delhi: B'desh foreign min

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NEW DELHI: The worsening security situation in Myanmar figured in a meeting on Wednesday between National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and visiting Bangladesh foreign minister Hasan Mahmud, who said developments in the neighbouring country were a "worrying factor" for Dhaka and New Delhi.

Doval was the first senior Indian official to meet Mahmud, who is on his maiden visit to India after being made foreign minister following Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's victory in last month's general election. Meetings with external affairs minister S Jaishankar and commerce minister Piyush Goyal are also on Mahmud's agenda.

Hasan Mahmud

Mahmud said he discussed developments in Myanmar with Doval at their meeting on Wednesday morning. "The situation in Myanmar is a worrying factor for both countries because we share a border with Myanmar. We discussed the issue with the NSA because for regional peace and stability, it is important that peace prevails in Myanmar," Mahmud said.

As of Wednesday, Bangladesh has given shelter to 338 people from Myanmar, most of them border security guards and army personnel who entered the country to escape fighting between government troops and resistance forces opposed to the junta.

"We have given them shelter. We are in consultations with [Myanmar] to say that they take them back. Our ambassador in Myanmar has met with the foreign minister of Myanmar and they have agreed to take them back. How they will take them back – through a ship or by air – that is a question of discussion," Mahmud said.

Jaishankar and Mahmud, during their meeting, reviewed progress in a range of areas in bilateral ties, including cross-border connectivity, economic and development partnership, and defence, the external affairs ministry said in a statement.

Manipur tribal groups meet MHA, IB officials

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NEW DELHI: Representatives of different tribal groups from Manipur held a meeting with senior officials of the ministry of home affairs (MHA) and Intelligence Bureau (IB) in New Delhi on Wednesday, people aware of the matter said.

During the three-hour meeting, which was also attended by Centre's interlocutor AK Mishra, the tribal groups held a discussion on their demand for a separate administration and the Centre's plan to fence the 1,643 kilometre-long border between India and Myanmar, effectively ending the free movement regime that allows people on both sides to venture 16km into each other's territory without paperwork.

"All tribal leaders met under the banner of Zo United. It is a coordinating body of all apex tribal bodies and councils from different tribal districts. We also told the MHA representatives about the joint demand of a separate administration for all tribals, the state-sponsored violence and the electricity crisis in Churachandpur (Kuki dominated district in Manipur)," a tribal leader said on condition of anonymity.

Manipur has been in the throes of ethnic violence between the majority Meitei community and the tribal Kukis since May 3 last year, with other communities increasingly getting sucked into the violence. At least 210 people have lost their lives in the past eight months.

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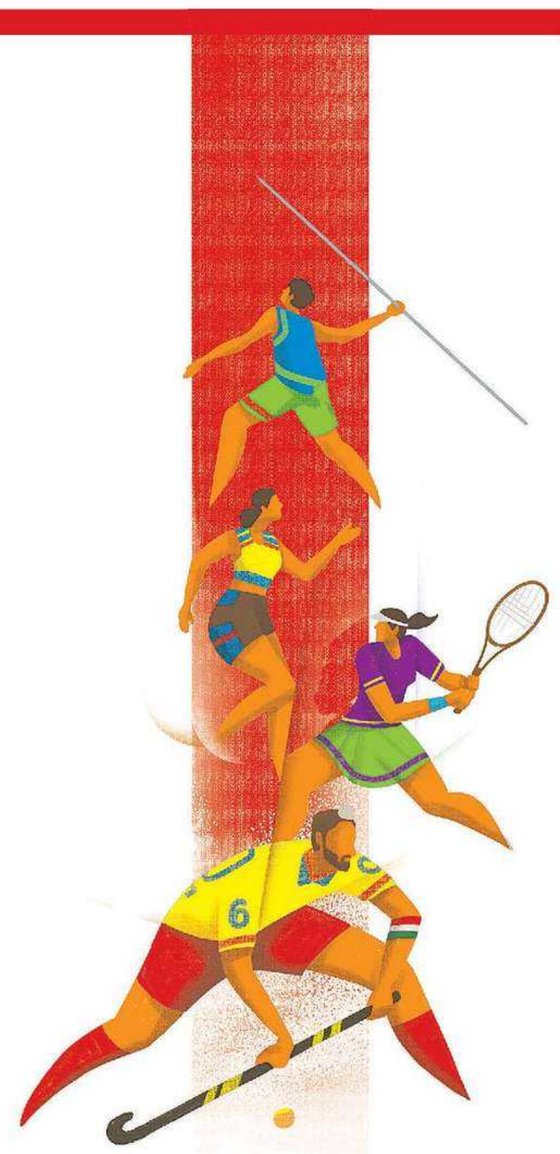

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Congress is trying to create a rift between north and south: Modi

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday accused the Congress of trying to drive a wedge between the northern and southern states and said the opposition party's government in Karnataka was trying to create a narrative that will jeopardise the country's future.

Replying to the debate to the motion of thanks in the Rajya Sabha, Modi lamented that the Karnataka government was building such a narrative through advertisements. His comments came even as the Karnataka government led by chief minister Siddaramaiah and deputy chief minister DK Shivakumar took to New Delhi's streets to protest alleged "financial discrimination" against the state.

"Today I want to share my pain on a specific matter... The way language is being spoken these days to break the country, these new narratives are being made for political gains. An entire state is speaking this language, nothing can be worse for the country than this... what language have we started saying," Modi asked in the Upper House.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Rajya Sabha on Wednesday. ANI

Modi said such narratives were not good for the country and could jeopardise its future.

He asked the House what would happen if a vaccine is made in one part of the country and someone says that it can't be given to other parts. "What is this thinking? And it is very painful that such language is emerging from a national party, it is very sad," he said.

"The Congress, which had openly strangled democracy in its greed for power, the Congress which had dismissed democratically elected governments dozens of times overnight, the Congress which had even tried to lock newspapers, is now trying to break the country," he said.

Modi compared the country to a human body and drew an analogy to the functioning of the nation with that of the human body. He said that even if one state remained underdeveloped, the nation could not be considered developed, just as how one injured organ or limb affects the entire body. "This nation is not just a piece of land for us. It is like the human body, if there is pain somewhere, the hand doesn't say that the thorn is in the foot and it doesn't concern me...if there is pain anywhere in this country, pain should be felt by everyone. If one body part does not work, the entire body is dubbed as handicap, if any part of the country is left without development, then the country cannot become developed. Therefore, we should look at the country as one and not separate parts," Modi said.

He cited the example of the Himalayas, asking what if one argued that rivers flow from there and so the water couldn't be shared with others. "What will happen to the country, where will this stop? States which have coal if they say that we won't share it with others, how will the country function? If eastern states had said that we won't share oxygen with other regions during Covid, what would have happened then?"

He said the country is one and not the sum of separate parts. "But there is an attempt to break this. '*Hamara* tax, *hamara* money' (our tax, our money), what is this language being spoken? Stop using such new narratives to break the nation. Make efforts to take the country along," the PM said.

The protests mark deepening fissures between the Union government and states ruled by parties opposed to the BJP, particularly those from southern India, with Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan set to hold a similar protest on Thursday, with support from Tamil Nadu.

The Union government has rejected the allegations against it, with finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman saying that they were based on factual errors, false monetary claims, misleading statements and selective mention of certain losses.

Siddaramaiah, during the protest in Delhi, dismissed the BJP's allegation that the protest was aimed at raking up a North-South divide. "We are raising the issue of discrimination meted out by the government of India to the state of Karnataka and other southern states," he said.

The Congress wants the country to be united but there should be no discrimination against the southern states, he said.

{ ROW OVER CENTRAL FUNDS ESCALATES }

Cong speaking in language of separatists: Sitharaman

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NEW DELHI: Union finance minister (FM) Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday lashed out at the Congress government in Karnataka for "speaking in the language of separatists" while vehemently refuting allegations that the Union government has withheld funds and grants for the state, including monies sought for drought relief.

"The state government is speaking *asatya* (untruth)... The Congress is standing with those who have a separatist mentality," she said. In a sharp attack against Congress lawmaker DK Suresh, the FM said his statement that southern states are not getting their due smacks of secessionists tendencies. Last week, while reacting to the interim Union Budget, Suresh stoked controversy by accusing the Centre of neglecting the southern states in fund distribution. His statement that there was a possibility of demanding a separate nation if the perceived injustice was not rectified promptly was criticised by the Bharatiya Janata Party and found a mention in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speech in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday while he was replying to the President's Address.

Accusing the Congress of not condemning the statement, the FM said it was an attempt to create cleavage between states.

"The Congress is standing with those who want to break the country... a few years ago, their former president Rahul Gandhi stood with the 'tukde tukde' gang in Jawaharlal Nehru University," she said. The minister said the comments made by Suresh, who is also Karnataka deputy CM DK Shivakumar's brother, have been repeated by several other people as well. "Karnataka citizens are proud to contribute to the country. They want to be a part of the development process. The separatism sentiment is of the political party. The Congress is speaking against the common people," she said.

Addressing the media, the FM said the claims made by the state government about not having received their dues in addition to their demand for funds for drought relief are baseless.

"For disaster relief, ₹12,476 crore was given to Karnataka during the 15th Finance Commission.

Nirmala Sitharaman

They have ignored this. And they came up with an advertisement that said not even a penny for drought relief was paid," she said.

Taking potshots at CM Siddaramaiah, the FM said, "This is a CM who has presented 13 state budgets, and for him to speak as though he doesn't understand what the finance commission... means it has reached a stage where it (the state) is realising that it cannot fulfil guarantees."

She said in July 2023, the deputy CM said the government has had to set aside ₹40,000 crore for five guarantees (promised in its manifesto) and cannot provide for development. "Then on January 9, Basavraj Rayareddi, CM's own economic advisor, said the guarantees have become a huge financial burden for the government and as much as ₹58,000 crore has been earmarked for these. They understand it is mounting on them," she said.

The FM said the Union government had cautioned that the Congress has not accounted for the money to be earmarked for the guarantees when the party made the announcement in the run up to the state polls. "Based on the back of the envelope calculation, we had said it will cost them ₹60,000 crore. They gave guarantees without knowing how they were going to fund it..." she said.

The FM said the state government, unable to fund the guarantees, is now shifting the blame to the Centre and giving people the wrong impression that the Union government is withholding funds.

"He claims ₹5,495 crore, a special grant recommended by the 15th Finance Commission, has not been given. The recommendation was not part of the final report. The question of not accepting the recommendation does not arise," she said.

The FM said over and above what was to be given, ₹6,279.94 crore has been given to Karnataka as interest free loan for 50 years to assist in capital expenditure plans.

To be sure, this loan scheme has been introduced by the Centre to nudge states for capital formation and is only given to states who fulfil its conditionalities.

"During the 13th Finance Commission, the period from 2010-11 to 2014-15; ₹61,691 crore was given; during the 14th commission, ₹1,51,309 crore was given and during the 15th Finance Commission period, between 2020-21 till January 2024, ₹1,29,854 crore was given. And we have another two years to go.. (for a five-year comparison – ₹1,74,339 has been given)," she said. To be sure, these are nominal amounts and therefore, not very suitable for an intertemporal comparison, as a lot of the increase in the amount would be on account of inflation.

Comparing the release of monies to the state during the UPA and the NDA's 10-year tenure, she said the state got ₹2,85,452 crore between 2014 and January 2024. "During 2004-2014 under the UPA, it got ₹81,795 crore. This is a 250% increase or three times that they got in the last 10 years," she said.

The FM said besides tax that is devolved, grants are given to states, and during the UPA rule, the grant in aid was ₹60,779 crore while in the last 10 years, it was ₹2,08,832.02 crore.

"They are budgeted to get grant in aid of ₹18,005 crore...At the end of 10 years, the state would be getting ₹2,26,837 crore," she said, adding that the state government, in order to inflate their claims and falsely claim more losses, has included shortfalls for the next two years. "A lot of numbers have been imagined," she said.

The FM said the state has also received a revenue deficit grant of ₹1,631 crore. "What the state ignored...it received a revenue deficit grant of ₹1,631 crore. Kerala and others have got it too. It was recommended by 15th FC. But states such as MP, Gujarat, UP and Bihar did not get this," she said. Karnataka also got ₹2,671 crore which was "kept unresolved since 1996".

To be sure, overtime comparisons involving nominal tax devolutions and other grants from the Centre to the states are not perfect because a large part of the increase in the amount would be on account of inflation.

'Debt of states affects credit rating of nation'

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NEW DELHI: Uncontrolled borrowing by states would affect the credit rating of the whole country and the fiscal edifice of Kerala has been diagnosed with "several cracks", the Centre has told the Supreme Court on the issue of limits imposed on the state's borrowing capacity.

In a note submitted before the top court, Attorney General (AG) R Venkataramani said public finance management is a national issue. Venkataramani said if the State indulges in reckless borrowing to finance unproductive expenditure or poorly targeted subsidies, it will crowd out private borrowing from the market.

"Debt of States affects the credit rating of the country. Moreover, default by any State in debt servicing would create reputational issues and will have domino effect endangering the financial stability of the whole of India," the note said. The AG said uncontrolled borrowing will lead to increase in the borrowing costs of private industries and adversely impact the production and supply of goods and services in the market. "Increases in the State's debt servicing liabilities as a consequence of higher borrowing by it will reduce the availability of funds for development, leading to impoverishment of people and loss of State income, and hence, also loss of national income. It may also engender various social and other problems," said the note.

The AG said all States require permission of the Union government to borrow from any source.

BJP leaders stage protest against 'failures' of Sidda govt in B'luru

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BENGALURU: The BJP on Wednesday staged a demonstration near the Karnataka assembly against the alleged failures of the Congress government, on a day the ruling party, led by chief minister Siddaramaiah, staged a dharna in the national capital to protest the Centre's "injustice" meted out to the state in devolution of taxes.

The BJP's protest, led by state unit chief BY Vijayendra, opposition leader R Ashoka and former chief minister Basavaraj Bommai, was held in front of Mahatma Gandhi's statue near the Vidhan Soudha in Bengaluru. The situation, however, escalated when the protesters marched towards the state assembly and tried to lay siege to the premises, prompting

BJP leaders during the protest in Bengaluru on Wednesday.

police to take them into preventive custody. The BJP's protest near the state assembly was attended by several legislators and party workers and supporters who raised slogans against the state government.

"Siddaramaiah wants to attract attention. He does not want to solve the problems. How right it is to take all the MLAs to protest in Delhi instead of speaking to the Prime Minister about the issue," former CM BS Yediyurappa said.

Yediyurappa termed the Congress's dharna in the national capital a "drama" in order to hide the failures of its administration. Bommai said: "The government has failed on every count, be it administration, law and order, development works... drought management," he said. As the protesters tried to lay siege to the assembly, police took them into preventive custody. "The permission for a protest was granted but since they tried to barge into the assembly, we detained them. They were released immediately," a senior police officer said.

Siddaramaiah hit out at the BJP for not joining his stir in Delhi. "I had written to all the MPs of BJP and JD(S) to participate in this agitation. But they did not participate. Are they not concerned about the people of the state?" he said.

Inside the Centre vs states battle over funds

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BENGALURU/CHENNAI/KOCHI: Karnataka protested against the Centre on Wednesday, claiming it was not getting its fair share of taxes, which crimps its ability to do good for the state, and Kerala and Tamil Nadu have similar protests lined up in Delhi in the coming days, as the fractures in India's fiscal federalist framework become more marked. On February 2, West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee held a two-day dharna in Kolkata against the Centre's alleged denial of funds under key central schemes.

Such protests relate to five main issues. One, the share of states in central taxes; two, the end of the GST compensation; three, the Centre's support for state borrowing programmes; four, the Union government's receptiveness to demand for special assistance such as drought or flood relief by states; and five, the funding of large infrastructure projects in the states.

The first is guided by the formula set by the finance commission and the second was how the move to GST was structured. The fourth and fifth are a function of discretion, and, by extension, politics; and the third is an area where both sides have plausible arguments. But underlying the widening fracture in the country's fiscal federalist framework are two trends: one, the growing realisation among states that the Centre's welfare schemes (many from subjects in the state or concurrent list) are a great vote puller, and that their own ability to launch similar schemes is limited by lack of funds; and two, the tremendous antipathy between the Centre and the states that is most evident in the conduct of governors of states ruled by parties that are opposed to the NDA.

On Wednesday, the entire Karnataka cabinet and Congress party MLAs staged a protest at Jantar Mantar and on Thursday, the Kerala cabinet will host a protest at the same venue. Tamil Nadu chief minister M K Stalin on Tuesday wrote a letter to his Kerala counterpart, Pinayari Vijayan, supporting the latter's claim that the Centre was "arbitrarily" restricting state's borrowing limit by "misusing" its power under Article 293 of the Constitution.

The article provides for the state legislature to fix borrowing limits with guarantee from the Consolidated Fund of India. Prior consent from the Union government has been converted into a restrictive tool to limit deficit financing beyond the limits prescribed by the State Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, Stalin argued in the letter. "As a result, the fundamental principle of fiscal federalism envisioned by the Constitution makers is under grave threat," he said.

All three southern states have alleged that the Centre has imposed restrictions on their borrowing and their funds flow has reduced due to the recommendations of the 15th Finance Commission. These states also say they are losing money on account of the end of GST compensation in June 2023 (which was always known).

PICK OF THE DAY

On Monday, Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman told the Lok Sabha that there was no discrimination against any state as disbursement of funds were as per guidelines of the finance commission and audit reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG). For instance, the funds for West Bengal under MGNREGA were stopped following audit objections by the CAG as the state had failed to submit utilisation certificates.

Karnataka

Leading the protest in Delhi on Wednesday, Karnataka chief minister Siddaramaiah accused the Centre of bias.

"We are raising the issue of discrimination meted out by the Government of India against the state of Karnataka. The state is number two as far as tax collection is concerned. Maharashtra is number one. This year, Karnataka is con-

Karnataka chief minister Siddaramaiah and his deputy (on his left) DK Shivakumar during the protest at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi on Wednesday. VIPIN KUMAR/HT

tributing more than ₹4.30 lakh crore as tax. If we collect ₹100 and give it to the Government of India, we are only getting ₹12 to ₹13 back," he said.

Siddaramaiah accused the central government of neglecting Karnataka's interests, citing a loss of ₹62,098 crore in tax devolution due to changes in the finance commission's recommendations. "Nirmala Sitharaman says 'I do not want to interfere in the report of the finance commission'. Why are you lying? This is all based on facts. Anybody can verify from the budget documents of the Government of India," he said.

On Monday, Siddaramaiah said the state's devolution of funds has decreased from 4.71% under the 14th Finance Commission to 3.64% under the 15th Finance Commission. He added that the Centre did not compensate for loss in tax revenue because of GST.

"The state's projected growth from 2017 to the conclusion of financial year 2023-24 amounts to ₹4.92 lakh crore. However, the anticipated actual collection for the state stands at ₹3.26 lakh crore. Of the shortfall of ₹1.65 lakh crore, the Union government has compensated the state with ₹1.06 lakh crore, resulting in a loss of ₹59,274 crore," he said, blaming the loss on "unscientific implementation" of GST.

The Karnataka government is also sore with the central government for not getting any substantial funds for drought relief. The state had sought ₹17,901 crore from the National Disaster Relief Fund. The chief minister also criticised the failure of the Centre to disburse funds promised for projects such as the Upper Bhadra irrigation project, despite announcements made in the Union Budget.

Kerala

While presenting the budget for 2024-25 FY on February 5, Kerala finance minister KN Balagopal said that there has been a 'curtailment' of ₹57,400 crore made by the Centre in the state's receipts in the current fiscal.

"This includes ₹12,000 crore due to the cessation of GST compensation, ₹8,400 crore in this year's Revenue Deficit Grant, ₹7,000 crore made in the borrowing limit by accounting the borrowings of KIIFB and Pension Company as Public Debt, ₹12,000 crore by considering public account money as public debt and reduction of ₹18,000 crore resulting from the decline of state's divisible pool share from 3.87% to 1.925% during the 10th to 15th Finance Commission tenures," he said in the assembly.

He alleged that the state's borrowing entitlement as per the Centre's own criteria has been denied in the current financial year. "As per the Centre's own guidelines, Kerala's eligible borrowing limit is ₹39,626 crore. The state budget was prepared considering the same. But Kerala has been allowed to borrow only ₹28,830 crore till now. The borrowing limit was cut short during mid fiscal without any prior notice, based on improper calculation of public account balance," Balagopal said.

On January 30, the finance minister, while responding to a starred question by an MLA on the reasons for the state's financial crisis, said the state was denied ₹3,000 crore in the form of interest free loans under the Centre's Scheme for Special Assistance for Capital Expenditure 2023-24.

He said the Centre denied providing loan assistance as the state did not follow the guidelines related to branding/naming for five central government schemes. The schemes for which the central government has mandated branding are Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), Ayushman Bharat Health & Wellness Centres, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban), Poshan Abhiyan and National Health Mission.

"Respective state government departments had informed the Centre about the progress in implementing the guidelines related to branding/naming of these schemes. However, the Centre did not take decisions in favour of the state. The funds of these schemes have not been released this year," the finance minister said.

Tamil Nadu

A Tamil Nadu government official familiar with the development said between financial year 2014-15 – when the BJP first came to power – and 2022-23, the Union government gave the state ₹4.75 lakh crore, including the central tax share of ₹2.46 lakh crore and subsidy of ₹2.28 lakh crore, whereas direct tax collection from the state in this period was ₹6.23 lakh crore.

The official said that during the same period, the BJP-ruled Uttar Pradesh was given ₹15.35 lakh crore and the direct tax collection by that state was ₹2.23 lakh crore. Tamil Nadu finance minister Thangam Thennarasu said that for every rupee given to the Union government, the state gets back only 29 paise, while Uttar Pradesh gets ₹2.73.

The official, who asked not to be named, said the state is facing a revenue shortfall of ₹20,000 crore every year as compared to the pre-GST regime. The official also said the Centre has not provided its 50% share for phase-II of Chennai Metro Rail Project costing ₹63,246 crore. The official said that the borrowing limit for financial year 2023-24 was restricted as the Union government fixed the GSDP growth at 8% as against the state achieving around 15% nominal growth in the last two years, resulting in a loss of ₹6,000 crore in the borrowing space.

Another issue the state has raised is that Tamil Nadu's share from the total divisible pool of central taxes had decreased from 5.305% under the 12th Finance Commission to 4.079% under the 15th Finance Commission. "There has been no mention in the Union Budget on funds sought for the flood damage in Chennai and the four southern districts (of ₹2,000 crore). The state's own tax revenue is impacted by this," the official said. Tamil Nadu will present its state budget on February 12 with an estimated revenue deficit of ₹37,540 crore for 2023-24, factoring into the expenditure on account of the welfare schemes such as the Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Thittam.

Centre's stance

After an emailed query of HT, the Union finance ministry issued a statement, saying the Karnataka government's claims of discrimination in sharing central taxes are "patently wrong and mischievous". "There are factual errors, false monetary claims, misleading statements, and selective mention of certain losses allegedly suffered without mentioning of the gains that have accrued to the state in the 15th Finance Commission (FC) period," it said.

"The share of each state in sharable central revenues fluctuates from commission to commission. Each commission makes recommendations in its wisdom considering all the factors affecting various states and the Centre and with wide consultations with state governments," it added.

The ministry also said that "despite the exceptional circumstances arising from the (Covid-19) pandemic which depressed Central revenues, Government of Karnataka will be getting substantially more as devolution during the first five years of the 15th FC period than in the 14th FC period."

The Centre also said that the Siddaramaiah government has "sought to portray undue accruals to the Centre through increase in cess and surcharge levied by Government of India in a deliberately misleading manner, by omitting to mention that a large part of the cess collection comprises GST compensation cess". "This cess does not belong to the Centre and goes entirely for the benefit of the states," it said.

The ministry said that unlike Karnataka and Kerala, states such as Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Bihar did not receive any revenue deficit grant. "...hardly a discrimination against any region or party in power. The selective reference on devolution and ignoring grants is mischievous and unfair to the non-partisan expert Constitutional body, that is, the finance commission," it said.

A government official, who requested anonymity, also said there is no arbitrary allocation of financial resources to states. The resources are allocated on the basis of recommendations of the finance commission.

For the current period, resource allocations are done on the basis of the 15th FC recommendations. It recommended that 41% of the net proceeds of Union taxes be shared with the states.

"The central government cannot discriminate among states as guidelines are transparent and clear. But release of funds is also subject to following expenditure guidelines, including completion certificates, certified by the competent authority such as AG [accountant general]. Some states are not willing to follow the laid down norms, which is not possible in a rule-based financial governance system," he said.

"If states have a transparent system of expenditure, they must not shy away from following guidelines, followed by all other states. If they have nothing to hide, then they should provide completion certificates etc as required by the law," a second official with direct knowledge of the matter said.

There are tendencies of some states to divert funds, change the names of the schemes or skip mandatory matching contributions and such things are in violation of the guidelines and do not pass the audit, the official added. In such cases, funds are stopped until they follow the guidelines in letter and spirit, he said.

"The so-called aggrieved states are leveling general charge against the Centre without giving any specific details, because technically, the Centre cannot stop any fund or any penny due to the states if they follow guidelines. Possibly, some of them have over promised freebies to their people to win the assembly elections and now they don't have enough resources to fulfil their promises. The easy way to deflect attention of their constituencies is to blame the Centre."

Migrant worker shot dead, another injured in Kashmir

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SRINAGAR: Terrorists shot dead a migrant worker from Punjab and injured another in a suspected targeted attack in Srinagar on Wednesday, police officers familiar with the matter said.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, a police officer said that terrorists opened fire on 31-year-old Amritpal Singh, a carpenter from Amritsar, and his associate, 27-year-old Rohit (identified by one name) in the Shaheed Ganj area of the old city. While Singh died on the spot, Rohit was rushed to a hospital, where his condition was critical, the officer said.

"Terrorists fired upon a non-local identified as Amritpal Singh resident of Amritsar at Shaheed Gunj [in] Srinagar, who succumbed to the injuries. One more person is grievously injured and evacuated for medical attention. Area has been cordoned off. Further details shall follow," J&K Police posted on X.

AMRITPAL, A CARPENTER FROM PUNJAB, WAS KILLED IN THE ATTACK WHILE HIS ASSOCIATE ROHIT WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED, SAY COPS

The Srinagar attack marked the first targeted killing of a migrant in Kashmir this year. In 2023, one non-local was killed by terrorists in the Valley.

Political leaders from across party lines condemned Singh's killing, calling it "barbaric" and a "dastardly attack".

"Violence should have no place in our society and such acts of barbarity only serve to hinder the progress & peace we strive for," the National Conference said in a post on X.

BJP spokesperson Altaf Thakur said such "inhuman acts of violence won't be tolerated in Kashmir" and called for swift action against the culprits.

"The attack took place on occasion of Shab-e-Meraj, which shows that terrorists don't have any religion. I urge police to act swiftly and punish the culprits," he said.

Former J&K chief minister Ghulam Nabi Azad condemned the attack and called for an end to the violence.

"Saddened by the tragic loss of Amritpal Singh from Amritsar, Punjab to terrorism in Srinagar today. We condemn such senseless violence targeting non-locals and innocent lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with the other injured individuals for a speedy recovery. This cycle of violence must end," he said.

Hitting out at the terrorists, CPI (M) general secretary Mohammad Yusuf Tarigami said: "Condemning in no uncertain terms the despicable attack which left a non-local man dead and caused injuries to another in Srinagar. Such barbaric attacks on innocent civilians are reprehensible and absolutely devoid of humanity."

Dhankhar rejects Kharge's request to restore remarks

NEW DELHI: Rajya Sabha chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar on Wednesday turned down Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's request to restore expunged portions of his speech, delivered during the discussion on the Motion of Thanks to the President's address on February 2. saying that, "the perceptional impact of any observation made in the House cannot be the premise for the Chair to... take a different view as per rules."

Budget session to end on Feb 10

NEW DELHI: The ongoing budget session of the Lok Sabha has been extended by a day and a notification has been issued in this regard by Lok Sabha secretariat. "...the current session of Lok Sabha has been extended up to Saturday, the 10th February, 2024 in order to provide sufficient time for completion of essential items... Accordingly, the Lok Sabha will sit on Saturday..." said the notification. The government has to clear a host of bills in the Rajya SabhaThis is the last Parliament session before the election.

Work is on for future lunar missions, says min

NEW DELHI: The country's future moon missions are under conceptualisation and feasibility studies are being undertaken to carry out lunar explorations, Union minister of science and technology Jitendra Singh said. "Roadmap for India's future moon missions is under conceptualisation, with feasibility studies being undertaken..." Singh said in a written reply to a query in the lower house.

FM hails India's growth; finance bill cleared by LS

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NEW DELHI: India's economic growth has been inclusive, has generated employment and has kept inflation under check, Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Wednesday, as the Lok Sabha passed the Finance Bill, 2024, thus completing the exercise for the passage of the interim budget 2024-25.

She added that the Centre is scrupulously devolving funds to all states, including Karnataka, which is even more than what has been recommended by the Finance Commission.

Participating in a debate on Union government's interim budget for FY25 and the interim budget for Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) in the Lok Sabha, she said that the government's policies have helped in creation of jobs. Replying to remarks made by Congress leader Shashi Tharoor where he raised the employment issues, the finance minister said: "The labour force in the country has increased from 49.8% in 2017-18 to 57.9% in 2022-23."

Unemployment rate has also decreased from 6% in 2017-18 to 3.2% in 2022-23, she said. Since May 2020-23, the number of net new subscribers to Employees' Provident Fund Organisation in the age group of 18-25 years has consistently exceeded 55% of the total net new subscribers, she said. "So, distinctly the numbers show that people are getting enrolled in jobs," she added.

The participation of women in the labour force has also risen to 37% in 2022-23, signifying substantial increase in women coming to the workforce, she said. "During 2022-23, total of 28.7 lakh (2.87 million) net female subscribers were added on to EPFO... So women are coming into formal jobs," she said. Of the total registration of over 290 million unorganised workers on the E-Shram portal, 53% are women.

The Lok Sabha on Wednesday also passed the interim budget for 2024-25 and the second supplementary demands for grants (2023-24) of the Union government. It also passed the interim budget of J&K for FY25 and its supplementary demands for grants for 2023-24. The House approved the budgets and appropriation bills by voice vote.

Speaking about the Union interim budget for FY25, she said the government has kept the spirit of Vote on Accounts. She highlighted the fact that an outlay of ₹11,11,111 crore has been kept in the interim budget for capital expenditure in 2024-25 – a 16.9% hike over the Revised Estimates of 2023-24. "This outlay is higher than the projected GDP growth rate of 10.5%," she said, stressing on the government's continued focus on infrastructure development to maintain growth momentum.

The government has been "fairly prudent" in remaining on the path of fiscal consolidation, Sitharaman said, as the budget revised the fiscal deficit estimate for FY24 to 5.8% of GDP from 5.9% estimated in the previous budget. The government has also targeted a fiscal deficit of 5.1% in FY25, revising the earlier estimate of 5.2% by "one notch down" because of efficient management of revenue and expenditure.On the supplementary demand for FY24, she explained where the money would be spent. "Department of fertilizers gets ₹3,000 crore for nutrient-based subsidy scheme for P&K-fertilizer subsidy going to farmers," she said. Similarly, the supplementary demands included ₹9,231 crore for the department of food and public distribution for the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, ₹13,548 crore for the defence services for revenue expenditure, and ₹5,000 crore to the department of economic affairs for transfer to senior citizen welfare fund. It also included ₹3,000 crore for J&K to meet additional expenditure as central assistance.

She said that J&K's interim budget for FY25 is of ₹59,364 crore, which is only for the part-year, and the entire year's BE is ₹1,18,728 crore. She sought ₹8,713 crore as supplementary demand for grants for J&K in 2023-24.Retail inflation has declined from an average of 6.8% in April-December 2022, to 5.5% in the corresponding period during 2023, she said.

In order to keep inflation under check and help people with limited means, the government has launched subsidised "Bharat" brand food items such as aata (flour), dal (pulses), and rice. "Bharat Aata for instance is priced at ₹27.50 per kg," she said.

On Karnataka government's recent allegations that Centre has not released ample money to states, Sitharaman said: "I want to assure this House and I'll give you the data, whatever the Finance Commission has recommended, I follow it to the last word." Additionally, Karnataka has also been provided interest-free loan for 50 years for undertaking infrastructure development, she said.

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Oppn cites 'unprecedented' unemployment to target govt

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NEW DELHI: The Congress on Wednesday slammed the Narendra Modi government over the interim budget while raising multiple issues such as increasing unemployment, debt and poverty.

During a debate on the interim budget 2024-25 in the Lok Sabha, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor said the government was about "all talk and no action" and alleged that the government has "no data available" to reveal the "real situation of poverty and consumption in the country".

"The unprecedented levels of unemployment have left countless citizens...with a few prospects for a brighter tomorrow," he said.

Talking about lack of basis for judging poverty, he said: "We are in a statistical void...We absolutely have no basis for judging whether poverty has actually gone down as the finance minister claims... the NDA apparently stands for No Data Available," he said.

Sharad Pawar-led party's MP Supriya Sule raised the issue of Artificial Intelligence and its impact on the workforce. "What is your plan to tackle unemployment as jobs fall due to rise in technology?" she asked the Centre.

Congress leader Manish Tiwari said: "The debt has gone up three times... we seriously need to deliberate upon this."

Hitting back, BJP MP Jayant Sinha said, "Shashi Tharoor and Supriya Sule presented several figures. They cherry-picked the data ...and spoke about us. But they did not even mention the work done by NITI Aayog on multidimensional poverty. They sidelined it completely."

Uncertainty shrouds RLD's future in INDIA, political circles abuzz

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MEERUT: Uncertainty over the fate of opposition INDIA bloc in Uttar Pradesh continued on Wednesday, with speculation that its key constituent Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) may walk away from the alliance ahead of the general elections gaining steam due to party chief Jayant Chaudhary's studied silence on the matter and cryptic comments from ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders.

The Samajwadi Party (SP), the senior partner in the opposition bloc in Uttar Pradesh, the state that sends maximum 80 lawmakers to the 543-member Lok Sabha, however, sounded confident that the RLD will remain with the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) and accused the BJP of "creating confusion".

Last month, the RLD and the SP had announced their alliance for the general polls, with Chaudhary's party saying the latter will leave seven seats in western UP for its nominees. Since then, the political circle in the state was abuzz with speculation that the RLD chief was not very pleased with the seat-sharing arrangement. The continued silence of Chaudhary, a prominent Jat leader with considerable sway in western UP, has only fuelled the rumours.

Jayant Chaudhary

When asked about the RLD-BJP likely alliance ahead of the polls, BJP leader and deputy chief minister Keshav Prasad Maurya told reporters: "You will get to know when that happens." His party colleague and another deputy CM Brajesh Pathak responded to the same question, saying: "Everyone is getting drawn to the BJP and PM [Narendra] Modi anyway."

Senior SP leader Shivpal Yadav, however, said: "The BJP is doing the work of creating confusion. He (Jayant) is not going anywhere. He will remain with the INDIA bloc with full strength and will do the work of defeating the BJP."SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, whose support helped the Jat leader become a Rajya Sabha member despite the RLD falling short of numbers, said he hopes that Chaudhary will not weaken the struggle going on for the prosperity of Uttar Pradesh.

"I know Jayant, he is a secular person. He is very clear and well educated. He understands politics," the SP chief told reporters in Lucknow. "I hope the struggle going on for the welfare of the farmers and prosperity of the state will not be weakened by him." Both parties had contested the 2022 state assembly elections in an alliance, in which the SP had won 111 seats while the RLD bagged eight seats as the BJP-led by chief minister Yogi Adityanath returned to power for a second straight term.

While Chaudhary could not be reached for a comment despite repeated attempts, RLD organisational general secretary Trilok Tyagi said:"It's true that BJP had approached us sometime back, but the fact is that our alliance with SP is strong," Tyagi said, adding the "BJP-fueled buzz" was indicative of the ruling party's "admission that its tally would reduce" in the upcoming polls."We had demanded eight seats from SP but got seven,"

RLD national secretary Rajkumar Sangwan said the SP wanted to field its candidates on the RLD symbol from Kairana, Muzaffarnagar and Bijnor seats. "But it does not mean that we are walking away from the alliance. We believe the SP leadership will adopt a flexible attitude and all issues between the two parties will be resolved," Sangwan added.

Govt backs subclassification within SC/ST quota, SC told

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NEW DELHI : The Centre on Wednesday told a seven-judge bench in the Supreme Court that it is committed to the policy of reservation for marginalised communities as a measure of affirmative action even as it favours subclassification within the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (SC/STs) to ensure the "trickle-down effect" of quota benefits.

Arguing before the Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud, the Centre backed the idea of earmarking most backward categories within SC/STs to enable the states to frame appropriate policies on subclassification and rationalisation of reserved seats.

As the bench, which also included justices BR Gavai, Vikram Nath, Bela M Trivedi, Pankaj Mithal, Manoj Misra and Satish Chandra Sharma, heard a clutch of petitions on the permissibility of subclassification within the SC/ST reservation on the second consecutive day, the Centre made it clear that its arguments on subclassification must not be construed as an opposition to quota benefits for the marginalised communities.

"These submissions are limited only to the question referred to this Hon'ble Bench i.e. permissibility of subclassification and may not be treated as any dilution of the reservation policy of the central government and the government continues to subscribe to its obligations of granting reservation as a means of achieving equality by such affirmative actions," solicitor general Tushar Mehta, representing the Centre, said.

His submissions added that reservation was a measure of affirmative action to bring equality to those who have suffered hundreds of years of discrimination. The Centre's statement in the top court came on a day when Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while speaking in Parliament, accused India's first PM Jawaharlal Nehru of opposing reservation for SC/ST and OBCs in government jobs. Addressing the Rajya Sabha, Modi read out a letter by Nehru to chief ministers in which the late Congress leader suggested that quota in public jobs could lead to inefficiency.

The court will continue hearing the case on Thursday.

Modi added if the government recruited and promoted the marginalised classes at that time, they would have been uplifted. On Tuesday, the bench had observed that the Constitution does not postulate that people belonging to the marginalised groups are inefficient while those from other groups are competent, adding reservation for SC/STs and other backward classes (OBCs) is consistent with the need to maintain efficiency in administration.

In the apex court, SG Mehta on Wednesday commenced his submissions by conveying the Centre's resolve to continue with the reservation policy. "Let me make it clear at the outset that for reservation as a policy, the central government is committed. My submissions are only on the aspect of subclassification," he said.

Mehta's written submissions pointed out that subclassification within SC/STs will enable targeted policymaking by the State, rationalising affirmative actions and enabling their implementation for desired results. "This shall have to be done without compromising the need for reservations and by merely changing the focus towards more backward amongst backwards and without changing the constitutional method even while carrying out subclassification," he said.

Mehta supported a review of the 2004 judgment by a five-judge bench in EV Chinnaiah Vs State of Andhra Pradesh, which held that subclassification was not permissible because SC/STs form homogenous classes.

"This bundling together of SC/STs by Chinnaiah, which disempowers the State to frame appropriate policy by subclassifying the zone of reservation appropriately, diminishes the constitutional guarantee of equality of opportunity...enabling of subclassification would ensure that benefits are extended to persons more in need of the said benefits by carefully apportioning the reserved quota within the reserved class," stated Mehta's submissions. Mehta, however, clarified that if subclassification was allowed, states could only identify the groups and that such subclassification would only be given effect through a parliamentary legislation, following an approval of the President.

Attorney generalR Venkataramani also argued in favour of reconsidering 2004 judgment, saying SC/STs cannot be treated as a homogeneous class and that each subgroup deserves a distinguished constitutional treatment. The state governments of Punjab, Tamil Nadu and Telangana have also supported subclassification in the case.

Article of faith

At one point of the hearing, the bench called it an "article of faith" that the Constitution chose not to put restrictions based on educational qualification, gender or assets for contesting elections, adding that the framers of the Constitution were "visionary".

"We must recognise that our Constitution has not prescribed restrictions relating to property, education or gender. This was an article of faith," said CJI Chandrachud.Addressing a proposition that there are no minimum educational qualifications prescribed under the Constitution for a citizen to run for a public office, the bench offered a rationale, applauding the constitutional scheme.

"It was a very visionary provision because ours was one of the first Constitutions which did not make your right to contest election or right to hold an electoral office conditional on your gender property or educational qualification," it observed.

Although the bench acknowledged the necessity of education for creating a qualified workforce from among the marginalised communities, it appreciated that the Constitution did not disqualify people from democratic processes on account of lack of education or some other factors such as gender or property.The court will continue hearing the case on Thursday when it is expected to reserve it for judgment.

The matter was referred to the larger bench by a five-judge bench in 2020, observing that the 2004 judgment in the Chinnaiah case may require a reconsideration. The 2004 judgment by the apex court became the basis for the Punjab & Haryana high court to quash a 1975 notification of the Punjab government, dividing its existing 25% reservation for SCs into two categories.

Half of these seats were to be offered to Balmikis and Mazhabi Sikhs while the rest were for the remaining groups within the SC category. This notification was nixed by the high court in 2006.

Later, the Punjab government passed the Punjab Scheduled Caste and Backward Classes (Reservation in Services) Act, 2006. But in 2010, the high court struck down this provision of the act, leading to an appeal by the state government in top court.

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GIVE BAIL IF APPEAL UNLIKELY TO BE TAKEN UP BEFORE COMPLETION OF SENTENCE, SAYS SC

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NEW DELHI: Courts should normally suspend sentences and grant bail in cases where an appeal challenging the conviction is unlikely to be heard before the completion of the sentence, the Supreme Court remarked recently, and expressed discontent with the approach of denying bail in several deserving cases.

A bench led by justice AS Oka, which was dealing with a case pertaining to a person serving a five-year sentence being denied bail by the Madhya Pradesh high court, remarked: "Notwithstanding several decisions of this court holding that when there is a fixed term sentence and especially when the appeal is not likely to be heard before completing entire period of sentence, normally suspension of sentence and bail should be granted."

In its order passed on February 2 and uploaded on the website this week, the bench directed the petitioner to be produced before the trial court that will enlarge him on bail on appropriate terms and conditions till the appeal is finally decided by the high court. "We find that in several deserving cases, bail is being denied. Such cases should never be required to be brought before this court," the bench, also comprising justice Ujjal Bhuyan, remarked as it set aside the high court's order passed on August 31 last year. In 2022, the petitioner was convicted by a trial court under Section 489(C) of the Indian Penal Code for possessing counterfeit currency worth ₹44,000. In August last year, the high court turned down his appeal against the conviction over the "gravity of crime and the evidence establishing the criminal act of appellant."

The SC noted that the accused, who was convicted by the trial court in 2022, had already undergone half the sentence.

THE TOP COURT WAS DEALING WITH A CASE PERTAINING TO A PERSON SERVING A 5-YEAR SENTENCE BEING DENIED BAIL BY THE HC

Govt looks to make it must for judges to declare assets

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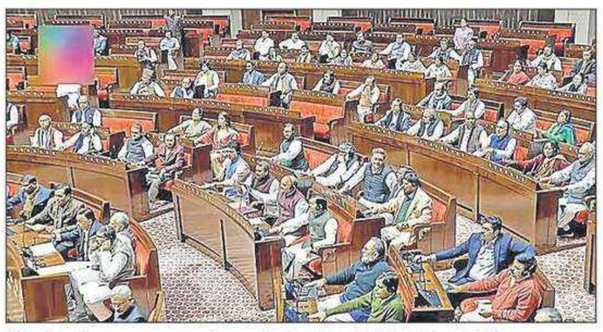
NEW DELHI: The Centre is working on a proposal to make it mandatory for all judges of the Supreme Court and high courts to declare their assets annually and has sought social status data of all serving judges pertaining to their class/category to assess social diversity in the judiciary.

This information was revealed in an action-taken report submitted to the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday by a Parliament standing committee that was considering implementation of its 133rd report on the subject, "Judicial processes and their reforms".

The committee chaired by BJP MP Sushil Kumar Modi had sought the response of the Department of Justice on an array of issues concerning the judiciary, of which one related to mandatory disclosure of assets. Dealing with the same, the department in its response told the committee that the government has proposed framing rules to make declaration of assets by judges mandatory. The 30-member parliamentary committee also included Mahesh Jethmalani (BJP), Vivek Tankha (Congress), P Wilson (DMK) and Kalyan Banerjee (Trinamool Congress).

The report reproduced the Centre's response that said, "Based on the recommendations made by the Parliamentary Standing Committee, this Department is proposing to frame Rules under the High Court Judges Act, 1954 and Supreme Court Judges Act, 1958 to lay down a procedure for making statutory provisions in the Rules for Declaration of Assets by the Judges of the Supreme Court and High Court Judges on their initial appointment and thereafter every year by the due date."



The Parliament committee chaired by BJP MP Sushil Kumar Modi had sought the response of the Department of Justice. ANI

This is not final yet as the government has initiated consultations with the registry of the Supreme Court to know its views on the matter. The response is awaited.

The committee said, "The Supreme Court has gone to the extent of holding that the public has a right to know the assets of those standing for elections as MPs or MLAs. When so, it belies logic that judges don't need to disclose their assets and liabilities."

Further, the committee was of the view, "Anybody holding public office and drawing a salary from the exchequer should mandatorily furnish annual returns of their property. Declaration of assets by the judges of the higher judiciary will only bring more trust and credibility into the system."

At present, judges are not bound to declare their assets. The Supreme Court in a full court meeting held on May 7, 1997 adopted a resolution known as "The Restatement of Values of Judicial Life" that laid down certain standards to be observed by judges of superior courts. This document made it mandatory for every judge of the Supreme Court and high court, including chief justices, to declare their assets/liabilities at the time of appointment and revise these at the beginning of each year.

More than a decade later, the full bench of the Supreme Court (comprising all judges) resolved on August 26, 2009 to disclose assets on the court website.

Days later, on September 8, 2009, the full bench decided that the declaration will be voluntary and resolved to put out the details by October 31, 2009.

The top court website contains information on assets of 55 judges, who have retired. Not a single sitting judge, including Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud, finds mention in the list. The last entry is by former CJI NV Ramana who revised the details on March 31, 2018.

Though some high courts also passed similar resolutions, it is not known how many have declared these as only five have put it on their website.

The panel has asked the department of justice to "fast-track the consultation process" with the Supreme Court registry.

This is not the only issue where the judiciary's response is awaited. The Centre has sought "class/category wise data of serving judges in the Supreme Court and high courts" following the committee's earlier recommendation to have social diversity and greater representation of marginalised groups, women and minorities.

Providing figures from October 31, 2022 to November 8, 2023, the department told the committee that among the 141 judges appointed, there were 5 from scheduled castes, 5 from scheduled tribes, 20 from other backward classes (OBC), 8 from the minority section, and 22 women. The remaining 81 belonged to the unreserved category. Among the minorities, four belonged to Jains, Christians (2), Muslim (1) and Zoroastrian (1).

The committee noted that the class/category-wise data in respect of judges is available from the year 2017. "For the remaining judges presently serving in the Supreme Court and high courts, data has been sought from the judiciary by the ministry. This process may be expedited with the judiciary and it may be forwarded to the committee for examination as and when such an exercise is completed."

Commenting on the data provided for the last one year, the committee said, "It can be seen that our higher judiciary suffers from a 'diversity deficit'. The representation of SCs, STs, OBCs, women, and minorities in the higher judiciary is far below the desired levels and does not reflect the social diversity of the country."

{ PARL PANEL REPORT }

Govt not in favour of raising retirement age of HC judges

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NEW DELHI: The Centre is not keen to bring the retirement age of high court judges at par with that of Supreme Court judges at 65 years, citing practical difficulties, a parliamentary panel report said on Wednesday, adding the government has even junked the idea of giving more powers to the top court's collegium to decide on extension granted to judges based on their performance as it would "erode Parliament's power".

Accepting the objections raised by the Centre, a parliamentary standing committee has decided not to pursue further its recommendation made in an earlier report (the 133rd report on Judicial Processes and their reforms) for an increase in retirement age of high court judges.

The action-taken report of the committee, headed by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and Rajya Sabha MP Sushil Kumar Modi, in its 144th report further asked the Centre to pursue with the judiciary on its earlier proposal to have a staggered vacation for Supreme Court and high courts to ensure the constitutional courts do not remain closed for litigants for months together in a year even as pendency of cases mount. The 144th report on "Judicial Processes and their Reforms" was tabled in Parliament on Wednesday.

The parliamentary panel also put forward to the Centre its earlier proposal of linking performance evaluation of judges with the issue of increase in retirement age. The Centre, however, said this may not be practical. "This will result in empowering the SCC (Supreme Court Collegium) for the evaluation of the judges at the time of giving extensions on individual basis and will further erode the powers of Parliament and empower judiciary through the SCC to take decision on the enhancement of age," the Centre told the panel, according to the report.

THE RETIREMENT AGE OF TOP COURT JUDGES IS 65 YEARS WHILE IT IS 62 YRS FOR THOSE IN HC

It may also result in "undue favouritism" and make judges "susceptible to pressures" thus impinging on their performance as impartial judges, the Centre further opined.

While Supreme Court judges retire at the age of 65, judges of the 25 high courts demit office at 62.

On the proposal to retire high court judges at 65, the Centre listed out several objections. "The probable consequence of enhancing the age of High Court Judges could be that many High Court Judges may prefer to remain in High Courts being their parent High Court either as Judge or as Chief Justices, in case the retirement ages of the Supreme Court and High Court Judges is the same," it said.

Further, such a demand may result in consequential demand for increase in retirement age of Supreme Court judges and could lead to a "chain reaction" with members and heads of tribunals and commissions manned by judges raising similar demands, it added.

In a related recommendation, the committee voiced its concern over appointing retired Supreme Court judges to various constitutional posts, commissions and tribunals. While the Centre batted in favour of such appointments owing to the "expertise and experience" possessed by constitutional court judges, the panel reiterated: "The Committee suggests that the entire gamut of issues related to such appointments of retired judges may be comprehensively studied again and relooked upon by the ministry."

The Centre perceived another flaw as "increase in retirement age to 65 may deprive the tribunals of having Presiding Officer/Judicial Members from retired High Court judges." It may also benefit "certain non-deserving cases and lead to non-performing and under-performing judges to continue," the government told the parliamentary panel.

The Centre also told the panel that currently, 114 proposals for high court judges are at various stages of processing between the government and the SCC.

Cal HC stays order to form joint SIT to investigate attack on ED officials

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KOLKATA: The Calcutta high court on Wednesday stayed a single bench order for forming a joint special investigation team (SIT) comprising the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the West Bengal Police to probe an attack on Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials on January 5.

The central agency officials were assaulted by a mob when they went to search the premises of Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader Shajahan Sheikh at Sandeshkhali in North 24 Parganas district in connection with an alleged ration distribution scam case in the state. Sheikh has been absconding since then.

A single bench of Justice Jay Sengupta had on January 17 directed the formation of an SIT headed by one SP rank officer each from the CBI and the state police to investigate the attack.

The division bench presided by chief justice TS Sivagnanam ordered the stay on an appeal by the ED which sought that only the CBI conduct the investigation and the state police be kept away from it.

The West Bengal government too filed an appeal before the division bench seeking that the state police be allowed to continue the investigation solely into the attack on the ED officials.

The division bench, also comprising justice Supratim Bhattacharya, said that the matter has to be decided after hearing both parties.

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Indian IT student attacked in US, wife reaches out to EAM

NEW YORK: An Indian IT student was attacked by unidentified men near his house in Chicago. In a video posted on social media, Syed Mazahir Ali is seen being chased by three men, who left him with a bloodied face, on February 4. His wife Syeda Ruquiya Fatima Razvi said she She has also written a letter to EAM Jaishankar, seeking his help in getting medical treatment for her husband.

TDP chief meets Shah, Nadda amid buzz over return to NDA

NEW DELHI: TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday met home minister Amit Shah and BJP chief JP Nadda amid indications that the two parties may join hands in Andhra Pradesh for upcoming polls. Lok Sabha and assembly polls will held simultaneously in the state. Naidu met Shah at his residence and Nadda was also present at the meet, people aware of the matter said.

HC refuses to stay inquiry against Vijayan kin's firm

KOCHI: The Kerala high court on Wednesday declined to stay the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) probe into state-run KSIDC, chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan's daughter's firm, and Kochi-based mines company CMRL. Justice Devan Ramachandran refused to put on hold the probe on a plea moved by KSIDC, senior central government counsel RV Sreejith said.

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Bhavna

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Name : Bhavna, **Father's Name :** Avdhesh Narayan, **Age :** 32 years, **Height** : 4'11", **Face** : Round, **Complexion** : Shallow, **Built :** Normal, **Wearing** : Red Color Suit Black Color Leggy and Slipper in feet.

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Where as complaint has been made before me that one accused **Sh Inder Kumar Mann** Proprietor of M/s I. Exports Regd Office At R-144, Greater Kailash, New Delhi have Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **Case Reg. No. 17759/16 u/s 138 NI Act** has been registered at **P.S. Keshavpuram, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Sh Inder Kumar Mann** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Sh Inder Kumar Mann** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Sh Inder Kumar Mann** of **Case Reg. No. 17759/16 u/s 138 NI Act** has been registered at **P.S. Keshavpuram, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **04.04.2024.**

By Order
Ms. Divya Arora
Metropolitan Magistrate (NW),
Room No. 112, 1st Floor,
Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/1142/NW/2024 (Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person(s) **Sumit Gupta S/o Pawan Kumar Gupta R/o Khasra No. 53/11/2, Village Mundka, Delhi & H. No. 1087A/19, Shakti Nagar, Rohtak, Haryana** has committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. **452/2015 U/s 23/26 J.J. Act & 14 Child Labour Act, PS Nangloi, Delhi** and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person(s) **Sumit Gupta** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) **Sumit Gupta** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation are hereby made that the said accused person(s) **Sumit Gupta** of case FIR No. **452/2015 U/s 23/26 J.J. Act & 14 Child Labour Act, PS Nangloi, Delhi** are required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated **13.03.2024**

By Order
Shubham Devadiya
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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Arun @ Susha** S/o **Rajender Singh** R/o **VPO Luksar, District Jhajjar, Haryana** has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **e-FIR No. 7008/2021 U/S 379/411/34 IPC, PS Jaffarpur Kalan, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Arun @ Susha** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Arun @ Susha** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Arun @ Susha** of case **e-FIR No. 7008/2021 U/S 379/411/34 IPC, PS Jaffarpur Kalan, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **15.03.2024.**

By Order
Sh. Abhinav Ahlawat
Metropolitan Magistrate
Room No. 314, Dwarka District Courts,
New Delhi

DP/1490/DW/2024(Court Matter)

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified Male (depicted in the photo) name: **Unknown,** residence and family is **Unknown about 30 years** of age was found **Accidental and Unconscious male** on **NH-48 near Mahipalpur on 01.02.2024 about 10:00 PM.** The said person is still in unconscious state. In this regard a vide FIR No./DD No. **53/2024, U/s 279/337 IPC, Dated 02.02.2024** has been lodged at **PS Vasant Kunj (North), South-West Distt., New Delhi.** His physical description is as under:-

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JC-492514H SUB. Mahendra Kumar Vill-Kirdoli Tehsil-Sikar district-Sikar (RAJ) 332041 have change my mother name & date of birth from Manko Devi to Malaku 10/12/1960 to 01/01/1952 for all future purpose vide affidavit dated 29/12/2023 before notery public Kinnaur (HP)

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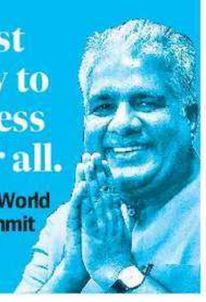

Modi-led panel clears names for Lokpal chief, vigilance commissioner

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NEW DELHI: Retired Supreme Court judge Ajay Manikrao Khanwilkar was elected as the new chairperson of Lokpal, and Aeratu S. Rajeev, managing director (MD) of Bank of Maharashtra, was picked for the post of Vigilance Commissioner (VC) by a committee led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday, officials aware of the details said.

Congress's floor leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, who is a member of the selection panel, gave a short dissent note on Rajeev's selection, the officials said. Chowdhury had proposed the name of Atanu Das, former MD and chief executive officer (CEO) of Bank of India, for the post of VC.

The Congress leader did not oppose the name of Khanwilkar as his candidature was conveyed to him at the last moment, the officials added.

The Lokpal is currently headed by justice Pradip Kumar Mohanty, who is the acting chairperson. Of the two VC posts, one is vacant.

Khanwilkar was confirmed as a permanent judge in the Bombay high court in April 2002. He served briefly as the chief justice of Himachal Pradesh high court and was then appointed the chief justice of Madhya Pradesh high court in November 2013. He was elevated to the Supreme Court in May 2016 and served a six-year term until his retirement in July 2022.

CONGRESS'S FLOOR LEADER ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE SELECTION PANEL, GAVE A SHORT DISSENT NOTE ON RAJEEV'S SELECTION

Khanwilkar was a part of the majority of the five-judge bench that held that the right to die with dignity is a fundamental right under Article 21, in Common Cause v Union of India (2018), thereby, allowing a patient to refuse medical treatment in cases of terminal illness.

A.S. Rajeev was appointed as the MD and CEO of the Bank of Maharashtra in December 2018. His tenure was to end on December 1, 2023, but he was given an extension until May 31, 2024 in November 2023. Before BoM, he was the executive director of Indian Bank and during this time, he was the director of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

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SOUTH PROTESTS

ment of India to the state of Karnataka and other southern states," he said.

While the three southern states are not alone in raising claims of alleged institutional and political injustice on the fiscal federalism front — West Bengal chief minister led a two-day protest in Kolkata earlier this week — they have brought to the fore the growing tension between the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led BJP government and non-BJP ruled states. The arguments are centred around two principle points; a continuous fall in the share of these states in central taxes, and the centre allegedly holding back non-formula driven grants and project support due to what these state governments allege is political vendetta.

In a post on X on Monday, Siddaramaiah said that under the term of the 14th Finance Commission (2015- 2020), Karnataka received 4.71% of its tax share, which was reduced to 3.64% by the 15th Finance Commission (2020-2025), resulting in an estimated loss of ₹62,098 crore for Karnataka over five years.

"The finance minister subsequently declined the recommended special grant of ₹5,495 crore for Karnataka in the interim budget. Karnataka missed out on a total of ₹73,593 crore, including recommendations for ₹3,000 crore each for lake and water body development and peripheral ring road projects," Siddaramaiah claimed.

A combative Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said these claims emerged from a "separatist mentality". "The Congress is now with separatist forces and it stands with people that want to break up the country. One of the instruments they use it to make false claims about finance," the finance minister said.

Addressing a press conference on parliament premises, Sitharaman said that there were factual errors, false monetary claims, misleading statements and selective mention of certain losses allegedly suffered without mentioning the gains that have accrued to Karnataka during the period of the 15th Finance Commission. "The 15th Finance Commission submitted its final report in October 2020, and the government laid the Explanatory Memorandum as to the Action Taken on the Recommendations of the Commission in February 2021," she said.

Sitharaman said that the 14th Finance Commission saw Karnataka receive ₹1,51,309 crore as tax devolution.

"However, in the first four years of the current 15th Financial Commission period, Karnataka would have already received ₹1,29,854 crore by March 2024. The Government of India has projected a further release of ₹44,485 crore in the Interim Budget for Financial Year 2024-25, taking the total to ₹1,74,339 crore in five years. This is higher than the 14th Financial Commission period despite the precipitous drop in revenue during the Covid-19 period," she said.

Calling the Karnataka government's claims an outrageous lie, Sitharaman said, "I want to highlight that the government of Karnataka, using taxpayers money, has given full -page national newspaper advertisements that say that for drought relief, which is disaster relief, zero has been given. It is not zero. For disaster management ₹6,196 crore and capital investment of ₹6,280 crore (were given by the Centre). Together, the amount is ₹12,476 crore. If we have given money for disaster management, how are they saying zero?"

Karnataka minister Priyank Kharge said the decision to protest was not "overnight" and that they had been regularly asking for appointments with Union ministers for the past six months. "We have written letters and we have waited by their doors, but there has been no response," Kharge said.

Responding to the BJP charge that they were fuelling a "north-south divide", Kharge said, "We are not against sharing. In a federal structure we have to cater to everyone's demands and it is our moral responsibility to do so but at what cost? It is happening at the cost of Karnataka, which is creating infrastructure and jobs. For every ₹100 Karnataka pays as tax, we get back ₹13, whereas in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, it is much higher. We are not against devolution but we are asking for a fair share of devolution."

Battle-lines between the Union government and the southern states will likely sharpen even further on Thursday when Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan holds a protest at Jantar Mantar, which, he said on Wednesday, was an agitation to "safeguard the constitutional rights of all states, not just Kerala." A press note issued by chief minister Vijayan said that they were protesting against an unconstitutional approach to fiscal discipline, alleged injustice in grants and centrally sponsored schemes, reduction in the tax share, and unfairness in GST compensation.

Tamil Nadu chief minister MK Stalin wrote to Vijayan offering his support and called for like-minded "progressive states" to resist the Union government's intentions to cripple the ability of states to raise resources and fund crucial development initiatives. "Although this has been happening for quite some time, the situation has rapidly deteriorated in the last few years and there is a clear consensus emerging among progressive State governments that such indirect control over state finances needs to be done away with," Stalin said.

In Bengaluru , even as the state government agitated in Delhi, the BJP — which is the principal opposition in the state — led protests outside the Karnataka Vidhana Soudha. Former chief minister BS Yediyurappa said, "Siddaramaiah intends to gain attention. He does want not to solve the problem. How it is right to take all the MLAs to protest in Delhi instead of speaking to the Prime Minister about the issue?" Yediyurappa said.

Karnataka BJP president BY Vijayendra, Yediyurappa's son, said that Karnataka had never seen "such an irresponsible government." "The Congress government has failed on all fronts and on its guarantee schemes as well. The government has not been able to do any development work which has completely come to a halt in the state."

WANTED 3 TEMPLES

vas. Similarly, we are asking for our three holy places — Ayodhya, Kashi and Mathura — lands of God's incarnation," he said in the state assembly while replying to the motion of thanks to the governor's address.

He also referred to the recent developments in the Gyanvapi mosque case, where Hindu prayers started in the southern cellar last week after three decades, following a district court order.

"We kept promises made to the people with the construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya.The consecration ceremony of Ram Lalla was wonderful, and an unforgettable moment. After the festivity in Ayodhya, Nandi Baba said why should we wait. He got the barricades removed at night," the CM said, possibly referring to the idol of Nandi facing the Gyanvapi mosque. The barricades around the southern cellar were removed around midnight on February 1, hours after the district court order.

And Lord Krishna, too, wasn't the one to be dissuaded, he added. "*Aur hamare Krishna Kanhaiya kahan manne wale hein*," he said. His reference appeared to be the Krishna Janmabhoomi Temple in Mathura and the dispute with the Shahi Eidgah that stands next to it.

Varanasi, Mathura and Ayodhya are part of a decades-old ideological project by Hindu groups who argue that medieval-era Islamic structures were built by demolishing temples and demand rights over those structures.

The CM was replying to the motion of thanks to the governor's address in the legislative assembly. He lashed out at the opposition parties for allegedly putting hurdles in the construction of Ram temple, which was opened by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on January 22.

The CM accused the previous Samajwadi Party (SP) government of ignoring development in Ayodhya. "We agree that the temple dispute was in the court but the roads there could have been widened. The ghats there could have been revived," he said.

"Electricity could have been supplied to the residents of Ayodhya. Sanitation arrangements could have been made there. Better health facilities could have been provided there. An airport could have been built there," he added.

"With what intentions was this development work stopped," Adityanath said. "What was the intention in blocking the development of Ayodhya, blocking the development of Kashi, blocking the development of Mathura-Vrindavan."

He said previous governments didn't let Ayodhya develop by imposing restrictions and curfew.

"The Opposition leaders played with the public faith and people had to beg for faith. The foreign invaders not only looted our wealth but also hurt our faith and destroyed our cultural heritage. After independence, opposition parties made a malicious attempt to glorify the invaders to serve their vote bank. Now the country will not accept it," he said.

The CM said parliamentary affairs minister (Suresh Khanna) had moved a resolution in the House (on February 5), welcoming the consecration ceremony in Ayodhya but some SP members opposed the resolution.

"Everyone should visit Ayodhya to have darshan of Lord Ram who belongs to everyone. The whole world wants to come to Ayodhya. The governor had started her address with Lord Ram, but the leader of Opposition is worried about the votes. The Opposition does not care about the pride of the state but about the vote bank politics. It is a dangerous affliction as we are playing with people's trust," he said.

Yogi Adityanath said projects worth Rs 31,000 crore were launched in Ayodhya to build a grand city.

"Dharma Path, Shri Ram Path, Bhakti Path, Janmabhoomi Path have been constructed. Guptar Ghat, Ram Ghat and Naya Ghat have been developed. Ram Ki Paidi is clean as Haridwar. Projects for the development of new township will be launched soon. All the states are acquiring land (in Ayodhya) to establish guest houses. More than 36 lakh devotees have visited (Ram temple) in 16 days," he said.

THE CHIEF MINISTER ACCUSED THE PREVIOUS SAMAJWADI PARTY (SP) GOVERNMENT OF IGNORING DEVELOPMENT IN AYODHYA BY IMPOSING CURBS

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strengthen our age-old slogan of unity in diversity," he said.

Dhami said the panel that framed the bill held 43 public consultations and nearly 10% of households in the state participated in the interactions. He said 232,000 people gave suggestions,

He said this bill will herald in several changes in peoples' lives.

"The time has come for us to rise above vote-bank politics and build a society in which there is equality at every level. The same equality, the ideal of which is the supreme being, Lord Shri Ram...we are talking about the truth which has been suppressed till now despite it being in Article 44 of the Constitution. This is the same truth, which was not accepted even after the Shah Bano case of 1985".

Article 44 of the Constitution says "The State shall endeavour to secure for the citizens a uniform civil code throughout the territory of India."

Taking a dig at the Congress without naming it, Dhami asked why the bill was not brought in by previous governments. "This was not done due to appeasement politics. This is just the start. We will be working on various fronts," he said. "After all, why did the people who ruled for more than 60 years after Independence not even think of implementing UCC? Forgetting national policy, they continued to pursue appeasement politics."

The Congress took a nuanced stand on the bill. Congress MLAs in the assembly said they are not opposed to a UCC, but want the bill to be sent to a select committee for further discussion, which should submit a report on it within a month, after which it can be passed. Yashpal Arya, leader of the Opposition, said there are many issues and ambiguities that need to be looked into. Arya and BSP MLA Shahzad had moved an amendment in this regard, which was not considered by the House.

The bill has provisions for equal rights for women in inheritance in ancestral properties, equal rights to adopt, divorce and a ban on polygamy, mandatory registration/self-declaration for live-in relationships, mandatory registration of marriage and divorce, and a common marriageable age (18 for women and 21 for men). The bill has also provided an exemption to notified Scheduled Tribes from its ambit. Uttarakhand has 2.89% Scheduled Tribe population.

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Privilege equality over uniformity

The UCC bill flags the need for reforming personal laws but reveals the limits of pursuing a uniform code amidst India's diverse traditions

There are two ways to see the fractious debate around the uniform civil code (UCC) bill introduced by Uttarakhand this week, a first-of-its-kind draft that is likely to be the template for similar efforts by a clutch of other states.

The first is the immediate political context — UCC is the final prong of the decades-old ideological troika of the BJP, comprising the Ram temple and the abrogation of Article 370, and the only one that remains incomplete. Uttarakhand, in that sense, is a microcosm of an impending national effort, one that might unfurl itself should the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) gain a third term in this summer's general elections. It also sketches the broad contours of how this effort might look — a broad exception granted to India's tribal communities in light of the constitutional guarantees given to adivasis and a state-by-state approach instead of a blanket national law. More gender-just laws on marriage, divorce, inheritance and adoption are desirable but some provisions on compulsorily registering live-in relationships are disquieting because they have the potential to encourage vigilantism against a backdrop where transgressive relationships already battle immense social pressure. Granting a bouquet of rights to live-in couples and their offsprings is a progressive step, but the government would do well to use the rules to dispel any spectre of overreach.

The broader discussion, however, is not about Uttarakhand, or even this draft law. Since Independence, the debate around UCC has been between two contrasting impulses — one that hopes to safeguard the cultures of smaller communities from being subsumed under the dominant group's influence, and another that seeks to expunge bias in personal laws. The Constituent Assembly chose to resolve this apparent contradiction by placing the UCC among the directive principles of state policy, recognising correctly that the diversity of the country couldn't be encompassed by only one set of laws (For instance, prohibitions regarding bloodline marriage in the Uttarakhand UCC will not pass muster in the southern states where traditions are different).

But these impulses aren't incompatible; the focus instead should shift from uniform to equal, ensuring that no personal law is allowed to violate the basic rights guaranteed under the Constitution. Personal laws, irrespective of the faith, have to be reformed so that they do not discriminate based on gender, caste or other similar categories. A nation as complex as ours calls for an endeavour beyond politics towards inclusion, collaboration and deliberation.

When Sharad Pawar loses party he founded

A quarter of a century after he founded the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), Sharad Pawar has been told by Election Commission of India (ECI) that he needs a new name and a symbol to stay in the game. ECI has ruled that the NCP faction that rebelled against Pawar's leadership and joined the NDA government will have ownership of the party. At 83, one of the canniest politicians in India, and a grassroots leader who has built and split parties multiple times, has to rebuild his house just ahead of the general elections. The repercussions are likely to be felt beyond the NCP and Maharashtra.

ECI arrived at its conclusion by accepting the rebel NCP faction's contention that the test of strength has to be the headcount of legislators, and not influence within the organisation. This goes against the spirit of the apex court's reading that the legislative unit has no life independent of the party. This is self-evident since the legislators fight elections from the platform of the party, on the party symbol, holding the party flag, and promising to implement the party agenda. In the case of the NCP split, Ajit Pawar, the leader of rebellion, argued that the election of Sharad Pawar as party president in 2022 was not as per the provisions of the party constitution, and since the party's internal elections were under a cloud, the organisation wing should not be considered to evaluate the strength of the factions. ECI concurred. A pertinent question in this context is: Is the anti-defection law relevant in its present form?

Sharad Pawar's genius has been his ability to turn adversity to his advantage. How he deals with this new challenge — of losing the name and symbol of the party he built — will shape his political legacy.

Pakistan holds polls, army's shadow looms

With a hung verdict predicted, the security forces are likely to shape the government

Sharat Sabharwal

In the throes of a serious political, economic and security crisis, Pakistan is holding its delayed federal and provincial elections today. It is a familiar script with the army exercising control over the process. The principal political actors remain unchanged — Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) — but the status of the first two has radically changed since the 2018 elections.

Imran Khan, the blue-eyed boy of the army in 2018 having connived with the latter's strong-arm tactics against Nawaz Sharif, finds himself hoisted with his own petard. Due to his strident anti-army stance following his ouster from office and past acrimony with the army chief Asim Munir, he is now the army's *bête noir*. But he continues to be popular. A Gallup Pakistan survey released last month showed that he had lost only three percentage points from his popularity rating of 60% in June 2023. This has forced the army to use its familiar underhand means to tilt the electoral field against him. Incarcerated for months now, Khan, his wife Bushra Bibi, and deputy Shah Mahmood Qureshi, have been handed down varying prison sentences of up to 14 years on flimsy charges in four cases, three in the last few days, following dubious judicial proceedings. This debars him from contesting the elections. Several other cases are pending against him. Even by Pakistan's standards, this is an overkill.

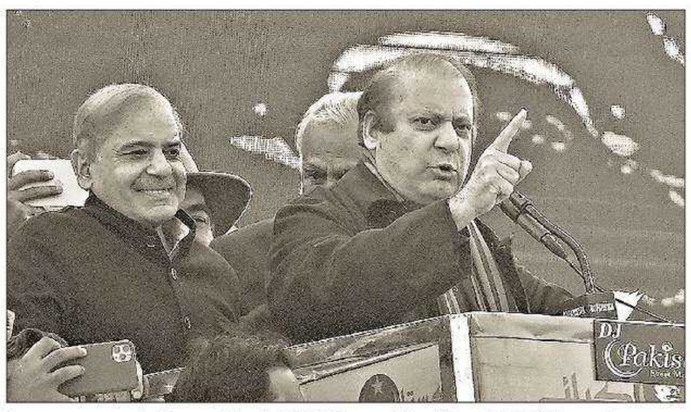
Imran Khan's PTI is a depleted party having lost a number of its senior leaders to desertions and incarcerations under pressure following anti-army violence by its cadres in May 2023. The Election Commission recently deprived it of its election symbol — a cricket bat — holding the party guilty of not adhering to intra-party democracy norms, a charge that almost all political parties in Pakistan are guilty of. This would necessitate PTI candidates contesting as independents with different symbols, thereby causing confusion among their supporters. Those elected thus, being exempt from anti-defection provisions, can easily be coerced by the army to shift sides. PTI candidates have already faced harassment at the hands of law enforcement agencies and election officials while filing nomination papers. Further rigging on polling day cannot be ruled out.

In contrast to their troubles in 2018, Nawaz Sharif and PML(N) are the favoured lot this time. Cases against Sharif and senior party leaders have collapsed in court. A recent Supreme Court judgment has cleared the path for him to contest elections — it reduced the duration of disqualification from holding public office, handed down to him by the apex court in 2018, from life to five years. He has been circumspect in his speeches on the issue of civilian supremacy but has repeatedly called for accountability from those who ousted him from the prime minister's office illegally, possibly to counter the Opposition's accusation that he is the army's *ladla* (favourite).

The widespread perception of a fixed election has resulted in a lacklustre campaign. PML(N) started its campaign barely three weeks before the elections, with Sharif ceding considerable limelight to his daughter Maryam, believed to be his political heir.

The number of young voters in Pakistan, below the age of 35, has gone up sharply to 57 million (around 45%) from 47 million in 2018. They reject the politics of wheeling-dealing and patronage networks and constitute the core of Imran Khan's support. What they will do on election day is an open question. Will they stay home or come out in large numbers and support the independents of PTI?

Major political parties, especially PTI, have campaigned extensively on social media. However, some of its key campaign events have faced major internet disruptions, allegedly engineered by the State authorities.



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What can we expect after the elections?

First, the electoral field having tilted significantly against PTI, the results will not be a true reflection of the people's will, as was the case in most of the past elections.

Second, the army will continue to have the upper hand. Having consolidated his position after the May 2023 violence, army chief Asim Munir has remained actively engaged in governance, including economic management, and has maintained a high public profile. Addressing a gathering of university students recently, General Munir said their five-year tenure does not give politicians a licence to misgovern for five years. He is unlikely to take a backseat after the elections. In comparison to the civil-military arrangement under Imran Khan, dubbed a hybrid system, the Pakistani media is now talking of "hybrid plus"; the plus denoting an even greater role for the army.

Third, with PTI, its principal adversary in politically dominant Punjab, nearly decimated, PML(N) fancies its chances in the Punjab provincial assembly. PPP is expected to win in Sindh province. The results of the provincial assembly election in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, hitherto a PTI bastion, remain uncertain. Balochistan is likely to produce a hotchpotch of largely pro-army legislators as in the past.

Fourth, reports from Pakistan suggest that no party is likely to get a simple majority at the federal level. But there is also a widespread perception that with his changed fortunes and PML(N) likely to emerge as the largest party, Nawaz Sharif is close to an unprecedented fourth term as prime minister. However, a hung assembly would necessitate either a PML(N)-PPP deal or, more likely, a coalition involving pro-army smaller parties/independent legislators. Neither will it make for a strong government. Knowing his past emphasis on civilian supremacy, will Nawaz Sharif be the first choice of the army for the prime ministership? More importantly, will he agree to head a coalition dependent on numbers subject to manipulation by the army? The picture should become clear in the coming days.

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How cities can factor in climate crisis in budgets

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2023 was the warmest year since the mid-1800s with severe weather events and climate extremes becoming more frequent. India, as the seventh most affected country, has set short term targets for 2030 to meet a national goal to cut emissions to net zero by 2070. To meet the needs of a growing urban population and build green, resilient and inclusive cities, Indian states and cities need to focus on integrating sustainable urban development policies and practices into their governance structures.

Municipalities in India are largely dependent on State and central transfers even for meeting regular administrative, operations and maintenance expenditures. There is no mechanism to ensure that city governments draw all the funds they are eligible for and utilise them effectively and efficiently. This results in poor resource efficiency, inefficient and ineffective public expenditure management and poor infrastructure and service delivery for citizens.

An important and innovative approach to achieve this is climate budgeting, a governance system that mainstreams climate commitments and considerations into decision-making on policies, actions and budgets. Climate budgeting is not only a way of mobilising finance but also works efficiently to ensure holistic planning and immediate implementation of climate action. Every decision a city undertakes must be evaluated and aligned with climate targets.

The climate budgeting process creates a conducive environment for policy, institutional and financial support, and helps to effectively incorporate climate action into the core of a city's daily operations, roles and ways of working across departments and agencies. Stakeholders relevant to climate action end up moving away from silos and moving towards delivering high-level climate goals. Climate budgeting helps to utilise the city's formal processes to steer climate action while adapting the city's budgetary processes to develop integrated systems.

Mumbai, India's most populous city, faces significant challenges such as notable income equality, issues of overcrowding, and environmental concerns PTI

Climate budgeting is a process of linking long term vision and what a city needs to achieve, and balancing that with immediate actions. The climate budget process also ensures accountability, transparency and clarity of how the city is taking climate action seriously and calling on state or national governments to collaborate with them.

Mumbai, India's most populous city, faces significant challenges such as extensive informal settlements, notable income equality, issues of overcrowding, and environmental concerns. In 2022, Mumbai announced detailed plans as part of the Mumbai Climate Action Plan (MCAP) to zero out carbon emissions by 2050, a target that placed it two decades ahead of India's national goal and made it the first city in South Asia to set such a timeline. One of the key commitments as part of the MCAP was committing to a climate budget and the establishment of a climate cell.

On February 2, 2024, in a first for a Global South mega city, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) published its climate budget (green budget book) to counter the city's rising pollution levels by implementing MCAP strategies. The climate budget outlines actions to systematically reduce emissions and enhance climate resilience, transparently disclosing its impacts and financial allocations. The BMC is eyeing climate initiatives that include developing gardens, as well as giving a push to projects such as renewable hybrid energy and waste-to-energy plans with responsibility for implementation and tracking distributed across departments.

Mumbai's 2024-2025 annual budget allocation is ₹59,954 crore, a 10% increase from last year, and gives the city an advantage over peers in implementing climate targets. The ambitious and extensive engagement process undertaken by the city is just the start of a recurring process to systematically work towards delivering crucial climate targets.

Cities such as London, Montreal, New York, Tshwane and Rio de Janeiro have already implemented or are committed to launching a climate budgeting process. Mumbai's extraordinary achievement in operationalising and mainstreaming climate action via a climate budget is a major step towards realising ambitions of rolling out similar climate budgets in other Indian cities. As cities reach what is now an indisputable tipping point, the importance of better decision-making on climate action has only grown. Transformative climate governance approaches such as climate budgeting hold promise as effective instruments for steering cities towards a sustainable future.

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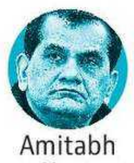
Harnessing sports to realise Viksit Bharat



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The confluence of social entrepreneurship and the benefits of sports make for some incredible stories and a major opportunity for community building. For example, the Brahmaputra Volleyball League, started by former India volleyball team captain Abhijit Bhattacharya, provides access to volleyball to thousands of children in Assam, as one of the largest grassroots leagues in the world. With almost 400 teams, the league has brought sports in a big way to rural areas and involved entire village communities to be a part of it. Naandi Foundation, in turn, works with close to two lakh young girls through 5,000 of its allies who are adopting sports in villages across India. One of the pioneers of the sport for development movement in India is Magic Bus, which implements a sports and activity-based life-skills programme to equip adolescents with essential life skills and facilitate a smoother transition from school to the workforce. It works with nearly four lakh adolescents and operates in 72 districts across 24 states in India. These are just a few organisations of the hundreds that work across the furthest reaches of India to drive positive change through sports in different ways using a variety of different disciplines. Meeting and speaking to representatives of many of these social enterprises gives us a clear sense of the potential of sports to make an enduring impact.

There is a significant and vital role for sports and physical activity (SAPA) in India today. India is at the forefront of radical change, and betterment of its citizens, especially people from under-represented communities. The SAPA sector will be a key contributor to this transformation, where a healthy and active population will contribute not just to India's progress, but to the rest of the world as well. With an Olympics bid in 2036 and the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047, SAPA will be key to the country's transformation. With a vibrant ecosystem of social enterprises working to use the power of sport for social impact and healthy living, the future of broad-basing sport for all lies in realising this ecosystem's full potential.

Every child should have the opportunity to play a sport. While State capacity is being expanded and increasingly nuanced towards mass participation, the private sector and civil society have equally important roles to play. SAPA is an intervention that is without limitation a positive and inexpensive one that has far-reaching benefits to everyone who participates. It is something that the GoI has prioritised with the active support of the Prime Minister, who champions sports and sportspersons at every juncture. We as a society must not waste this opportunity.

A critical role is to be played by social enterprises in broad-basing and enhancing sports participation. The potential to increase awareness and unlock access to SAPA has traditionally not been an area of focus in the country. It is widely acknowledged that India's cultural heritage includes participation in indigenous sports such as kabaddi and kho kho, as well as engagement in fitness activities like yoga. The benefits of involvement in these activities are significant and have a positive impact on an individual's long-term health and well-being.

In recent years, there has been a rise in the number of stakeholders harnessing the positive benefits of sports, ranging from grassroots community-based organisations to public-sector actors and companies. For example, government/public sector initiatives, such as the Khelo India and Fit India programmes, are focussed on reviving the rich culture of sports and physical activity, while State and private sector actors have been involved in the development of sports infrastructure, talent identification, and the provision of financial support to athletes. The growing SAPA movement is also reflected in the new National Education Policy (2020), which recognises the pedagogical power sports can possess and recommends the use of sports as a developmental tool for children and youth.

The SAPA ecosystem can contribute to economic growth by providing entrepreneurship opportunities, and livelihoods. Solving difficult problems for society through the transcendent power of sports is a common thread linking individuals and organisations. Holding the G20 presidency gave India a platform to be at the forefront of implementing universal participation in SAPA, and social enterprise will play a key role in expanding this opportunity. This is an opportunity for India to be a lighthouse nation for the rest of the world.

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Twin blasts kill at least 30 on eve of Pakistan polls

People gathered at the site of a bomb blast outside the office of an independent candidate in Pishin district, on Wednesday, on the eve of Pakistan's national elections. AFP

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ISLAMABAD: Bombs ripped through two separate political offices in southwestern Pakistan on Wednesday, killing at least 30 people, officials said, the day before the country was set to elect a new parliament.

The attacks in Baluchistan province — home to a low-level insurgency and various militant groups — raised concerns for the election in the troubled Western ally, where many voters are already disillusioned by political feuding and a seemingly intractable economic crisis.

Violence ahead of elections and on the day of polling is common in Pakistan, which has struggled to rein in militancy. Tens of thousands of police and paramilitary forces have been deployed across the country following a recent surge in attacks, especially in Baluchistan. No one immediately claimed responsibility for Wednesday's bombings.

At least 18 people were killed in the first attack at independent candidate Asfandyar Khan's election office in the Pashin district, Jumadad Mandokhel, a government official, said.

Shortly after, another bombing killed at least 12 people at the Jamiat Ulema Islam party office in Qilla Saifullah, about 130 kilometers away, according to Jan Achakzai, the spokesman for the provincial government. He said the elections would not be delayed despite the bombings.

The attacks, which left more than two dozen people wounded, drew condemnation from almost all the political parties.

Pakistan goes to the polls on Thursday amid rising militant attacks and the jailing of Imran Khan, the winner of the last national election, who has been dominating the headlines despite an economic crisis and other woes threatening the nuclear-armed country.

It was not immediately clear who was behind the attacks. Several groups, including the Islamist militant Pakistani Taliban (TTP) and separatist groups from Balochistan, oppose the Pakistani state and have carried out attacks in recent months.

A TTP spokesman claimed an attack on Monday that killed 10 people at a police station in northwest Pakistan. The TTP has said it was targeting police and security officials rather than electoral candidates.

Pakistan's foreign office said in a statement its western border crossings with Iran and Afghanistan would close and re-open on Friday to ensure security during the election.

Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar denounced the attacks and conveyed his condolences to the families of those who died. He vowed that "every attempt to sabotage the law and order situation will be thwarted" and said the government is committed to holding elections Thursday in peace.

Achakzai, the provincial government spokesman, announced a three-day mourning period but emphasized that "the elections will take place on Thursday as per the schedule, and we urge people to exercise their right to vote to defeat those who wanted a delay in the elections."

The attacks came as political parties wrapped up their campaigning in the quiet period mandated by electoral rules the day before the election.

Khan, in a message from jail, earlier urged his supporters to wait outside polling booths after casting their votes, as rival political parties held large rallies to mark the end of the election campaign period.

Any large-scale gathering of Khan's supporters near booths could raise tensions because of what they call a military-backed crackdown on him and his party that has restricted campaigning. The military denies interfering in politics.

Haley loses Nevada primary to 'none of these candidates'

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Nikki Haley AFP

WASHINGTON: Republican presidential candidate Nikki Haley suffered an embarrassing defeat in Nevada's primary on Tuesday, finishing behind ballots marked "none of these candidates" by supporters of Donald Trump, according to Edison Research.

Haley, the last remaining rival to frontrunner Trump for the Republican presidential nomination, was the only major Republican candidate contesting the party's Nevada primary on Tuesday.

Trump didn't compete in Tuesday's primary, which doesn't award any delegates needed to win the GOP nomination. The former president is instead focused on caucuses that will be held Thursday and will help him move closer to becoming the Republican standard-bearer.

That leaves the results Tuesday as technically meaningless in the Republican race. But they still amount to an embarrassment for Haley, who has sought to position herself as a candidate who can genuinely compete against Trump. Instead, she became the first presidential candidate from either party to lose a race to "none of these candidates" since that option was introduced in Nevada in 1975.

US President Joe Biden easily won Nevada's Democratic presidential primary after dominating his party's first nominating contest in South Carolina on Saturday.

With more than 70% of votes counted, Biden had 90% support. Biden, as an incumbent president, faces little opposition within his own party to running for re-election in a likely general election rematch with Trump in November.

Republican voters could mark their ballots "none of these candidates" in Tuesday's primary, and Haley has infuriated Trump by refusing to drop out of the Republican nominating contest.

With over two-thirds of the Republican ballots counted, Haley had 32% of the votes, with "none of these candidates" at over 61% and the winner, according to Edison Research.

Netanyahu rejects 135-day Gaza truce deal proposed by Hamas

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Debris and rubble of a destroyed building, in the aftermath of Israeli bombardment on Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip on Wednesday. AFP

GAZA STRIP: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has rejected Hamas demands for a cease-fire and vowed to press ahead with Israel's military offensive in Gaza until achieving "absolute victory."

Netanyahu made the comments Wednesday shortly after meeting the visiting U.S. secretary of state, Antony Blinken, who has been traveling the region in hopes of securing a cease-fire agreement.

"We are on the way to an absolute victory," Netanyahu said, adding that the operation would last months, not years. "There is no other solution."

He ruled out any arrangement that leaves Hamas in full or partial control of Gaza. He also said that Israel is the "only power" capable of guaranteeing security in the long term.

Hamas had proposed a cease-fire to quiet the guns in Gaza for four-and-a-half months, during which all hostages would go free, Israel would withdraw its troops from the Gaza Strip and an agreement would be reached on an end to the war.

The Hamas offer, the contents of which were first reported by Reuters, is a response to an earlier proposal drawn up by US and Israeli spy chiefs and delivered to Hamas last week by Qatari and Egyptian mediators.

A source close to the negotiations said the Hamas counterproposal did not require a guarantee of a permanent ceasefire at the outset, but that an end to the war would have to be agreed before final hostages were freed.

A second source said Hamas still wanted guarantees from Qatar, Egypt and other friendly states that the ceasefire would be upheld and not collapse as soon as hostages go free.

"They want the aggression to stop and not temporarily, not where (the Israelis) take the hostages and then the Palestinian people live in a grinder."

According to the offer document seen by Reuters and confirmed by sources, during the first 45-day phase all Israeli women hostages, males under 19 and the old and sick would be freed, in exchange for Palestinian women and children held in Israeli jails. Israel would withdraw troops from Gaza's populated areas.

Implementation of the second phase would not begin until the sides conclude "indirect talks over the requirements needed to end the mutual military operations and return to complete calm".

The second phase would include the release of remaining male hostages and full Israeli withdrawal from all of Gaza. The remains of the dead would be exchanged during the third phase.

The diplomacy comes as Israel is trying to capture the main city in Gaza's south, Khan Younis. Last week, Israel said it plans to storm Rafah, a move UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said on Wednesday would "exponentially increase what is already a humanitarian nightmare with untold regional consequences."

Israel began its military offensive in Gaza after militants from Hamas-ruled Gaza killed 1,200 people and took 253 hostages in southern Israel on October 7.

The Palestinian death toll from four months of war has reached 27,707, according to the health ministry. That includes 123 bodies brought to hospitals in just the last 24 hours, it said Wednesday. At least 11,000 wounded people need to be urgently evacuated from Gaza, it said.

No Israel ties without Palestinian state: Saudi

Saudi Arabia has told Washington it will not establish ties with Israel until an independent Palestinian state "is recognised", the Gulf kingdom's foreign ministry said in a statement on Wednesday.

"The Kingdom has communicated its firm position to the US administration that there will be no diplomatic relations with Israel unless an independent Palestinian state is recognised on the 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital," read the statement published by the official Saudi Press Agency.

Israeli "aggression" in Gaza must also stop and all Israeli forces must withdraw from the besieged territory, the statement said.

Saudi Arabia, home to Islam's holiest sites, has never recognised Israel and did not join the 2020 US-brokered Abraham Accords that saw its Gulf neighbours Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates, as well as Morocco, establish formal ties with Israel.

Smoke rises from a burning building damaged during a Russian missile strike on Wednesday. REUTERS

'Massive' Russian strikes kill at least five across Ukraine

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KYIV: Russia fired dozens of missiles and drones at Ukraine on Wednesday in a "massive" early morning attack that killed at least five people and injured more than 30, officials in Kyiv said.

The wave of strikes came as the EU's top diplomat was in the Ukrainian capital and with Kyiv calling on its Western allies to ramp up supplies of much-needed military aid, including air defences.

A strike on the capital Kyiv killed four people when a high-rise residential building was hit, triggering a large fire and engulfing its top floors in black smoke.

"Another massive attack against our country," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said in a post on social media.

Missile and drone attacks were also recorded in the northeast and south of the country as well as in the western Lviv region, hundreds of kilometres from the frontlines.

At least four people were killed in the hit to the residential building in Kyiv, while one person was killed in the southern Mykolaiv region, officials said.

Ukraine's Air Force said the barrage consisted of 44 missiles and 20 drones, most of which were shot down. Russia has intensified strikes since the end of last year as Ukraine struggles to secure crucial military and financial aid and grapples with a shortage of artillery and manpower along the 1,500-kilometer front line.

At least 35 people were injured in Kyiv, the city administration said. Another three were injured in the Kyiv region and two in the northeastern city of Kharkiv.

Almost two years since the invasion began, the Ukrainian military is dug in fighting Russian forces after a counteroffensive last year stalled. Kyiv's military has pulled back in several areas, saying it's securing more advantageous positions, amid reports that Moscow's forces are moving in on the embattled city of Avdiivka, near the Russian-occupied city of Donetsk in the east.

{ CHILE }

Ex-prez Sebastian Pinera dies in a helicopter crash

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Supporters of former president Sebastian Pinera gather to mourn his death in Santiago, Chile, on Tuesday. REUTERS

SANTIAGO: Chile's former president Sebastian Pinera, a billionaire tycoon who twice held the South American nation's top job, died on Tuesday in a helicopter crash, his office said in a statement.

The prosecutor's office reported on Wednesday that Pinera died from asphyxiation due to submersion after the helicopter he was piloting crashed into a lake in southern Chile on Tuesday.

Chile's Legal Medical Service, the state coroner's office, in the southern city of Valdivia conducted an autopsy overnight on Pinera, who died at the age of 74, before his remains were sent to receive state honors in the Chilean capital on Wednesday.

"As the prosecutor's office, we are now in a position to be able to inform the community that the medical-legal cause of the death of former President Sebastian Pinera is asphyxiation due to submersion," Tatiana Esquivel, the local prosecutor where the accident happened, told reporters.

Starting on Wednesday, the remains of the former president will remain at the headquarters of the former Congress in Santiago. The viewing will be private before being opened to the public and a funeral will be held on Friday.

The 74-year-old Pinera often flew himself around in his own helicopter, and was a former shareholder in the country's national airline, with stakes in television and football, among other businesses.

The crash took place in Lago Ranco, a lake district some 920 kilometres south of Santiago, where Pinera spent vacations with his children and grandchildren.

"It is with deep regret that we announce the death of the former president of the Republic of Chile," his office said in a statement.

Three other people who had been in the helicopter survived the crash.

Leftist President Gabriel Boric, who succeeded Pinera in 2022, declared three days of mourning and a state funeral on Friday, characterising Pinera as having "genuinely sought what he believed was best for the county".

Pinera served two non-consecutive terms in office, between 2010 and 2014 and again from 2018 to 2022.

Jan 2024 warmest on record in Spain

MADRID: Spain last month experienced its warmest January since current records began in 1961, national weather office Aemet said on Wednesday, after temperatures neared 30 degrees Celsius in some regions. The average temperature in mainland Spain in January 2024 was 8.4C, 2.4 degrees higher than average for the period and 0.4 degrees above the previous record set in 2016. AFP

'Won't let in more Rohingya refugees'

DHAKA: Bangladesh said on Wednesday it will not allow any more Rohingya refugees from Myanmar to enter the country because supporting the huge numbers already there threatens its own security. "We will not allow any more Rohingya to enter the country... they have already become a burden for us," Obaidul Quader, minister for road transport and bridges, said on Wednesday. Bangladesh was "overburdened" by Rohingya, added Quader. REUTERS

{ RETURNED IN IKEA BAG }

Stolen Van Gogh on display after return to Dutch art sleuth

Agence France-Presse
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ROTTERDAM: A precious Vincent van Gogh painting stolen and then handed to a Dutch art sleuth in an IKEA bag was displayed Wednesday for the first time since its headline-grabbing return.

The 1884 "Parsonage Garden at Nuenen in Spring", worth up to six million euros ($6.8 million), was unveiled to media at a Rotterdam museum, with damage from the theft still visible.

A deep white scratch can be seen at the bottom of the canvas.

"I would call this a severe one because it goes through all the layers, the varnish, the paint layers, and then into the ground layer, which is white," said the painting's restorer Marjan de Visser.

"Underneath is the original canvas, which is also a little bit damaged," de Visser told AFP, adding the damage probably came from the painting bumping into something hard.

De Visser said she was conducting a thorough investigation into the painting, examining the materials used, previous restorations, how it was mounted.

She has already removed dirt from the painting and started taking off some of the varnish, preparatory steps for the restoration proper.

Wednesday's showing was just for media, but the public will be able to view the painting from March 29 in Groningen Museum, in the north of the Netherlands.

The painting was stolen in a daring midnight heist during the March 2020 Covid-19 lockdown from the Singer Laren Museum near Amsterdam, when it was on loan from Groningen.

Video footage released by police showed a thief smashing through a glass door in the middle of the night, before running out with the painting tucked under his right arm.

The painting's whereabouts was unknown for three and a half years before sensationally resurfacing in the possession of an art sleuth dubbed the "Indiana Jones of the Art World."

A man, whose identity was not revealed for his own safety, handed back the painting to Arthur Brand in a blue IKEA bag, covered with bubble-wrap and stuffed in a pillow casing.

The painting comes from relatively early on in Van Gogh's career, before the prolific artist embarked on his trademark post-impressionist paintings such as "Sunflowers" and his vivid self-portraits.

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA CORRIGENDUM

SR. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	OLD REFERENCE/NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	MAHARANA PARTAP HORTICULTURAL UNIVERSITY	TENDER ID NO 2024_MECON_181805_1	IT IS INTIMATED THAT THE TENDER FOR THE WORK CONSTRUCTION OF MAHARANA PRATAP HORTICULTURAL UNIVERSITY CAMPUS AT KARNAL (HARYANA) (PAKCAGE-2) WAS PUBLISHED VIDE TENDER ID NO 2024_MECON_181805_1 THE TENDER DUE DATE HAS BEEN EXTENDED UPTO 14.02.2024	https://etenders.gov.in/ https://www.meconlimited.co.in/ https://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app	011-22401213 cont-delhi@mecon.co.in
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NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Manavadhikar Bhawan, GPO Complex, 'C' Block, INA, New Delhi - 110023

Dated, the 7th February, 2024

ENGAGEMENT OF CONSULTANT (RETIRED INSPECTOR) ON CONTRACT BASIS IN THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

The National Human Rights Commission intends to engage '**Consultant (Retired Inspector)**' on contract basis, for the various works of Investigation Division of the Commission.

Details of engagement including terms and conditions of the engagement, eligibility criteria, remuneration/fee etc. can be seen and downloaded from the Commission's website **www.nhrc.nic.in**.

Eligible and interested Retired Inspectors or equivalent from the Central/State Police Forces/Armed Forces of Union having at-least 5 years experience in Vigilance or Investigation or Intelligence work, may apply online on the link **https://hrcnet.nic.in/job/candidate/Register.aspx**, provided on the website of the National Human Rights Commission **www.nhrc.nic.in**.

Applications are to be submitted online **only on or before 20th February, 2024**. Applications received physically/through e-mail etc. will not be considered.

(Barjesh Kumania)
Under Secretary (Estt)
011-24663280

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GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA

Public Works Division Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar

E-Tender Notice No. 247 OF 2023 - 2024

E-Tender for the following works in **"B-2/ Form"** for the (04) Works is invited via online E-tendering system form Contractor/Agency/Firm/Company of Eligible Class by Executive Engineer Public Works Division Aurangabad (PH. No. 0240-2331174) on behalf of Public Works Departmant of Government of Maharashtra.

All details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Maharashtra e-Tendering Portal **https://mahatenders.gov.in** on sub portal of Public Works Departmant also on **www.mahapwd.gov.in** portal as per online tender Shedules.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Public Works Division
Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar

DGIPR/2023-24/ ROC 7870

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No: PCMM/CLW/HWH/ E-Procurement/24/05 Dated: 03/02/2024. PCMM/CLW/HWH on behalf of the President of India invites electronic bids from established reliable manufacturer for supply of the followings. The following E-Tender/s is/are for supply of materials for manufacture of Electric Locomotive. The Prospective/ likely suppliers are requested to look up the website **www.ireps.gov.in** for detailed instructions. These are E-Tenders only electronic offer bids shall be accepted. **Sl. No.: [011]. Tender No.:25225030A. Description of Stores: (1).** CNC Coordinate Measuring Machine, Size 1200x2000 along with Concomitant Accessories as per specification no. MT/2303 Dt. 10.05.2022 along with revision uploaded with tender. Scope of supply as per attached annexure named "Scope of Supply", (2).Post Warranty Annual Maintenance Charges for a period of 5(five) years after expiry of the warranty period of the M&P along with their offers. Details as per Para No.20 of the specn.MT/2303 dt.10/5/2022 along with revision uploaded with tender. **Quantity: As per tender/documents. Due On: 05/03/2024. Tender Cost:** ₹0.00.

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(ISO 9001:2015 Certified Company)
Gomti Barrage, Left Bank, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow

e-Tender Notice

On behalf of UPPCL e-tenders are invited on percentage rate under two bid system from eligible contractors/firms registered in U.P. Projects Corporation Ltd., Lucknow for the followings Works:-

NIT Reference No.	Name of Work
50/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall, Library and Drinking Water Facility at Pt Deendyal Upadhyay Rajkiya Model Inter College Ahirouli District Bulandshahar
51/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall, Toilet Block and Drinking Water Facility at Pt Deendyal Upadhyay Rajkiya Model Inter College Dhakpura District Bulandshahar
52/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall, Library and Drinking Water Facility at Pt Deendyal Upadhyay Rajkiya Model Inter College Jainpur District Bulandshahar
53/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall, Toilet Block and Drinking Water Facility at Pt Deendyal Upadhyay Rajkiya Model Inter College Jakheta District Bulandshahar
54/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall and Library at Pt. Deendyal Upadhyay Rajkiya Model Inter College Kotra Kureina District Bulandshahar
55/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall and Library at Pt. Deendyal Upadhyay Rajkiya Model Inter College Nathla Hasanpur District Bulandshahar
56/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall, Toilet Block and Drinking Water Facility at Pt Deendyal Upadhyay Rajkiya Model Inter College Rasoolgarh District Bulandshahar
57/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall at Pt. Deendyal Upadhyay Rajkiya Model Inter College Timarpur District Bulandshahar
58/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall and Library at Govt. Girls Inter College Jairampur Banger District Bulandshahar
59/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall and Library at Govt. Girls Inter College Bulandshahar District Bulandshahar
60/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall, Library, Toilet Block and Drinking Water Facility at Govt. High School Edalpur District Bulandshahar
61/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall at Govt. High School Edalpur District Bulandshahar
62/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall at Govt. High School Faridabanger District Bulandshahar
63/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall and Toilet Block at Govt. Girls Inter College Chauganpur District Bulandshahar
64/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall and Additional Class Room at Govt. Girls Inter College B.B. Nagar District Bulandshahar
65/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall, Toilet Block and Drinking Water Facility at Govt. Girls Inter College Bilona Roop District Bulandshahar
66/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall, Toilet Block and Drinking Water Facility at Govt. Girls Inter College Pahasu District Bulandshahar
67/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall, Toilet Block and Drinking Water Facility at Govt. High School Badarkha Seervas District Bulandshahar
68/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall, Library, Toilet Block and Drinking Water Facility at Govt. High School Akarwas District Bulandshahar
69/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall and Library at Govt. High School Dhamrawali District Bulandshahar
70/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall, Library, Toilet Block and Additional Class Room at Govt. High School Jalkhera District Bulandshahar
71/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall at Govt. High School Kajampur Deoli District Bulandshahar
72/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall, Library, Toilet Block and Drinking Water Facility at Govt. High School Shurkru District Bulandshahar
73/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall at Govt. High School Khanpur District Bulandshahar
74/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall and Toilet Block at Govt. Inter College Thengaura District Bulandshahar
75/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall at Govt. Inter College Kaulsena District Bulandshahar
76/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall and Library at Govt. Inter College Khetalpur Bhaisrauli District Bulandshahar
77/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall and Drinking Water Facility at Govt. High School Baksara District Bulandshahar
78/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall at Govt. High School Birouli District Bulandshahar
79/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall and Library at Govt. High School Makri District Bulandshahar
80/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall, Library and Drinking Water Facility at Govt. High School Nagla Roomi District Bulandshahar
81/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall and Library at Govt. High School Rajgarhi District Bulandshahar
82/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall, Library, Toilet Block and Drinking Water Facility at Govt. High School Saintha District Bulandshahar
83/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall, Library, Drinking Water Facility and Additional Class Room at Govt. Girls Inter College Shikarpur District Bulandshahar
84/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall at Pt Deen Dayal Upadhaya Rajkiya Model Inter College Chiti District Gautambudha Nagar
85/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall, Toilet Block and Additional Class Room at Rajkiya High School Shadipur Chhidauli District Gautambudha Nagar
86/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall, Toilet Block and Additional Class Room at Rajkiya High School Salempur Gurjar District Gautambudha Nagar
87/PCL/GM/Zone-6/Noida/2023-24, Dated 06.02.2024	Construction work of Multipurpose Hall at Rajkiya Inter College Noida District Gautambudha Nagar

Details can be downloaded from the website "**e-tender.up.nic.in**" & UPPCL website "**www.upprojects.org**" from 12.02.2024.

General Manager
Zone-6, UPPCL, Noida

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER, CENTRAL IRRIGATION CIRCLE, BHUBANESWAR
'e' Procurement Notice No. ACECIC-39/ 2023-24

A-1462

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Name of Work	Cost of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	Bid Security (Rs.) E.M.D.	Cost of Bid Documents (Rs)	Class of Contractor	Bid Documents Available online for bidding From	To	Date of Opening of Technical Bid	Period of Completion of Work
ACE-,CIC, Bhubaneswar	PID-16 / 2023-24	Protection to Daya Left Embankment with lunchingappron from RD.25.940 Km to 29.490 Km in Delanga Block of Puri District.	431.35	431400/- (On Line)	10000/- (On Line)	"A" Class	08.02.2024 At 10.00 Hours	22.02.2024 At 17.00 Hours	23.02.2024 At.11.00 Hours	12 (Twelve Calendar Month)
	PID-17 / 2023-24	Raising & Strengthening to Left Embankment of Mangala River for flood protection to Surajmal Saha Mahavidyalaya, Puri	251.78	251800/- (On Line)	10000/- (On Line)	"A" & "B" Class	08.02.2024 At 10.00 Hours	22.02.2024 At 17.00 Hours	23.02.2024 At.11.00 Hours	06 (Six Calendar Month)

e-mail ID: -secic_dowr@yahoo.com
Further details conditions can be seen from Govt. website www.tenderodisha.gov.in

Additional Chief Engineer
Central Irrigation Circle
OIPR - 32160/11/0048/2324

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Online applications from High School & above passed candidates have been called from 07.02.2024 to 20.02.2024 for imparting training in **Fitter trade, Machinist trade and Electrical trade** under Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojna (RKVY) in Patiala Locomotive Works, Patiala. The training shall be imparted free of cost from 07.03.2024 to 28.03.2024. Tool Kit will be given to pass out candidates.

Information and other details are available at official website- **www.railkvy.indianrailways.gov.in**

Asstt. Personnel Officer
Patiala Locomotive Works/Patiala

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Ph. No. – (0651-2212674/2210495) Letter No: 57/Trans Date : 07-02-2024

NOTICE FOR CANCELLATION OF TENDER

This is with refence to Tender Notice No. 488/Trans. Dated 30-12-2022 Rate Contract of conversion of Diesel operated City Bus TATA LP 712 (BS-III) Compliant Vehicles into CNG Fuel System (P.R. No. 286367) is hereby cancelled due to unavoidable reasons.

Sd/-
Dy. Administrator,
Ranchi Municipal Corporation, Ranchi.

PR 318180 Ranchi Municipal Corporation(23-24)D

WORKS DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER,
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Government of Odisha "e" Procurement Notice
Bid Identification No.CCEEC-31 / 2023-24
No: 914 / Dt : 6/2/24

B-1752

Nature of work:- **Road Works**
Number of works :- **1 No Road Works**
Amount put to Tender : - **Rs. 331.94 Lakh**
Class of Contractor: - **"A" Class**
Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal : - **Dt. 09.02.2024 at 10:00 AM**
Last Date / Time of receipt of bid in the portal : - **Dt. 19.02.2024 up to 05:00 PM**
Date of opening of bid : - **Dt.20.02.2024 at 11:00 AM**
Name & address of the Office inviting bid: - **Chief Construction Engineer, Eastern Circle (R&B), Balasore**
The bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "**http//tendersodisha.gov.in.**" All future corrigendum will be available on ONLINE mode only.

Sd/- R.Rout
Chief Engineer (Civil)
Eastern Circle (R&B) Balasore
OIPR - 34026/11/0034/2324

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

1st Corrigendum

Corrigendum Notice No: 13220232024
Dated:05.02.2024

1st Corrigendum in tender notice No:13220232024 dated:29.01.2024 Undernoted addition/ changes have been made in above noted tender notice on administrative ground. Tender Notice No:13220232024, Tender No: 335, **In lieu of - Period of Completion: 12 Days. May be read as- Period of Completion: 12 Month.** Other terms and condition of tender notice will remain the same. **194/24(DG)**

नागरिक उड्डयन निदेशालय, उ0प्र0, लखनऊ

दूरभाष : 0522–2436504, फैक्स : 0522–2435780,
इमेल : purchase-cad-up@gov.in

निविदा संख्या–03 (ई)/सीएडी/2023–24 की सूचना

नागरिक उडड्यन निदेशालय, उत्तर प्रदेश, लखनऊ–226009 के वायुयानों की उड़ानों को सम्पादित करने के लिए Flight Planning Services तथा Flight Support Services के कार्य हेतु एजेन्सी के चयन हेतु ई–निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। इच्छुक संस्थायें उत्तर प्रदेश के ई–टेण्डर की पोर्टल वेबसाइट https://etender.up.nic.in से निविदा प्रपत्र डाउनलोड कर निर्धारित शुल्क और धनराशि (ई–टेण्डर के नियमानुसार) के साथ निविदा दिनांक 23.02.2024 को 01:00 बजे तक डाल सकते हैं। ई–निविदा उसी तिथि को 03:00 बजे अधोहस्ताक्षरी अथवा उनके द्वारा प्राधिकृत अधिकारियों के समक्ष खोली जायेगी। निदेशक को किसी भी अथवा समस्त निविदाओं को बिना कारण बताये निरस्त करने का पूर्ण अधिकार होगा।

उ0प्र0: 202576 दिनांक: 07.02.2024 Website: www.upgov.nic.in

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WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Signal & Telecommunication), West Central Railway, Bhopal acting for and on behalf of President of India, invites e-Tenders for the following work. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored for the below mentioned work. Tender documents have been uploaded on website http://www.ireps.gov.in **(1) Tender Notice No.:** BPLNWKS2023-24SIG23 **Name of Work with its location:** Replacement of over-aged LED signals & other signalling associated works over Bhopal Division. **Approximate Cost of the work:** ₹ 2,01,25,563.61/- **Cost of Tender Form (non refundable):** Not applicable **Earnest money to be deposited:** ₹ 2,50,600/- **Completion period of the work:** 12 Months **Due date & time for submission of tender and opening of tender:** Opening Date 29/02/2024, submission time up to 15.00 hrs., opening time 15.30 hrs. The tenderers/ bidders must have class-III digital signature certificate & must be registered on IREPS portal. Only registered tenderers/ bidders can participate in e-tendering. All relevant paper must be uploaded at the time of participating in e-tendering. Online payment through payment gateway has been enabled. Payment towards tender document cost, EMD etc. can be made online through multiple Net banking/ debit & credit cards.

DRM (S&T), West Central Railway, Bhopal

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GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
KELO PROJECT SURVEY DIVISION RAIGARH, DISTT.- RAIGARH (C.G.)
e-Procurement Tender Notice
eProcurement Portal : **https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in**
(SECOND - CALL)

Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to **16.02.2024 at 17.30 hour.**

System Tender No. NIT No Dated	Name of Work	Probable amount of contract
System Tender No 152226/ NIT NO 07/ SAC/2023-24 Date. 30.01.2024	Construction of under ground pipe line system for Command Area Development and Water Management structures for **3743.281 Ha.** developed under AIBP In command area WUA Patelpali and WUA Jhalmala under Jharmuda branch canal of Kelo project including necessary survey, planning, design, drawing, Layout plan, collection of village maps, Land records, Khasara, B-1 etc. from Revenue Department, preparation of Layout drawings for complete Layout planning for laying UGPL system, getting consent from concerned farmers, field Layout, collection of 10% of functional grant from concerned farmers for the work of CAD & WM, after Layout for completion of UGPL system as per specification and norms of CG WRD for construction of UPVC pipe lines with all joints and structures, valves for necessary and successful flow of water. The work also includes construction of micro irrigation work in 10% area (374.328 ha.) as per the guidelines of water resources department. The work includes, Workshop, Seminar & Trainning etc. by expert with respect to agriculture, horticulture, sericulture, crop rotation, Creating awareness to farmers regarding importance of CAD works, making them to accord consent to let the land be made available to lay UGPL system, providing knowledge, motivation etc. to the farmer for optimum use of water, third party evaluation of CAD & WM work by national or state lovel recognized institution/firm.	Rs. 1388.28 Lakhs (As Per SOR 22.08.2022)
System Tender No 152227 / NIT NO 08/ SAC/2023-24 Date. 30.01.2024	Construction of under ground pipe line system for Command Area Development and Water Management structures for **4039.385 Ha.** developed under AIBP in command area WUA Baghadola and WUA Pusour under Jharmuda branch canal of Kelo project including necessary survey, planning, design, drawing, Layout plan, collection of village maps, Land records, Khasara, B-1 etc. from Revenue Department, preparation of Layout drawings for complete Layout planning for laying UGPL system, getting consent from concerned farmers, field Layout, collection of 10% of functional grant from concerned farmers for the work of CAD & WM, after Layout for completion of UGPL system as per specification and norms of CG WRD for construction of UPVC pipe lines with all joints and structures, valves for necessary and successful flow of water. The work also includes construction of micro Irrigation work in 10% area (403.938 ha.) as per the guidelines of water resources department. The work Includes, Workshop, Seminar & Trainning etc. by expert with respect to agriculture, horticulture, sericulture, crop rotation, Creating awareness to farmers regarding importance of CAD works, making them to accord consent to let the land be made available to lay UGPL system, providing knowledge, motivation etc, to the farmer for optimum use of water, third party evaluation of CAD & WM work by national or state level recognized institution/firm.	Rs. 1500.88 Lakhs (As Per SOR 22.08.2022)
System Tender No 152228 / NIT NO 09 / SAC/2023-24 Date. 30.01.2024	Construction of under ground pipe line system for Command Area Development and Water Management structures for **2324.987 Ha.** developed under AIBP in command area WUA Nawapara and WUA Kandagarh under Jharmuda branch canal of Kelo project Including necessary survey, planning, design, drawing, Layout plan, collection of village maps, Land records, Khasara, B-1 etc. from Revenue Department, preparation of Layout drawings for complete Layout planning for laying UGPL system, getting consent from concerned farmers, field Layout, collection of 10% of functional grant from concerned farmers for the work of CAD & WM, after Layout for completion of UGPL system as per specification and norms of CG WRD for construction of UPVC pipe lines with all joints and structures, valves for necessary and successful flow of water. The work also includes construction of micro irrigation work in 10% area (232.499 ha.) as per the guidelines of water resources department. The work Includes, Workshop, Seminar & Trainning etc. by expert with respect to agriculture, horticulture, sericulture, crop rotation, Creating awareness to farmers regarding Importance of CAD works, making them to accord consent to let the land be made available to lay UGPL system, providing knowledge, motivation etc. to the farmer for optimum use of water, third party evaluation of CAD & WM work by national or state level recognized institution/firm.	Rs. 863.04 Lakhs (As Per SOR 22.08.2022)

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal **(https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in)** from Date **06.02.2024, at 17.31 Hours. (IST)** onwards.

NOTE : 1. All eligible/intrested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the Integrated e-procurement portal **(https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in)** and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized Contractor/Supplier Registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process. **2.** It is mandatory for the tenderer to use the certificate issued for Pre Bid Qulification (Valid up to 30.09 2024) in the year 2023 in this tender.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
KELO PROJECT SURVEY DIVISION, RAIGARH (C.G.)

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बिहार राज्य शैक्षणिक आधारभूत संरचना विकास निगम लिमिटेड

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निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या .68 वर्ष 2023.24

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(केवल ई–टेन्डरिंग पद्धति के अनुसार वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)

बिहार राज्य अंतर्गत विभिन्न विद्यालयों एवं महाविद्यालयों के भवन निर्माण हेतु निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। कोई भी संवेदक जो केन्द्रीय/राज्य सरकार/सार्वजनिक क्षेत्रों में समुचित श्रैणी में निबंधित हो, निविदा में भाग ले सकते हैं परन्तु इस निगम का रजिस्ट्रेशन कार्य के आवंटन के बाद कराना अनिवार्य होगा।

1. विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता : मुख्य अभियंता, बिहार राज्य शैक्षणिक आधारभूत संरचना विकास निगम, पटना।
2. निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना निर्गत की तिथि : **05.02.2024**
3. निविदा कागजात डाउनलोड करने एवं अपलोड करने की अवधि पूर्वाहन से : दिनांक–**20.02.2024** से **27.02.2024, 15.00** बजे तक। (on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
4. संवेदक द्वारा निविदा अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि/समय : दिनांक–**27.02.2024** के **15.00** बजे तक। (on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
5. अग्रधन,सभी शपथ पत्र, मूल में जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि/समय स्थान : दिनांक–**28.02.2024** के **15.00** बजे तक। बिहार राज्य शैक्षणिक आधारभूत संरचना विकास निगम, पटना।
6. प्री–बीड मीटिंग का समय एवं स्थान : मुख्य अभियंता, बिहार राज्य शैक्षणिक आधारभूत संरचना विकास निगम, पटना। दिनांक–**25.02.2024** के **15.00** बजे।
7. तकनीकी बीड् खोलने की तिथि/समय अंतिम तिथि/समय : दिनांक–**29.02.2024** के **15.30** बजे (on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
8. वित्तीय बीड् खोलन की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान: तकनीकी बीड् के निष्पादन के उपरांत। (on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
9. कार्य की विवरणी

SL no.	Work Name	BOQ Amount (In Lakh)	EMD IN (In Lakh)	Cost of BOQ IN RS	Period of Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Upgradation and Renovation of Existing School Building at +2 Lee Academy Forbishganj, Araria	466.95	9.33	10,000/	9 MONTHS
2	Construction of +2 Level School Building (G + 2) At Upgraded Senior Secondary School, Garha, Block - Shankarpur, District - Madhepura, (Group No. - SSS-1261).	240.00	4.80	10,000/-	15 Months
3	Construction of +2 Level School Building (G + 2) At Upgraded Senior Secondary School, Kewat Ganga, Block - Kumarkhand, District - Madhepura (Group No. - SSS 1266).	240.00	4.80	10,000/-	15 Months
4	Construction of +2 Level School Building (G + 2) At Upgraded Senior Secondary School, Bhadoul, Block - Madhepura, District - Madhepura (Group No. - SSS 1273).	240.00	4.80	10,000/-	15 Months
5	Construction of +2 Level School Building (G + 2) At Upgraded Senior Secondary School, Belad, Block - Kashichak, District - Nawada, (Group No. - SSS 1299).	240.00	4.80	10,000/-	15 Months
6	Construction of +2 Level School Building (G + 2) At Upgraded Senior Secondary School, Kaare, Block - Sheikhpura, District - Sheikhpura, (Group No. - SSS -1427)	240.00	4.80	10,000/-	15 Months
7	Construction of Academic Building (G+2) at B. S. College Danapur, Patna	1040.00	20.40	10,000/-	15 Month
8	Construction of 8 Additional Class Room (G+1) at R. S. College Tarapur, Munger.	390.00	7.80	10,000/-	12 Month
9	Construction of 6 Additional Class Room (G+1) at Hari Singh College Kharagpur, Munger.	260.00	5.20	10,000/-	12 Month
10	Upgradation and Renovation of Existing School Building at Sri Durga Girls High School, Lakhisarai.	466.95	9.33	10,000/	9 MONTHS

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Ref: 225/BRIDCUL–878/24 **E-TENDERING** Dated: 07/02/2024

On behalf of Hon'ble, Governor of Uttarakhand, E-Tenders are invited by Managing Director BRIDCUL, for the below work Sr.no. 1 & 2 from the Contractors registered with BRIDCUL only in Category-III (Upto 2 Cr.) and for Sr. nos 3, 4 & 5 from the Contractors registered with any Govt./Semi Govt./PSU/Nigam in suitable Class & Category for the work given as below:-

S. No.	Ref No.	Name of Project	Estimated cost (In Lac Including GST)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Cost of Tender Document (In Rs.)	Time Period
1	BRIDCUL/ HQ DDN/56/2023-24)	Electrification work at Proposed Residences for Jail at Dehradun.	164.35	328700.00	5000 + 18% GST	12 Month
2	BRIDCUL/ HQ DDN/57/2023-24)	Electrification work at Proposed Residences for Jail at Haridwar.	158.94	317880.00	5000 + 18% GST	12 Month
3	BRIDCUL/ HQ DDN/58/2023-24)	SITC of 13 Passenger Lift elevators at Proposed Residences for Jail at Dehradun.	22.67	45340.00	5000 + 18% GST	12 Month
4	BRIDCUL/ HQ DDN/59/2023-24)	SITC of 13 Passenger Lift elevators at Proposed Residences for Jail at Haridwar.	22.22	44440.00	5000 + 18% GST	12 Month
5	BRIDCUL/ HQ DDN/60/2023-24)	SITC of Two Tier Parking Bays (Mechanised System) at Proposed ITDA Building Dehradun.(2nd Call)	130.00	260000.00	5000 + 18% GST	12 Month

For above tenders, document download start date for Sr.No. 1, 2 is 08.02.2024 and Bid submission end date is 22.02.2024 at 1500 Hrs. and documents download start date for Sr. No. 3, 4 & 5 is 09.02.2024 and Bid submission end date is 23.02.2024 at 1500 Hrs The details of e-tender of above work can be obtained directly from website **https://uktenders.gov.in**

Changes, if any will be intimated only through website **https://uktenders.gov.in**

DGM (HQ)

Centre may tap PSBs for higher dividend in FY25

The dividends could help cut down the fiscal deficit in the next fiscal year

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NEW DELHI: The central government may seek higher dividends from state-owned banks in the next fiscal year on the back of their strong performance, while dividend from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) may be on similar levels or a tad lower than the record high of the current fiscal, two people aware of the matter said.

Public sector banks (PSBs), which have received capital infusion from the government and executed various reform initiatives over the years, have seen marked reduction in bad loans and rising advances.

Profits reported by state-owned banks have crossed ₹98,000 crore in the first three quarters of 2023-24, and are expected to exceed ₹1.3 lakh crore by its end.

In fact, a record RBI dividend of ₹87,416 crore in 2023-24 helped the Centre revise its budget estimates. "One of the reasons we were able to target 5.8% (fiscal deficit) during 2023-24, from earlier projections of 5.9% was the more than expected dividend received from RBI," the second person mentioned above said on the condition of anonymity.

In comparison, during 2022-23, the RBI dividend stood at ₹30,307 crore, while the actual non-tax receipts stood at ₹2.85 lakh crore).

"The Centre expects to reach the non-tax receipt target for 2024-25 even if the RBI dividend is not as high as last year, through other combinations," the second person said.

"This would include higher dividends from state-owned banks that have reported huge profits in recent quarters and are expected to perform well in the coming quarters," the person added.

Interestingly, the government expects non-tax receipts of ₹3,99,701 crore (about ₹4 lakh crore) in 2024-25, according to the interim budget documents. For 2023-24, budget estimates for the non-tax receipts were revised to ₹375,795 crore (₹3.76 lakh crore) from ₹301,650 crore (₹3.02 lakh crore) in the budget estimates due to the higher-than expected RBI dividend.

Spokespersons of the finance ministry and RBI didn't respond to emailed queries.

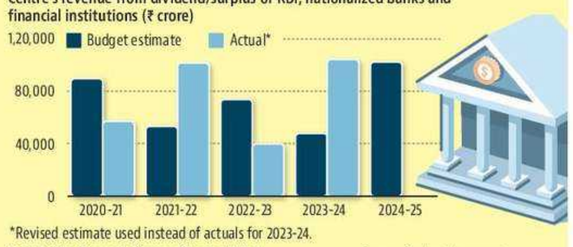
"Public sector banks have done very well so far this fiscal; so, a high dividend from these banks can be expected," said Madhavi Arora, lead economist at Emkay Global Financial Services Ltd. "We also expect dividends from oil marketing companies to be high during 2023-24," Arora added.

As things stand, the centre expects ₹1.04 lakh crore dividend from the RBI, state-owned banks and state-backed financial institutions in 2023-24, and ₹1.02 lakh crore during 2024-25, according to the interim budget 2024-25 document.

Cheque up

As things stand, the Centre expects ₹1.04 lakh crore dividend from RBI, PSBs and state-backed financial institutions in FY24, and ₹1.02 lakh crore during FY25.

Centre's revenue from dividend/surplus of RBI, nationalized banks and financial institutions (₹ crore)



*Revised estimate used instead of actuals for 2023-24.

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Source: Budget documents

'India on par with rest of the world in AI adoption'

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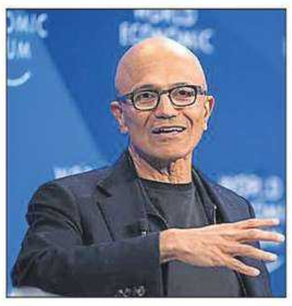
MUMBAI: India may have been slow to wake up to the four seismic shifts in technology, but not the fifth: Artificial intelligence (AI).

Microsoft Corp. chief executive Satya Nadella on Wednesday said AI is the first 'platform shift' where India has kept pace with the world in the development of technology. The four previous shifts were personal computers, internet, mobile devices and cloud computing.

"This is the first time I feel what's happening in India and what's happening in the rest of the world—there is no impedance (delay), there is no gap," he said, as he pitched his company's AI prowess to a packed house at the Microsoft CEO Connection event in Mumbai.

"If anything, the use cases here are so unique... and are paving their own path. And that's what's exciting. We're not just talking about AI; we're scaling AI," the India-born Nadella said about the adoption of AI in the country.

Nadella, who has been at Microsoft for 32 years and has completed 10 years as its CEO, said the Silicon Valley giant will provide AI skills to two million people in India.



Microsoft chief executive Satya Nadella. AFP

Interestingly, the guest list for Wednesday's event was put together by Microsoft's Copilot chatbot, said Puneet Chandok, its president for India and South Asia.

Nadella drew attention to the Indian electronics and IT ministry's estimate that AI could add around $500 million to India's gross domestic product (GDP) by 2025 as the country reaches its aspiration of becoming a $5 trillion economy. India's nominal GDP is currently pegged at $3.7 trillion.

The Microsoft top boss drew parallels to the industrial revolution era in Great Britain, where laying rail roads—the revolutionizing technology of the day—accounted for as much as 10% of the GDP. "When you have a new general-purpose technology, how intensely you invest in deploying it across sectors inside the economy makes a difference to a country's prospects going forward," Nadella said.

The business leader, widely credited for turning Microsoft around with the launch of the Azure cloud computing platform, evangelised the importance of AI to the future of businesses.

He said just as personal computers drastically improved productivity in the workplace, so will AI. "This age of AI is really expertise at your fingertips," Nadella said.

"Think what happened to forecasting. Before personal computers, before emails and spreadsheets, how did we do forecasting? And then how did the business process of forecasting change? Same thing is happening now," he said.

Meanwhile, Tata Communications Ltd said on Wednesday that it had partnered with Microsoft to provide flexibility in collaboration and connectivity on Microsoft Teams for enterprises in the country.

PILOT PROJECT OF 11 FAIR PRICE SHOPS TO START ON ONDC, SAYS FOOD SECRETARY

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NEW DELHI: Eleven fair price shops, which form the bedrock of the country's public distribution system (PDS), have been readied to be onboarded on the Open Network Digital Commerce (ONDC) platform on a pilot basis, the first time these sale points for the government's food handouts will go online, Union food secretary Sanjeev Chopra has said.

The country's public distribution system is a network of nearly 5,000 ration shops which dispense free food grains under the National Food Security Act 2013 to nearly 800 million beneficiaries.

As part of the government Digital India initiative, Chopra launched the pilot to onboard the ration shops in Una and Hamirpur districts of Himachal Pradesh on the state-backed e-commerce platform Open Network Digital Commerce. Of the 11 units, five are in Una while six shops are located in Hamirpur district of the state.

"This landmark initiative adds to the continuous efforts of the department in transforming fair price shops. This effort aims at providing additional avenues of income generation for fair price shop dealers along with enhancing beneficiary satisfaction," the official said, launching the pilot.

The onboarding will provide benefits such as visibility in the digital marketplace, access to a larger customer base beyond beneficiaries of the National Food Security Act and the ability to compete on an equal footing with large retailers and e-commerce platforms.

Additionally, beneficiaries who face difficulties in making online purchase can approach the fair price shop dealer to take online orders on their behalf, the official said. The pilot being implemented in Himachal Pradesh will serve as a model for statewide and nationwide adoption in the future.

Petrochemical exports face Chinese rivalry

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BETUL (GOA): Indian petrochemical exports are expected to face tough competition as the country moves to boost its oil refining and petrochemicals capacity, the head of the International Energy Agency's (IEA) oil industry and markets division warned, with global markets already reeling under rising Chinese shipments.

Toril Bosoni said in an interview that currently there is severe pressure on the global petrochemical industry with China, a traditional importer of petrochemicals, expanding its domestic petchem manufacturing capacity.

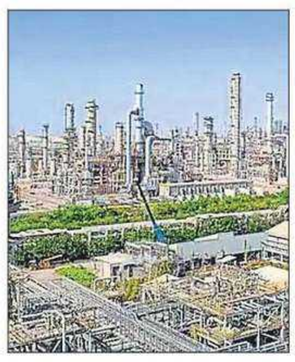
She also said that domestic demand in India would be robust going ahead.

"We are seeing that this expansion and capacity in China utilising it (oil), it's really putting pressure on other petrochemical producers in the region, that is in Europe. The European petrochemical utilisation rates were the lowest they have been since the early 1970s. It's putting pressure on petrochemical producers in Asia, (South) Korea and Japan, but also in the Middle East," Bosoni said.

"So what we are seeing now, China is importing the feedstock instead of the petrochemical products and this is changing the dynamics. And we see this to continue in the coming years. China is still adding petrochemical capacity which puts strain on petrochemical producers worldwide."

On the Indian petchem sector, the IEA official said: "If we look at the India market, the petrochemical products, given the growth of the Indian economy and Indian manufacturing, there's definitely growth with these products in India. On a global level I think we will see continued competition and pressure on margins and profits."

Bosoni's statement gains significance as India plans to scale up its refining capacity from the current 250 million tonnes per annum to 450 million tonnes per annum by 2030 and aims to a become a hub for petroleum and petrochemical products.



India aims to a become a hub for petroleum and petrochemical products. AFP

On Wednesday, the IEA released a report which said growth the petrochemical sector in India will be smaller than the global average during 2023-2030. It said globally, the biggest driver of oil demand growth over the medium term is projected to be petrochemicals, accounting for about 2.7 million barrels of additional oil product demand during 2023-2030.

"Where this demand takes place is largely the result of patterns of investment in production facilities, which typically take around five years to progress from final investment decision to commercial operations. We estimate that a combination of new plants and incremental expansions will see Indian feedstock demand rise by about 210 kb/d (thousand barrels per day) over the period," said 'India Oil Market Outlook to 2023'.

In terms of oil demand growth, the agency projected India to surpass China by 2027, with oil demand reaching 1.2 million barrels per day in 2023-30, accounting for more than one-third the projected global demand growth.

India to outpace China oil demand growth by 2027: IEA

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NEW DELHI: India is set to become the leading driver of global oil demand, surpassing China by 2027, according to a report by the International Energy Agency (IEA).

"India's oil demand will grow at a rapid pace by 2030 despite accelerated green energy moves. Growth in India will surpass that of China in 2027," said Keisuke Sadamori, director of energy markets and security at IEA.

In its report '*India Oil Market Outlook to 2023*,' released on Wednesday, IEA said India will see a surge of 1.2 million barrels per day (bpd) in its oil demand between 2023 and 2030, representing over a third of the expected global demand increase.

INDIA WILL SEE A 1.2 MILLION BPD SURGE IN ITS OIL DEMAND BETWEEN 2023 AND 2030

"India is forecast to be the single largest source of global oil demand growth from 2023 to 2030, narrowly ahead of China. Underpinned by strong economic and demographic growth, the country is on track to post an increase in oil demand of almost 1.2 million bpd over the forecast period, accounting for more than one-third of the projected 3.2 million bpd global gains," IEA said in its report.

India currently consumes 19 million barrels of oil per day.

The report said that India's additional demand will be more diverse across product categories than in other major economies. Only 18% of the country's demand growth will be for petrochemical feedstock use while globally it would be more than 90%, and in China, virtually all net gains will be for chemical production.

"This balanced growth profile results from India's dynamic economic development trajectory and relatively low per-capita fuel use. In particular, rapid progress in the manufacturing, commerce, transport and agriculture sectors will translate into continued sharp gains in diesel use," the report said.

The report forecasts significant demand growth for aviation turbine fuel, naphtha, and diesel up to 2030, with jet fuel demand expected to grow by 6.9%, and naphtha and diesel by 5.9% and 4.5%, respectively.

IEA said India is on track to register the fastest expansion among major economies in 2024 for the third straight year. Oxford Economics expects a 6.5% average annual GDP (gross domestic product) growth rate for 2024-2030, propelled by the massive domestic consumer market, low-cost labour force and favourable demographics.

"India's oil consumption is set to increase at a faster pace than other countries, in part, because the country is still in the initial stages of economic development," IEA said.

As domestic consumption boosts demand for capital goods, India's energy-intensive manufacturing sector is expected to expand, further enhancing the country's position as a crucial industrial centre, and attracting international companies diversifying their supply chains from China.

"Additionally, the government's ambitions to improve the country's subpar infrastructure is supporting both industrialisation and faster oil demand growth," it said.

Govt to define middle class for housing scheme beneficiaries

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NEW DELHI: The government will specify income standards, locations and types of accommodation to select beneficiaries for the planned housing scheme for the middle class, two people aware of the matter said.

Once the housing and urban affairs ministry finalises the specifications, they will be sent to the finance ministry, which will determine amount to be allocated for the scheme, the people mentioned above said.

"The definition, currently being worked out, will come with the scheme. It will be defined in terms of income, types and location of housing," said the first person mentioned above, who spoke under the condition of anonymity.

In the interim budget for FY25, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the government will launch a scheme to help deserving sections of the middle class 'living in rented houses, or slums, or chawls and unauthorised colonies' to buy or build their own houses.

The housing scheme for the middle class is likely to free encroachment areas. PTI

There is no definition of who constitute the middle class in India. The middle class is generally defined as households with an annual income between ₹6 lakh and ₹18 lakh. According to a 2023 report by People Research on India's Consumer Economy (Price), there are 432 million middle-class Indians—about one in every three people. Price counts a wider range of income to define the middle class: households earning between ₹5 lakh and ₹30 lakh a year.

The announcement on the scheme was in line with the government's larger 'Housing for All' mission, which includes the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)—Urban and the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana—Rural or Grameen schemes.

"The new scheme is expected to bring a positive impact, fostering growth and development in the real estate, construction, and plotted-development sectors," said Pushpender Singh, managing director of JMS Group.

The housing scheme for the middle class is likely to free encroachment areas like slums for easier redevelopment, added Anuj Puri, chairman of Anarock Group.

The initiative, aimed at people living in sub-par housing, is being introduced when India's residential market is seeing a significant upturn.

India to oppose discussion on non-trade issues at WTO

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NEW DELHI: India is committed to the causes of the environment, labour reforms and women empowerment, but it will not support the developing nations' agenda to use the multilateral trade forum, World Trade Organisation (WTO), to discuss non-trade issues and create inequitable trade barriers on the sly, two officials aware of the development said on Wednesday.

There are strong global agencies and forums for each of these crucial social issues and India is actively participating in them, hence there is no rationale for the WTO to make them part of trade, which would often lead to non-tariff barriers (NTBs), they said, requesting anonymity.

"On environment protection, India is leading from the front," one of them said citing Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who introduced "Mission LiFE" (Lifestyle for Environment) to the world at the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow. India has overachieved the milestones set by the UN-led forum, he said. "Similarly, labour codes have initiated massive reforms for the working class, and women are reflected in the Modi government's new social stratification—farmers, youth, women, and poor," he added.

The 13th ministerial conference is scheduled to be held from February 26-29 at Abu Dhabi in the UAE. REUTERS

Developed countries should not be erecting trade barriers under the guise of sustainable development, which does not factor in the principle of equity, the second official said. "Developed countries polluted the environment to reach the level they have and now they want developing nations to follow stringent environmental laws without compensating poor countries for the sins committed by the developed countries. We insist on the polluters-pay principle," he said.

New Delhi is expected to take a tough position when trade ministers of 164 countries will gather at Abu Dhabi in the last week of this month to deliberate on several key issues such as agriculture, fisheries and e-commerce.

"Even as developed countries are keen to start formal discussions on non-trade issues like sustainability, we would like them to take up these matters at appropriate global forums rather than in the multilateral trade body," the first official said.

The 13th ministerial conference (MC-13) is scheduled to be held from February 26-29 at Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The MC is the highest decision-making body of the WTO.

India will also not engage in any agricultural issue at MC-13 unless the members first find a permanent solution to the issue of public stockholding, the core of the country's public procurement system, which aims at food security of about 800 million poor people and guarantees minimum support price (MSP) to 95.3 million subsistence-level farmers, the officials said.

Unlike developed countries that have rich farm owners, most of the Indian farmers are poor, hence they need MSP support, which helps in building a public stockholding (PSH) to ensure food security programmes such as the Prime Minister Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMGKAY), providing free ration to 813.50 million poor people every month, they said.

India, a founding member of the WTO since January 1995, is willing to discuss other agenda of developed countries such as farm subsidies and restrictions on exports of food grains at the ministerial conference (MC), provided the members first agree on a permanent solution to PSH, the first official said.

The ministerial may also see expansion of the WTO with two more members, taking the total membership to 166. The ministerial usually meets biannually.

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CRYPTIC CLUES

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1 Magazines laid so price may be seen (11)
9 Any evil simply expressed (7)
10 Great arterial way (5)
11 Food of love at first sight (4)
12 Good looks? (8)
14 Companion of an American star (6)
16 Not a Mr mistaken for a Mrs (6)
18 I'm sent back with money for betting slips (8)
19 Get a larger size (4)
22 South African by birth? (5)
23 Stumble on crude oil in North Africa (7)
24 Old-timers (11)

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2 Order found in the dictionary (5)
3 Time to change article (4)
4 This poet makes uninteresting study (6)
5 Yet he stands at the head of the board (8)
6 Unsteady dog? (7)
7 Warrant to arrest or set about soldiers (11)
8 Capricious desire to overtake someone (7,4)
13 Twists up, moved in front, all spread out (8)
15 The stone archaeologists treat so cryptically (7)
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21 Offers to take the lot? (4)

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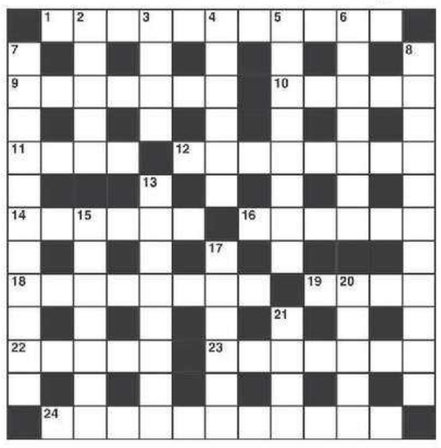

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10 Hungarian operetta composer (5)
11 Bring in as profit (4)
12 Entire range (8)
14 Great amount (6)
16 Unvarying (6)
18 Epoch-making (8)
19 Tiny jumping insect (4)
22 Pleasing smell (5)
23 Extreme in effect (7)
24 Just now (2,3,6)

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2 Deduce (5)
3 Chop roughly (4)
4 Immature (6)
5 Intense happiness (8)
6 Receive as legacy (7)
7 Reach a climax (4,2,1,4)
8 Without any preparation (4,7)
13 Form of war memorial (8)
15 Put out of shape (7)
17 Sagacity (6)
20 Reveal a secret (3,2)
21 To cripple (4)

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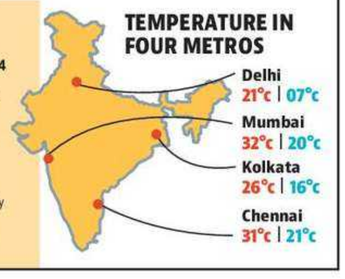

In a battle of current and former No.1s, series gains show for ages

The first Indian pacer to become the No.1 ICC Test bowler and his rivalry with England's all-time great is adding spice to the Test series

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MUMBAI: Sport is filled with examples of how a rivalry between top players brings the best out of both. We used to see it happen when Kapil Dev and Imran Khan played against each other or either went into a contest against Ian Botham's or Richard Hadlee's teams. Between the four, there were constant comparisons of who's the best all-rounder. It was the same when Sachin Tendulkar and Brian Lara shared the turf, vying for the tag of the best batter of their era.

Jasprit Bumrah has just become the first Indian fast bowler ever to become No.1 in the ICC Test ranking — he is also the first bowler ever to have topped the rankings in all three formats. Only three batters — Matthew Hayden, Ricky Ponting and Virat Kohli — have had this distinction in the past. Bumrah's rise to the top is reward for his sensational spell in the Visakhapatnam Test win. It is also a great occasion to compare him with England's sultan of swing, James Anderson.

By age, Anderson is Bumrah's super senior, but both stand out as leaders of their respective attacks, showing a developing rivalry. Anderson, 41, is a legend while Bumrah, 30, is the current sensation. Are they in the 'anything you can do, I can do better' mode? Starting with 2018 in England, it is the fourth series they are contesting. When asked by commentator Harsh Bhogle after the second Test, Bumrah played down their rivalry but the way the pacers bowled in Vizag left everyone spellbound.

Bumrah is the leading wicket-taker in the series, with 15 in two Tests. And after his Player-of-the-Match winning nine-wicket match haul, he has crossed the 150-wicket mark in Tests.

In his glittering 184-Test career where he has picked up 695 wickets, Anderson has held the No.1 spot many times. He looked in fine form in his first outing of the tour leaving connoisseurs eagerly looking forward to what the two have to offer in the series.

This five-match series was expected to be about the spinners. But the two champions have taken the surface out of the equation. At Vizag, Anderson turned back the clock by applying relentless pressure from the start with figures of 25-4-47-3, backing it up with 10-1-29-2 in the second innings.

Bumrah was unplayable on way to six wickets in the first innings during which he owned Joe Root before inducing an edge to slip, flattened Ollie Pope's stumps with a searing reverse-swinging yorker and again dismissed Ben Stokes. That spell gave India a 143-run first-innings lead and set up the series-levelling win.

For the first two days of the series, there was no sign that the pacers would have a say. England had not even felt the need to pick a second pacer as Anderson (who was bowling left-arm spin while warming up) was left on the bench at Hyderabad. For India, R Ashwin and Co expectedly did bulk of the bowling. Then, on the third day after lunch, Bumrah started to make things happen.

In an adrenaline-pumping performance, he put on an exhibition of reverse swing. Almost every ball felt like an event during that five-over burst. With England scoring at more than five per over, Bumrah sent left-hand opener Ben Duckett's off-stump cartwheeling at the total of 113. Duckett had played a cover drive earlier in the over, but this length ball came in with the angle. Even Root was done in by Bumrah's reverse swing. After testing him with a yorker, Root was nailed in front by a 140.4kph inswinger. Trying to clip it away, Root got slightly off-balance to be beaten on the inside edge. India lost by 28 runs, but Bumrah with six wickets showed he would be a factor.

Written off after his 2023 Ashes haul of just five wickets in four Tests, Anderson was struggling with his run-up, and thus his action. But he surprised everyone by how sharp he was at Vizag. The control over line, length and movement was there to see to go with the nip off the surface. He worked up a good pace too — hitting 139kph with a few deliveries.

Anderson set the tone on Day 3 in Vizag with a gem that sent Rohit Sharma's off-stump cartwheeling. It was a trademark Jimmy special — the ball leaving the batter just a shade after pitching to beat the bat. Soon, he set up young Yashasvi Jaiswal outside the off-stump to carve open India's top order.

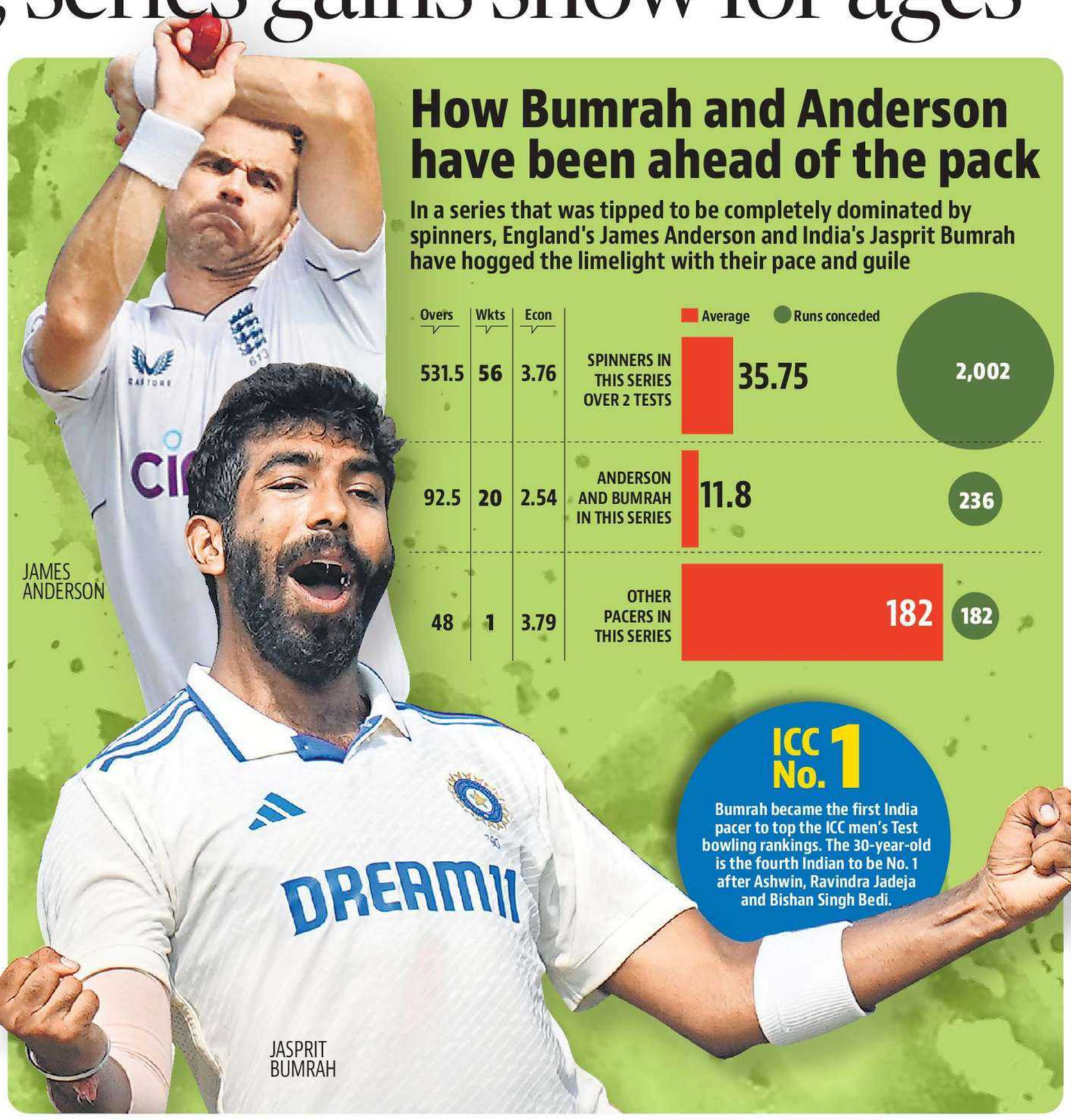
There hasn't been much to separate the two. In their first contest, in 2018 in England, Bumrah took 14 wickets in three games and Anderson 24 in five (England won the series 4-1). In 2020-21 in India, Bumrah took four in two games, Anderson eight in three (India won 3-1). In 2021 in England, Bumrah had 23 in five Tests, Anderson 21 in five (series ended 2-2).

The two champions using their craft to set up batters has been a treat to watch. Apart from reverse swing, Bumrah is using change of pace to telling effect. Anderson has drawn the batters to their doom with subtle changes in line and length. Against Pope in Vizag, Bumrah got him with a searing yorker. In the second innings, he foxed Ben Foakes with a slower ball to accept a return catch.

Bumrah's wrist position and release point don't change much, making it difficult for the batters to read which way he would go. Apart from the hyper-extension of his elbow, he has mastered the difficult art of flicking the wrist to make the ball jag off the turf.

Though his front toe on landing isn't copy-book, Anderson is more classical. He is poetry in motion with a smooth run-up and action, extracting movement irrespective of the conditions. He sets up batters, be it their weakness outside off or with the incoming ball. He foxed Gill like he did Kohli at home in 2014, slipping one wider outside off after a series of deliveries on the off-stump line. Against Rohit, he preyed on his weakness against the away swinger.

Anderson is the most successful Test pacer by a distance. Bumrah's action gives him the cutting edge and he is almost unplayable when on song. But for the moment, everyone can simply enjoy the two masters at work.



Russia's Alina Korneeva in action at the Mumbai Open. HT

Russian teen star Korneeva is just getting started

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MUMBAI: Most times, Alina Korneeva doesn't really come across as a 16-year-old while playing or talking tennis. But it does hit the Russian in those rare instances. Like when she begins answering a question with, "I think my whole career....". "It's funny when I say like this," Alina says, breaking into a laugh, "because I'm just 16 and it has just started."

Started with a bang, and potential to bloom. The teen was the world No.1 junior last year, capturing the Australian Open and French Open girls' singles crowns with a couple of professional ITF titles to go as well. On her debut WTA Tour event in Hong Kong last October, she made the Round of 16 and on Wednesday, took a step further at the WTA 125K Mumbai Open.

Alina battled past qualifier Shrivalli Bhamidipaty 5-7, 6-4, 6-4 to make her first WTA quarter-final, overcoming a spirited challenge from the 520th-ranked Indian who dished out a level and groundstrokes quality that matched the Russian (except her 14 double faults). The teen remained unperturbed after the first set, kept going for her winners and some fine drop shots.

A month ago, the 2023 Australian Open girls champion returned to Melbourne Park and qualified for the main draw among the women this time. Alina won her first round before losing to 10th seeded Brazilian Beatriz Haddad Maia. "I didn't expect to qualify for the Australian Open this year and win a match," Alina says. "Not all 16-year-old girls can do it."

A wave of teen sensations has gripped women's tennis lately. Alina too is riding it, with the belief of beating any player on the tour. "Because now I've watched them play. I have a lot of steps to improve. But at the same time, I saw their level is the same as mine. In tennis now, especially women, even a 200 ranked player can beat any top player."

Alina is currently ranked 134, with bigger and greater things expected of her. There's already plenty of talk around the tall and well-built teen, and parallels drawn with another towering Russian, Maria Sharapova. The youngster senses that and her heightened potential, and relishes it.

"Of course, I have it. I know what people talk. And I know people expect from me a lot. But I think it's good, because in my mind, they push me. When they say these words, it really pushes me, my physical and mental level. I really like it," she says.

Tennis wasn't something she instantly liked. Growing up in Moscow in a family of volleyball players — her father Aleksandr Korneev was part of Russia's 2008 Olympics bronze winning team while her grandparents too "were really famous volleyball players", she says — Alina kept asking her parents an oft-repeated question.

"Why tennis?" she recalls. "They said they didn't want me to play team sports."

Armed with a mindset of what Alina believes every Russian tennis player possesses — "we work hard, like tigers" — she began making her mark on the junior circuit and enjoying the sport. "When I started to play tournaments, especially in Europe and US, I fell in love with this sport," she says.

Alina trains with her coaches when in Moscow but is now largely based at the Rafa Nadal Academy in Spain. That's where her coaches drilled into her the importance of having a strong body to complement a promising game. "At the academy, coaches always tell me I have to work more on my physical strength. Because when you're 16 and when you play with big women, I have to prepare physically more," she says.

Her junior journey has been prolific, yet Alina understands it will count for little if she doesn't translate that in the professional world where she's only getting started. "Sure, last year was a good step into my future in professional tennis," she says. "But it doesn't matter how much you win in juniors. Most important is what you do as a professional. Nobody will talk about juniors then."

Virat Kohli likely to miss next two Tests

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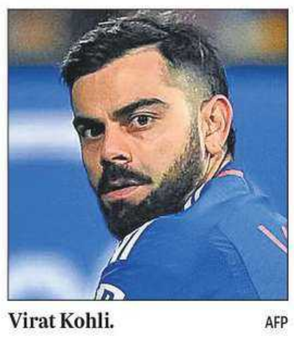
NEW DELHI: Virat Kohli is likely to miss the third and fourth Tests against England due to personal reasons, which also kept him out of the first two matches of the series, a BCCI official, who did not wish to be named, said on Wednesday.

Chances of Kohli playing the final Test of the series in Dharamsala (from March 7-11) are also remote but the board isn't looking that far ahead as that particular match is still a month away. The third Test will be held in Rajkot from February 15-19, while the fourth game is in Ranchi from February 23-27.

Recently Kohli's close friend and former South African skipper AB de Villiers had revealed on his YouTube show that the Indian batting ace is missing in action due to the arrival of his second child.

"BCCI has time and again made it clear that when it comes to family matters, it stands firmly behind the cricketer and it will be Virat's call when he is ready to make a comeback. As of now, it looks unlikely that he will play in the series," a BCCI official told PTI on condition of anonymity.

The other big question has been Jasprit Bumrah's workload management after the team's bowling spearhead sent down 33 overs for a match-winning haul of nine wickets in the second Test.

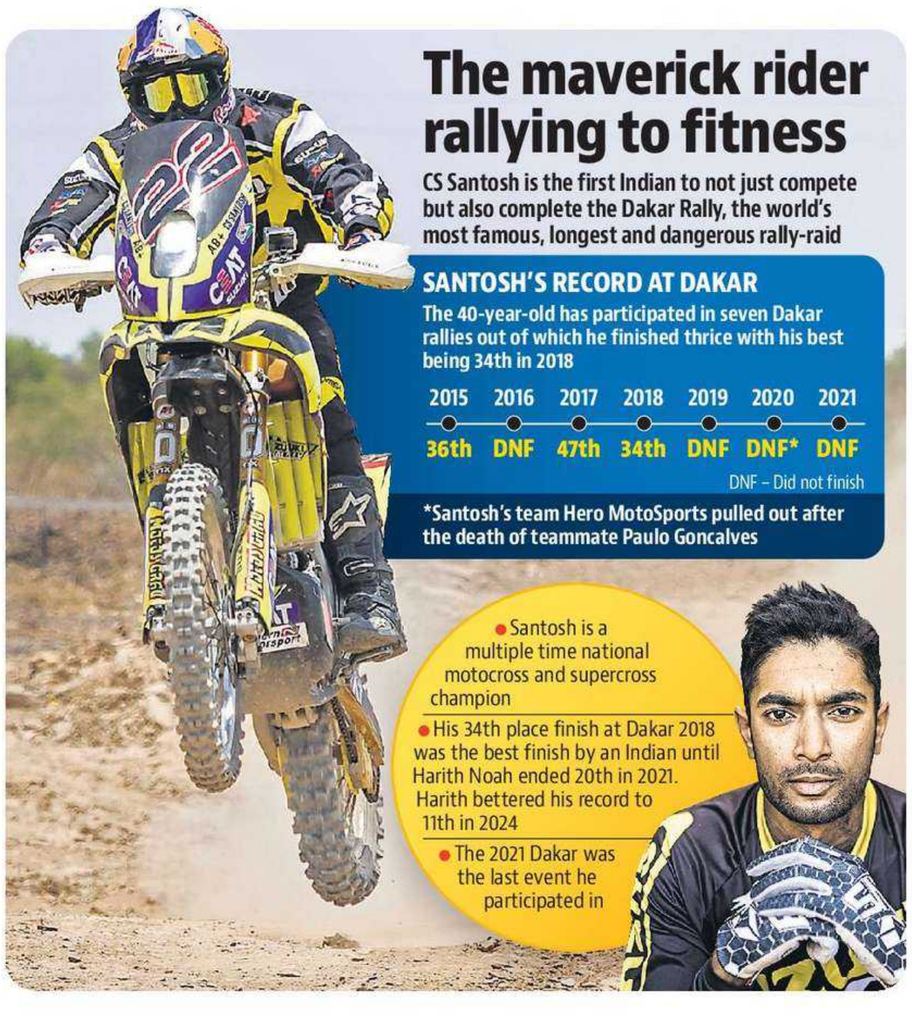


Virat Kohli. AFP

It is understood that the third Test's result could go a long way in deciding the course of the series which would make it difficult to rest Bumrah in Rajkot. If he plays in Rajkot it is a foregone conclusion that he will not play the next game in Ranchi, which would start in three days' time after the third Test.

KL Rahul is likely to return to the playing 11 and Rajat Patidar will then have to sit out as Shreyas Iyer is likely to get another go. Ravindra Jadeja's progress has been positive and his hamstring is healing well but it might not be good enough to allow him to get cracking on his home turf in Rajkot.

You will see me racing in May: CS Santosh



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NEW DELHI: There was a glint in the eyes of CS Santosh as he watched 450cc bikes leap into the air at the Indian Supercross Racing League (ISRL) debut in the last weekend of January in Pune. But at the same time, his tone was despondent. "It is difficult... being put in a race environment like this because this is who I was. I want myself back," said the 40-year-old.

India's most accomplished rallyist, Santosh suffered a life-threatening, high-speed crash at the 2021 Dakar Rally in Saudi Arabia that left him with brain trauma, vision issues, loss of motor skills, partial memory loss and depression. After waking up from a medically induced coma, the rally rider withdrew from public life and started a long rehabilitation process.

From trying to join the dots of his memory to regaining gross motor skills by coordinating his hands and legs to work together, Santosh has come a long way in his recovery, which is still continuing. But most importantly, he is more or less back to his normal self.

Back in public life and also around motorbikes, Santosh has ventured into entrepreneurship by co-owning BigRock Motorsport — one of the six teams of ISRL. So when his team led the standings after the conclusion of the first leg in Pune, Santosh couldn't hold back. "This shows me who I was. I need to basically come back (to racing) to get rid of these emotions. I should feel happy that I am doing this, but the fact is I am still longing to be out there," said Santosh, who is the first Indian to compete and complete the dangerous yet celebrated Dakar Rally.

In his pursuit to return to Dakar 2025, Santosh will be returning to the dirt track as soon as May, taking part in what will be his first rally since his crash. "You will see me racing in May in my first rally (since the crash). It will be in Greece (Hellas Rally Raid). I will have confirmation at the end of February," said Santosh, a multiple time national supercross and motocross champion.

When asked why he is heading to the international stage directly, Santosh said: "Greece is a five-day rally and isn't highly competitive. That is why I am going there. It is a qualifier for Dakar."

Santosh, whose 34th place finish in 2018 was his best at the Dakar, needs to finish three rallies to qualify for Dakar 2025 for which he is planning to also take part in Baja Aragon in Spain and Rallye du Maroc (Morocco) later in the year. "I want to go the Dakar for which I just need to finish three races which will make me eligible," said Santosh.

Santosh's decision isn't based on zest or overestimation of his abilities but on data and numbers.

For his recovery, Santosh had gone to the Isokinetic sports medicine and orthopaedic rehabilitation centre in Bologna before heading to the Swiss Concussion Center in Zurich and the Red Bull Athlete Performance Centre (APC) in Salzburg multiple times in the last three years to assess his condition and compare the readings.

"I wanted to go racing two years back but APC said there's no way we can give you an approval. I was devastated. But now it's been three years. I paid my dues in this manner (by waiting). I will go back to APC (this month) and they will see the progress I have made. In my perspective, I am healed. I have the opportunity now to say that I can go back. I didn't have that before," said Santosh, who first competed at the Dakar in 2015.

"Usually when you have crashes, you have injuries which take away certain movements from your body. You feel a restriction. For me, it was the CPU (brain). Some of the chemicals that secreted, some of the enzymes went missing. Now it is back."

If he is given the go ahead, Santosh will be heading to Europe to train while he continues to ride his bike at BigRock Dirt Park — an off-road facility Santosh owns in Kolar — where he also followed Harith Noah's incredible 11th place finish at Dakar 2024.

Dhas: The finisher who can double up as a stabiliser too

Vivek Krishnan
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NEW DELHI: A total of 56 deliveries is all that Sachin Dhas faced in the first four games of India's ongoing U-19 World Cup campaign in South Africa. No fault of his, because he was batting down the order, having been assigned the role of a finisher. Dhas still left his mark in these games, his scores reading 26* off 20 balls, 21* off 9 balls, 20 off 16 balls and 15 off 11 balls.

If coach Hrishikesh Kanitkar and National Cricket Academy (NCA) chief VVS Laxman — he's also with the team that has entered the final — entrusted the youngster from Maharashtra with this responsibility, it must have been because of his ability to hit a long ball. For Dhas, who turned 19 on February 3, to then show the versatility — he came in early and bailed the team out in the last two games — suggests he has all the attributes in white-ball cricket worth getting excited about.

He certainly caught former West Indies fast bowler Ian Bishop's attention. "There's something about Sachin Dhas. Something good," Bishop, a commentator at the U-19 World Cup, said on X.

In the semi-final against South Africa in Benoni on Tuesday, India were up against it at 32/4 in a chase of 245, against a South African attack well-equipped to exploit the conditions.

Steep bounce and seam movement undid most of the Indian batters, but Dhas, walking in to bat in the 12th over with skipper Uday Saharan for company, exhibited the requisite technique and temperament to come out on top. A prominent feature of his 95-ball 96 was the pull that he repeatedly played with the ease of a top-order batter.

His coach wasn't surprised though.

"He has always batted at No. 4," Sheikh Azhar, who trains Dhas at a government stadium in drought-affected Beed, said over the phone. "In the first four matches, he didn't get a chance to bat much. I asked him why he was playing lower down the order. He said, 'It has been decided at the team meeting that I will be the finisher'. He took it positively saying that he will make it count wherever he bats. He has done that."

Even when Azhar was receiving calls from friends fretting over India's precarious position in the game on Tuesday, he didn't feel the need to panic. "I have been seeing Sachin from his childhood. He thrives in such situations. He is mentally strong. He has been playing for Maharashtra in age-group cricket from the age of 12," the coach said.

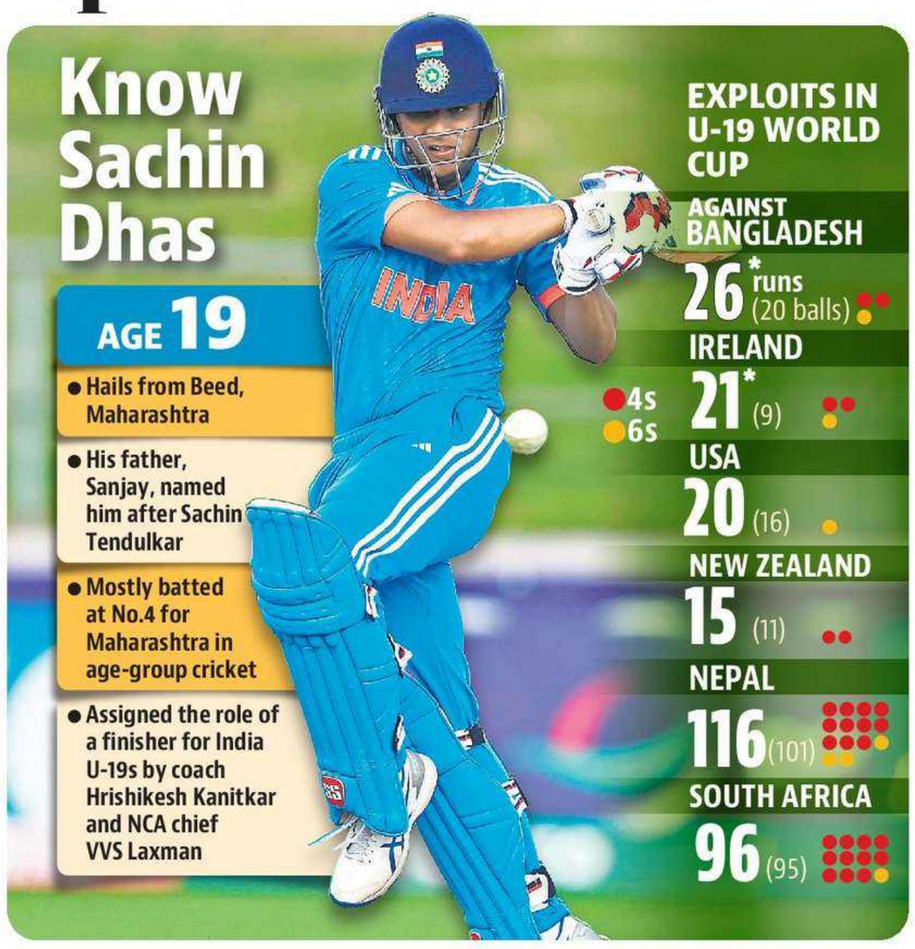
Dhas's father, Sanjay, works with the Maharashtra health department, but a heavy dose of cricket has consumed his time for as long as he can remember. So, when the Dhas household welcomed a baby boy in 2005, Sanjay had little ambiguity about the career path he would prefer his son to take.

"My wife and I were kabaddi players. But I like cricket very much. I also used to play cricket. But I wasn't able to do much in the game because I didn't have that much talent. Even before Sachin was born, I thought that my child should become a cricketer and play for India. I was such a big fan of Sachin Tendulkar that I never missed a game of his. I named my son after him," Sanjay said.

There were limitations to pursuing cricket in Beed that Dhas had to overcome though. "There aren't good facilities in Beed. Azhar sir used to run his club at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Stadium, which was the only ground," Sanjay said. "There were matting wickets. Apart from Aurangabad, there were no turf wickets in the Marathwada region. When Sachin came back after playing for Maharashtra U-14 for the first time, the coaches there said he should play on turf wickets to improve on his drawbacks and become better. That is when I spoke to Azhar sir and helped prepare six turf pitches at the ground in Beed."

It is on these turf pitches that Dhas has honed his wide array of strokes. His horizontal bat shots in particular mark him out from some of his teammates who seem to have limited scoring options against the short ball on Tuesday's evidence.

Ask Azhar about his ward's range and he says: "We've been working on his ability to hit from the start. We knew that the facilities aren't good in Beed. So, if he has to stay ahead of the boys from Mumbai and Pune, his practice has to be that much better. Even when he was 14, I would make him play U-19 bowlers. And he has perfected every shot by playing thousands of deliveries."



Sumit Nagal enters quarters in Chennai

NEW DELHI: Second seed Sumit Nagal entered the quarter-finals of the ATP Chennai Challenger defeating Giovanni Fonio of Italy 7-5, 6-2. He will next face the winner of the match between Italy's Samuel Vincent Ruggeri or Dominik Palan of the Czech Republic. Nagal had defeated India's SD Prajwal Dev in straight sets in the previous round.

New Zealand beat Proteas by 281 runs

MOUNT MAUNGANUI: Black Caps seamer Kyle Jamieson claimed four wickets to drive New Zealand to a 281-run win over South Africa in the first Test. Dogged resistance from the tourists ended with their dismissal for 247 as the Black Caps notched their second-biggest Test victory by runs. The second and final Test will begin in Hamilton from Tuesday.

Qatar beat Iran 3-2, enter Asian Cup final

DOHA: Reigning champions Qatar beat Iran 3-2 to set up the Asian Cup final against Jordan after scoring an 82nd-minute winner on Wednesday. Almoez Ali was the semi-final hero as he slot home the winner. Sardour Azmoun gave Iran the lead in the 4th minute before Jassem Gaber drew level. Qatar's Akram Afif put the hosts ahead before Iran equalised through Alireza Jahanbakhsh's penalty.

Australia beat India 3-0 in FIH Pro League

BHUBANESWAR: The Indian women's hockey team lost 0-3 to third ranked Australia, completing a hat-trick of defeats in the FIH Hockey Pro League. Australian skipper Grace Stewart (19th minute), Tatum Stewart (23rd) and Kaitlin Nobbs (55th) scored for the winners at the Kalinga Stadium on Wednesday.

Police collecting evidence against Varun

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BENGALURU: Bengaluru Police probing rape charges against India international hockey player Varun Kumar said they are collecting evidence, scanning through call detail records, messages and voice notes exchanged between him and the alleged victim as part of the ongoing investigation.

The police would soon be approaching the 28-year-old to join the probe, they said. "We are investigating the case and are collecting the required evidence. We have not approached Kumar yet. He is out of Karnataka, so we will be contacting him soon to join the probe. We have not sent any teams to the place where he is currently undergoing training. If he comes, fine, or we will have to send our team there," a senior police officer said. "We are scanning through messages exchanged between the victim and Kumar, voice notes, call detail records. We would also be approaching their mutual friends," he said.

Kumar has been booked under POCSO Act by the Bengaluru Police after a woman accused him of sexually abusing her multiple times when she was a minor.

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER
EASTERN CIRCLE-I, CANTONMENT ROAD, CUTTACK
Email id :- seeccuttack@gmail.com
'e' Procurement Notice No.ACE, EC-I /41 of 2023-24 (On-line)

1.	Name of Works.	(i)	Improvement to Disty. No.13 and its system of Machhagaon Canal System. **Bid identification No.ACE, EC-1 JID 23 of 2023-24**
		(ii)	Improvement to service road on Paika left OAE 61(B) from Kesharda to Anupalla. **Bid identification No.ACE, EC-I MSD 13 of 2023-24**
		(iii)	Construction of 2 Nos. low level spurs along with launching apron on CE No.78 (A) Mahanadi right embankment near village Rahama. **Bid identification No.ACE, EC-I MSD 14 of 2023-24**
		(iv)	Protection of Chitrotpala left river bank at Kendupatna. **Bid identification No.ACE, EC-I MND 28 of 2023-24**
2.	Total No. of Works.	:	**4 (Four) Nos. works**
3.	Tender paper Cost (online) (Non-refundable)	:	**Rs.10,000.00 (Ten thousand) each tender**

4. Bid details are as follows:

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Tender Cost (Rs. in Lakh) (Approx.)	EMD (On-line) (in Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Period of completion	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding From	To	Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I)
Additional Chief Engineer, Eastern Circle-I, Cuttack	ACE,EC-1 JID 23 of 2023-24	126.00	1,26,000.00	'B' & 'A'	4 (Four) Calendar months	12.02.2024 at 10.00 hrs.	26.02.2024 upto 17.30 hrs.	27.02.2024 at 11.30 hrs.
	ACE,EC-1 MSD13 of 2023-24	172.02	1,72,100.00	'B' & 'A'	4 (Four) Calendar months	12.02.2024 at 10.00 hrs.	26.02.2024 upto 17.30 hrs.	27.02.2024 at 11.30 hrs.
	ACE,EC-I MSD14 of 2023-24	583.20	5,83,200.00	'A'	6 (Six) Calendar months	12.02.2024 at 10.00 hrs.	26.02.2024 upto 17.30 hrs.	27.02.2024 at 11.30 hrs.
	ACE,EC-I MND28 of 2023-24	210.00	210000.00	'B' & 'A'	4 (Four) Calendar months	12.02.2024 at 10.00 hrs.	26.02.2024 upto 17.30 hrs.	27.02.2024 at 11.30 hrs.

Other terms and conditions can be seen from the Govt. website www.tendersodisha.gov.in
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Additional Chief Engineer
Eastern Circle - I, Cuttack
OIPR - 32370/11/0051/2324

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
P.H. DIVISION, BHANJANAGAR AT CHATRAPUR
Phone — 06811 263909- FAX — 06811 263950 - E-mail - eephchpr@gmail.com

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement
Bid Identification No. 77 / 03 / SPH(C) / 2023-24 dt. 07.02.2024

1.	Name of the work	1 (one) no of work
2.	Estimate cost	871.41 lakh
3.	Date & time of availability of bid document in the portal	From 11.00 AM of 09.02.2024 to 5.00 PM of 23.02.2024
4.	Last date / time of receipt of bid in the portal	5.00 PM of 23.02.2024
5.	Date and time of opening of bids	1.00 P.M. on dated.26.02.2024
6.	Name and address of the Officer inviting the bid	Superintending Engineer, P.H. Division, Bhanjanagar at Chatrapur.

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Superintending Engineer
P.H. Division , Bhanjanagar
at Chatrapur
OIPR - 13172/11/0020/2324

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Bid Identification No. 76/ 03 SPH(C) / 2023-24 dt. 07.02.2024

1.	Name of the work	1 (one) no of work
2.	Estimate cost	579.78 lakh
3.	Date & time of availability of bid document in the portal	From 11.00 AM of 09.02.2024 to 5.00 PM of 23.02.2024
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INVITATION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Director General on behalf of Department of Medical Health & Family Welfare, Government of Uttar Pradesh invites online Expression of Interest (EOI) from firms/ companies registered in India for **"Establishment of Integrated Command Control Centre for Operation & Management of Health Kiosk/ATMs at Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) across Uttar Pradesh".**

02. The EOI document containing the details of qualification criteria, submission requirements, brief objective & scope of work and evaluation criteria, etc. can be downloaded from the website **dgmhup.gov.in**
03. Interested firms/agencies to send their E.O.I. Document in PDF form at directorphc.up@gmail.com Last date to submit the EOI is 24.02.2024 till 15:00 hrs.
04. Further details/clarification, if any, may be sent to the given e-mail ID (**directorphc.up@gmail.com**) before the pre-bid meeting date 15.02.2024.

All the concern instructions and detailed information is available at departmental website **https://www.dgmhup.gov.in**

(Dr. Brijesh Rathor)
Director General of Medical and Health Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow

3080: 202578 दिनांक: 07.02.2024
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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
MINOR IRRIGATION DIVISION, KEONJHAR
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-Procurement
Bid ID No. 07 SEMID (KJR/ 2023-2024) Dt. 03.02.2024

The Superintending Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Keonjhar on behalf of the Governer of Odisha invites online percentage rate tender through "e" procurement to be received in online mode for the works as detailed in the Annexure to this bid notice.

Name of work	Civil Construction works
No. of Works	15 (Fifteen) Nos.
Estimated Cost	Rs. 452.47 Lakhs
Tender Paper Cost	Mentioned in Column No. 6 of Tender call notice
Period of completion	06 (Six) calendar months
Availability of Bid Documents	From 09.02.2024 to 19.02.2024 during office hours in Website (www.tenderorissa.gov.in)
Period of receipt of Bid through online	From 09.02.2024 to 19.02.2024 through online.
Date of Opening of Bid Documents	At 11.00 A.M. on 20.02.2024 in the office chamber of the Superintending Engineer, M.I. Division, Keonjhar
Date of Lottery	At 11.00 A.M. on 23.02.2024 in the office chamber of the Superintending Engineer, M.I. Division, Keonjhar
Digital Signature Certificate of Bidder	The bidder must possess compatible digital signature certificate (DSC) of Class-II or Class-III
Name and Address of the OIT:	Superintending Engineer, M.I. Division, Keonjhar Near Parkline Keonjhar, At/Po-Keonjhar, Dist- Keonjhar Pin-758001. E-Mail ID-eemikjr@yahoo.co.in

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Sd/-
(Er. Sudhansu Sekhar Sahoo)
Superintending Engineer
M.I. Division, Keonjhar
OIPR - 32123/11/0007/2324

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"Government of Maharashtra"
Commissioner, Tribal Development, Maharashtra State Nashik
Adivasi Vikas Bhavan, 1st Floor, Gadkari Chowk, Nashik 422002

Tender Notice

In the academic year 2023-24, Supply of Science Material to Government Ashram Schools under Tribal Development Department

Commissioner, Tribal Development, Maharashtra State Nashik are inviting ope competitive E-Tenders from manufacture OR supplier to supply **Science Material** to Government Ashram Schools on **Gem Portal.**

Desired Tender may visit Gem Portal for tender documents. Only online tenders will be accepted and Date: 08/02/2024 28.02.2024 & time 5.00 p.m.

is the final time limit to submit Tender online.

Nayana Gunde (I.A.S.)
Commissioner,
Tribal Development
Maharashtra State, Nashik

ROC-2023-24/No.5/C7902

Government of Maharashtra
Forest Department
Mumbai Mangrove Conservation Unit- Mumbai
68/B, Kamgar nagar, Kurla (E), Mumbai - 400024.
Email- dfommcu@gmail.com
Parent Portal: http://mahatenders.gov.in

E-Tender

Tender Notice No.DFO/MMCU/09/2023-24.

Online Tender Forms in B-1 Format, for the following work are invited by the Divisional Forest Officer, Mumbai Mangrove Conservation Unit, Mumbai. 68/B, Kamgar Nagar, Kurla (E), Mumbai - 400024 from the contractors registered with the Government of Maharashtra in appropriate class of Tender Notice.

The blank tender documents should be downloaded from Government website **http://mahatenders.gov.in** from **07/02/2024 at 11.00 am to 14/02/2024 at 03.00 pm.** Blank Tender documents will not be sold by this office; interested contractors have to download tender documents from the website. For any queries in this regard the interested contractors can contact on telephone no **022-25220097/35433101** during office hours.

All requisite information required for the submission of Bid Capacity documents is available on the above said website. If any assistance is required regarding e-Tendering (uploading/downloading) please contact NIC Help Desk number : **1800 3070 2232.**

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.)	Time limit for completion	Cost of Blank Tender Form (Non-Refundable)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Construction of RCC Protection Wall of 2.55mt Height to S.No 39 and S.No.41 at Charkop of West Mumbai Range of Mumbai Mangrove Conservation Unit	78,45,024/-	78,450/- online net banking mode	3 Months	Rs. 2000/- online net banking mode

1) No changes are to be made by the contractor in the tender documents published on the website. If any changes are made the tender documents will be rejected & action accordingly will be taken against the contractor. Information published on the government website will be final.
2) Right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason there of is reserved.

Sd/-
Divisional Forest Officer,
Mumbai Mangrove Conservation Unit.

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Government of India

Smt Nandita Gorlosa
Minister of Sports & Youth Welfare
Government of Assam

Thursday, 8 February, 2024
6:00 PM

Venue: Karmabir Nabin Chandra Bordoloi Indoor Stadium
Guwahati, Assam

Key Highlights

LOGO THAT INSPIRES
A symbol that captures the essence of unity, competition and the spirit of the Games.

ANTHEM THAT RESONATES
Let the music of our Anthem echo the dreams, aspirations and triumphs of our young athletes.

MASCOT WITH CHARACTER
Meet the face of the Games, a mascot that embodies the agility and determination of our participants.

JERSEY THAT UNITES
A uniform that signifies not just a team but a community of athletes bound by passion and camaraderie.

TORCH THAT IGNITES
A symbolic reveal, signalling the onset of an extraordinary sporting odyssey.

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