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'Fragile 5 to 5th largest': Centre blames UPA, hails turnaround

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NEW DELHI: The Manmohan Singh-led United Progressive Alliance (2004-14) took advantage of the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government's reforms and benign global conditions to exploit growth for its narrow political ends — a process that culminated in India being clubbed among the "Fragile Five" with huge non-performing assets, high fiscal deficit, double-digit inflation and plagued by corruption scandals, the Narendra Modi government said in a White Paper presented in Parliament on Thursday.

The document, in equal parts a report card of a decade in power for the Bharatiya Janata Party-led National Democratic Alliance, and a campaign cry ahead of the summer's general elections, added that the Modi government, in power since 2014, turned around the economy, restored its vitality, and made it the fifth largest in the world.

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What the White Paper said

In 3 parts, it spoke of 'insurmountable challenges' caused by the UPA gov't, and how NDA fixed them

INHERITANCE OF LOSS

The first part focused on how after inheriting a healthy economy in 2004, UPA gov't turned it stagnant by doing the following

- Abandoned 1991 reforms after coming to power in 2004
- In quest for high growth, UPA undermined India's macroeconomic foundations
- Common man bore brunt of price instability as inflation raged across the country
- Bad debts led to a banking crisis — gross advances by govt banks went from ₹6.6 lakh crore in 2004 to ₹39 lakh crore in 2012
- Over-dependence on external borrowings led to a drastic fall in value of rupee
- There was a massive depletion of foreign exchange reserves
- Then gov't's response to the 2008 financial crisis led to gross mismanagement of public finances
- Central govt went into deep debt as it expanded its market borrowings
- There was conspicuous neglect of infrastructure and asset creation

PERVASIVE CORRUPTION

2nd part listed a series of scams and cases under the UPA gov't. It listed 15 scams, which included:

- Coal block allocation, CW Games, 2G telecom scam, Saradha chit fund, INX Media case, Aircel-Maxis case, Antrix-Devas deal, Land for jobs, Allotment of land in Panchkula, Gurgaon, Augusta Westland scam

RESCUE OF THE ECONOMY

The final section listed how an economic turnaround was achieved under the NDA government from 2014

- Recognised urgent need to revamp systems
- A long pending digital revolution, elimination of open defecation, vaccinating against Covid-19, diversifying exports, are among milestones achieved
- Expenditure reform commission formed to rationalise, prioritise govt expenditures
- Measures taken to unearth black money
- Procurement of critical equipment for defence
- Pace of highway construction rose from 12km/day in 2015 to 28km/day in FY23
- PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi empowered farmers, improved their income
- Reforms removed the sting of high cost of living for households

CONG HITS BACK WITH A 'BLACK PAPER' AGAINST CENTRAL GOVT

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NEW DELHI: The Congress on Thursday put out a "black paper" that claimed that the 10 years of the Narendra Modi government have led to economic catastrophe and high unemployment, and alleged that the government has reversed the structural transformation of the economy.

The document was released by Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge hours before the Union government brought a "white paper" on the Indian economy in which it slammed the United Progressive Alliance government and highlighted how it had turned around the Indian economy. Speaking in Parliament on Thursday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called the Congress's black paper a "kala tika", or good-luck charm, for the good work done by his government in the last 10 years. →P10

RBI pegs FY25 growth at 7%, inflation at 4.5%

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NEW DELHI: The Reserve Bank of India on Thursday decided to keep the policy rate unchanged for the sixth time in a row, citing global uncertainty and the need to bring down retail inflation to 4%, and said that it expects GDP growth in the next financial year to be at 7%.

While the tangible decisions of the MPC — policy rate and monetary policy stance — have both remained unchanged in keeping with market expectations, the tone of the MPC resolution borders on the hawkish and has added an element of delay to the timeline of rate-cuts.

"Monetary policy must continue to be actively disinflationary to align inflation to the target of 4% on a durable basis",

THE MARKET'S TANKED AROUND 1%, DRAGGED DOWN BY BANKING AND AUTO SHARES

Governor Shaktikanta Das said in his statement after the bimonthly Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the RBI on Thursday.

To be sure, RBI's overzealous take on fighting inflation might also be a result of the fact that domestic growth continues to be strong — next year's 7% would be the third consecutive year growth will have been above that number if the forecast comes to bear — and headwinds to growth are more likely from external than

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Modi hails former PM Manmohan

NEW DELHI: Ideological differences were set aside in the Rajya Sabha on Thursday when Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed the contributions of his predecessor, Manmohan Singh, and said he was one of those few esteemed members who will be remembered whenever democracy is discussed.

Modi, whose remarks came while bidding farewell to members retiring from the Upper House, also said that Singh's arrival in the House in a wheelchair was an inspiring example of a member's dedication to his duties.

Modi said: "Six times he has been a member of this House and has made a huge contribution to this House with his valuable thoughts. As a leader and also as the Leader of the Opposition, he has made a very big contribution."

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SINGH TO RETIRE AFTER 5 DECADES IN PUBLIC LIFE

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NEW DELHI: Former PM Manmohan Singh is likely to retire from public life after a five-decade-long storied career, people aware of the matter said on Thursday, citing the 91-year-old's frail health. →P10

India to end free movement regime at Myanmar border

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NEW DELHI: The Union government has recommended the immediate suspension of the free movement regime (FMR), which allowed people from both sides of the India-Myanmar border to travel 16km into each other's territory without a visa, but with a border pass valid for one year that allowed a stay of up to two weeks per visit.

The regime was introduced in 2018 as part of India's effort to boost the region's economy by encouraging trade with Southeast Asian nations. But government and security officials cautioned in recent months that armed insurgents were repeatedly using FMR to enter India, and to escape undetected, sparking internal security problems in the country's northeastern states.

In a post on X, Shah referred

6-year-long arrangement ends

Union home minister Amit Shah announced the government's recommendation to suspend the regime to ensure internal security

WHAT IS FMR?

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GOVT'S ACT EAST POLICY

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SECURITY CONCERNS

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1,643-km long India-Myanmar border passes through Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland & Arunachal Pradesh

RAHUL SAYS MODI NOT REALLY AN OBC, BJP HITS BACK SHARPLY

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BHUBANESWAR/AHMEDABAD: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was not born into an other backward classes (OBC) family and was fooling people about his caste background, prompting a furious response from the BJP and condemnation from senior ministers.

Gandhi's comments came in Belpahar area of Jharsuguda district in Odisha during his ongoing Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra.

Experts warned that, in recent years, personal attacks against Modi have backfired on the Opposition in the polls. →P11

AFTER K'TAKA, KERALA LEADS STIR ON FUND DISBURSEMENT

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NEW DELHI: Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Thursday joined by his Delhi counterpart Arvind Kejriwal and Tamil Nadu minister Palanivel Thiagarajan along with other INDIA bloc leaders at the "financial injustice" protest in Delhi as he alleged that the country's federal structure was being crushed. Vijayan said a democracy that was envisaged as a "Union of States" is slowly and steadily being crippled into an undemocratic "Union over States". →P9

'Bail is rule, jail exception' does not apply in terror cases, says apex court

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NEW DELHI: Bail in terror cases must be rejected as a "rule" when courts have reasonable grounds to believe that the charges are prima facie true, the Supreme Court held on Thursday in a judgment that prescribes a "twin prong" test, severely narrowing the scope of

bail in Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA).

According to a bench of justices MM Sundresh and Arvind Kumar, the conventional idea in bail jurisprudence that the discretion of courts must tilt in favour of the oft-quoted phrase — "bail is the rule, jail is the exception" — does not find any place while dealing with bail applications under UAPA. In such instances, the bench noted, courts are merely examining if there is justification to reject bail.

"Bail must be rejected as a 'rule', if after hearing the public prosecutor and after perusing the final report or Case Diary, the court arrives at a conclusion that there are reasonable grounds for believing that the accusations are prima facie true," it said. →P11

Day after UCC bill, arson, rioting break out in Haldwani over action against madrasa



Police stand guard after violence in Haldwani. ANI

HALDWANI/DEHRADUN: The Uttarakhand government on Thursday issued a "shoot at sight" order and imposed a curfew in Haldwani city as violence erupted in Banbhoolpura locality over the demolition of an "illegally built" madrasa, officials said, adding that at least three people were killed.

As a bulldozer razed the madrasa and an underground religious structure, allegedly built illegally on "nazool land" (owned by state government), in the afternoon, residents set vehicles on fire and hurled stones at police and administration officials involved in the demolition, injuring at least 60 people, officials said. The incident occurred a day after the Uttarakhand assembly passed the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill. →P12

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WORLD } RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR

Zelensky names new army commander

Ukrainian armed forces commander General Valeriy Zaluzhnyi, who was replaced on Thursday, became a national hero for repelling Moscow's invading forces two years ago but suffered battlefield setbacks as the war ground on. The move ends intense speculation over his fate after reported frictions between him and President Volodymyr Zelensky, whose authority will be tested as he seeks to rally troops under a new army chief and change the dynamic of the war. Ukrainian forces are struggling after a counteroffensive launched last June made little headway in the south and east, while Russian forces are inflicting small but costly defeats at several points along the 1,000-km (620-mile) front.

REUTERS

MY INDIA } MODALITIES IN PROCESS

Govt may extend Digi Yatra for foreign travel

The government is planning to make the Digi Yatra system of airport access and flight boarding compatible with international travel, civil aviation minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said on Thursday, adding that some of the work is already underway. "We have had some learnings of (rolling out) Digi Yatra... we are looking at extending it to international passengers," Scindia said on Thursday. The minister added that the civil aviation ministry will have to coordinate with other ministries for the facility to be used for international passengers. "We have to coordinate with the ministry of external affairs and home affairs," he said.

NEHALM TRIPATHI

MY INDIA } CANADA ELECTIONS

New Delhi calls allegations of poll interference 'baseless'

The ministry of external affairs on Thursday rejected what it termed were the "baseless allegations" of Indian interference in Canadian elections. MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said that they have seen the media reports of the Canadian Commission inquiring into foreign interferences. "We strongly reject such baseless allegations of Indian interference in Canadian elections, it is not government of India's policy to interfere in the democratic process of other countries, in fact, quite on the reverse it is Canada, which has been interfering in our internal affairs," he said. "We have been raising this issue regularly with them, we continue to call on Canada to take effective measures to address our core concerns," he stated.

BUSINESS } NEW DEAL

Indian firm to make Airbus A220 doors

Airbus SE, the European aerospace major, on Thursday signed a deal with Dynamatic Technologies for the production of door variants for the Airbus A220. The order value was not disclosed. This marks Airbus's second engagement with an Indian company for the manufacture of aircraft doors, following a contract in March last year with Tata Advanced Systems for the Airbus A320's cargo doors. Currently, Airbus sources components worth \$750 million from India, with plans to increase this figure to \$1.5 billion over the next few years. Indian firms manufacture fuselages, electrical wire harnesses, tailfin structures, emergency chutes, among others, for Airbus.

MY INDIA } UDDHAV CAMP MEMBER

Sena leader shot in Mumbai... live on FB

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Abhishek Ghosalkar was shot dead during a Facebook live by an assailant in Mumbai on Thursday, the video of which went viral on social media. The assailant was identified by police as Mauris Noronha, who later ended his life by shooting himself, police said. Ghosalkar, a former corporator, succumbed to bullet injuries at a hospital in north Mumbai, police said. A viral video of the incident showed Ghosalkar being shot in the abdomen and shoulder as he was live on Facebook with Noronha, a local activist. Sounds of three other shots being fired are also heard in the clip. Ghosalkar and Noronha had "personal enmity" but the Facebook live was to clarify that they have come together ending their spat, police said.

West Asia, weapon deals on agenda at India-US NSA meet

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NEW DELHI: National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and his visiting US counterpart Jake Sullivan will discuss the deteriorating environment in West Asia with Iran-backed Houthis playing havoc on commercial shipping in the wake of Israel's war on Gaza even as both sides will review the US GE-414 engine technology transfer deal and the Predator MQ9B drone acquisition by the Indian armed forces.

US NSA Jake Sullivan will be in Delhi later this month with two NSA-level dialogues taking place on February 20-21, including the second round on the initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (ICET). Both the manufacturing of GE-414 through 100% technology transfer to India and the acquisition of 31 MQ 9B armed drones have been notified by the US State department with commercial negotiations to start between GE and HAL soon, HT learns. The Modi government is clarifying some points posed by the US Congress, people familiar with the matter said. The draft Letter of Acceptance for MQ 9B Predator drones has been placed before the US Congress and the final LOA will be issued after the mandatory 30-day period. The two will be part of an agenda of at least 25 points to be discussed by Doval and Sullivan, the people added. The visiting US NSA will also meet foreign minister S Jaishankar and Prime Minister Narendra Modi apart from other senior officials.

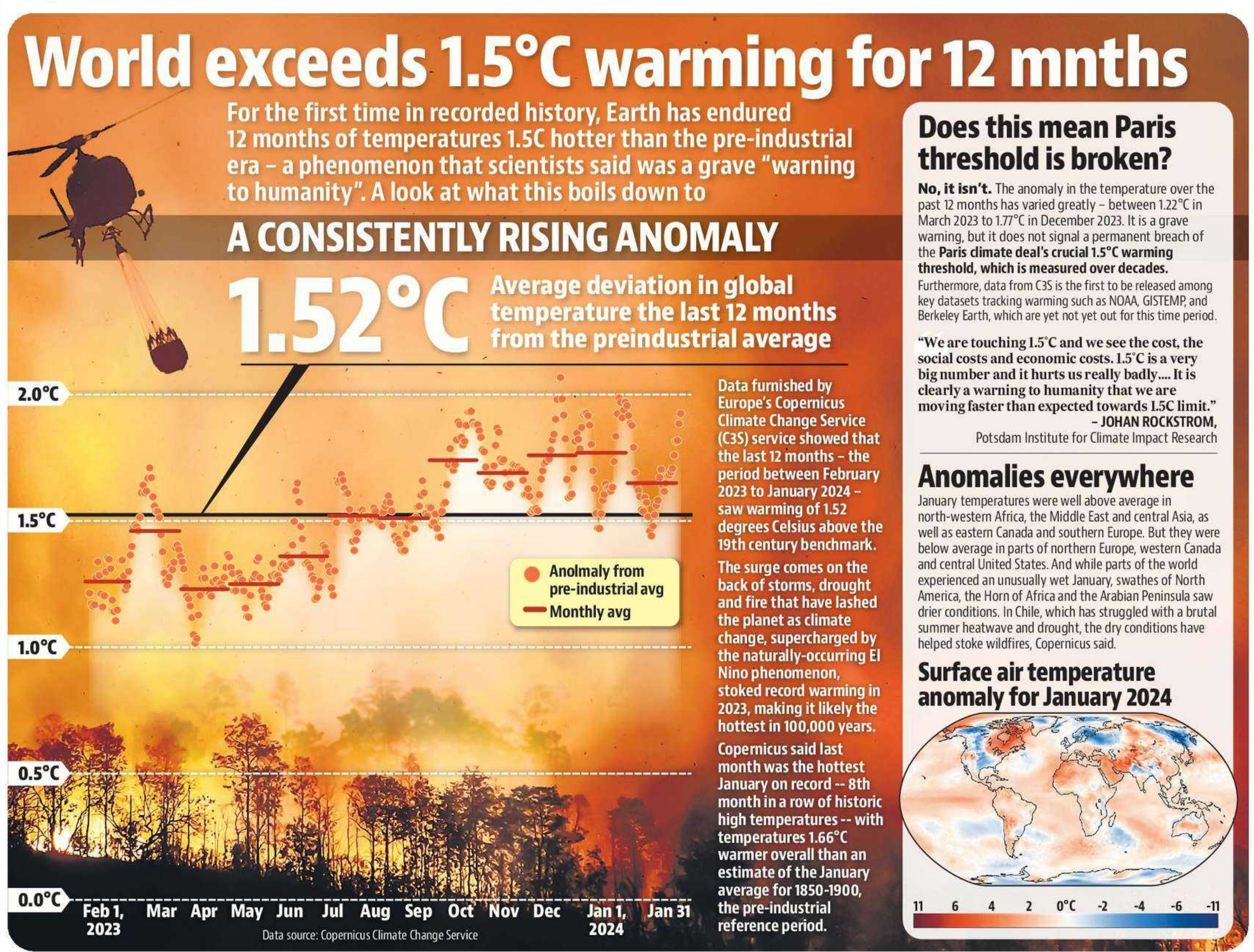
The key item on agenda will be the Israel war on Gaza and the targeting of commercial sea lanes of communication by Iran-backed Shia Houthi rebels using missiles,

loitering ammunition and drones in the Red Sea and off the Gulf of Aden. India's position on the ongoing war in Gaza is that the October 7, 2023 incident was a terrorist attack by Hamas but that the humanitarian aspects of Israel's war on Gaza since are worrying. New Delhi is also concerned about the fallout. It does not want Houthi to target commercial shipping including Indian container vessels and tankers and has responded to the challenge by deploying 10 ships from Bab el-Mandeb in Red Sea across the entire Arabian sea in order to secure the sea lanes of communication. Indian warships with the help of surveillance drones and PSI multi-mission aircraft have also been protecting commercial vessels from Somali pirates, with global shipping and logistics companies losing millions of dollars by coming around the Cape of Good Hope to the Arabian Sea rather than through the Suez Canal.

Discussions between the two NSAs on the situation in West Asia will also focus on the role played by Iran-backed militias in Iraq, Lebanon, Syria and in Gaza, even though Tehran has told India it had no prior information on the October 7 attacks and that it has minimum control over Islamic militias such as Hamas or Houthi. With groups such as Kaitab Hezbollah targeting US assets in Jordan and Hezbollah hitting Israel, the conflagration in West Asia can erupt at any time and destabilize the world.

The two NSAs, the people cited above said, will also discuss the Chinese role in the Indo-Pacific, with the PLA Navy on an expansion mode and looking for more bases in the region using the Belt-Road Initiative.

ALARMING TREND } BETWEEN FEB 2023 AND JAN 2024



GROUND REALITY } NORTHEAST STATES

Along the border, FMR a boon for some, a bane for some others

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NEW DELHI: The verdant hills of Mizoram's Champhai district hold many treasures – pristine rivers where the sun's rays bounce off the clear blue of the water, a trove of animals and birds, and long stretches of virgin forest illuminated only by the silver slats of moonlight at night.

What it does not have in abundance are good schools.

Khamlun knows this. The principal of the local Baptist English School spends the first half of his day teaching in his school in Mizoram, and then walks a kilometre down a rolling mountain road to a restaurant, where children gather by nightfall, eager to learn the alphabet and arithmetic. The man, in his 40s, has made this journey every day for five years now – unremarkable except for the fact that he crosses an international border twice during his minute commute.

"I teach children in Myanmar inside the restaurant on the other side to each a little extra cash," he said.

In his village of Zowkhatar, he is not the only one for whom the India-Myanmar international boundary is only an incidental line, marked not by the usual flurry of documents, armed guards and tense wait that characterise most border crossings across the world, but only a forlorn check post.

Sauma, another resident of the

village, said that locals cross the border to attend funerals and weddings twice every month. "In border villages of Mizoram, people get married or have relatives across the border...we have people here who buy chicken in India and sell it in Myanmar just to earn ₹100 extra and make a little profit. We share the same ties," he said.

This is the norm in the 1,643km porous border between India and Myanmar where the free movement regime (FMR) allowed thousands of families to nurture ties between members separated by an international frontier and communities to hold on to shared traditions and customs. People shared tribal allegiances, ethnicities and often bloodlines across the border. Recognising this, FMR – introduced in 2018 as part of India's effort to boost the region's economy by encouraging trade with Southeast Asian nations -- eschewed the compulsory inspection of travel documents and fostered hassle-free travel.

But this might have come at too high a cost to national security, the government now argues, adding that the pitfalls of FMR only became stark with the influx of 30,000 people from coup-hit Myanmar into Mizoram, and the ethnic tensions that have roiled neighbouring Manipur and killed at least 210. Security forces on the ground said that FMR allowed a thriving smuggling racket that aids the movement of drugs, arms and insurgents, and that this was

the primary reason behind Union home minister Amit Shah's decision to fence the entire border and suspend FMR.

"The number of drugs, contraband or weapons seized is only 5-10% of the actual quantity of smuggling. Add to this the over 100,000 refugees spread across Mizoram. And with the political situation in Myanmar, it was only a matter of time that the government would take such a step," said an army officer posted in Manipur.

For Khamlun, though, it is the end of what he knew as normal life. "90% of our villagers carry the loads across the India-Myanmar border. Villagers will have nothing to eat," he said. "We will suffer."

Life and crime along the border

The India-Myanmar border stretches across four states – Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh. It passes through hills, rivers and plains, and at some places, is steeper than 70 degrees. Drugs, weapons, Arca Nuts, and all other types of contraband are transported using the thousands of entry points at the porous borders, where there are no security forces.

The Assam Rifles, which guards the Myanmar border, has a strength of around 66,414 personnel. The border check point by the force only exists at a few points. Hundreds of kilometers of the border are unmanned. In many stretches, slender streams act as the boundary, allowing people (and smugglers) to easily



The India-Myanmar border at Champhai.

HT PHOTO

swim across.

And that is what they've been doing.

Security forces on the ground say the smuggling racket focuses on arca nuts and foreign cigarettes, hurting the local economy. In 2023 alone, Assam Rifles seized nearly 4,300 tonnes of Arca nuts used to make gutkha, which it valued it at over ₹150 crore. In the latest incident, the force seized nearly 35,000kg of nuts from Mizoram's Champhai district on Wednesday.

"Based on the interrogation of the people we arrested, we learnt about the profits that people engaged in this racket make. The prices of arca nut increases to almost 5-6 times once it enters India and is taken to the mainland (metro cities in central India). The nuts smuggled from the India-Myanmar border are brought not just from Myanmar but even further east from coun-

tries like Thailand," said an official, requesting anonymity. Security officials said that the smuggling not only robbed the government of taxes but also spurred the creation of a parallel underground economy. "Every packet of the consignment is being brought illegally. The local farmers are unable to sell their products because people have access to the smuggled ones. Indian citizens are at a loss," the official quoted above added.

According to a retired lieutenant general, who served in the northeast over at least three tenures, "In my estimate the net worth of the arca nut or foreign cigarette smuggling is over a thousand crores. Drugs smuggled from the Golden Triangle alone is worth ₹50,000 crore. Where is this money going?"

In 2022, Congress lawmaker Lalrindika Ralte from Mizoram wrote to Prime Minister Naren-

dra Modi about the losses suffered by the state's arca nut farmers because of the influx of smuggled goods from Myanmar.

Officials said the smuggled consignments are brought through the porous border and stored in the houses of local residents. "The nuts seized on Wednesday, for example, were brought in different trips and kept at a hidden location. These smugglers wait for days and take the risk of transporting them when they believe that security is lax," the official quoted above added.

Taking advantage of the unmanned border at thousands of entry points, the smugglers bring in another common item – foreign cigarettes. According to data seen by HT, in Mizoram alone, Assam Rifles have seized over 4,134 cases of foreign cigarettes last year, which they valued at ₹47.79 crore. "The smuggling of such cigarettes is in crores because of the huge demand in the Northeast. In many districts of Mizoram, you won't even find common Indian brands. Our probes revealed the cigarettes are brought not just from Myanmar but even from Thailand and South Korea," an officer posted in Mizoram said.

A more recent phenomenon is the menace of drug smuggling rearing its head. The opium-growing regions of Myanmar, Laos and Thailand, from where a bulk of the drugs is smuggled into India, was in 2022 referred to by Shah as the death triangle.

"Because of the location of Myanmar, the smuggling of drugs is also destroying the country's

image," the first official said, adding that it was not even practical to patrol the border because of the inhospitable terrain.

In 2023 alone, Assam Rifles seized drugs worth over ₹956 crore in Mizoram. The seized drugs included heroin and poppy seeds. Assam Rifles DG, lieutenant general PC Nair had in September 2023 said that the force seized at least 4500 crore worth of drugs in the last four years. The high volume of drugs smuggling prompted the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) to open a zonal office in Imphal last year. "The Imphal zonal office started last year. A regional office will open soon. The offices will crack down on the drug racket," said an NCB official, requesting anonymity.

Over the last nine months, Manipur chief minister N Biren Singh has on many occasions claimed that Myanmar's drug money was fuelling the violence and directed police to destroy opium fields in the state. Kuki groups have refuted Singh's allegations.

On Thursday too, the Manipur Police and forest department destroyed nearly 20 acres of poppy plantation in Ukhrul district.

Win some, lose some

In the North-east though, currents of concern are coursing through the local tribal populations in Manipur and Mizoram. Ginza Vualzong, spokesperson of the Manipur-based umbrella organisation, Indigenous Tribal Leaders Forum (ITLF), said that

cancelling FMR will affect people from many states. "Kuki-Zohmar tribal people in both countries share ethnic ties. They have been separated by an invisible boundary," he said.

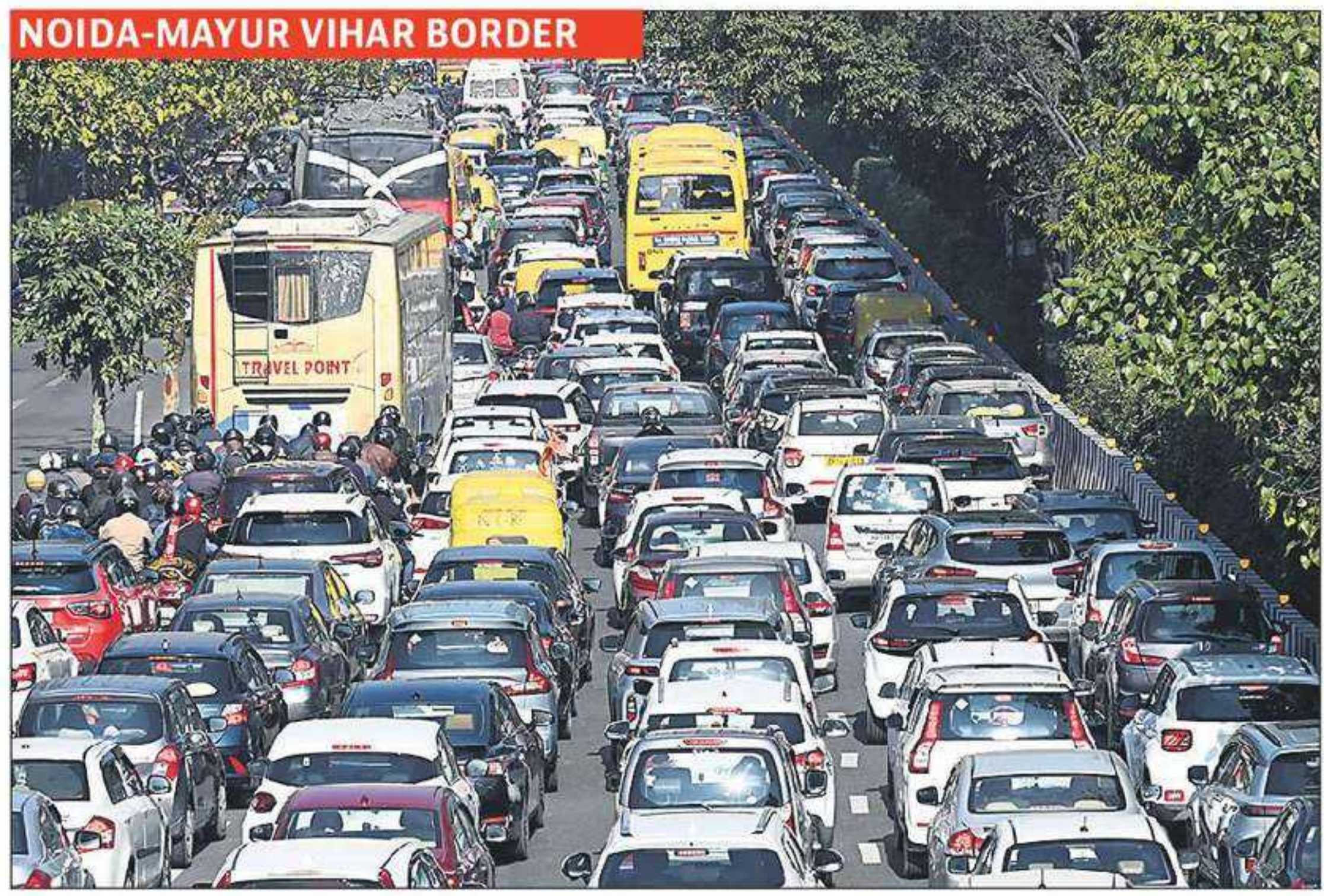
Malsaulmiana, the general secretary of the Central Young Mizo Association (YMA), an influential civil society group of Mizoram that works with refugees, said FMR was vital in maintaining the ethnic and cultural linkages between Mizo peoples residing on both sides of the border.

"The abolition of FMR and the implementation of border fencing will have a detrimental effect and disrupt the harmonious coexistence and cultural exchange that has been integral to the lives of the Mizo people."

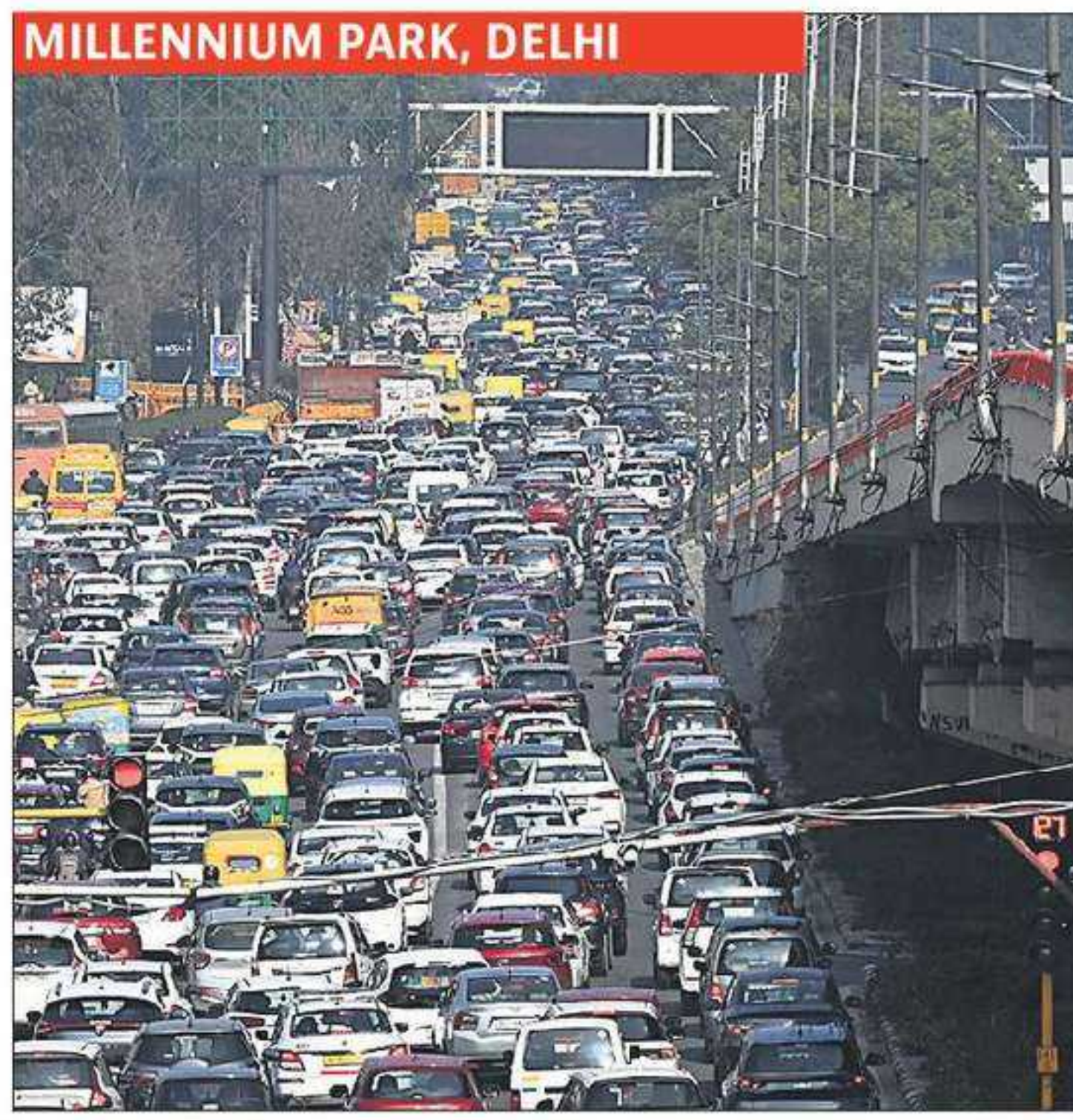
But security forces on the ground say given the terrain and the length of the Indo-Myanmar border, no other solution was feasible.

"The international border check points manned by customs and Assam Rifles are the only legal way to enter India from Myanmar but there are thousands of entry points spread across the four states, especially Mizoram and Nagaland. The hills next to a border village or the river outside a resident's house could be the illegal border entry point, so it is difficult to man the entire stretch. One may have to guard a river, a dense jungle or a hill," said a WHAT officer, requesting anonymity.

"Fencing will take a long time because of the terrain but it is the only solution."



The gridlock kept growing in size till late evening and also spilled over to other roads as the protesting farmers, including women and children, stayed put on the borders of Delhi on Thursday.



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Blockade paralyses Noida, Gzb As Punjab farmers gear up for Feb 13 stir, Centre steps in

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NOIDA: Traffic between Noida and Delhi was majorly gridlocked on Thursday afternoon after the police blocked hundreds of farmers of Gautam Budh Nagar from marching to Parliament House in Delhi to press their demands for hiked land compensation and associated benefits.

The gridlock kept growing in size till late evening and also spilled over to other roads as the protesting farmers, including women and children, stayed put near the Dalit Prerna Sthal on the Delhi-Noida Link Road raising slogans, even as Gautam Budh Nagar district officials and Delhi and Noida police tried to persuade them to turn back.

Making the traffic situation worse were the barricades, cranes and heavy vehicle placed by the Delhi Police at the Mahamaya flyover, Dalit Prerna Sthal, and Chilla border to stop the protesters. Such was the jam that commuters remained stuck on the road till around 7pm; the tailbacks were reminiscent of the year-long farmers' agitation between November 2020 and December 2021, when agricultural workers agitating against the Centre's three farm laws had camped at Delhi's borders in Singhu, Ghazipur and Tikri, throwing traffic out of gear. That agitation was later called off after the Parliament repealed the laws on November 29, 2021.

Commuters also reported major snarls on the Delhi-Meerut expressway and Delhi's borders with Ghaziabad near UP

Gate. "The slow traffic persisted for about two hours," said Swatantra Kumar Singh, ACP (Indrapuram).

As the Delhi-Noida Link Road and Noida-Greater Noida Expressway remained blocked because of the protest, the traffic spilled over to other internal roads and commuters had a harrowing time in reaching their destinations.

Those coming from Delhi had a hard time entering Noida as only two lanes of the toll plaza on the Delhi-Noida-Direct (DND) Flyway were open. Commuters had to take a compulsory left turn towards Sector 18 as the link road to Noida-Greater Noida Expressway was barricaded at the Film City flyover.

The effect was that jams spilled over to Sector 18, Rajnigandha intersection, Atta Market road and Sector 44 roads.

Commuters said the traffic was slow-moving even before the protest started around noon, as those headed towards Delhi from Noida and Greater Noida were stuck in traffic owing to heightened security checks at the border. Many motorists blamed Noida traffic police's poor management for the mess as all roads from Noida-Greater Noida Expressway to Delhi were blocked.

Deputy commissioner of police (Noida traffic) Anil Kumar Yadav said, "Since a large number of farmers gathered on the Noida-Greater Noida Expressway, we had to block the traffic movement from Mahamaya flyover to Noida Gate. Around 5pm, we opened the Film City flyover loop to commuters going from Noida Sector 18 and GIP Mall to

MAHAMAYA FLYOVER



Police barricades blocked the protesting farmers near Mahamaya flyover, Noida. SUNIL GHOSH/HT

Noida expressway," he said, adding that the traffic police had also issued an advisory a day ago.

Cab driver Jiendra, who had to pick up a passenger from Indira Gandhi International airport around 4.30pm, got stuck in traffic at Film City from 2.30pm. "I have not been able to move an inch for the past two hours," he told this reporter around 4.30pm. "I don't know about the traffic diversion, but traffic police should have opened at least one lane to traffic," he said.

Another commuter, Vijay Singh, who was on a 20-seater mini bus, said, "The Noida traffic police's traffic management is abysmal. When they knew that

farmers would protest in the city on Thursday, they should have made a proper plan to avoid congestion. They should have opened an alternative route at least. We are on our way to our office in Gurugram and have remained stuck for the past two-and-a-half hours," he said around 4.45pm.

At many places, people were seen driving on the wrong side after making risky jumps over the divider, unmindful of the damage to their own vehicles and the danger the manoeuvre posed to others. At many places, people were seen negotiating and arguing with traffic police but the situation remained the same and the congestion kept growing.

Many commuters this reporter spoke to were unaware of the protest or diversions and were caught by surprise. Police started barricading roads from 10 am and one or two lanes were open for commuters but as farmers' reached the Dalit Prerna Sthal after crossing the Mahamaya flyover around 1pm, all the roads were completely blocked.

School buses were also stuck in the congestion. "Schools located near the Noida-Greater Noida Expressway were advised to avoid the expressway and take internal roads to reach Delhi," the traffic police said in an advisory issued at 2.20pm after the entire highway was gridlocked.

WHAT PEOPLE SAID

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ANIL KUMAR YADAV, DCP (Noida traffic)

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CHANDIGARH: Days before several farmer groups in Punjab were to hold a planned march towards Delhi, three Union ministers arrived in Chandigarh on Thursday to meet their representatives to discuss their demands. Punjab chief minister Bhagwant Mann was also present at the meet.

The farmers had announced a march to Delhi on February 13 to press the Centre for several demands, including minimum support price (MSP) for all crops, a waiver of debt on farmers, and jobs for the families of farmers who were killed during the year-long farmers' agitation at the Capital's borders between November 2020 and December 2021, as well as the withdrawal of criminal cases registered against the protesters. The Punjab farmer groups have also received support from certain quarters in Haryana.

Anticipating the protest march, the Haryana government has tightened up its borders with Punjab, and kept security forces on high alert, officials said.

On Thursday evening, minister for food, public distribution and consumer affairs Piyush Goyal; agriculture minister Arjun Munda; and minister of state for home Nityanand Rai held meetings with Mann and the Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee, the Bhartiya Kisan Union (BKU)-Dallewal led Jagjit Dallewal, and a breakaway faction of BKU (Ekta-Ugrahan).

"We don't want that agitation should take place... These matters must be sorted out through dialogue," Mann said, expressing hope that more such discussions take place in coming days.

Dallewal, meanwhile, said, "The meeting was held in a positive atmosphere... The government listened to us and said they will examine all our demands... [However] our programme for February 13 will continue as it is."

The development took place on the same day as a protest by a clutch of farmers' groups brought traffic to a standstill on Delhi's border with Uttar Pradesh for much of the day. The agitation was called off at 6pm, following assurances from the Uttar Pradesh government and Noida authority, which said they would form a panel to address the farmers' demands.

Meanwhile, in Haryana, the state government asked the Centre to deploy 64 companies of paramilitary forces to deal with any law-and-order situation that may arise during the march.

Anticipating unrest, the Ambala district administration imposed prohibitory orders till further orders, said deputy commissioner Shaleen (goes by one name). The development took place a day after prohibitory orders were imposed in Sonapat.

Ambala superintendent of police Jashandeep Singh Randhawa said no farmer outfit has sought permission for any protest, and legal action will be taken against those protesting without prior permission.

Delhi has sufficient shrines, imperative to save forests: HC

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi high court on Thursday refused to entertain a plea seeking protection against demolition of two religious structures in Sanjay Van, saying that the Capital "already had sufficient dargahs and temples" and it was now imperative to restore the forest.

The two structures in question are the Ashiq Allah dargah, and the chilla of Baba Farid. The petitioner, Himanshu Damle, a promoter of Delhi's history, contended that there was apprehension regarding the demolition of the structures as police had barricaded the area, restricted its access, and removed the caretakers of the dargah.

The plea said that the "complex structure could be destroyed overnight by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) which demolished adjacent structures including the Akhunj Masjid and the Haji Rozbih Dargah, as well as certain 12th-century graves without notice". However, the court was of the view that the removal of unauthorised constructions, including unauthorised religious structures, from the forest land is for the betterment of the society at large.

"We cannot even breathe in Delhi... Let the forest be restored. These (Sanjay Van) are green lungs, people are dying in the city due to pollution. This is our last bastion. Enough peers, dargah and temples are there in the city," a bench led by acting chief justice Manmohan said to advocate Satyajit Sarna, who appeared for Damle.

The court added that green areas are the lungs of the city and efforts have to be made by all statutory authorities to

ensure that no illegal and unauthorised construction is carried out on public land.

The DDA lawyer submitted that the green area in Sanjay Van was completely encroached upon and the civic authority had also demolished various structures, including four temples.

During the hearing, the bench, also comprising justice Manmeet Pritam Singh Arora, said that health needs to be a priority. "We have such an unhealthy population today. Health is the priority. Green environment is the priority otherwise you won't be able to exist," the court said.

Disposing of the plea, the bench said that DDA and the Union ministry of housing and urban affairs have issued statements saying they would not demolish structures declared as a part of national heritage or ones that are deemed to be protected by a statutory authority.

To be sure, the 13th-century dargah is an unprotected monument and finds a mention in the "List of Muhammadan and Hindu Monuments, Volume III Mahrauli Zila" published in 1922 by Maulvi Zafar Hasan, assistant superintendent of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

According to the National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities, the site is a "living monument", meaning it continues to be used for religious purposes.

The court, in a related development earlier this week, had directed DDA to maintain the status quo in the Mehrauli area on which the 600-year-old Akhunj Masjid was demolished, till February 12. A bench of justice Sachin Datta, however, clarified that its order would not preclude the civic authority from acting against other illegal properties in the area.

MCD doubles outlay for sanitation to ₹4,500 cr; ₹1,000 cr allotted to roads

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NEW DELHI: The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) on Thursday passed the civic body's budget for 2024-25 amid din as the mayor struggled to maintain order throughout the day's session with councillors from the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) climbing atop benches, the dais, and tables in their bid to snatch the budget speech from the leader of the house Mukesh Goyal, marking complete pandemonium in the House.

The heated exchanges between the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and their BJP counterparts continued on Thursday over various removed motions or amendments moved by the two sides.

BJP councillors were waiting in the well of the House even before mayor Shelly Oberoi arrived. Over the last three days, the BJP has been protesting against the proposals for increasing the financial powers and discretionary funds assigned to the mayor. With little discussion taking place on Thursday, the AAP passed the budget through voice vote.

The budget proposals were presented by MCD commissioner Gyanesh Bharti in December last year.

According to budget documents, the civic body has projected an income of ₹15,686.99 crore in the 2024-25 fiscal, and has proposed allocations and expenditure of ₹16,683.01 crore. The maximum allocation has been assigned to sanitation, one of the most critical functions of the civic body, with the total outlay under the head going up

MCD passes Budget 2024-25



ALLOCATIONS & PROPOSALS

- The civic body has set aside ₹4500 crore for sanitation up from ₹2,908 in the last budget
- ₹1000 cr marked for development of inner

colony roads and 10-year maintenance cost

- Discretionary funds for the mayor increased from ₹10 crore to ₹500 crore
- ₹10 crore set aside for allowances for councillors

- No change in taxes and levies
- Doorstep delivery of services for 23 services such as issuing birth and death certificates and trade licences

from ₹2,908 crore to ₹4,500 crore.

No new taxes or levies have been introduced by the civic body, senior civic officials said. They added that special emphasis has been laid on road infrastructure development with an additional allocation of ₹1,000 crore; and ₹400 crore have been assigned for garbage management. The outlay will help the ruling AAP to fulfil its two main promises -- flattening the three landfills in the Capital and cleaning all streets and colonies.

The budget has also raised the discretionary fund to the mayor from ₹10 crore currently to ₹500 crore, a proposal that has raised hackles of the opposition which

has claimed that money available for various statutory panels has been diverted to hike funds that are spent at the mayor's discretion. Oberoi had clarified on Tuesday that the mayor has no personal funds, and that the discretionary funds are diverted for implementing work that is requested by the public and elected councillors.

Addressing a press conference after the House passed the budget, the mayor said that the first budget presented by the AAP after coming to power in MCD had two main themes -- infrastructure and garbage management. "BJP has not allowed the House to function over the last one year, and they created a

ruckus today as well. However, we will not let this stop from delivering on our promises. We have not changed the overall income-expenditure proposed by the commissioner and a special fund of Rs 1,000 crore has been earmarked for road development and maintenance, along with Rs 400 crore for garbage management," she said.

Leader of the House Mukesh Goyal said that over the last 15 years BJP has spent just around ₹700 crores on the road development. "As a new initiative, we are setting a fund of ₹1,000 crore for road development under which the contract for maintenance of roads for 10 years will also be provided. Penalty provi-

sions for poor work have been added based on complaints. Moreover, the ₹500 crore discretionary fund for the mayor will also be used in development work," he added.

"Over the last 15 years, the BJP has appointed private firms in all zones for door-to-door lifting of garbage. There is large scale corruption, and we will investigate this nexus," he added.

Goyal also said that said the funds from Delhi government has increased from ₹4,745 crore in 2022-23 to ₹5,300 crore this year but the MCD is not being provided ₹588 per capita assistance provided by the central government to all other local bodies, reiterating the stated

position of the AAP.

Justifying the hike in the discretionary fund of the mayor, Goyal said previously the councillors were forced to plead with the officials to help them with implementing development work in their wards and their pleas were often not heeded. "₹500 crore fund for the mayor has been made by clubbing the financial subheads which are lying unused. Elected people should have more power in any democratic system," he added.

Leader of opposition Raja Iqbal Singh said the AAP "unconstitutionally" passed budget in the absence of the municipal commissioner. "The budget was passed without discussion, which has happened for the first time in the history of the corporation. The AAP government is working towards crippling all the constitutional committees like the education committee, ward committee, etc. and the budget of these committees for giving more privilege to the mayor," he said.

Memorandum to LG

Hours after the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)-led Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) passed budget proposals worth ₹16,683 crore for 2024-25, a delegation of BJP leaders submitted a memorandum to lieutenant governor VK Saxena, demanding that he intervene in what BJP alleged was the "illegal" passage of the budget.

"The mayor has committed an attack on democracy," Singh said.

However, Oberoi said all rules were followed, proper quorum of councillors and officials was maintained, and it was a lawful meeting which passed the budget successfully.

1 killed, 4 injured as portion of Gokulpuri Metro stn collapses

Metro suspends a junior engineer and a manager; DMRC announces ₹25 lakh ex-gratia to victim's family, ₹5 lakh each to grievously injured

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NEW DELHI: One man died and four people were injured after a section of the Gokulpuri Metro station in northeast Delhi collapsed onto commuters travelling along a busy thoroughfare on Thursday morning.

The police registered a case against the Metro contractors and builders under sections 337 (rash and negligent act) and 304A (causing death by negligence) (causing death by negligence) of the Indian Penal Code, while the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) suspended two officials for negligence, as the incident triggered outrage among residents and on social media.

The deceased man was identified as Vinod Kumar Pandey (53), a resident of nearby Karawal Nagar. The injured people were identified as three relatives — Ajit Kumar (21), a resident of Loni; Monu Kumar (19) and Sandeep Kumar (27) from Gokulpuri — and Mohammed Tazir (24), also from Loni.

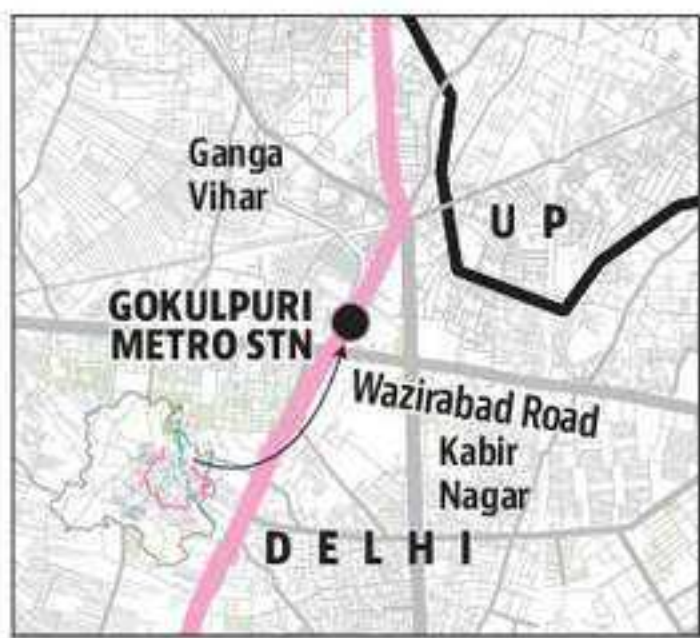
The Metro station, which is on the Pink Line, between Majlis Park and Shiv Vihar, was built in 2018.

The incident took place around 11am, said police, when chunks of the Gokulpuri station's wall crumbled and fell onto Chaprana Road, over which the terminal is built.

The large concrete lumps collapsed onto commuters on the busy arterial stretch, flattening cars, two-wheelers and three-wheelers, said bystanders.

Speaking to HT at Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital's emergency ward, Sandeep said that the three of them were riding a scooter when they noticed slabs caving off the Metro station.

"We swerved and hit the divider. Both of us sustained



minor injuries but Ajit has a fractured right leg," he said.

People working at a nearby gas agency who were sitting near the overhead station rushed to rescue people, extricating two from the debris in around half an hour.

"We heard a loud thud. We didn't realise what had happened till we saw that the slabs had fallen. Several of us rushed to the spot and saw people stuck and bleeding. All of them were unconscious," said Vishal Gupta, 32, LPG cylinder supplier who helped rescue the injured.

"An earthmover that was at work in a nearby drain came to the site first and began debris. Fire department officials also arrived by then," Gupta said.

Pandey was on his way from his house in Karawal Nagar to Dilshad Garden to supply rice. He was trapped under the debris and was pulled out by local residents. He sustained grievous injuries and was rushed to Guru Teg Bahadur hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. Pandey worked with his uncle, who is a rice trader.

The station was shut for repairs for 8 hours between 11am and 8pm on Thursday.

A portion of the slab hung off precariously for hours after the incident, prompting officials to



(Above) Debris litters the ground after a wall of the Gokulpuri Metro station collapsed on Thursday. A police official takes out a damaged scooter out of the rubble.

slice it off using gas cutters and earthmovers around 4:30pm.

DMRC officials said a manager and a junior engineer from the civil department were suspended after the incident, pending an enquiry. "The executive director (civil) is at the site for a first-hand assessment of the situation apart from officials from all concerned departments," said Anuj Dayal, principal executive director of corporate communications, DMRC.

The Metro also announced an ex-gratia of ₹25 lakh for the deceased's family, ₹5 lakh to those with serious injuries and ₹1 lakh to those with minor injuries.



MAN KILLED TWO DAYS AFTER HIS DAUGHTER'S RING CEREMONY: KIN



Vinod Kumar Pandey

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NEW DELHI: On Thursday, 24-year-old Sagar Pandey was inconsolable after the wall of a portion of Gokulpuri Metro station collapsed, killing his father.

"How can one travel on the roads if these structures built by governments collapse?" he said to a government official trying to console him at Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital. Vinod's family told HT that his younger daughter got engaged on January 25 and the family returned to Delhi from Uttar Pradesh only two days ago.

Vinod, a resident of Karawal Nagar, is survived by his wife and three children including a married daughter. His uncle, Rakesh Mishra, 55, also a resident of Karawal Nagar, said: "He used to work with me in my shop and supply rice and take payments from buyers. On Thursday, he was going to Dilshad Garden from home to supply rice to a buyer when the incident happened."

One of the survivors of the tragedy, Ajit Kumar, 21, a resident of Loni, said that he, Monu Kumar, 19 and Sandeep Kumar, 27 — both residents of Gokulpuri — said that the three of them were riding on a scooter when the incident happened.

"I just remember Sandeep shouting that a slab had fallen and he took a right turn after which we hit the divider. I lost consciousness after that," said Ajit, adding that he sustained a fracture in his right leg. The fourth injured was identified as Mohammed Tazir, 24, a resident of Loni.

Two officials of the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation have been suspended following the incident pending inquiry.

PM set to open AIIMS Rewari on Feb 16: MP

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GURUGRAM: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) hospital project at Majra Balkhi village in Rewari on February 16. This was announced by Gurugram member of Parliament (MP) and Union minister Rao Inderjit Singh on Thursday who added that a large public meeting will be held in Majra village for the event, for which preparations are in progress.

"The AIIMS project will transform healthcare in south Haryana and people from neighbouring Rajasthan will also benefit immensely from this medical facility. I met the PM during the current parliamentary session

and invited him to lay the foundation stone of this project and he agreed to it," said Singh.

A state government spokesperson on Thursday evening said that state cooperative minister Banwari Lal, along with other administrative officers, including Rewari deputy commissioner Rahul Hooda, inspected the site of the AIIMS project on Thursday.

Apart from the foundation stone laying ceremony, the PM will also address a gathering on February 16, he added.

The AIIMS hospital in Rewari will be spread over 210 acres and will be constructed at a cost of ₹1,231 crore. Singh said that tender for the project has already been allotted in December last year and work will be completed in the next two years.

Nurse, 35, run over by car in Chanakyapuri

NEW DELHI: A 35-year-old nurse who worked at a private hospital in Chanakyapuri was killed when a speeding car ran over her while she was crossing the road, police officers said.

Police identified the deceased as Jemma Xess. Officers said that she was crossing Shanti Path to get to a bus stop on February 5 when the accident occurred.

"The car driver stopped and took her to hospital, where she died during treatment," an officer said, adding that the driver, identified as Charanjeet Singh, was arrested.

60-year-old killed in hit-and-run

A 60-year-old man riding a cycle was killed on Thursday morning after truck — rammed into him at Chhatarpur in south Delhi, police said, adding that the vehicle sped away after the accident.

Police identified the deceased as Maha Deva, a resident of Rajpur Khurd, who delivered flowers to houses in Chhatarpur.

"We are scanning CCTV cameras installed around the accident spot to identify the truck and nab its driver," said deputy commissioner of police (south) Ankit Chauhan. **HTC**

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Sl. No.	Particulars	Consolidated			
		Three Months ended 31.12.2023	Three Months ended 31.12.2022	Nine Months ended 31.12.2023	Year ended 31.03.2023
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1	Total Income from Operations	1,719.54	1,576.06	5,049.43	6,509.02
2	Profit before Interest, Depreciation & Taxes (EBITDA)	318.84	199.59	757.44	896.23
3	Net Profit for the Period before Tax & Exceptional Items	214.02	107.42	473.55	534.50
4	Net Profit for the Period before Tax (after Exceptional Items)	222.98	107.41	482.49	534.48
5	Net Profit for the Period after Tax & Exceptional Items	150.15	77.42	325.81	369.11
6	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	149.90	78.05	325.07	367.81
7	Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face Value ₹ 5/- per Share)	58.85	58.85	58.85	58.85
8	Reserves (excl'd. Revaluation Reserve)				2,745.01
9	Earnings Per Share (of ₹ 5/- each)(Not Annualised)				
	Basic :	12.21	6.49	26.75	30.48
	Diluted :	12.21	6.49	26.75	30.48

Notes:

- The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their respective meetings held on 8th February, 2024. The Auditors of the Company have carried out a "Limited Review" of the same.
- The Company has taken up for Implementation setting-up of an Additional Clinker Line of 2.3 Million Tonnes Per Annum at Durg, Chhattisgarh & commensurate Cement Grinding Units in Four States with Aggregate Capacities of 4.6 Million Tonnes Per Annum.
- The Board of Directors has declared an interim dividend of Rs. 2.00 per equity share of Rs. 5 each i.e. 40% for Financial year 2023-24.
- The Exceptional Item of Rs. 8.89 Crores represents the RIPS Benefit for the Financial Year 2021-22 received by Company's Subsidiary, Udaipur Cement Works Limited (UCWL) from the Government of Rajasthan for the extended one-year period post Covid-19 Pandemic.
- Standalone Financial Information of the Company, pursuant to Regulation 47(1)(b) of SEBI (LODR):

Particulars	Three Months ended 31.12.2023	Three Months ended 31.12.2022	Nine Months ended 31.12.2023	Year ended 31.03.2023
Total Income from Operations	1603.12	1504.14	4718.01	6133.28
Operating Profit (EBITDA)	259.24	175.20	634.32	766.50
Profit before Tax & Exceptional Items	187.51	102.47	422.24	481.46
Profit before Tax (after Exceptional Items)	187.51	102.47	422.24	481.46
Net Profit/(Loss) for the Period after Tax & Exceptional Items	124.06	73.59	281.97	330.77

6 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarter ended 31st December, 2023 Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Standalone & Consolidated Quarterly Financial Results are available on the websites of Stock Exchanges at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com and also on Company's website at www.jklakshmicement.com

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Skywalk connecting Nehru Place, Metro station opens

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NEW DELHI: Lieutenant governor (LG) VK Saxena on Thursday inaugurated a skywalk connecting Nehru Place Metro station and Market Plaza, and other associated infrastructure upgradation work in the Nehru Place market.

The project, which took over four years to be completed at a cost of ₹75 crore, includes the upgradation of the plaza, and building corridors, parking areas, staircases and stormwater drains along with new firefighting system in the entire complex, officials of the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) aware of the development said.

With the skywalk, people will no longer have to climb down from the elevated station and cross the busy Astha Kunj Road



The project was completed in over four years at a cost of ₹75 cr. HT

to reach the Nehru Place district centre.

The LG, who is the head of DDA, which executed the project, said that the body was committed to the upgradation of the urban areas along with

undertaking development work for the neglected villages.

"We compliment DDA for the upgradation work undertaken at Nehru Place. The skywalk is appealing and it will add to the beauty of the city," the LG said.

Saxena added that the people should also cooperate in the maintenance of the infrastructure. "No project can be successful without support of the public. Nehru Place Market Association members should give special emphasis on the hygiene and maintenance of the area," he said.

The LG later posted on X: "A DDA project worth ₹75 crore, the upgradation works have altered the kerbs, footpaths and facade of the iconic market. The Skywalk will ensure safety of pedestrians & seamless commute, apart from effecting ease of doing business."

South Delhi MP Ramesh Bidhuri and DDA vice-chairman Subhashish Panda were present at the inaugural event.

There is a ramp for differently abled people in the structure, a DDA official said.

Agencies unleashed against me as if I'm terrorist: Kejriwal

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NEW DELHI: Chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday accused the central government of "unleashing" investigating agencies against him, adding that the action made him feel like he was a "terrorist".

His remarks came while laying the foundation stone of a school in Dwarka Sector 1.

"Sometimes the notice of ED (Enforcement Directorate) comes, and sometimes of CBI (Central Bureau of Investigation). It feels like I am the biggest terrorist in the country. They have unleashed all the agencies and police behind me. Their goal is to make false cases, send notices, and put everyone in jail. God has sent me to earth to build your schools, make electricity free, arrange water, and build hospitals. Let them do their work. I will do mine," he said.

The chief minister was speaking a day after a Delhi court



CM Arvind Kejriwal at the foundation stone laying ceremony of a new school building in Dwarka on Thursday. VIPIN KUMAR/HT PHOTO

issued him summons 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 ED into alleged irregularities in the Delhi excise policy 2021-22.

The court order came on a complaint by ED that Kejriwal had not appeared for questioning despite five summons. The CM has maintained that the summons were,

illegal, and politically motivated.

The school in Dwarka, set to be a three-storey building, will be ready by February 2025, officials said, adding it will serve the Dwarka and Palam areas. "Poverty can only be eradicated through education, not through speeches," Kejriwal said.

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva did not make a specific comment on the CM's remarks about the agencies. HT

WORLD BOOK FAIR AT PRAGATI MAIDAN FROM FEBRUARY 10

NEW DELHI: The 51st edition of the New Delhi World Book Fair (NDWBF), organised by the National Book Trust (NBT) of India, is all set to begin on February 10 at Pragati Maidan. The fair will continue till February 18 and will host over 2,000 stalls with books in multiple languages, NBT officials said on Thursday.

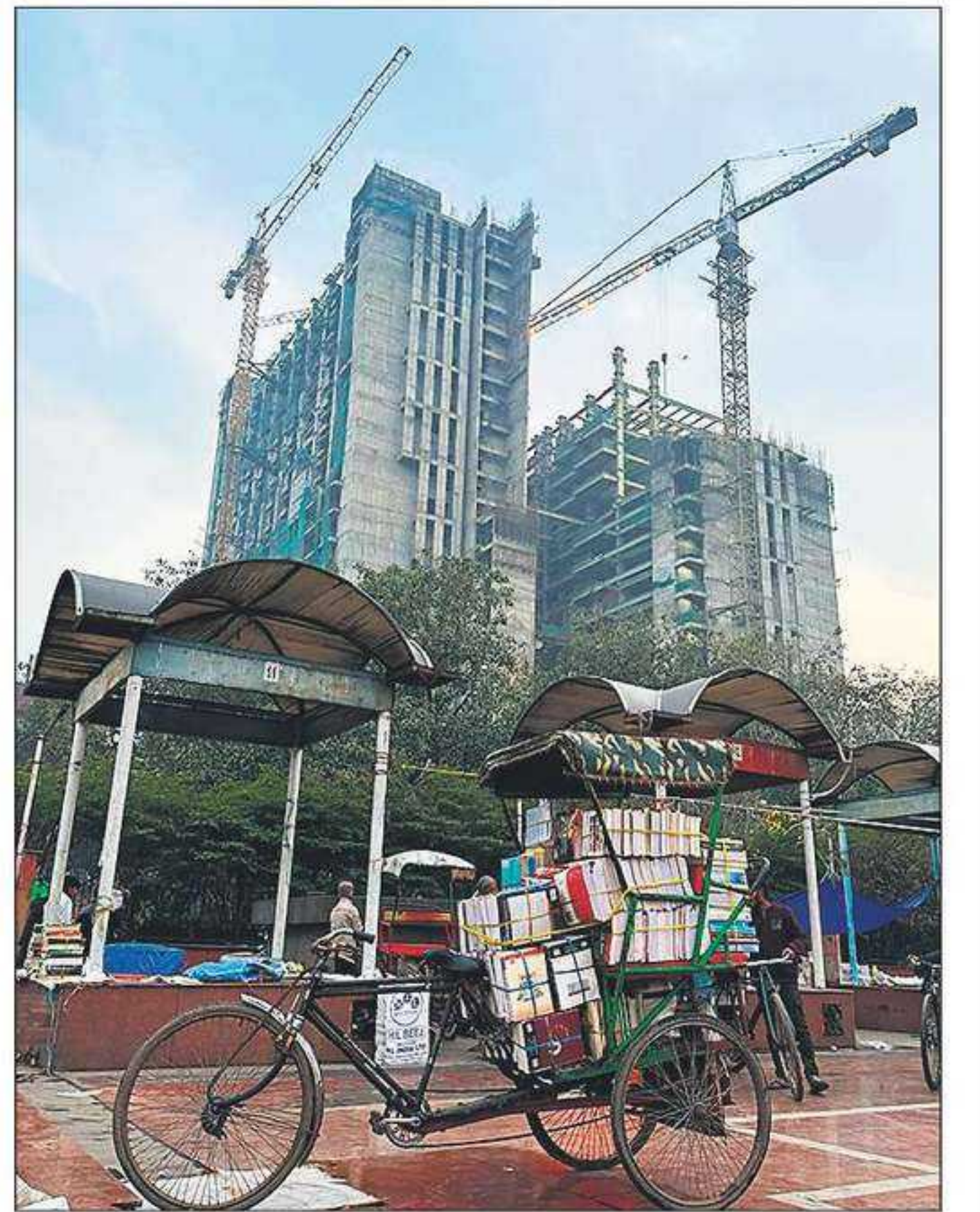
The officials added that besides books covering a variety of genres, braille books will also be available free of cost for visually impaired children. Union minister for education Dharmendra Pradhan will inaugurate the event.

"We are committed to developing a reading culture and the easier it is to access books, the faster we will achieve that goal," said Yuvraj Malik, director of NBT, at a press conference. Hema Maity, general manager, ITPO, co-organiser of the event said that the entry to the fair is free for children in school uniforms, senior citizens and differently abled.

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The story of Delhi's weekly market for used books goes back to the 1960s, when it first opened on the outskirts of the Walled City, along the mile-long pave of Daryaganj, extending from Delite Cinema to Dilli Gate to the non-existent Lohe wala Pul foot-over bridge.

That aspect has already been chronicled in these pages. But one of the most memorable features of the Sunday Book Bazar is not about those moments when you fish out a rare edition of a beloved classic, but when the bazar starts to wind down by the day's end. The last book buyers are leaving the place. Thousands of unsold books are piled up in the many stalls, to be dispatched back to their warehouses. The sight is like a Beating Retreat ceremony for bibliophiles, making for a distinctive Delhi experience.

Some years ago, this was the day-end scene as witnessed on a Sunday evening (see left), when the bazar existed on the Daryaganj pave: It's 5.30 pm and the crowd has thinned. The exhausted sellers and their assistants are wordlessly piling up their unsold books. The indifferent traffic is flowing down the busy road. Near Golcha cinema, a boy hauls huge stacks of John Le Carré novels into a rickshaw, his arms slick with sweat despite the chill. On the pavement in front of Hotel Broadway (now closed), a chap is flipping through a guidebook on Czechoslovakia—a country that no longer exists.

Cut to 2024. This is the evening scene in Mahila Haat, as seen last Sunday (see right): It's 5.30 pm. The crowd has thinned. Rickshaws and autos are parked across the plaza, stacked with unsold books. Booksellers are taking down their yellow and blue canvas sheets—it was raining, and the sellers used them to protect the books from getting wet. As if an entire city were being dismantled.

The Mahila Haat is exited by a steep slope, and many rickshaw pullers hauling the books back to warehouses are pulling their weighty rickshaws with great caution along the slope. Outside the gate, a handful of ram laddu sellers are stationed, with their remains of the day.

Dear readers, this Sunday, go in the evening, instead of the morning, to witness the bazar's poignancy.



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The opposition Congress said the White Paper is aimed at hiding "the dark truth".

"Laughable that after a decade in power, the BJP comes out with a White Paper on our performance, because they have no real accomplishments to speak of," Congress general secretary in-charge KC Venugopal said in a post on X, formerly Twitter.

The 59-page document is divided in three parts — one, the macroeconomic situation of India under the Congress-led UPA; two, the numerous corruption scandals that marked the decade (2004-14); and three, how the NDA turned the economy around, rebuilt India's image, and rekindled people's hopes and aspirations for a better future.

"They inherited a healthy economy and bequeathed an enfeebled one to us. We have restored its vitality," the document said.

While presenting the interim budget in the Parliament on February 1, Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that the government would present a White Paper. Stating that the legacy issues that this government inherited "have been overcome", and "the economy has been put firmly on a high sustainable growth path", she said "it is now appropriate to look at where we were then till 2014 and where we are now, only for the purpose of drawing lessons from the mismanagement of those years".

The White Paper accused the previous government of mismanaging the economy. Ironically, the UPA leadership, which seldom fails to take credit for the 1991 reforms, abandoned reforms after coming to power in 2004, it said. "Even as the country was standing at the cusp of emerging as a powerful economy, little was done by the UPA government to build upon the

strong foundation laid by the previous NDA government (led by Atal Bihari Vajpayee)," it added.

The UPA government suffered policy paralysis, it said. "In sum, under the UPA government, the economy lost its way," it said citing the Economic Survey of 2012-13 which stated: "While India's recent slowdown is partly rooted in external causes, domestic causes are also important."

The document said that the UPA government was riddled by corruption in various activities such as procurement, allocation of natural resources, and regulatory approvals. "The scams and corruption cases had shaken confidence of the people," it added, citing the current status of some of the high-profile cases such as matters related to irregularities in allocation of coal blocks, the organisation of the Commonwealth Games, the allocation of 2G spectrum and licences, the Saradha Chit Fund fraud, the INX Media, Aircel-Maxis, Adarsh housing society and J&K cricket association cases, the Antrix-Devas, Embraer, Pilatus, Augusta Westland and Hawk deals, the Railways land for job racket, and the irregular allotment of prime land in Panchkula and Gurgaon.

Almost all of these cases involve politicians from parties that are constituents of the INDIA opposition bloc.

The paper cited the irregularities and corruption in allocation of coal blocks to private companies for captive use, that led to an estimated loss of Rs 1.86 lakh crore to the exchequer, as estimated by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India. The Supreme Court cancelled 204 such allocations, the document added. "Final Reports have been filed in the Courts in 47 Cases, and 10 cases are under investigation. In 14 cases the accused have been convicted by the trial courts. Remaining cases are under trial."

Similarly, in the Commonwealth Games case, charge-sheets were filed in eight cases which are under trial. In the 2G case, which involved a loss of about Rs 1.76 lakh crore of potential revenue to the government, as estimated by CAG (at the rates paid for 3G spectrum), the cases are in the appellate court, it said. So are the INX Media case and the Air-

cel-Maxis case.

In the Antrix-Devas deal, the Supreme Court has confirmed the finding of fraud and a charge-sheet for the criminal offence has been filed, the paper said. And other cases are either under investigation or trail, it added.

BJP MP KS Laxman said, "They (Congress) have been exposed for what they did in 2004-14, all the scams and corruption. In 2014-24, development, welfare schemes for the poor, direct beneficiary transfer, money is reaching directly to the bank accounts of the poor... People came to know about the difference. People will teach them a lesson in the coming times..."

When the Narendra Modi-

led NDA government took over in 2014, it recognised the urgent need to revamp and overhaul systems and processes, to help India advance on the path of development while also bolstering its macroeconomic foundations, the paper said.

"Our government, armed with political and policy stability, recognised the need to make tough decisions for the greater economic good. Restoring dynamism in the economy, optimism in our minds and pride in our achievements was a task that was left to us to achieve."

Transformative reforms since 2014 led to the rise of the Indian economy despite unprecedented obstacles of

external origin such as pandemic and geopolitical disturbances. "From being the 10th largest in 2014, India has surpassed many giants to become the fifth largest economy in 2023 (but for the pandemic in 2020, we would have become the 5th largest at least two years earlier) and is slated to become the third largest by 2027 as per IMF projections," the paper said.

The paper highlighted quality of projects and speed of implementation. The pace of national highway construction rose from 12km a day in 2015 to 28km per day in FY23, it said.

"While the UPA government laid nearly 16,000 km length of national highways in their 10 years of governance, our gov-

ernment has already done at least three times better than this in its nearly 10-year rule. From FY15 to FY23, the length of national highways increased from 0.98 lakh km to 1.45 lakh km," it said.

Rather than employing quick fixes, the government undertook bold reforms to nurture coming decades of economic performance, the paper said. "Looking back at the last ten years, we can say with humility and satisfaction that we have successfully overcome the challenges left behind by the previous government," the White Paper said.

"That said, we are not resting on our laurels. There are miles to go and mountains to scale before we sleep."

House panel: Extend smart cities mission

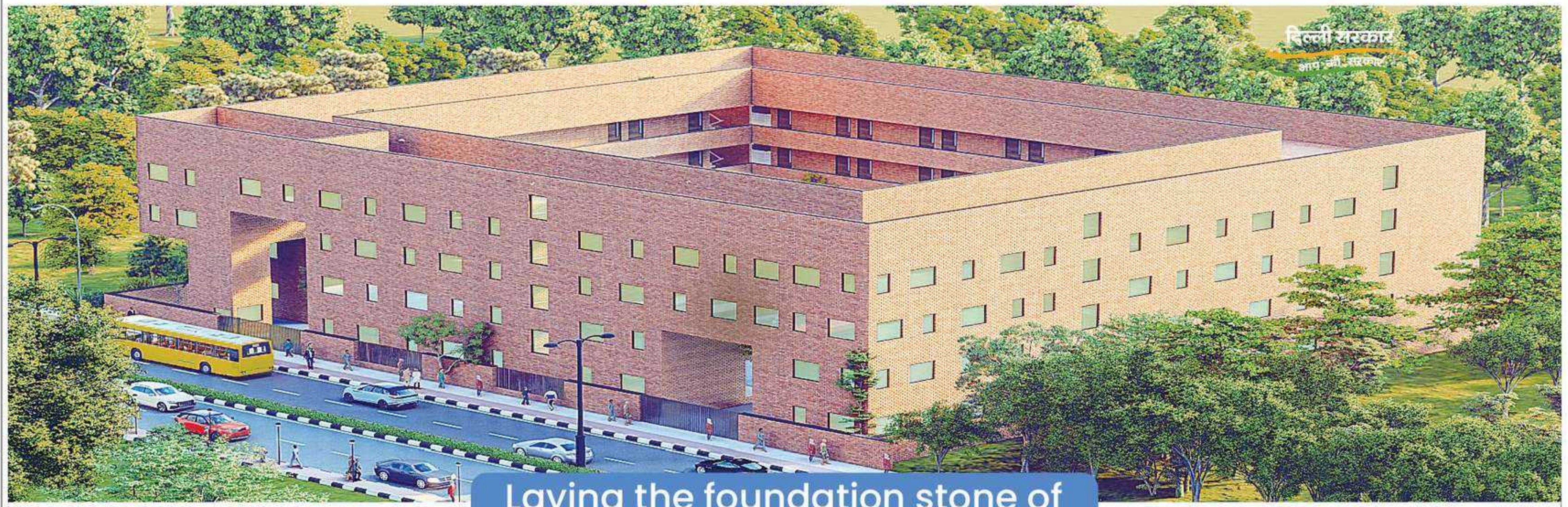
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NEW DELHI: The flagship Smart Cities Mission should be extended with a focus on second-tier cities to decongest state capitals and the special purpose vehicles (SPVs) created to run the mission be continued, the parliamentary standing committee on housing and urban affairs recommended in its report tabled in parliament on Thursday.

The panel asked the union ministry of housing and urban affairs (MoHUA) to handhold cities to complete the projects even after the mission's deadline

of June 2024.

According to the report, Madurai was the only among the 100 smart cities to complete all projects by December 2023, the previously proposed deadline for the completion of the projects. Fifty-six cities completed more than 80% of the work in the same time frame. However, the progress of work was 50% or below 50% in 14 cities by then. Projects in Gangtok, Atal Nagar, Shillong, Silvassa, Itanagar, Puducherry, Saharanpur, and Port Blair completed only were in phases of completion between 16% and 39%, the committee's report said.

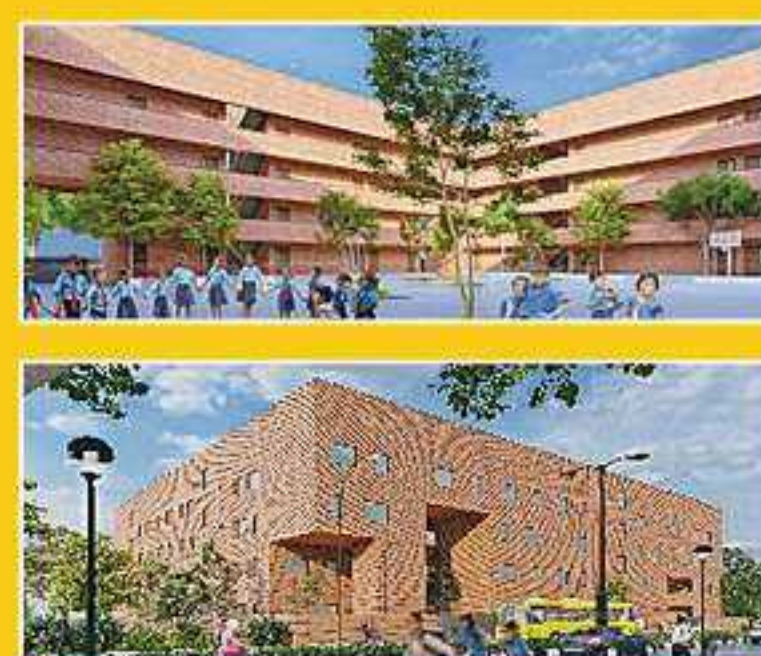


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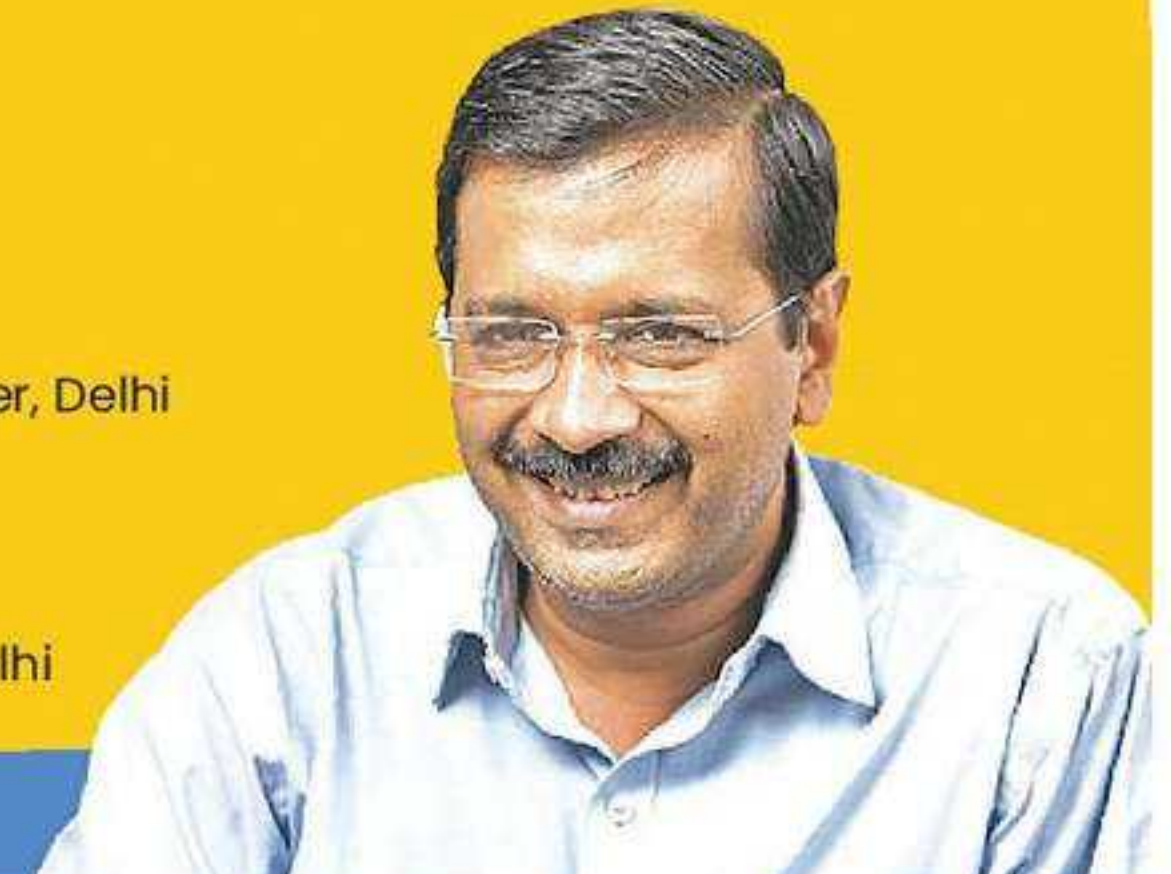
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After K'taka, Kerala holds stir on fund disbursement

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NEW DELHI: Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan was on Thursday joined by his Delhi counterpart Arvind Kejriwal and Tamil Nadu minister Palaniivel Thaignarajan along with other INDIA bloc leaders at a "financial injustice" protest in Delhi as he alleged the Centre's "undemocratic Union over states" mentality was "crippling" the federal structure of the country.



Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal, CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury, Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan and Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann with others during the LDF's protest, in New Delhi. RAJ K RAU/HT

The Left Democratic Front's demonstration at Jantar Mantar came a day after the Congress-led Karnataka government held a similar protest against the Centre's alleged "financial discrimination" in the national capital, a charge refuted by finance minister Nirama Sitharaman on Wednesday.

The Opposition-ruled southern states have alleged that their share of central taxes have fallen since the implementation of the 15th finance commission, adding the Centre has imposed "arbitrary" restrictions on borrowings by the state government by underestimating GSDP (Gross State Domestic Product) growth rate.

Addressing the gathering, Vijayan said a democracy that was envisaged as a "Union of States" is slowly and steadily being crippled into an undemocratic "Union over States". "We are seeing its manifestations around the country, especially in opposition ruled states," he said. "We have all come together to register our strong protest against this and to preserve the federal structure of India."

Asserting that February 8, 2024 will be a "red letter day" in the history of the republic of India, he said: "Today we are marking the beginning of a renewed fight that would herald a dawn of ensuring equitable treatment of the states. This fight would also strive to maintain a balance in the Centre-state relations."

Alleging that the fiscal policies of the Bharatiya Janata Party-led Centre are financially stifling the state, the Kerala government has claimed the Centre has curtailed ₹57,400 crore in the state receipts in the current fiscal. It has alleged the state's borrowing entitlement as per the Centre's own criteria has been denied in the current fiscal.

Vijayan demanded immediate payment of GST compensation and revenue deficit grant, fair tax devolution, settlement of pending

central grants, and preservation of funds for healthcare and MGNREGS benefits.

While there has been a "rapid rise" in Centre's revenue earned through cess and surcharge, Vijayan alleged "not a single penny of it is shared with the states".

Kejriwal alleged the Narendra Modi government was waging a war against the opposition-run state governments which together represent almost half of the country's population. The Aam Aadmi Party chief added that by not giving due funds to the opposition-ruled states, the Centre was hindering work through governors and lieutenant governors.

"Almost half of the states have opposition governments, which represent about 70 crore [70 million] people, half of the country's population. At this moment it

seems the central government has waged a war against the opposition governments. Does the Centre not consider these 70-crore people as their own? Do you not consider the people of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Delhi, Punjab, West Bengal as yours?" Kejriwal said.

He added Vijayan is not protesting for money for his family. "He is asking for money for the people of Kerala. Today the Punjab CM has come to ask for funds for his three-crore people. I have come to demand the rights of my two-crore people of Delhi," Kejriwal added.

Thaignarajan, who represented the DMK—a key INDIA bloc partner—at the protest, accused the Centre of not providing funds for vital infrastructure projects and for relief after devastating floods in Tamil Nadu in November from the National Disaster Relief Fund.

CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury attacked PM Modi for accusing the opposition of trying to create a north-south divide.

"...The PM needs to understand India's geography. Mr Kejriwal is not south, Mr Mann is not south, Mr Farooq Abdullah from Kashmir is not south. Perhaps he does not know about the geography of India. This is not a north-south fight, it is for the rights given by the Constitution," Yechury said.

On Wednesday, when Karnataka Congress leaders held a protest in Delhi, Modi accused the Congress of creating narratives that seek to divide the nation.

(Inputs from Alope KN Mishra in Delhi and Vishnu Varma in Kochi)

CANADA MEDDLING IN OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS, NOT THE REVERSE, SAYS MEA

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NEW DELHI: India on Thursday rejected allegations by Canadian authorities about Indian interference in that country's elections, with New Delhi calling on Ottawa to take "effective measures" to address concerns about meddling in India's internal affairs.

Reports in the Canadian media had cited a report prepared by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) as saying that "India engages in FI (foreign interference) activities". The report had also stated while China remains the greatest concern for Canadian authorities in terms of interference in elections, the Indian side too allegedly engages in such activities.

External affairs ministry spokesman Randhir Jaiswal told a media briefing that the Indian side has seen media reports about a Canadian commission inquiring into interference in elections in that country. "We strongly reject all such baseless allegations of Indian interference in Canadian elections. It is not government of India's policy to interfere in democratic processes of other countries," Jaiswal said. "...quite on the reverse, it is Canada which has been interfering in our internal affairs. We have been raising this issue regularly with the [Canadian side]. We continue to call on Canada to take effective measures to address our core concerns," he said, referring to Delhi's accusation that Canadian diplomats had been meddling in domestic affairs.

{ IN MALDIVES }

India: Technical staff to replace personnel

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NEW DELHI: India on Thursday said military personnel deployed in the Maldives to operate and maintain two helicopters and an aircraft used for medical evacuations and humanitarian missions will be replaced by "competent Indian technical personnel".

The two countries are currently engaged in discussions on the withdrawal of more than 75 Indian military personnel from the Indian Ocean archipelago following Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu's demand that they be removed by March 15. Following the second meeting of a high-level core group created by the two sides to sort out the issue, India had said on February 2 that both countries had agreed on "mutually workable solutions" for operating the three aircraft. The Maldivian foreign ministry said India would replace military personnel for one aircraft by March 10 and complete replacing all the personnel by May 10.

"I would like to say that the present personnel will be

THE COUNTRIES ARE CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN DISCUSSIONS ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF MORE THAN 75 INDIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL

replaced by competent Indian technical personnel," external affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal told a regular media briefing without giving details.

A third meeting of the high-level core group will be held "subsequently", Jaiswal said.

People familiar with the matter said the Indian side is considering several options to replace the military personnel currently in the Maldives to operate two ALH helicopters and a Dornier aircraft that were provided by New Delhi. One option is replacing the military personnel with civilian operators familiar with the two platforms, including retired personnel from the three services with experience of flying and maintaining the aircraft.

the people said.

Muizzu, who is widely perceived as being close to China, has sought to move the Maldives away from dependence on India in crucial sectors such as food security and defence following his victory in last year's presidential election. Besides finalising arrangements with Sri Lanka for medical evacuation services, Muizzu's government has signed agreements with Turkey to procure wheat and drones to be used for maritime surveillance.

However, Jaiswal said India is committed to its development partnership with the Maldives. He noted that the budgetary allocation for the Maldives in the outlay for the external affairs ministry in the budget for 2024-25 was ₹779 crore, up from the ₹600 crore projected earlier. "We remain an important, committed development partner for the Maldives," he said.

The Maldives has been one of the biggest beneficiaries of India's "Neighbourhood First" policy and New Delhi has poured billions of dollars, including grants and soft loans, into development and infrastructure projects in the archipelago.

Migrant worker from Punjab injured in Srinagar terror attack succumbs

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SRINAGAR: A migrant worker from Punjab, who was shot at by terrorists in a targeted attack in Srinagar, succumbed to the injuries on Thursday morning, officials aware of the matter said.

On Wednesday, terrorists opened fire on 31-year-old Amritpal Singh, a carpenter, and his associate, 27-year-old Rohit Masih, both from Amritsar, in the Shaheed Ganj area. While Singh died on the spot, Rohit was rushed to the Shri Maharaja

Hari Singh Hospital.

He was moved to the Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) for treatment but died due to the gunshot wounds, officials aware of the matter said.

SKIMS medical superintendent Dr Farooq Jan said Masih died due to his injuries on Thursday morning.

Inspector general of police (Kashmir range) VK Bardi said they have stepped up security measures and intensified efforts to nab the guilty.

"We have already intensified

patrolling, and are working on solving the case," said Bardi.

Political leaders from across party lines condemned the attack on the migrant workers, calling it "barbaric" and demanding strict action against the culprits.

Wednesday's attack was the first on migrant workers in Kashmir this year. In 2023, one non-local worker was killed by terrorists in the Valley.

People from different walks of life held demonstrations in Pulwama, Kulgam, Handwara and Anantnag against the killings.

Water pollution bill passed in Lok Sabha

NEW DELHI: The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Bill, 2024 was passed in Lok Sabha on Thursday. The bill which decriminalises almost all penal provisions in the earlier 1974 law, was passed in the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday. The modified law will provide an impetus to industries and make progress towards environmental protection at the same time. Union environment minister Bhubender Yadav said while tabling the bill in the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday, "One of the major provisions is decriminalising all penal provisions..." the Union environment minister said.

2 dead, 6 injured in Pune metal unit explosion

PUNE: Two people were killed and six others sustained burn injuries following an explosion in the premises of a defunct metal unit and subsequent fire that spread to adjacent areas, including an electric transformer, near a village in Pune district on Thursday, said a senior police officer. "Earlier, locals informed us that there was an explosion in the transformer and the resultant fire spread to adjoining areas, including a room, and people standing on the road were injured. However, now it looks like the explosion took place inside a room in a defunct metal unit," Shivaji Pawar, deputy commissioner of police (Zone I), said

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Notice Inviting Offer cum Request For Proposal (RFP)

NIT No: ADC/TT/HO/MCD/2024/D-894 Dated 07.02.2024

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The MCD invites online technical and financial proposals through <https://etenders.gov.in> from interested developers/ Toll Plaza Operators to collect Toll Tax from specified commercial vehicles, upgrade/modify, operate, and maintain 154 toll plazas/posts/barriers locations bordering Delhi. In addition to toll collection, the contractor shall also separately collect ECC as per actual basis and deposit the same on weekly basis. The work shall be granted for a period of 3 years. Reserve Price (for Toll amount only): Rs. 847.00 crores annually. Tender Cost Rs.1.00 lakh & EMD = Rs.17.00 crores. Any Firm /Entity in the form of Proprietor/Partnership /Pvt. Ltd. /Ltd. and JV may submit their proposal.

Pre-bid conference – 16.02.2024 at 03:00 PM at Conference Hall at 23rd Floor, Dr. SPM Civic Centre, Minto Road, New Delhi. Submission of Technical and Financial Proposal/Bid through Online mode only available at <https://etenders.gov.in>
Last date of submission of Proposal 29.02.2024 on or before 03.00 P.M. (IST) Date of opening of Technical Bids 01.03.2024 at 03.30 P.M. (IST)
For project background, Broad role of contractor, Eligibility Criteria, Selection Process and any other detailed information please refer NIT & RFP documents uploaded on website <https://etenders.gov.in>.

R.O. No.83/DPI/MCD/2023-24 For Commissioner, MCD

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
Public Works Department
Executive Engineer, P.W. (North) Division, Dhule-424001
E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 51 / 2023-2024

Online Tenders (e-tender) in "B-1" form for the 05 (Five) works are invited by the Executive Engineer, P.W. (North) Division, Dhule, (Phone no. 02562-288763) on Government of Maharashtra Electronic Tender Management System. <http://mahatenders.gov.in> from any bidder who satisfy the qualifying criteria.

As per above tender notice, 05 (Five) works, detail tender information will be available at <http://mahatenders.gov.in> and can be downloaded from 09/02/2024 at 18:00 hrs to 17/02/2024 at 17:45 hrs.

Opening of above works On 20/02/2024 Time 11:00 Hours (If possible) in the office of the Superintending Engineer, P.W. Circle, Dhule

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

DGIPR/2023-24/ROC 7956

Ministry of Science and Technology
Department of Science and Technology
WISE-KIRAN Division

Consolidation of University Research for Innovation and Excellence (CURIE) in Women Institutions

Proposal Call for Women's PG Colleges under CURIE (2023-24)

Proposals are invited for consideration of support to 'Women's PG Colleges' under the Scheme "Consolidation of University Research for Innovation and Excellence (CURIE) in Women Institutions" of the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India. The programme is intended to provide basic infrastructure and enabling facilities for Science & Engineering Departments to promote R&D activities in new and emerging areas and to attract fresh talents in Women Educational Institutions.

Proposals from Women's PG Colleges shall be considered for maximum support up to Rs. 150 lakhs (25% share of non-recurring to be done by private colleges) for Teaching as well as Research facilities to the S&T Departments for 3 years. The facilities will be provided to the College as per the requirement of the post-graduate S&T departments. All Women Colleges having Science Departments with strong postgraduate teaching and research programs which have existence for at least 3 years or more are eligible for the programme. The College should be accredited by NAAC with a minimum B Grade.

The detailed advertisement may be seen at **Call for Proposals I Department Of Science & Technology (dst.gov.in)**

Proposal submission: Only at e-PMS (onlinedst.gov.in) under 'Consolidation of University Research for Innovation and Excellence (CURIE)' in the prescribed format available at e-PMS (onlinedst.gov.in) and at the DST website (www.dst.gov.in). **There is no need to submit hard copies of the proposal.**

Contact person: Dr. Vineta Kumari, Scientist-C, WISE-KIRAN Division, Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi-110016 through email: vineta.m246@gov.in.

Last Date of Proposal Submission: March 31, 2024

CBC 36101/11/0023/2324

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EXTRACT OF THE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (₹ In Crore)

S. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended		Nine Months ended		Year ended		Consolidated	
		31.12.2023	31.12.2022	31.12.2023	31.12.2022	31.03.2023	31.03.2022	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
		(Un-audited)	(Un-audited)	(Un-audited)	(Un-audited)	(Audited)	(Un-audited)	(Un-audited)	(Un-audited)
1	Total Income from Operations	11,467.61	11,280.96	33,561.65	33,130.17	45,227.52	11,819.70	11,530.22	34,607.73
2	Net Profit before Tax from Continuing Operations (including Regulatory Deferral Account Balances (net of tax))	4,629.76	3,935.50	12,975.66	12,126.38	17,243.38	4,815.77	3,975.34	13,389.15
3	Net Profit after Tax from Continuing Operations	3,970.23	3,643.80	11,249.71	10,957.77	15,124.54	4,028.25	3,645.29	11,406.83
4	Net Profit after Tax from Discontinued Operation	-	57.85	97.13	160.96	211.00	-	-	-
5	Net Profit after Tax for the period	3,970.23	3,701.65	11,346.84	11,118.73	15,335.54	4,028.25	3,645.29	11,406.83
6	Total Comprehensive Income comprising Net Profit after Tax and Other Comprehensive Income	3,971.76	3,552.58	11,141.74	11,048.71	15,228.84	4,029.66	3,496.27	11,201.34
7	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face value of share: ₹10/- each)	9,300.60	6,975.45	9,300.60	6,975.45	6,975.45	9,300.60	6,975.45	9,300.60
8	Reserves (including Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Balance sheet	77,651.74	75,176.32	77,651.74	75,176.32	75,868.73	77,893.44	75,250.45	77,893.44
9	Securities Premium Account	5,509.28	7,834.43	5,509.28	7,834.43	5,509.28	7,834.43	5,509.28	7,834.43
10	Net worth	86,952.34	82,151.77	86,952.34	82,151.77	82,844.18	87,194.04	82,225.90	83,026.29
11	Total Borrowings	119,326.51	128,658.12	119,326.51	128,658.12	126,594.90	119,326.51	128,658.12	126,594.90
12	Debt Equity Ratio	1.37	1.57	1.37	1.57	1.53	1.37	1.56	1.37
13	Earnings per equity share from continuing and discontinued operations including movement in Regulatory Deferral Account Balances (Face value of ₹10/- each): Basic and Diluted (in ₹)	4.27	3.98	12.20	11.95	16.49	4.33	3.92	12.26
14	Earnings per equity share from continuing and discontinued operations including movement in Regulatory Deferral Account Balances (Face value of ₹10/- each): Basic and Diluted (in ₹)	4.15	3.72	12.62	11.65	16.21	4.21	3.67	12.69
15	Bonds Redemption Reserve	3,035.87	4,684.26	3,035.87	4,684.26	4,168.17	3,035.87	4,684.26	4,168.17
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1.71	1.81	1.52	1.97	1.52	1.76	1.82	1.54
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	3.84	3.31	3.96	3.97	3.93	4.00	3.34	4.03

Notes:

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Consolidated and Standalone Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulations 33 and 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Consolidated and Standalone Financial Results is available on the Investors section of our website <https://www.powergrid.in> and under Corporates Section of BSE Limited & National Stock Exchange of India Limited at <https://www.bseindia.com> and <https://www.nseindia.com> respectively.
- Previous periods figures have been regrouped/rearranged wherever considered necessary.

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(CIN: U85310UP2018SC102425) (A Government of U.P. Undertaking)
Address: SIDA Bhawan, 7/3, Sector-7, Gomi Nagar Extension, Lucknow. Website: www.upmsc.in E-Mail: gm.usmc@upmsc.in Contact No: 0522-2838102
Ref No- UPMSC/08/2024/1605 **GEM Tender for procurement of Equipments for District Drug Warehouse** Date: 07.02.2024

Uttar Pradesh Medical Supplies Corporation Limited, Lucknow invites tenders on GeM Portal from eligible and qualified bidders to supply Equipments for 4 UPMSC district drug warehouses (Sitapur, Barabanki, Raebareilly, Shahjahanpur). The schedules of Tendering activities are as here under:

S. No.	Description of Item for tender	Equipments Name as on GeM	Tender No. on GeM	Comencement of Downloading of Tender Document	Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting	Last Date & Time of Submission of Online Bids	Date & Time of Technical Opening of Bids	Date & Time of Financial Evaluation
1	Heavy Duty Storage Racks (Q3 Category)	HEAVY DUTY STORAGE RACKS (Q3 Category)	GEM/2024/B/4582862	06.02.2024	16.02.2024 Time 3.00 PM in conference Hall of UPMSC, HQ, Lko.	26.02.2024 up to 05:30 PM	26.02.2024 up to 03:30 PM	To be declared on GeM Portal
2	Plastic Pallets (Injection Moulded) (Q3 Cat.)	HDPE/PE Plastic Pallets (Injection Moulded) (Q3 Cat.)	GEM/2024/B/4589197	06.02.2024	16.02.2024 Time 4.00 PM in conference Hall of UPMSC, HQ, Lko.	27.02.2024 up to 03:30 PM	27.02.2024 up to 03:30 PM	To be declared on GeM Portal
3	Semiautomatic Hydraulic Stacker (Q3 Category)	Stacker (Q3 Category)	GEM/2024/B/4589705	06.02.2024	16.02.2024 Time 4.30 PM in conference Hall of UPMSC, HQ, Lko.	27.02.2024 up to 04:00 PM	27.02.2024 up to 04:30 PM	To be declared on GeM Portal

The details of tender notice are given on GeM Portal & UPMSC website www.upmsc.in. Kindly check GeM Portal & UPMSC website for any detail & updates.
Department of Medical Health & Family Welfare, Uttar Pradesh

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તારીખ: - 23-24/19 ફેબ્રુઆરી 2024. **TENDER NOTICE** Date: 23.01.2024
IREL (India) Limited, Chavara invites Bid for the following items / job descriptions:

Sl. No. / Event No.	સામાન્ય ભાવે સંક્ષેપ્ત / Job/Item Description
GEM/2024/B/4574717	Mechanical Loading & Transportation of Spirai output from Vellanathuruthu mining area to IREL Chavara Plant through KEMM, Laga area or HSE 66.
GEM/2024/B/4575480	Excavation, collection, heaping, loading and transportation of mineral sand from Kovaltham area to HUP mineral sand yard and Loading, transportation and levelling of tails sand from HUP/MSP Tail's yard, IREL Chavara to the excavated pits at Kovaltham area.
GEM/2024/B/4575581	Manual collection of mineral sand from beach front by engaging VT/Ponmana team members, transportation of mineral sand from VT/Ponmana mining area and unloading near to spirai plant at VT mining site.

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Reforms, clarity of leadership led to turnaround, says White Paper

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NEW DELHI: The Narendra Modi government's turnaround of the Indian economy from among the "Fragile Five" in the world to the fifth largest in the world in 10 years is a result of prudent counter-cyclical macroeconomic policy, commitment to reforms and clarity of political leadership compared to policy paralysis, fiscal irresponsibility and corruption under the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government, a White Paper released by the government on Thursday said.

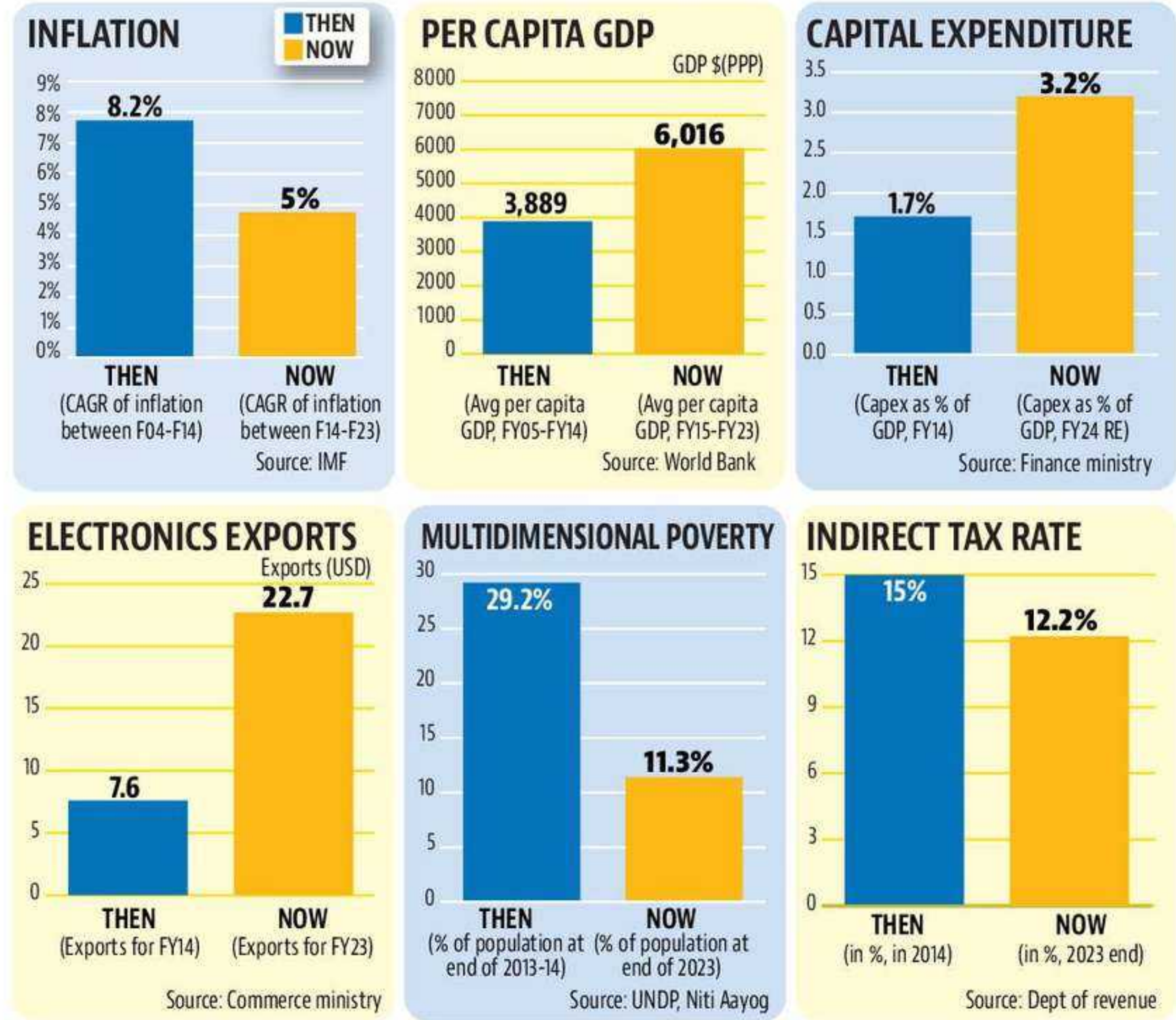
The document accused the UPA-regime of severely undermining the country's macroeconomic foundations in its quest to maintain high economic growth by any means after the global financial crisis of 2008. "One such foundation that was severely weakened by the UPA government was price stability. Inflation raged between 2009 and 2014 and the common man bore the brunt. High fiscal deficits for six years between FY09 and FY14 heaped misery on ordinary and poorer households. Over the five-year period from FY10 to FY14, the average annual inflation rate was in double digits. Between FY04 and FY14, average annual inflation in the economy was 8.2%," it said.

The banking crisis was one of the most infamous legacies of the UPA government, the paper added. "The banking crisis in 2014 was massive, and the absolute sum at stake was too large. Gross advances by public sector banks were only ₹6.6 lakh crore in March 2004. In March 2012, it was ₹39.0 lakh crore. Further, not all problem loans were recognised. There was much under the hood."

Citing a Credit Suisse report published in March 2014, it said the top 200 companies with an interest coverage ratio of less than one owed about ₹8.6 lakh crore to banks. Nearly 44% of those loans (₹3.8 lakh crore) were yet to be recognised as problem assets. In 2018, in a written response to a Parliamentary Panel, a former governor

Then and now: Turning the economy around

In a White Paper presented in Parliament on Thursday, the Modi government highlighted how key parameters of Indian economy have transformed. A look at some of the key then-and-now figures given in the report



of the Reserve Bank of India said that "a larger number of the bad loans were originated in the period 2006-2008". "This note was prepared by Professor Raghuram G. Rajan on September 6, 2018 at the request of the Chairman of the Parliament Estimates Committee, Dr. Murlu Manohar Joshi, MP," it added.

The Modi government, once it assumed office, rejuvenated the reform agenda, restored the health of the financial sector, increased the share of capital spending in overall expenditure and also achieved fiscal consolidation while doing all these, the paper said. This has led to an improvement in India's international economic standing and the economy is at the cusp of sustained high growth

phase despite the global economic situation continuing to be volatile, it added.

"Our government, unlike its predecessor, invested in the foundations of the economy along with building a sturdy superstructure. Looking back at the last 10 years, we can say with humility and satisfaction that we have successfully overcome the challenges left behind by the previous government."

The additional argument, which the document makes - is more important from a political than economic standpoint - is that fiscal consolidation and the improvement in quality of government spending (capital over revenue) under the Modi government has been achieved without dialling

back on welfare programmes which have seen an expansion.

The document cites multiple statistics (it has a 'then and now' table comparing 35 indicators divided into three sub-categories of macroeconomy, physical and digital infrastructure, and secure future and ease of living from inflation to number of tap water connections) and observations by multilateral institutions to buttress its arguments. Among the most important comparisons made in the document are a lowering of inflation (8.2% under UPA and 5% under the Modi government), rise in inflation adjusted purchasing power parity per capita GDP, fall in multi-dimensional poverty, and a massive rise in direct benefit transfers to vulnera-

ble households.

While some of the comparisons which show the Modi government in positive light are a result of favourable exogenous factors - average Brent crude prices were above \$100 per barrel for three years ending 2013-14 and have never crossed this mark since - the document's criticism on issues such as reckless lending leading to a pile up of bad loans in India's financial system which precipitated a twin balance sheet crisis of stress in bank and company balance sheets and slowed down investments is not without merit. Similarly, the fact that the Modi government could get by without incurring higher fiscal deficits even during the pandemic and has committed to a faster than expected fiscal consolidation shows that it has more political capital than its predecessor to implement counter-cyclical fiscal policies.

In a very subtle way, the document also credits a centralised approach under the current government for better implementation of both welfare and infrastructure programmes under the current government than its predecessor. "Then, we had sporadic coverage of development programmes; now, we have 'saturation coverage' for providing basic necessities for all, with measured, targeted, and inclusive support for the needy and empowerment of all to pursue their aspirations", the document says. "The share of capital expenditure in the total spending by the Central Government, excluding interest payments improved to 28% in FY24 (RE) from 16% in FY14. Moreover, the efficiency of how capital was utilised improved due to "Whole of Government" approach using Gati Shakti and monitoring through Pragati", it added.

These observations suggest that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's clear leadership and authority in the current government has been a key factor in the macroeconomic turnaround the current government has achieved compared to its predecessor.

Payments happening to states on time: FM

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NEW DELHI: Tax devolution from the central pool to the states is based on recommendations of the Finance Commission without any exception, Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman assured members of Rajya Sabha on Thursday.

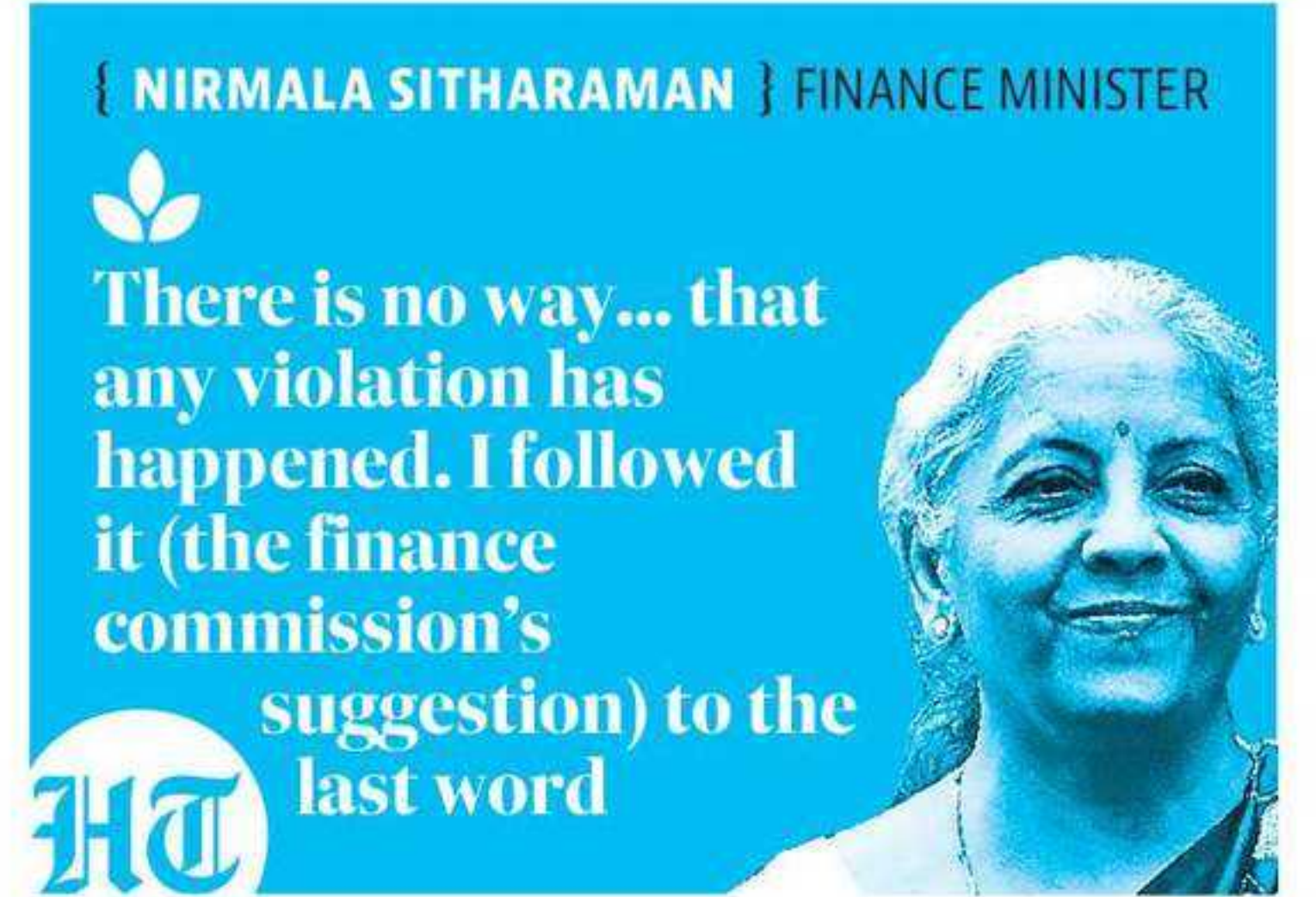
There has a significant jump in states' share in central taxes and grants during 10 years of the Narendra Modi-led NDA government as compared to the previous 10-year of the UPA regime, she said, responding to criticisms in the House and outside, from the southern states of Kerala and Tamil Nadu, which allege that the Union government is withholding tax revenues due to them.

"There is no way... that any violation has happened. I followed it (the Finance Commission's recommendation) to the last word," she said in the House while replying to the debate on the interim budget.

In the budget estimate (BE) of 2024-25, the total resources being transferred to states, including devolution of the states' share from the taxable pool, grants and loans, releases under the centrally-sponsored schemes, are expected to be ₹22,22,264 crore, an increase of ₹4,13,848 crore over the actuals of 2022-23. "This is 47% of the 2024-25 budget," she added.

"So, payments are happening to the states in time and there is no amount held back," she said, citing data related to Kerala and Tamil Nadu. Tax devolution to Kerala in the period 2004-14 was ₹46,303 crore. In the NDA regime - during 2014-24 (as on December 22, 2023), the total amount released to the state was ₹1,50,140 crore, a 224% increase, she said.

Apart from the tax devolution from the central pool, grants and aids from the Union government to Kerala in 2004-14 was ₹25,629.70 crore. This rose to ₹1,43,117 crore in 2014-24, she said. "So, compared to the 10 years of UPA, [in the]



nine years of NDA, there is 458% increase," she added.

Besides, the Union government released loans under the 50-year interest-free loans for capital expenditure of ₹82 crore in FY21, ₹239 crore in FY22, ₹1,903 crore in FY23. The scheme was started in the post-Covid period from 2020-21 for rapid economic recovery and to boost growth through public expenditure in creating infrastructure across the country.

In addition to this, ₹18,087 crore has also been provided to the state as an additional borrowing in 2020-21 in view of the pandemic, she said. Giving details of money released to Tamil Nadu, she said tax devolution for 10 years (2004-14) to the state during the UPA regime was ₹94,977 crore. As against that, during the current government - 2014-24 (as on December 22, 2023) - this amount rose to ₹2,77,444 crore, a 192% increase.

The state received grants from the Union government to the tune of ₹57,924.42 crore in 2004-14 (during the UPA regime) as compared to ₹2,30,893 crore, about four-time more or about 300% increase in the current NDA government, she said. Besides, the NDA government also gave special assistance of 50-year interest-free loan. While Tamil Nadu did not take the loan in the first year, in the second year,

(FY22) it received ₹505.50 crore for capital expenditure. The amount jumped to ₹3,263 crore in FY23 and as on December 11, 2023 (in FY24), it is ₹2,643.65 crore, she said.

The Rajya Sabha passed and returned the Finance Bill, 2024, the interim budget and other appropriation bills on Thursday, marking the end of the budget exercise in Parliament as the Lok Sabha passed these money bills on Wednesday.

Sitharaman told the House that the focus of the Modi government continues to remain on capital expenditure to sustain the higher GDP growth with ₹11.1 lakh crore capital expenditure plan in FY25. She also said that the government has not reduced any budget for key sectors, including welfare programmes and social sectors.

The House discussed the Union interim budget 2024-25, the Union finance Bill for FY25 and its supplementary demands for grants for 2023-24. It also discussed Jammu & Kashmir's interim budget for part-year of FY25 and its supplementary demands for grants pertaining to FY24.



BJP to publicise document on revival of economy as part of poll campaign

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NEW DELHI: The White Paper on economy tabled by Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman in Parliament on Thursday will form the bedrock of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)'s election campaign for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls as it sets about presenting a contrast between the Congress-led UPA rule that pushed the country to the list of "fragile five economies" and the BJP-led NDA that made mammoth efforts to bring the economy on track, said BJP leaders.

The BJP's campaign thrust will be on how their government revived economy, made India an investment destination and won the confidence of the people, said one of the party leaders cited above, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The 59-page document will be publicised across the country in the coming days, this person added.

"All state units of the party

THE WHITE PAPER WILL BE USED TO SHOW HOW EFFICIENT TAX COLLECTION HAS HELPED STATES GET THEIR DUES, BJP LEADERS SAID

will be publicising the contents of the White Paper and go to the masses with not just the details of how the UPA rule left the country's economy in shambles but the efforts that were required to pull the country out (of that quagmire)," the leader added.

At a time when chief ministers of several states, including Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala, have accused the Union government of withholding funds, the White Paper will be used to show how efficient tax collection has helped states get their dues. "We did not sit back and cry... we got down to making reforms, made laws to improve the sys-

tem and by giving the states their dues, we have ushered in reforms in all sectors," the leader said.

The idea for preparing the document that took a month to draft was mooted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "In an interview sometime in 2015-16, the PM said there was pressure on him to bring a White Paper, but that he believed it would not help anyone, that investors would be scared to come to India, and citizen confidence would erode. He made a conscious call not to take out the white paper then," the leader added.

Now, after a decade in power, the government wants to highlight the "effort that have been made, including overseas" to change perceptions and bring the country on track, the leader said. To be sure, the release of the document has been timed to maximise its resonance ahead of the polls.

Through the document, the party wants to showcase how the Prime Minister himself led

efforts to usher in change and make amends. "While dealing with issues in the banking sector, there were multiple meetings to figure out how to resolve the problem of NPAs (non-performing assets): ₹18,000 crore was legally seized by the Enforcement Directorate and given to the banks to recover their money," the leader quoted above said.

The document will be used by the party to underscore the legacy it inherited. "Take the example of the Kisan loan waiver, they did not follow the due process and ended up exacerbating the conditions of the farmers," the leader said, referring to the farm loan waiver widely credited with the Congress-led UPA's win in 2009.

The nationwide campaign will focus on the alleged governance deficit that left banks loaded with NPAs and resulted in the defence sector grappling with "critical shortage of ammunition and equipment", which had an adverse impact on national security.

'Strengthened democracy': Modi lauds Manmohan's contributions

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NEW DELHI: Ideological differences were set aside in the Rajya Sabha on Thursday when Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed the contributions of his predecessor, Manmohan Singh, and said he was one of those few esteemed members who will be remembered whenever democracy is discussed.

Modi, whose remarks came while bidding farewell to members retiring from the Upper House, also said that Singh's arrival in the House in a wheelchair was an inspiring example of a member's dedication to his duties.

Sixty-eight members of Rajya Sabha are retiring between February and May after completing their term. Nine Union ministers are among the MPs whose term will end in April. The terms of Singh (Rajasthan) and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president JP Nadra (Himachal Pradesh) are also ending in April.

Lauding Singh's contributions to the country, Modi said: "I would especially like to remember Dr Manmohan Singh ji. For six times he has been a member of this House and has made a huge contribution to this House with his valuable thoughts. As a leader and also as the Leader of the Opposition, he has made a very big contribution."

The PM, who has previously torn into Singh's policies and accused his administration of hurting the country's economy and internal security, said the veteran Congress leader arriving in the Rajya Sabha on a wheelchair was an example for other lawmakers.

Modi said Singh always participated during a vote to elect committee members or voting in the House. "His vote may not have given strength to the person, but it strengthened democracy," he said.

During the Monsoon session of Parliament last year, Singh, 91, arrived in the Rajya Sabha on a wheelchair during a discussion on the NCT of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2021, which effectively overruled a Supreme Court ruling and shifted control of the Capital's bureaucracy from the elected state government to the centrally appointed lieutenant governor. The bill was eventually cleared by both Houses and ratified by the President.

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NARENDRA MODI, PM

be discussed, he will be one of those few esteemed members whose contribution will always be remembered," Modi said.

Modi recalled how the former PM once arrived in the Rajya Sabha to vote on an issue (which he did not specify) and said that even though it was known that the Opposition did not have the required numbers to defeat the government, Singh was aware of his duties as a lawmaker and ensured his presence in the House.

The former PM will be remembered for how he "guided" the House and the country, Modi said. "Due to his long tenure guiding the House and the nation, he will figure in every discussion of the democracy of our nation," he said.

Singh was first elected to the Rajya Sabha in October 1991 after he became the Union finance minister. He had six terms in the Rajya Sabha - 1991, 1995, 2001, 2007, 2013 and 2019. He is currently a member of the Council of States from Rajasthan and his term ends on April 3.

As Modi gave his best wishes to all retiring members, he expressed hope that they will scale new heights after getting educated in this "eternal university". He also hoped that the country and the new generations would benefit from their experience.

The PM said while the Lok Sabha changes every five years and is adorned with a new look, the Rajya Sabha gets a new vitality and energy after every two years, which fills it with an atmosphere of new excitement and enthusiasm.

That is why, Modi added, the farewell every two years in this House is not a farewell, but leaves a priceless legacy with the indelible memories left behind for the new members. "This House is a symbol of continuity," he said.

After a storied career, former PM likely to retire from public life

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NEW DELHI: Former prime minister Manmohan Singh is likely to retire from public life after a five-decade-long storied career, people aware of the matter said on Thursday, adding that the 91-year-old leader's frail health had rendered discharging his duties as a parliamentarian very difficult.

Singh, who has been a member of the Upper House since 1991, has been unable to attend a single day of Parliament's Budget session this year and his last appearance in the House at the start of the Winter session for a single day. "He is mentally well, but finds it difficult to move," said an aide, requesting anonymity. "His return to the Rajya Sabha is out of the question."

The Congress refused to comment on his possible retirement.

He was unable to attend the session on Thursday, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi and former PM Deve Gowda lauded the senior Congress leader as they bid farewell to members retiring from the Upper House.

Singh, whose term as a Rajya Sabha member is scheduled to end in April, sent a letter to the chairperson of the House, expressing his inability to attend a dinner for the retiring members. He was also unable to be a part of the group photograph that captured the batch of lawmakers who became members of the Upper House in August 2019. "As a wheelchair user, he needs more than one person to accompany him when he attends the House," said the aide quoted above, adding that the layout of the new Parliament and security concerns also made his attendance tricky.

Singh's only public appearance this year was for his daughter's book launch at the India International Centre (IIC) this January, where he was present for an hour or so.

People aware of the matter said he informed the Congress that he wanted to give up his Rajya Sabha membership around a year ago. "Singh felt that there was no point continuing if he wasn't able to dis-



Former PM Manmohan Singh at Parliament House in 2011.

charge his duties fully," said the person cited above. The Rajya Sabha website shows that his last speech in the House was on November 2019, when he raised concerns about foreigners being held at a detention centre in Silchar in Assam.

The Congress's chief spokesperson Jairam Ramesh paid tribute to Singh in a post on X. "Dr. Manmohan Singh said: 1. History will be kinder to me. 2. It will be disastrous for the country to have Shri Narendra Modi as the Prime Minister. Both statements have been proved right today," Ramesh said.

Deve Gowda, during his speech, praised Singh, recalling how he shed tears during a discussion on the 2G spectrum scam because of "... the mistakes committed by some top Congress leaders."

Singh's exit will mark an end of public service that started in 1971 as economic advisor in (what was then known as) the ministry of foreign trade.

In the next 53 years, he served as chief economic advisor, governor of the Reserve Bank of India, finance secretary, University Grants Commission (UGC) chairman, and then finance minister and eventually two-term prime minister. He was credited with ushering in liberalisation in 1991 as finance minister, and safeguarding the country from the 2008 financial crisis as PM.

He entered the Rajya Sabha in October 1991, months after becoming finance minister in the PV Narasimha Rao government.

As Rajya Sabha deputy chair Harivansh put it, "Manmohan Singh's mildness, chivalry and dignity will always be remembered."

Cong releases Black Paper, says crimes, unemployment rose during BJP regime

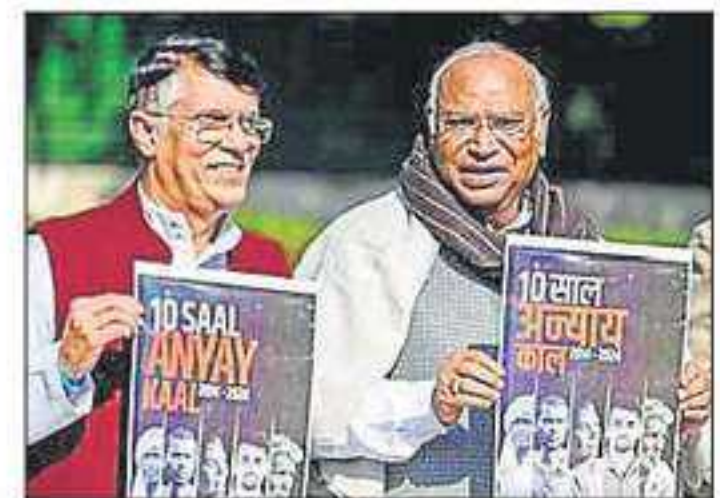
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NEW DELHI: The Congress on Thursday put out a Black Paper that claimed that the 10 years of the Narendra Modi government have led to economic catastrophe and high unemployment, and alleged that the government has reversed the structural transformation of the economy.

The document was released by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge hours before the Union government brought a White Paper on the Indian economy in which it slammed the United Progressive Alliance government and highlighted how it had turned around the Indian economy.

Speaking in Parliament on Thursday morning, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called the Congress's Black Paper a "kala tika", or good-luck charm, for the good work done by his government in the last 10 years.

Kharge was flanked by media cell chief Pawan Khera and Rajya Sabha MP Naseer Hussain when



Pawan Khera (left) with Mallikarjun Kharge

he released the 54-page document - "10 Saal Anyay Kaal: 2014-2024" (10 years of injustice) - that tried to blame the Union government for failures across fronts. "We are bringing out a Black Paper against the government. Whenever PM Modi presents his views in Parliament, he hides his failures. At the same time, when we speak about the failures of the government, it is not given importance. Therefore, we thought of bringing out a Black Paper and tell the public about the failures of the government," Kharge told reporters.

The Congress claimed the NDA's 10 years in power "devastated the country's economy,

aggravated unemployment, destroyed the country's agricultural sector, abetted crimes against women, and committed grave injustices against minorities in the country."

Calling it a "charge-sheet of BJP's injustices", the Congress argued that the last 10 years saw the highest unemployment in 45 years with one in every three graduates and postgraduates unemployed, citing Periodic Labour Force Survey data.

"India's workers have experienced a lost decade, with stagnant real wages. Wage growth has been less than 1% per year for all rural workers, and salaried workers now earn less... Economic blunders began this Anyay-Kaal even before Covid, but a nationwide lockdown with four hours of notice triggered a humanitarian crisis and disrupted the livelihood of four crore migrant workers. For weeks, they walked with their families back to their homes and survived only because of the UPA's MGNREGA scheme. Only billionaires get support from the Modi government,

through corporate tax cuts and PFI handouts," the Congress's document said.

Going beyond economic issues, the paper argued that crimes against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes increased by 48% in 2022 as compared to 2013, and said the government's refusal to hold another a caste census to enumerate OBCs was "an insult to those who are being denied representation in jobs and educational institutes because they are not being counted." It also questioned the government's silence on China's alleged encroachment into Indian territory.

The White Paper tabled in the Lok Sabha said the Modi government has "stabilised the economy and set it on a recovery and growth path." Civil aviation minister Jyotiraditya Scindia took potshots at the Congress, saying, "Those who have a black heart will take out Black Paper only. We don't have any expectation from the Congress... What they did in 65 years, PM Modi has already done 10 times more than that."

'Bail is rule, jail an exception does not apply in terror cases'

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NEW DELHI: Bail in terror cases must be rejected as a "rule" when courts have reasonable grounds to believe that the charges are prima facie true, the Supreme Court held on Thursday in a judgment that prescribes a "twin prong" test, severely narrowing the scope of bail under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA).

According to a bench of justices MM Sundresh and Arvind Kumar, the conventional idea in bail jurisprudence that the discretion of courts must tilt in favour of the oft-quoted phrase — "bail is the rule, jail is the exception" — does not find any place while dealing with bail applications under UAPA. In such instances, the bench noted, courts are merely examining if there is justification to reject bail.

It further underscored that the test for rejection of bail is quite plain under UAPA. "Bail must be rejected as a 'rule', if after hearing the public prosecutor and after perusing the final report or Case Diary, the court arrives at a conclusion that there are reasonable grounds for believing that the accusations are prima facie true," it said.

It is only if the test for rejection



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tion of bail is not satisfied, the bench held, that courts would proceed to decide the bail application in accordance with the 'tripod test' or 'triple test' — whether the accused is a flight risk, can influence witnesses and tamper with evidence.

Citing section 43D(5) of UAPA, the top court noted that the provision puts a complete embargo on the powers of the special court to release an accused on bail if there are reasonable grounds to believe that the allegations against the accused are prima facie true.

The judgment added: "The

courts are, therefore, burdened with a sensitive task on hand. In dealing with bail applications under UAPA, the courts are merely examining if there is justification to reject bail. The 'justifications' must be searched from the case diary and the final report submitted before the special court."

Discussing the "twin-prong test" while dealing with a bail plea of a man charged under UAPA, the bench noted that the question of ascertaining whether the accused is a flight risk or not; or whether he can influence witnesses and tamper with evidence will not even come up if he fails the first test and the court has prima facie satisfaction of his guilt.

"The question of entering the 'second test' of the inquiry will not arise if the 'first test' is satisfied. And merely because the first test is not satisfied, that does not mean that the accused is automatically entitled to bail. The accused will have to show that he successfully passes the 'tripod test',," it held.

In its judgment, the two-judge bench relied on a coordinate bench's decision in NIA Vs Zahoor Ahmad Shah Watali in 2019. The Watali judgment held that an elaborate examination or dissection of the evidence is not needed at the stage of whether bail is to be granted or

not. Instead, courts are expected to record a finding based on broad probabilities regarding the accused's involvement in the commission of the stated offence or otherwise, said this judgment.

Banking on the Watali judgment, the court on Thursday assessed whether "the test for rejection of bail is satisfied" in the present case and eventually dismissed the plea of the man from Punjab for allegedly promoting the Khalistani terror movement.

The bench affirmed the March 2023 judgment of the Punjab & Haryana high court, refusing to grant bail to Gurwinder Singh, allegedly a member of organisation "Sikh for Justice", who was arrested in October 2018. The organisation was banned in India in 2019 as an unlawful association.

Rejecting his bail plea, the bench noted that the material available on record indicates Singh's involvement in furtherance of terrorist activities, backed by the members of the banned terrorist organisation, in exchange of large sum of money through different channels.

"Mere delay in trial pertaining to grave offences as one involved in the instant case cannot be used as a ground to grant bail," it further said.



Dheeraj Sahu

ED SUMMONS SAHU OVER BMW SEIZED FROM SOREN'S HOUSE

RANCHI: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has summoned Congress Rajya Sabha MP Dheeraj Sahu for questioning as part of its money laundering probe against former Jharkhand chief minister Hemant Soren, who was arrested by the agency on January 31, officials aware of the matter said on Thursday.

In December, the Income Tax department seized a total of ₹351.8 crore in cash during raids on an Odisha-based distillery group linked to Sahu. Amid a political row, Sahu said the money was "not meant for the Congress or any other party" but belonged to his family.

An ED official said the agency has summoned Sahu on Saturday to record his statement over purported links with Soren and to also quiz him over the seizure of a BMW during a raid at Soren's Delhi residence on January 30.

"The car is said to be registered with one of Sahu's firms located in Manesar. ED suspects that this vehicle is linked to Sahu in a "benami" manner," the official said.

Modi not OBC by birth, says Rahul; BJP mounts attack

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BHUBANESWAR/AHMEDABAD: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was not born into an other backward classes (OBC) family and was fooling people about his caste background, prompting a furious response from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and condemnation from senior ministers.

Gandhi's comments came in Belpahar area of Jharsuguda district of Odisha during his ongoing Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra, a day after Modi launched a blistering attack on the Congress over its social justice credentials and said that India's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, opposed reservations.

"He [Modi] says he was born an OBC. Modi was not born into OBC. You are being fooled," Gandhi said. He added that Modi's community was included in the OBC category when the BJP was in power in 2000. "He changed his caste to OBC after becoming the CM of Gujarat. Therefore, Modi ji is not an OBC by birth," the Congress MP said.

Gandhi also said he did not need a birth certificate to make the allegation against Modi. "The biggest indicator is he never hugs any OBC person. He does not hold the hands of any labourer. He only holds Adani's hand. Modi will never conduct a caste census because he was not born into the OBC category. Only the Congress will do a caste-based census."

The allegations sparked an angry response from the BJP. Senior leaders in Gujarat also



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi at Rengarpari in Raigarh on Thursday.

faulted Gandhi's facts, saying that Modi's community was included in the OBC category during Congress rule.

In a post on X, Union education and skill development minister Dharmendra Pradhan hit out at Gandhi for his remarks. "Either Rahul Gandhi is really ignorant or he feels that by telling lies repeatedly, lies are accepted as truth. Rahul Gandhi ji should first do justice to himself; if he will spread and sell lies like this every day, then the day is not far when he will be limited to only humor, satire and entertainment," he wrote.

Modi belongs to the Modh-Ganchi community.

Gujarat lawmaker Purnesh Modi, who filed a defamation plea that led to Gandhi being briefly disqualified from Parliament last year, said the Modh-Ganchi community was awarded the OBC status in 1994.

"The reality is that PM Modi was not the chief minister of Gujarat in 2000 when the BJP was in power here. Moreover, the Teli community was included as OBC in July 1994, when Congress was in power

and Chhabildas Mehta was the chief minister. Mehta had issued a notification for the inclusion of Telis as OBCs," Purnesh Modi told reporters in Gandhinagar.

He alleged that Gandhi has once again started spreading lies and resorted to the politics of appeasement.

Gujarat BJP leader Surath Biswal, also belonging to the OBC community, said Gandhi's statement showed his immaturity. "Modi belongs to the OBC. Congress has to answer why the Gandhi family put the recommendations of Kaka Kelekar and Mandal Commission [for OBC reservation] in cold storage," he said, referring to the party's opposition in the 1980s and 90s to OBC quotas.

KG Vanzara, a retired social justice and empowerment department official in Gujarat, said neither the BJP nor Modi was in power at the Centre when the PM's community was included on the OBC list in 1994. "Modi was not the chief minister when the central government issued the notification regarding the community's inclusion," he said. Modi took office as the Gujarat chief minister in October 2001.

The row comes months before the general elections, where the backward caste vote is expected to play a decisive role.

On Wednesday while speaking in Parliament, Modi had cited a letter by Nehru to chief ministers, saying it showed that the first PM opposed reservation and believed that it adversely affected the government's functioning. He also said the Congress never gave complete reservation to OBCs.

HC allows queer man to attend partner's last rites

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KOCHI/NEW DELHI: The Kerala high court on Thursday allowed a queer man to attend the last rites of his deceased partner but refused to hand over the remains to him citing the lack of legal rights, drawing the curtain on a case that spotlighted the vulnerability of LGBTQ couples in the face of social hostility.

The court said that Jebin Joseph, a resident of Kochi, could attend the funeral of his live-in partner Manu, who died after an accident in the early hours of February 3, confirmed

government advocate Sunil Kumar Kuriakose and Joseph's lawyer Padma Lakshmi. Joseph had approached the court to receive Manu's body after the latter's family refused to accept the remains, citing their strong objection to their relationship.

"The court didn't affirm Jebin's legal rights to receive the mortal remains of his live-in partner. But it orally observed that considering the couple lived together for a number of years and were closely attached, if Manu had a voice, he would have wanted Jebin to be present for his last rites," said Kuriakose.

Lakshmi confirmed that the

family told the court that they had no objection to Joseph attending the funeral, which is scheduled for Friday in Kanur's Payyavoor.

The court order was not out at the time of going to print. Neither families were available for comment but queer activists said that both sets of relatives were opposed to their relationship.

Joseph, who hailed from Kottayam, and Manu lived together for six years in Kochi. At lam on February 3, Manu fell from the terrace of his house, was first rushed to the Kalamassery Medical College Hospital and then to Aster Medicity, where he suc-

cumbed to his injuries on February 4.

But the hospital did not release Manu's remains to Joseph, saying that the latter was not his partner's legal heir. But Manu's family also refused to accept the remains, citing their objection to his sexuality, and refused to pay the bills.

On February 5, Joseph approached the high court, saying he didn't want his partner's body to remain unclaimed. "The family of Manu was not willing to pay even one penny at the hospital. We told the court that we are prepared to settle the hospital bills. We crowdfunded the money to pay the Rs1.3 lakh

bill and the hospital also reduced some," said Lakshmi.

The case — which came months after the Supreme Court refused to grant legal recognition to same-sex couples and left it to the government to work out limited rights that could be given to them — highlighted the gaps in the law for queer people. "The incident showed all of us queer people how we are also unclaimed, and we could end up not even allowed to mourn our loved ones. For the Kerala LGBTQ community, Jebin's travails have come as a rude awakening...it has shown us how few rights we have," said Prijith PK, a queer rights activist.

Ex-Maha minister quits Congress, says will join Ajit faction of NCP

MUMBAI: Congress leader and former Maharashtra minister Baba Ziauddin Siddique, popularly known as Baba Siddique, on Thursday quit the party and announced to join the Ajit Pawar-led faction of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), in a fresh blow to the opposition INDIA bloc before the Lok Sabha elections scheduled for this year.




Bengal govt tables ₹3.6 lakh crore budget, CM takes swipe at Centre

KOLKATA: West Bengal finance minister Chandrima Bhattacharya on Thursday tabled a ₹3.6 lakh crore budget, even as chief minister Mamata Banerjee slammed the Centre for allegedly freezing funds under various schemes. "This is a remarkable budget. Focus has been laid on each and every sector despite non-cooperation from the Centre," she said.



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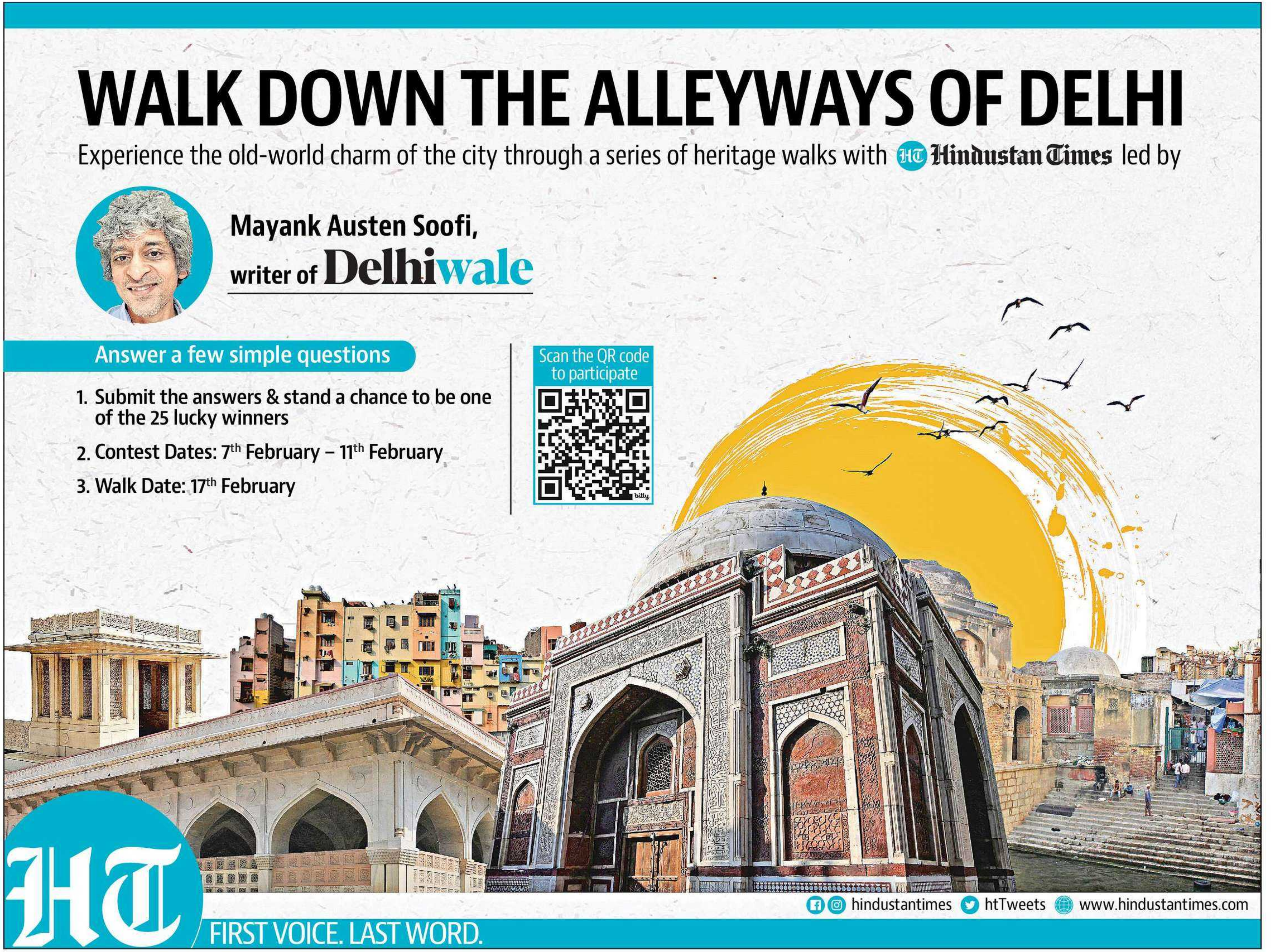
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U'khand town on edge as action on madrasa triggers clash, arson

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HALDWANI/DEHRADUN: The Uttarakhand government on Thursday issued a "shoot at sight" order and imposed curfew in Haldwani city as violence erupted in Banbhoolpura locality over the demolition of an "illegally built" madrasa, officials familiar with the matter said, adding the area has been fortified with heavy police and paramilitary deployment.

As a bulldozer razed the madrasa and an adjoining mosque-like structure, allegedly built illegally on "nazool land" (owned by state government), in the afternoon, local residents set several vehicles on fire and hurled stones at police personnel and a team of Nainital administration and local municipal workers involved in the demolition, causing injuries to at least 60 people, officials said.

They also set the Banbhoolpura police station alight, following which police resorted to lathi-charge to disperse the



Violence broke out in Banbhoolpura locality on Thursday. HT

crowd, officials said, adding tension was palpable in the city.

Late on Thursday, Nainital district magistrate Vandana said three to four people died in the violence. "At the violence outside the Banbhoolpura police station, some people fired. In retaliation, the police also fired in the air. Three-four people were brought dead at hospitals with bullet

injuries. Their identification is being done," the DM added. The incident occurred a day after the Uttarakhand assembly passed the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill, which seeks to replace religious personal laws that govern marriage, relationship and inheritance, becoming the first state in India to do so. In the evening, chief minister

services. "All roads leading to Banbhoolpura have been blocked and the administration has issued order for closure of schools in Haldwani on Friday," one of the officials said.

Even as situation remained tensed, police said most of the around 60 people hospitalised after the violence were policemen and municipal workers.

Senior superintendent of police (SSP) Prahlad Meena said a notice was served earlier on the madrasa and the adjoining mosque constructed illegally on government land at Malik Ka Bagicha in Banbhoolpura. The madrasa was sealed last week. "A large number of local people gathered to resist the demolition team when it arrived, escorted by police personnel. Many vehicles were torched and stones were pelted on the team," city magistrate Richa Singh said. The demolition was carried out in the presence of municipal commissioner Pankaj Upadhyay, the city magistrate and SDM Paritosh Verma, who is also injured in the violence, officials said.

'Tired' of seat-sharing talks with INDIA: AAP

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NEW DELHI: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Thursday declared its candidates for three Lok Sabha constituencies in Assam, saying it was "tired" of seat-sharing talks with the INDIA bloc that have been going on for months without result, in a move that highlights the growing discontent in the opposition grouping and increasing pressure on the Congress.

Addressing a press conference at the party headquarters in Delhi, AAP national general secretary (organisation) Sandeep Pathak reiterated his party's stand that it will not have an alliance with the Congress in Punjab. He added that seat-sharing negotiations are underway in Delhi for the general elections.

"We are tired now with the (seat-sharing) talks that have been going on for months but with no result. We have to contest elections to win...and not just for the sake of it," Pathak said, as he announced party candidates Manoj Dhanohar from Dibrugarh, Bhamben Chaudhary from Guwahati and Rishi Raj from Sonitpur to contest the Lok Sabha polls. He, however, said the party stood strongly with Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) and hoped the opposition bloc will give it the three seats in Assam.

"We are with the INDIA bloc... but the first target is to win elections. I believe that everything should be expedited," Pathak said. Attempts to contact Congress leaders for their response over the matter remained unsuccessful.

Calcutta HC takes note as amicus flags pregnancies among inmates

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KOLKATA: Women inmates lodged across prisons of West Bengal are getting pregnant while in custody and 196 babies are currently staying at multiple such facilities in the state, the Calcutta high court was told on Thursday, prompting it to place the matter before a division bench hearing criminal cases.

Advocate Tapas Kumar Bhanja, who was appointed amicus curiae by the court in November 2017 in a case on conditions of prisons, submitted that during a recent visit to one such facility, he found 15 women inmates staying with their children, born on the premises.

The lawyer suggested restricting the entry of male employees of prisons into the cells of

women prisoners. Placing two notes before a division bench of chief justice TS Sivagnanam and justice Supratim Bhattacharya, Bhanja said: "...women prisoners, while in custody, are getting pregnant. Subsequently babies are born in prison. At present, 196 babies are staying in different criminal prisons of West Bengal." He said: "Recently, I visited a women's correctional home...found one pregnant lady and at least 15 other women prisoners staying with their children. They were born in the prison." The amicus curiae added: "I pray for a total prohibition of male employees of correctional homes, in the enclosures where women prisoners are kept."

Taking note of his submissions, the bench said: "The amicus curiae has mentioned the matter and has placed a note

pointing to some serious issues. One such issue is that women prisoners were getting pregnant while in custody."

"In order to have an effective adjudication of all these matters, we deem it appropriate that the matter should be placed before the Hon'ble Division Bench having criminal roster determination," it added.

It also directed the presence of the public prosecutor in the matter that is likely to be heard on Monday. There is no system of conjugal visits in Bengal prisons, high court lawyer Sabyasachi Chatterjee said. "There are around four open jails in West Bengal where inmates are allowed to go out and work to earn a living. In those prisons, inmates can stay with families. Or else an inmate can go home on parole," Chatterjee said.

Can't let popular politics play out in grant of quota, says SC

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NEW DELHI: Subclassification within the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) for the purposes of preferential reservation cannot become a tool of "popular politics", said a seven-judge bench in the Supreme Court on Thursday, adding that states cannot choose to completely deny quota benefits to any caste or tribe designated under their SC/ST lists.

While reserving its judgment in a clutch of petitions on the permissibility of subclassification within the SC/ST bracket, the Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dhananjaya Y. Chandrachud observed that the court would lay down a set of guidelines if it were to eventually rule in favour of subclassification.

"Suppose a state says that out of 86 (castes), we are identifying only seven. Can you leave out others who are similarly circumstanced? Can the states do that? Normally under-inclusiveness is allowed as a principle and the state does not need to deal with everybody to deal with somebody. But we don't think that principle can apply here," said the bench, which also included justices BR Gavai, Vikram Nath, Bela M Trivedi, Pankaj Mishra, Manoj Misra and Satish Chandra Sharma.

Allowing the states to select only some castes from the list of the reserved categories for the full quota advantages, it said, would lead to a "dangerous trend in popular appeasement".

"By conferring benefits on the most backward, you cannot ensure that some who are most backward are only given while others are left out. Otherwise, this becomes a very dangerous trend in popular appeasement. Some state governments will pick a few castes, other state governments will pick some others...The idea is not to allow popular politics to play out in the grant of reservation," said the bench.

The court added that while it will be open for the castes being deprived of preferential treatment within the SC/ST category



The apex court which is hearing a clutch of petitions reserved its judgment.

to assail a decision of the state government if subclassification is permitted, states will have to justify their decision based on empirical evidence regarding the extent of backwardness.

At the same time, the bench acknowledged the concerns raised by some of the parties in the case that subclassification will become a tool of political approximation instead of affirmative action.

"Undoubtedly, there is some substance in what you all are pointing out to us, and we will have to tailor it by laying down some criteria," the bench said on Thursday as it heard a group of private parties that opposed subclassification on the ground that after certain castes have been earmarked as SC/STs, there cannot be any inter se discrimination between them in the grant of quota benefits.

The bench reserved its verdict in the case after day-long hearings spanning three days during which the Union government and states, including Punjab, Tamil Nadu and Telangana, supported subclassification.

On Wednesday, the Union government told the court that while it is committed to the policy of reservation for marginalised communities as a measure of affirmative action, subclassification within SC/STs will ensure the "trickle-down effect" of quota benefits.

Backing the idea of earmarking most backward categories within SC/STs, the Centre said it would enable the states to frame appropriate policies on subclassification and rationalisation of reserved seats.

In making their point for subclassification, the Centre and states have demanded a review

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

Over the last three days, the bench heard several senior counsel, including attorney general R Venkataramani, solicitor general Tushar Mehta (both for Centre), Gurminder Singh (Punjab's advocate general), Shekhar Naphade (for Tamil Nadu) and Sidharth Luthra (for Telangana), who supported subclassification.

The counsel argued that subclassification will assist the states in benefitting "the weakest of the weak" among SC/STs and that preferential treatment of marginalised groups further substantive equality over formal equality. The matter was referred to the larger bench by a five-judge bench in 2020, observing that the 2004 judgment in the Chinniah case may require reconsideration.

The 2004 judgment by the apex court had become the basis for the Punjab and 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.

It introduced "first preference" reservation for the Balmikis and Mazhabi Sikhs, laying down that 50% of reserved seats would be offered first to these two communities before all other SC groups. But in 2010, the high court struck down this provision of the act based on the decision in the Chinniah case, leading to an appeal by the state government in the top court.

Finally, in 2020, a five-judge bench referred the matter to a larger bench, noting that the 2004 judgment by the coordinate bench requires to be revisited.

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Birla Vidya Niketan, Pushp Vihar Celebrates Annual Day with Spectacular Showcase

Birla Vidya Niketan, Pushp Vihar celebrated Annual Day with a spectacular showcase of India's arduous journey. The event was held at Siri Fort Auditorium. The occasion was graced by the Chief Guest Himanshu Gupta (IAS), Secretary, CBSE, the esteemed Guests of Honour Dr A.K. Tyagi, (DDE South, DoE) and Anju Chawla (DDE Zone -23, DoE). This was followed by a mellifluous rendition of "Prangeet" the school song embodying the vision and ideology of the Founders of the school B. K. Birla & Sarala Birla. "Swaranjali", the symphony of the school orchestra, bringing together the rich musical heritage of nine distinct languages and thirteen musical instruments. "The Rising" was a dance drama where students adorned in period costumes portrayed pivotal moments in the freedom struggle. Principal, Minakshi Kushwaha, presented the school report. Chief Guest Himanshu Gupta appreciated the students and

Somerville School, Vasundhara Enclave hosted Annual Sports Meet

The Annual Sports Meet of Somerville School, Vasundhara Enclave, Synergy 2023, was held at the Commonwealth Games Village Sports Complex, on the theme of the United Nations' SDG related to Climate Action and Good Health. The Chief Guest on Day 1 was Mary George, President of the Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India. On Day 2, Chief Guest was Dr Ranganai Matema, from UNICEF, India. The two-day event was attended by several distinguished guests, members of the Management, parents and alumni. The Sports Captains took the oath of fair play on behalf of the athletes. Students performed various drills and field presentations that entertained the audience and demonstrated their fitness, coordination and discipline. The Best Athletes' trophies in the Sub-Junior category were awarded to Pranaya Bhandari, VD (Ashoka House) and Tejas Manthan Singh, VB (Ashoka House). The Best Athletes in the Junior Category were Ojaswi Dadwal, VII E (Tagore House) and Aniket Beniwal, VIII B (Tagore House). The trophies for Best Athletes in the Senior category were won by Vishakha Chandran, XIIA (Akbar House) and John Paul Jaison, XIIE (Tagore House). The school also honoured students who had distinguished themselves at National and International events - Aarit Kapil, IIIC (Chess), Saaransh Pandey, VIIIA and Vaibhav Tiwari, VIIA (Badminton), Tejas Sharma, VIIIA, Ananya Prakash, XD and Vaanya Prakash, XC (Taekwondo). Gandhi House won the trophy for the Best Marching Contingent and the trophy for the Best House in Sports was won by Ashoka House.

Bal Bharati Public School, Pitampura Unleashes 'Colours of Joy' at Annual Winter Carnival

Bal Bharati Public School, Pitampura celebrated its annual winter carnival. The theme of the carnival was "Colours of Joy". It was a celebration that promised a day packed with laughter, fun, and a kaleidoscope of experiences. The extravaganza comprised a mesmerizing cultural show, fun filled game stalls, thrilling rides, mouthwatering food stalls, a mysterious house filled with wonders, shopping extravaganza and much more. The highlight of the event was The House of Mystery and Animal Park, created on the school premises. The event witnessed unprecedented response and turned out to be a huge crowd puller.

Science Expo 'Vigyan Shaala' at SNPS Avtar Enclave

Sant Nirankari Public School, Avtar Enclave, Paschim Vihar organised its very first Science Expo 'Vigyan Shaala.' More than 15 schools along with the sister branches of Sant Nirankari Public School took part. Chief guest Hari Ram Sharma, Deputy Director of Education Zone-17; Guest of Honour Raman Singh Manhas, Coordinator Education Sant Nirankari Charitable Foundation; Radhey Shyam, Member Education SNCF; Asha Kapoor; Manager Narinder Batra; HOS Tanuja Madaan and LMC members, graced the occasion. The participants were divided into Senior, Sub Junior and Junior categories. The guests appreciated the creativity of the students of the host school when they saw Eco Bricks work in the garden under which the discarded single-use plastic bottles were used to beautify the school garden productively. The winners of the day schools like G.D Goneka, Doon Public School, Maxfort and Sant Nirankari Public Schools were felicitated with trophies and merit certificates.

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GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN
ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS & COORDINATION DEPARTMENT

No. F. 6(1)AR/RTI/2022P1-3 Jaipur Dated: 07.02.2024

Subject:- Appointment of State Chief Information Commissioner and State Information Commissioner in State Information Commission.

- The Government of Rajasthan under powers conferred by the Right to Information Act, 2005 (to be referred hereinafter as the Act) has constituted the Rajasthan State Information Commission to exercise such powers and to perform such functions as conferred/assigned to it under the Act (chapter V of the Act.) It is located in Jaipur.
- It is proposed to appoint One State Chief Information Commissioner and one State Information Commissioner in the Rajasthan Information Commission in view of the vacancy to be arisen on superannuation of the One State Chief Information Commissioner and one State Information Commissioner. The Act provides that the State Chief Information Commissioner and State Information Commissioner shall be a person of eminence in public life with wide knowledge and experience in law, science and technology, social service, management, journalism, mass media or administration and governance.
- The State Chief Information Commissioner and State Information Commissioner shall not be a Member of Parliament or Member of any State Legislature or Union Territory as the case may be or hold any other office of profit or connected with any political Party or carrying on any business or pursuing any profession.
- The State Chief Information Commissioner and State Information Commissioner shall hold office for a term of three years, from the date on which he enters upon his office or till he attains the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier. The salary and allowances payable to State Chief Information Commissioner and State Information Commissioner and other terms and conditions shall be in accordance with the Right to Information (Term of Office, Salaries, Allowances and Other Terms and Conditions of Service of Chief Information Commissioner, Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission, State Chief Information Commissioner and State Information Commissioners in the State Information Commission) Rules, 2019.
- The conditions of appointment provided in the Act of 2005 shall be final.
- Persons fulfilling the criteria for appointment as State Chief Information Commissioner and State Information Commissioner & interested for appointment to the post may send their particulars separately, by post or by hand to the **Secretary, Administrative Reforms & Coordination Department, Government of Rajasthan, Room No. 5021, Main Building, Government Secretariat, Jaipur (Rajasthan) Pin Code 302005 on or before 11.03.2024 by 6.00 P.M.** Persons who are serving under the State/Central Government or any other Organisation, may send their particulars through proper channel. This advertisement and the proforma for sending the particulars is available on department website www.ard.rajasthan.gov.in

(Rajan Vishal)
Secretary

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S. No.	Job No/Work Name	Amount (Rs. in Lacs)
1.	59/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2023-24, D/o Park (P/F of MS Grill parallel to Loop and C/o Katcha Footpath & 2 No. of Gazebo Hut in Devine Park Sector-10B) Noida.	Rs. 100.06 Lacs
2.	97/D(H)/DD(H)-I/2023-24, M/o Park/Green Belt with two year Maintenance Sector-19 and 20 All Parks and Green Belt Noida.	Rs. 118.22 Lacs
3.	99/D(H)/DD(H)-I/2023-24, M/o Park/Green Belt with two year Maintenance Sector-121 and 123 Noida.	Rs. 107.54 Lacs

Which can be uploaded by date 22/02/2024 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date 23/02/2024 at 11.00 AM.

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- Date of online publication: **8th Feb, 2024**
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Proposal to auction spectrum of 10,523.15 MHz gets Cabinet nod

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NEW DELHI: The Union cabinet on Thursday approved the telecoms department's proposal to auction wireless network spectrum of 10,523.15 MHz, information and broadcasting minister Anurag Thakur announced on Thursday evening and added that the reserve price has been set at ₹96,317.65 crore, which was recommended by TRAI using suitable induction.

The auction will be held for spectrum in 800MHz, 900MHz, 1800MHz, 2100MHz, 2300MHz, 2500MHz, 3300MHz and 26GHz frequency bands. Spectrum will be auctioned for a validity period of 20 years, the minister said.

The cabinet also set up a committee of Secretaries to consider re-farming of existing spectrum usages to increase the spectrum availability to meet future needs of telecom.

The cabinet also approved

THE CABINET ALSO SET UP A PANEL TO CONSIDER RE-FARMING OF EXISTING SPECTRUM USAGES TO INCREASE THE SPECTRUM AVAILABILITY FOR FUTURE NEEDS

5MHz of rail-based urban/regional transit systems like NCRTC in the 700MHz band for Automatic Train Protection systems and operations.

The government had earlier assigned 5 MHz spectrum in 700 MHz for the deployment of Kavach, the automatic train protection system used by the Indian Railways. An additional 5 MHz spectrum in 700 MHz will be reserved for Indian Railways for deployment of Kavach.

The government also cleared central sector sub-scheme under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana for micro and small enterprises in the fisheries sector with a proposed investment outlay of over ₹6,000 crore in the next four years, an official statement said.

The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY), which will run from the fiscal year 2023-24 till 2026-27, will consist of 50% i.e. ₹3,000 crore, public finance including from the World Bank and external financing, while rest 50% i.e. ₹3,000 crore is expected to come as investment from beneficiaries and private sector, according to the statement.

The council of ministers on Thursday also approved an extension to the flagship Fisheries Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) for another 3 years up until 2025-26, according to a Cabinet statement.

The fund already has approved

outlay of ₹7,522.48 crore and budgetary support of another ₹939.48 crore, an official said.

The Union government created the fund during 2018-19. The extension of FIDF will further intensify development of various fisheries infrastructures like fishing harbours, fish landing centers, ice plants, cold storage, fish transport facilities, etc., a Cabinet note stated.

The PM-MKSSY sub-scheme cleared by the Cabinet proposes to facilitate creation of an insurance product and cover at least 100,000 hectare of aquaculture farms during the project period, which will help to provide scale of operation.

It also proposes to provide one-time incentive to the willing farmers against purchase of insurance with farm size of four hectares of water-spread area and less. The one-time incentive will be at the rate of 40% of the cost of premium subject to a limit of ₹25,000 per hectare of water-spread area of the aquaculture farm, details of the schemes showed.

Sena (UBT) leader shot dead on FB live in Mumbai: Police

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MUMBAI: A shootout, reminiscent of gangland killings of the 1990s, led to the killing of an aspiring politician, Abhishek Ghosalkar, on Thursday evening followed, even more dramatically, by his assailant Mauris Oliver Noronha, then turning the gun upon himself.

While Ghosalkar, 41, who sustained three bullets was declared dead at Karuna Hospital, Noronha, 52, used one bullet to shoot himself in the head and died on the spot. Ghosalkar's killing preceded a 4-minute-long Facebook live being streamed on Noronha's page where the two men address the camera jointly, and speak about starting the new year on a good note, working together for the people and undertaking joint initiatives. At a point, Ghosalkar alludes to a past rift between them. The only indication of any tension



Abhishek Ghosalkar

the Facebook live, Noronha, an activist and political middleman, is heard saying they wanted to refute rumours that all was not well between the two men and that he had invited Abhishek for the sari distribution programme to convey to him that there was no bad blood between them.

The invitation was a ruse, as it turned out, to draw Ghosalkar to his office. That, he was taken by surprise is evident from the last few seconds of the FB live as that follows. A smiling Ghosalkar gets up from his chair and is shot at from a close range. His stunned protests are soon drowned in the din that follows. According to the police, as people who had been waiting outside the office ran in, Noronha shot himself before he could be apprehended. Both men were taken to Karuna Hospital close by but were declared dead soon after. Police said it appeared a political rivalry was at the heart of the shootout.

between the two men is evident in Noronha's body language. He gets up twice in the middle of the joint broadcast to talk to someone, each time asking Ghosalkar to say a few words.

Ghosalkar whose father Vinod is associated with the Shiv Sena (UBT) had gone to Noronha's office in IC Colony, Borivali, on Thursday evening around 7 pm to discuss a saree-distribution programme. In the course of

HC FINES INDORE CIVIC BODY FOR RAZING 2 HOUSES OF A CRIMINAL

BHOPAL: It has become fashionable now for local administration and bodies to demolish any house without complying with the principal of natural justice, the Indore bench of Madhya Pradesh high court has remarked as it imposed a fine of ₹2 lakh on city municipal corporation in connection with the demolition of two houses of a criminal in Ujjain.

The court also directed to take action against the officers of the civic body.

A bench of justice Vivek Rana gave the order while hearing a plea filed by relatives of Montu Gurjar, a criminal who is out on bail in a case of abetment to suicide. "It has become fashionable now for local administration and local bodies to demolish any house without complying with the Principal of Natural Justice and publish it in the newspaper," the bench said. SHRUTI TOMAR

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that one girl **Namely:** Payal, D/o Ram Gopal, R/o H.No. 3699, Street No. 4, Mohan ka Makan, Shanti Mohalla, Delhi, **Age:** 10 years, **Height:** 3', **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Yellow & red colour top and blue colour jeans, brown colour sweater and blue colour slipper in her feet, has been missing/kidnapped since **dated 31.01.2024** at 1:00 pm from her house from the area of P.S. Krishna Nagar, Delhi. In this regard a case vide **FIR No. 89/2024 U/s 363 IPC dated 02.02.2024** has been lodged at P.S. Krishna Nagar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this missing girl please inform undersigned.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

General public is here by informed that one girl (depicted in the Photo) **Namely:** Arvi, W/o: Sh. Durgpal Singh, R/o: Umesh ka Makan, Gali No. 07, Gopalpur, Delhi **Age:** about 13-14 Years **Complexion:** Shallow, **Height:** 5', **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **ID Mark:** One finger of his left hand is crooked **Wearing:** Blue color Suit and Grey color Pajami and Slipper in Feet, she is mentally weak Missed about 9 months ago from 24.01.2020 from her home under area of PS Timarpur, Delhi.

In this regard a **FIR No. 23/20**, dated **24.01.2020** has been registered at PS Timarpur, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following.

SHO
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> **P.S. - Timarpur, Delhi**
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GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EXCISE, ENT. & LUXURY TAX L & N BLOCK, VIKAS BHAWAN, I.P. ESTATE, NEW DELHI-110002 PUBLIC NOTICE

The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has approved revision of the MRP (Maximum Retail Price) of Quarts (750 ml.), Pints (375 ml.) and Nips (180 ml.) of Spiced Country Liquor, to be sold through the Licensed Country Liquor Vends, in the National Capital Territory of Delhi for the year 2023-24 w.e.f. **09th February, 2024 (Friday)** as per details given below:

Sizes (in Rs.)	Quart (750 ml.)	Pint (375 ml.)	Nip (180 ml.)
MRP	180	90	45

(KRISHNA MOHAN UPPU)
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ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

महाप्रबन्धक (अभियन्तक) ग्रेटर नौएडा औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी, ग्रेटर नौएडा की ओर से ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या-वरि.प्र./ई-निविदा सेल/2024/4959 दिनांक 06.02.2024 के माध्यम से उल्लेखित प्लॉट संख्या-01 से 32 तक के कार्य की ई-निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। समस्त नियम व शर्तें ग्रेटर नौएडा प्राधिकरण की वेबसाइट www.greaternoidaauthority.in पर ई-निविदा लिंक एवं ई-पोर्टल <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध हैं। किसी परिवर्तन, संशोधन व अतिरिक्त सूचनाओं के लिए उक्त वेबसाइट देखते रहें।

क्र.सं.	कार्य का नाम/वर्क सरिकिल	अनुमानित लागत
सड़क एवं नाली का निर्माण कार्य		
1.	सेक्टर ओमिकोन-1 में एच.आई.डी. अपार्टमेंट एवं बहुमंजिला अपार्टमेंट की 24 मी. रोड के साथ आर.सी.टी. नाले का पुनः निर्माण कार्य।	₹. 79.35 लाख
2.	ग्राम रायपुर बांगर में सी.सी. रोड, नाला, सौवर (अवशेष कार्य) निर्माण कार्य एवं मरम्मत का कार्य।	₹. 123.50 लाख
3.	सेक्टर-ईकोटेक-11 में 60 मीटर चौड़ी पेरिफेरियल सड़क के सर्विस रोड एवं नाले (एल.एच.एस.) 2084 से 3590 मी. तक का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सरिकिल-7)	₹. 447.96 लाख
4.	सेक्टर-ईकोटेक-10 एवं ईकोटेक-11 के बीच की 60 मीटर चौड़ी पेरिफेरियल रोड के चौकीकरण का कार्य। (वर्क सरिकिल-7)	₹. 599.25 लाख
निर्माण कार्य		
5.	ग्राम पाली में शिव मन्दिर के पास पंचायत घर का अवशेष कार्य। (वर्क सरिकिल-6)	₹. 11.40 लाख
6.	ग्राम खेरा चौगानपुर में प्ले ग्राउण्ड का विकास कार्य। (वर्क सरिकिल-3)	₹. 12.45 लाख
7.	ग्राम ब्रह्मपुर जगरीला उर्फ नवादा में तालाब के चारों तरफ छूट छूट घाट का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सरिकिल-7)	₹. 13.46 लाख
8.	ग्राम ऐमनाबाद, में बारात घर के नवीनीकरण का कार्य। (वर्क सरिकिल-3)	₹. 14.65 लाख
9.	ग्राम डावरा में शेष विकास कार्य। (वर्क सरिकिल-7)	₹. 62.16 लाख
10.	सेक्टर ईकोटेक-11 में बाधित क्षेत्र का विकास कार्य। (वर्क सरिकिल-7)	₹. 351.79 लाख
11.	सेक्टर-146 एवं 147 के पास के.पी-3 से डिपण्ड ब्रिज तक 60 मी. चौड़ी अप्रोच रोड का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सरिकिल-5)	₹. 3442.78 लाख
12.	ग्राम बोडाकी में इंडस्ट्रिकॉडिंग टाईल्स लगाने एवं ड्रेन का निर्माण कार्य (अवशेष कार्य)। (वर्क सरिकिल-6)	₹. 68.82 लाख
13.	सेक्टर-न्यू-1 (एफोडॉबल एरिया हाउस ब्लॉक-ई) में आन्तरिक सड़कों की रिसर्फेसिंग का कार्य। (वर्क सरिकिल-6)	₹. 36.23 लाख
14.	सेक्टर-रिडेशनल ग्रीन-5 (105 मी. रोड से सेक्टर-न्यू रोड, मेट्रो डिपो के पास) में 60 मी. चौड़ी पेरिफेरियल रोड की सुटेडिंग का कार्य। (वर्क सरिकिल-6)	₹. 200.68 लाख
15.	ग्राम रायपुर बांगर में शम्भान घाट एवं कठरिस्तान का शौच, चबूतरा का निर्माण एवं चारदीवारी की मरम्मत का कार्य। (वर्क सरिकिल-6)	₹. 23.13 लाख
16.	ग्राम साकीपुर का स्मार्ट गांव के रूप में विकास कार्य। (वर्क सरिकिल-6)	₹. 546.38 लाख
विद्युतीकरण का कार्य		
17.	ग्राम डावरा में 6 प्रतिशत आबादी मुख्ण्डों का विद्युतीकरण (वर्क सरिकिल-ईएनएम-2)	₹. 169.53 लाख
जलापूर्ति का कार्य		
18.	सेक्टर ओमिकोन-1अ, में गंगाजल कैम्पस आर-4, की सड़क, ड्रेन, रेन वाटर हार्वेस्टिंग, टॉयलेट, गार्ड रूम एवं बाउन्ड्री वॉल का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सरिकिल-जल)	₹. 57.85 लाख
19.	सेक्टर-फाई-3, चाई एस्ट, में गंगाजल कैम्पस आर-6 की सड़क ड्रेन, रेन वाटर हार्वेस्टिंग, टॉयलेट एवं गार्ड रूम का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सरिकिल-जल)	₹. 14.95 लाख
20.	सेक्टर-फाई-1 में गंगाजल कैम्पस आर-1 की सड़क, ड्रेन, रेन वाटर हार्वेस्टिंग, टॉयलेट एवं गार्ड रूम का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सरिकिल-जल)	₹. 11.20 लाख
21.	सेक्टर-गुनिवसिटी में गंगाजल कैम्पस आर-9 की सड़क, ड्रेन, रेन वाटर हार्वेस्टिंग, टॉयलेट एवं गार्ड रूम का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सरिकिल-जल)	₹. 13.38 लाख
22.	सेक्टर-सिम्मा-2 में गंगाजल कैम्पस आर-2 की सड़क, ड्रेन, रेन वाटर हार्वेस्टिंग, टॉयलेट एवं गार्ड रूम का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सरिकिल-जल)	₹. 14.89 लाख
23.	सेक्टर ओमिकोन-3, में गंगाजल कैम्पस ए आर-1, की सड़क ड्रेन, रेन वाटर हार्वेस्टिंग, टॉयलेट, गार्ड रूम एवं बाउन्ड्री वॉल का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सरिकिल-जल)	₹. 41.36 लाख
24.	सेक्टर-गोल्फ कोर्स में गंगाजल कैम्पस आर-10 की रेन वाटर हार्वेस्टिंग, टॉयलेट एवं गार्ड रूम का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सरिकिल-जल)	₹. 5.70 लाख
25.	सेक्टर-सिम्मा-2 में गंगाजल कैम्पस आर-2 की सड़क, ड्रेन, रेन वाटर हार्वेस्टिंग, टॉयलेट एवं गार्ड रूम का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सरिकिल-जल)	₹. 14.89 लाख
26.	सेक्टर फाई-3 और 4, में गंगाजल कैम्पस आर-7, की सड़क, ड्रेन, रेन वाटर हार्वेस्टिंग, टॉयलेट, गार्ड रूम एवं बाउन्ड्री वॉल का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सरिकिल-जल)	₹. 21.46 लाख
27.	ग्रेटर नौएडा के विभिन्न ग्रामों एवं 6 प्रतिशत मुख्ण्डों (जेतपुर-वेसापुर, साकीपुर, तुगलपुर, रामपुर, जागीर, नटों की मदेया, बल्ला की मदेया) में डिस्ट्रीब्यूशन पाईप लाइन् का तीन वर्ष तक अनुसंधान कार्य। (पार्ट-ए) (वर्क सरिकिल-जल)	₹. 228.93 लाख
28.	ग्रेटर नौएडा के विभिन्न ग्रामों एवं 6 प्रतिशत मुख्ण्डों (खन्नावली, मुबारकपुर, हवीबपुर, ऐमनाबाद, जेपुरा, सादीपुर एवं नामौली) में डिस्ट्रीब्यूशन पाईप लाइन् का तीन वर्ष तक अनुसंधान कार्य। (पार्ट-बी) (वर्क सरिकिल-जल)	₹. 267.08 लाख
उद्यान विभाग		
29.	सेक्टर-16 बी, 16 सी, के आवासीय क्षेत्र में पार्क एवं 45 मीटर चौड़ी रोड के साथ 10 मीटर चौड़ी ग्रीन बेल्ट का विकास कार्य एवं 36 माह तक अनुसंधान कार्य। (वर्क सरिकिल-उद्यान)	₹. 126.09 लाख
सीवर का कार्य		
30.	ग्रेटर नौएडा के अन्तर्गत कारना 137 एम.एल.डी. एस.टी. पी. में 10 एम.एल.डी. धमता के एम.पी.एस. कर डिजाइन, कन्स्ट्रक्शन, इरेक्शन एवं कमिश्निंग तथा 3 वर्ष तक संचालन एवं अनुसंधान का कार्य। (वर्क सरिकिल-सीवर)	₹. 422.33 लाख
स्वस्थ विभाग		
31.	ग्राम जलपुरा स्थित गौशाला में छः माह के लिए हरे चारे की आपूर्ति का कार्य। (वर्क सरिकिल-स्वस्थ विभाग)	₹. 74.52 लाख
32.	ग्राम जलपुरा में ग्राम जलपुरा स्थित गौशाला में छः माह हेतु नई के मुसा की आपूर्ति का कार्य। (वर्क सरिकिल-स्वस्थ विभाग)	₹. 388.80 लाख

PM SHRI KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA, RANIKHET

F 1391(R&M)/KVR/2023-24 Date : 08.02.2024

Open Tender Notice

Sealed tenders under Two-Bid system are invited from reputed agencies registered with Govt/Semi Government/Autonomous Organization/PSUs having experience for Civil renovation work. Agencies having executed such works of value 4.0 Lacs each or two works of value Rs.8 Lacs or more may apply. Cost of tender documents Rs.500/- & EMD amounting to Rs. 10000/- payable through DD in favour of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Ranikhet, School Fund Account payable at Ranikhet. Necessary documents must be annexed along with Technical-bid. Separately sealed envelopes of Technical-bid & Price-bid must be sealed together in one envelopes superscripting as "Tender for Repair and Maintenance Work of Staff Quarters of PMSHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya, Ranikhet" Tender documents may be downloaded from Vidyalaya Website: <https://ranikhet.kvs.ac.in/Tender> completed in all respect must be submitted through Speed Post latest by 19.02.2024 by 11:00. Tender shall be opened on the same day i.e. 19.02.2024 at 03:00 pm in the Vidyalaya.

PRINCIPAL
PMSHRI KV, RANIKHET

Government of Maharashtra Public Work Department Executive Engineer, P. W. North Division, Ratnagiri

E-TENDER NOTICE No. 81 FOR 2023-2024

Online Tenders (e-tender) in "B-1" form for the work is invited by the Executive Engineer, Public Work North Division, Ratnagiri (Phone No. (02352) 223505 on Government of Maharashtra Electronic Tender Management System, <http://mahatenders.gov.in> from the Appropriate Contractor.

Name of Work:-

- Construction Of Built Up Gutter And Black Topping To Agave Kurtade Chanderai Road (Including Dugave Branch) MDR-61 Km 13/800 To 14/600 Taluka And District Ratnagiri **Tender Cost Rs.1,46,25,321/-**
- Strengthening And Black Topping To Vitthapeth Malkapur Anuskura Satawali Pawas Road SH- 150 Km 204/420 To 212/000 Taluka And District Ratnagiri **Tender Cost Rs.1,66,19,604/-**
- Construction Of Minor Bridge On Dhamanse Boudhawadi Chaukiwadi Hutwadi Road VR. 173 Taluka And District Ratnagiri **Tender Cost Rs. 2,40,97,874/-**
- Construction Of New Government Rest House At Lanja, Taluka Lanja District Ratnagiri **Tender Cost Rs. 2,29,89,269/-**
- Construction Of New Government Rest House At Sakharpa, Taluka Sangesmeshwar District Ratnagiri **Tender Cost Rs. 2,31,12,978/-**
- Construction Of New Government Rest House At Rajapur, Taluka Rajpur District Ratnagiri **Tender Cost Rs. 2,30,38,469/-**
- Construction Of Excise Office Building At District Ratnagiri **Tender Cost Rs. 7,06,24,926/-**
- Construction Of Major Bridge On MDR 74 To Chauke Lavganwadi Taral Baudhawadi Road VR-145 At Km 3/370 Taluka Rajapur District Ratnagiri **Tender Cost Rs. 3,00,84,960/-**
- Construction Of Major Bridge On Shiposhi Boudhawadi To Kurupwadi Concreting To SH-175 Road Near Hariharshwar Temple VR-91 Taluka Lanja And District Ratnagiri **Tender Cost Rs. 3,82,32,800/-**

and the details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Maharashtra e-tendering Portal <http://mahatenders.gov.in> and www.mahapwd.gov.in

No. NRD/AB/TC/81/927
Office of the Executive Engineer,
North Ratnagiri P.W. Division, Ratnagiri. o.c. sing by E.E.
Date : - 05/02/2024
DGIPR/2023-2024/ROC 7981

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
North Ratnagiri P.W. Division
Ratnagiri.

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भारतीय प्रतिभूति और विनियम बोर्ड SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम (नगरीय) उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार का उपक्रम

मकान सं. 02/43 विकास विकास निगम एच.आई.सी. बिल्डिंग, शाहजहाँपुर
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NORTHERN REGIONAL OFFICE -NEW DELHI

HEARING NOTICE

It is hereby informed that Hearing Notice (HN) was issued to the Noticee mentioned in the Table below. The said HN could not be served at the last known addresses available on record. The details of the SHN is provided in the Table below.

Name of Noticee	Address of Entity	Notice Date & No.	Hearing Date & Time	Venue
Mriyunjay Kumar PAN- CDEPK3717K	Back of Patna Museum, Vidyapati Colony, Vijay Printing Press, Q. No.-7, Patna-800001 N 205, S 4, 3rd Floor, Katwaria Saria, New Delhi-110016 625, Inderpuri Near Kallan Samitee Saria, New Delhi	SEBI/NRO/NRO/OW/HN/2024/3338 dated January 22, 2024	February 15, 2024 (Friday) at 11.30 am	5th Floor, SEBI Bhawan-II, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Mumbai - 400051

The above mentioned Noticee is hereby advised to collect the HN from Northern Regional Office, Securities and Exchange Board of India, 8th floor, Plate B, Tower 1, NBCC Complex, East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi - 110023. The entity is also advised to download a copy of the Order from the official website of SEBI (www.sebi.gov.in) under the head "Unserved Summons/Notices" or obtain a copy of the Order by sending a request to anupams@sebi.gov.in/virsaahabs@sebi.gov.in

In case reply is not received, or the Noticee or the authorised representative fails to appear for hearing, SEBI shall proceed further in the matter on the basis of material available on record.

Date: 07.02.2024 Place: New Delhi (Vir Sahab Singh) (DGM, SEBI-NRO)
CBC 15204/11/0269/2324

कार्यालय परियोजना प्रबन्धक, युनिट-30 कन्दूरुन एण्ड डिजाइन सर्विसेज उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम (नगरीय) (30 प्र सरकार का उपक्रम)

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पत्रांक: 136/E-Tender/37 दिनांक: 06.02.2024

ई-निविदा सूचना

उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम (नगरीय), की ओर से अयोधस्तावरी द्वारा Construction of Academic & Hostel Block for Kasturba Gandhi Balika vidyalaya At Bhawalikhed Dist Shahjahanpur (U.P.) अनु. लागत रु. 350.08 लाख, हेतु दिनांक 19.02.2024 की अपरान्ह प्रपत्र दिनांक 06.02.2024 से दिनांक 19.02.2024 के मध्य उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की e-procurement की वेबसाइट <https://etender.up.nic.in> से डाउनलोड किये जा सकते हैं तथा ई-निविदा दिनांक 20.02.2024 को अपरान्ह 14:00 बजे कार्यालय परियोजना प्रबन्धक, युनिट - 30, सी. एण्ड डी. एस., उ.प्र. जल निगम (नगरीय), शाहजहाँपुर में खोली जायेगी। ई-निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य रु. 10,000.00 + GST (18%) अतिरिक्त देय होगा।

निविदा से सम्बन्धित विस्तृत विवरण विभाग की वेबसाइट www.cdsupjn.org एवं प्रोक्वोरमेंट पोर्टल <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध है। समस्त शृंख पत्र (Corrigendum) <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर ही अपलोड किये जायेंगे, इनका पृथक से कोई प्रकाशन नहीं किया जायेगा। निविदापत्राओं को सलाह दी जाती है कि वे उक्त वेबसाइट का समय-समय पर अवलोकन करते रहें।

पत्रांक: 136/E-Tender/37 दिनांक: 06.02.2024

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पत्रांक: 136/E-Tender/37 दिनांक: 06.02.2024

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2. No. of work	6 (Six)
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5. Mode of Submission of tender	Tender should be submitted online in www.tendersodisha.gov.in .
6. Other details are as follow	

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding	Last Date & Time of sealing tender	Date & time of opening of tender	
Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle Bolangir	BLGR-Online-49/2023-24	12.02.2024 at 11.00 AM	26.02.2024 upto 5.00 PM	27.02.2024 at 11.00 AM	The date will be intimated to the technically qualified bidders later on

* Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in.
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Chief Construction Engineer,
R.W. Circle, Bolangir
OIPR - 25118/11/0076/2324

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शेड नं. 11-ए, बाह्य दफ्तर, जवाहर पार्क, भोपाल, पिन कोड 462003**
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निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

निविदा क्रमांक 151/2023-24
निम्नलिखित कार्य के लिये ई-टेंडरिंग द्वारा ऑन लाईन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। कार्य का विवरण <https://www.mptenders.gov.in> पर भी देखी जा सकती है।

क्र.	पोस्टल कोड	जिला	कार्य का प्रकार	कार्य का नाम	आमंत्रण क्र.	कार्य की अनु. राशि (रु. लाख में)
1	2024 PWDRB 330758.1	भोपाल	बजट कार्य	भोपाल जिले में भोपाल - विदिशा मार्ग पर (बीना तेन्ने क्रॉसिंग, चौपड़ के पास कलांगं, भोपाल में) ब्रॉडगैज मैनूडा 11 केवी/33 केवी लाइन, डीटीआर और एलटी साइन को स्थानांतरित करने एवं भोपाल में आर ओ सी (255) के निर्माण और नवनिर्मित पुल पर स्टीट लाइट लगाने का कार्य।	प्रथम	326.776

उपरोक्त वेब साईट से ऑनलाइन भूतान करने के उपरान्त निविदा प्रश्न (टेण्डर इन्क्वायरी) वेबसाईट के माध्यम से दिनांक 19/02/2024 सयं 5.30 बजे तक प्राल हो सकेगा। विस्तृत पत्र, आईटी एवं अन्य जानकारी उपरोक्त वेब साईट में देखी जा सकती है। निविदा में भविष्य में किये जाने वाले समस्त संशोधनों को समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित नहीं किया जावेगा। यह संशोधन केवल विभागीय वेबसाईट <http://www.mptenders.gov.in> पर ही प्रकाशित किया जावेगा।

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जी-23971/23
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**WESTERN RAILWAY-RATLAM
REBUILDING OF BRIDGE**

W/623/51/MT. Date : 07/02/2024. The Divisional Railway Manager (W/A) Ratlam invites "Open Tender" through e-tender on website www.treps.gov.in in the details are as under:- E-tender No. : RTM-2023-24-160. Name of Work : Meghnagar-Ratlam section:- Rebuilding of Bridge No. 208 UP/DN by RCC Box bridge. Approx Quantity : As per tender schedule. Approx value : ₹17,52,59,385.07/-. Earnest Money : ₹10,26,300/-. Completion period : 12 Months. Similar type of work : Any Rail/Road Bridge work of opening more than 3.0 m. Note- The work to be done under running line, the tenderer should have the experience of carrying out work under running traffic. Date of uploading on website : 06/02/2024. Date of opening of Tender : 28/02/2024. * Detailed tender notice, eligibility criteria and terms and conditions are available at Website www.treps.gov.in. SNP-430

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

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If any one having any clue about deceased female may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, OM Prakash S/o Lt. Amrit Lal Sharma R/o H.No.75A Basant Nagar, Vasant Vihar New Delhi-110057, has changed my name from Om Prakash to Om Prakash Sharma for all future purposes

I, RADHA alias Jyoti Duseja alias Jyoti W/o Mr. Premchand Duseja R/o 670, Sanjay Enclave opp. GTX Depot near Jahangir Puri, Delhi - 110033 have changed my name to Radha Duseja for all future purposes. The name and same person i.e. Radha Duseja

I, DEO Chandra Bhagat S/o Late Guptheshwar Bhagat R/o H.No.119, Batt Para Village, Karala, Delhi-81, have changed my name to Bablu Chhariasari for all future purposes.

I, BHARI Lal Raina S/o Sh. Lambodhar Nath Raina R/o H. No. 15, Lane No. 1, Last Stop Bhagwati Nagar, Puran Nagar, Vinak Bazar, Jamuna and Kashmir 180016 have changed my name to Behari Lal Raina for all purposes.

I, JASMINE Kaur Sahni, D/o Randhir Singh Chandhok R/o Road No. 72, H.No. 1, West Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-26, have changed my name to Jasmine Chandhok for all future purposes.

I, DALJEET Singh Virk S/o, S. Meta Singh R/o. Flat No.-216, E-38, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi-110027 (Permanent R/o, VPO- Virk Patti, Tehsil-Phillour, Jalandhar, India) have changed my name from Daljeet Singh to Daljeet Singh Virk for all purposes.

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I, RAJINDER Kumar Sharma S/o Lt. Mehar Chand Sharma R/o S-112 Block-E, Ansari Nagar, East, AIMS Campus, New Delhi-110029, have changed my name from Rajinder Kumar Sharma to Rajender Kumar Sharma for all future purposes

I, SANJAY Goyal S/O Sh. Brij Bhushan R/o House No. 116, 3rd Floor, Housing Board Colony, Jyoti Hospital, Jharsa Road Gurgaon, Haryana, 122001, have changed my name from Sanjay Kumar to Sanjay Goyal for future purpose.

I, SURENDER Kumar R/o Indrapuram Ghaziabad have changed my name from Surender Kumar to Surender Kumar Narang, in future, for all purposes I shall be known as Surender Kumar Narang.

I, CHANDRAKANTA Sachdeva Wife of Late Mr. 4009M Lt Col Arun Kiran Malhotra Resident of 69/419 Heera Path Mansarovar Jaipur hereby affirm that the names Chandrakanta, Chandrakanta Malhotra and Chandrakanta Sachdeva pertaining to me solely in various certificates/ documents. The Affidavit for the same has been verified on 19 December 2023 by the Subdivisional Magistrate Jaipur (South) and duly published vide Rajasthan Gazette No. 44 Dated 01 February 2024.

I, ANU Paul W/o Renu Thomas, D/o Mr. Vettiakuzhilly Varkey Paulose, R/o House No. 195-C, E-Pocket, LG Flats, G18 Enclave, Nand Nagar Delhi-110093 have changed my name to Anu Renu for all future purposes. Vide affidavit Date 03/02/2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

I, KUSUM Gupta W/o Dr. Ram Kailash Gupta R/o 5/83, West Parkbagh Bagh Delhi-110026 has changed my name from Kusum Lata to Kusum Gupta for All Future Purposes

I, PRACHI Singh D/o Navdev Singh R/o D of Uttam Nagar, Delhi have changed my name from Prachi Singh to Prachi Singh Ghahot vide affidavit no. IN-DL38781631449796W dated 05/02/2024.

I, MAINPAL Singh Chauhan S/o Kamaljeet Singh R/o H.No.03, Police Line, Sector-30, Faridabad, Haryana have changed my name from Manpal Singh Chauhan to Mainpal Singh Chauhan for all future purposes

I, JASMINE Chandhok, R/o Road No. 72, H.No. 1, West Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-26, have changed the name of my minor daughter Rabani Kaur Sahni (DOB 11.03.2014) to Rabani Chandhok for all future purposes

I, SHWETA Dabas W/o Dishaant Dabas R/o S-5, 5th Floor, Pocket 12A, Nanchsheet Enclave Sec-23 Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Shweta for all purposes.

I, M Kiyamuddin Ansari R/o No. 156, have changed my name to Kiyamuddin Ansari for all purposes.

I, RAVILEEN Kaur R/o 42 Church Road, (Permanent R/o, VPO- Virk Patti, Tehsil-Phillour, Jalandhar, India) have changed my name from Ravileen Singh to Sukhman Kaur.

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I, CHANDRA Sekhar Bal S/o Sh. A.C. Bal R/o CU 4 Street, AIMS Flats Colony, Ansari Nagar, South West, Delhi-110029 have lost my Possession Letter, Possession Certificate of the Property AI-34, Ground Floor, South City 2, Gurugram, Haryana. Finder Cont: 99100 08661

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Tender forms containing specifications, terms & conditions can be obtained from the Corporate purchase office at address mentioned above on cash payment of Rs 750/- (non-refundable) from 5th Feb' 2024 to 26th Feb' 2024. Last date of submission of forms is 29th Feb' 2024 at Corporate Office.
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I, NO-1466780F Nik Jadhav bhima Shivaji R/O Vill-Dhika, Po- Tapse Chincholi, Teh-Ashta, Dist-Latur, Maharashtra-413516, declare that I have changed the name of my son from Rudraksh to Jadhav Rudraksh Bhima for all future purposes vide affidavit before Notary Public Delhi dt 05-02-2024

LOST ORIGINAL Agreement dated 24.03.1986 executed by United Village in favour of Shri Baldev Raj Anand in respect of Plot of Land bearing 925, meas 300 Sq. Meters, situated in the Residential Colony known as South City-1, Gurugram, Haryana. Necessary Complaint with Station House Officer, Crime Branch, Delhi has also been lodged vide LR No. 1422887/2024 dated 8th February 2024. If found, please deliver or contact the undersigned, Baldev Raj Anand S/o late Shri Jai Ram Anand R/o D/2, Skylark Apartment, Plot No. 35, Dwarka, Sector-06, South West Delhi, Delhi-110075

I, SAKSHI Midha have lost my original Training Certificate and diploma in pharmacy certificate of SS College of Science and technology of session 1997 to 1999 roll number 979945 passed by BTE Delhi. If found to anyone please contact 9810474795

I, ASHOK Kumar Mishra on behalf of M/S P. Rolling Mills Manufacturing Private Limited have lost the original conveyance deed bearing document No. 405 dated 17.04.1996 registered with Sr. Ballabgarh near Kotak Mahindra Bank, Aserchi, New Delhi on 05.02.2024 regarding Industrial Plot No. 70, Sector-25, Faridabad. If found by anyone, kindly contact above on 917992080.

IT IS hereby, informed to the General Public that I Tirlok Chand S/o Late Shri Tara Chand R/o House No. 280/5, Ward No. 5, Punjabi Dhar Amshala Aya Bazar, Hisar, Haryana-125001, have lost the original Physical Share Certificates of M/S Maharashtra Scooters Limited bearing No 3579 in respect with Folio No T-0000157 having distinctive number 641521 to 641555 Total 100 shares dated 25th January 1978 issued by M/S Maharashtra Scooters Limited in name of Tirlok Chand. Finder contact on above address, call: 9873060128.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

We, acting under instructions and on behalf of our client, Ms. Asha Kedarnath Gupta, hereby give Notice to the public at large that her son Mr. NITIN GUPTA (Indian national holding passport no. Z2787487) has no claim, title or interest in any of the properties possessed or belonging to Ms. Asha Kedarnath Gupta nor to any properties / assets that Ms. Asha Kedarnath Gupta has acquired by virtue of Ms. Asha Kedarnath Gupta being a beneficiary to the Will dated 16 February 2021 executed by her late husband Shri Kedarnath Gupta, which was probated pursuant to Probate Order dated 29 March 2022 by the DIFC Courts in Dubai, UAE. Ms. Asha Kedarnath Gupta's son Nitin Gupta has no power or authority to incur any liabilities such as debts on the security of Ms. Asha Kedarnath Gupta said properties and any person, hereafter, giving Mr. Nitin Gupta any loan or advance shall be doing so entirely on his/her own risk and responsibility. Ms. Asha Kedarnath Gupta, nor her properties, shall in any way be responsible for such debts.

Dated this 09th day of February 2024.

Mr. Mohit Goel
(Sim and San)
(Attorney for)
Mrs. ASHA KEDARNATH GUPTA
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Before the Regional Director, Ministry of Corporate Affairs
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In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013, Section 14 of Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 41 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014

AND
In the matter of M/s Sigma Corporation (India) Limited having its registered office at R-561, New Rajinder Nagar, Shankar Road, New Delhi-110060, Applicant

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Managing Director
DIN 00022705

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MYANMAR BORDER

Free Movement Regime (FMR) between India and Myanmar be scrapped to ensure the internal security of the country and to maintain the demographic structure of India's North Eastern States bordering Myanmar. Since the Ministry of External Affairs is currently in the process of scrapping it, MHA has recommended the immediate suspension of the FMR," Shah posted.

The move comes just two days after Shah announced that the India-Myanmar border will be fenced — a move that would effectively end FMR anyway. This will make Myanmar the third frontier that India will fence, after the borders with Pakistan and Bangladesh.

Shah said the fencing of the India-Myanmar border would facilitate better surveillance, and added that a patrol track will be paved along the border. He said that a 10km stretch of the border in Moreh in ethnic violence-hit Manipur has already been fenced, and two pilot projects of fencing through a hybrid surveillance system were being executed in Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur.

Manipur government officials have accused Myanmar-based militant groups of stoking violence in the state. The ethnic clashes in the state have already led to over 200 deaths and displaced nearly 50,000. In Myanmar, the infighting between military junta and rebel forces have led to thousands of Myanmar nationals fleeing the country and living as refugees in Mizoram.

The Assam Rifles mans the India-Myanmar border across all the four states.

While security officials and experts welcomed the decision, residents of the villages in the north-eastern states that share border with Myanmar, said that ending FMR would impact the lives of tens of thousands of people living in such villages.

FMR allowed residents of border village to cross the border for work and employment. For example, residents of Zowkhatar village in Mizoram cross the border to work in Myanmar. There are also cases of Myanmar villagers who work as loaders. Some also run a poultry business in India and sell the stock to villagers in Myanmar.

Robert Zoremthuaga, a resident of Champhai, who is also chairperson of Champhai district refugee committee, said, "People in the border villages of both countries share same ethnic ties. People from here have got married to residents of the Myanmar border villages. Ending FMR and building a border fence will change the lives of thousands of Indian nationals. There are children from Myanmar villages who come to study in India. There are even people from villages here who work in Myanmar. Lives will change overnight."

During the October 2023 air-strike in Myanmar's border villages, around 5,000 Myanmar nationals crossed the porous border and stayed at refugee camps and with their relatives in India. In Manipur, too, when ethnic clashes broke out in May 2023, more than 2,000 residents crossed over the border in Moreh and took shelter in Myanmar.

In all, the free movement regime led to influx of nearly 30,000 Myanmar refugees to Mizoram and Mizoram since 2021 because if the political instability and rebel forces fighting with Myanmar's military junta. Many of the refugees told HT in November last year that a few Myanmar people had even travelled to cities such as Delhi and Guwahati in search of work.

The decision to end the free cross-border movement was based on an assessment from central intelligence and security agencies as part of efforts to check insurgencies, smuggling, and the drug trade. Manipur chief minister Biren Singh has claimed that the violence in the state's ethnic conflict was exacerbated by insurgents from Myanmar. Such allegations have been denied by Kuki groups. In September 2023, Singh had also urged the Union government to end the system.

After home minister Shah's announcement, Singh wrote on X that the decision to end FMR is crucial for "our internal security and the demographic integrity of our north eastern states".

According to the agreement, citizens from both sides were allowed to cross the border by producing a border pass with one-year validity for a stay of up to two weeks per visit. But with the porous border line across the four states -- Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh -- and border check points at only a handful of places, residents could enter each other's territory at several stretches along the 1,643km border.

A security officer on the

ground, who asked not to be named, said, "The border check point by Assam Rifles is only at a few points. Hundreds of kilometers of the border are unmanned. At most stretches in Mizoram, especially in summer when the river(River Tiao separates the two countries), people can easily cross the river. Smuggling of drugs is a huge concern but the only way to check smuggling or infiltration is a border fence. But this is an exercise, which will take a long time because of the terrain."

But the locals, and organisations and legislators representing them, were concerned.

Ginza Vualzong, spokesperson of the Manipur based Indigenous Tribal Leaders Forum (ITLF), who met home ministry officials on Wednesday, said, "We met MHA officials and told them about the FMR issue. The ministry officials said the decision was not taken because of one particular state or region. The government was working on it for a long time."

Giving an example of one such village, Vualzong added: "There is a village(Nagaland village) where one room is in India and the other room is in Myanmar. There are many examples like this. How can the government build a fence and divide the same people?"

Mizoram chief minister Lalduhoma, who met Prime Minister Narendra Modi last month, said he had urged government to reconsider the move on fencing the border because it would not be accepted by Mizo people.

But security experts said the cost was too high.

"It will take time and will be logistical challenge but fencing will be done. Maybe security forces will have to provide security to the workers at certain stretches. But they will not face hostility at all places. Placing fence will also be difficult on hills where the slope gradient is over 70 degrees. At such places, government may have to use surveillance of other types. But it is important and will be done soon," a senior officer posted in Manipur said.

WHILE OFFICIALS WELCOMED THE DECISION, RESIDENTS OF STATES THAT SHARE BORDER WITH MYANMAR, SAID THAT ENDING FMR WOULD IMPACT THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE LIVING IN SUCH VILLAGES

FY25 GROWTH

domestic factors. In what was the last MPC meeting for the fiscal year 2023-24 and before the 2024 general elections, the central bank stuck to its guns on the need to prioritise inflation targeting over growth in the wake of elevated geopolitical risks and supply side-driven shocks to food inflation. These downside risks, the MPC noted, call for a continuation of the withdrawal of the accommodation stance of monetary policy.

MPC has increased interest rates by 250 basis points — one basis point is one hundredth of a percentage point — between May 2022 and February 2023 and has held the policy rate unchanged at 6.5% since then. Both these decisions by the MPC saw a dissent by Prof Jayanth R Varma, who asked that the monetary policy stance be changed to neutral and the policy rate be brought down by 25 basis points.

MPC's hawkish tone on inflation targeting needs to be seen in the context of the Indian economy doing very well on the growth front and retaining its position as the fastest growing major economy in the world. MPC's latest resolution expects GDP growth in 2024-25 to be 7%, which will mean that India is set to achieve three consecutive years of 7% or higher growth.

Quarterly growth projections released by the MPC suggest that it has made an upward revision to its growth projections since its December 2023 policy meeting. GDP growth in the quarters ending June 2024, September 2024 and December 2024 is now expected to be 7.2%, 6.8% and 7% compared to the December 2023 forecasts of 6.7%, 6.5% and 6.4%.

Inflation, on the other hand, is expected to come down from 5.4% in 2023-24 to 4.5% in 2024-25. Quarterly inflation forecasts for the quarters ending June 2024, September 2024, December 2024 and March 2025 are 5%, 4%, 4.6% and 4.7%. Notwithstanding the predictions of a significant decline in inflation in the next fiscal year and core inflation — it

measures the non-food non-fuel component of the CPI basket — reaching a four-month low in December 2023, the MPC resolution sounded a note of caution on inflation risks.

"On the inflation front, large and repetitive food price shocks are interrupting the pace of disinflation that is led by the moderation of core inflation. Geopolitical events and their impact on supply chains, and volatility in international financial markets and commodity prices are key sources of upside risks to inflation...The MPC will carefully monitor any signs of generalisation of food price pressures to non-food prices which can fritter away the gains in the easing of core inflation," the MPC resolution said.

"The Indian economy is making confident progress on a strong, sustained and transformative growth path. Domestic and international investors are reposing greater confidence on India's economic prospects. In our assessment, the current setting of monetary policy is moving in the right direction with growth holding firm and inflation trending down to the target", Das said in his statement justifying monetary policy's focus on inflation rather than growth.

On the liquidity front, the Governor was careful to emphasise surplus liquidity turning into deficit was not to be misconstrued as a reflection

of the withdrawal of accommodation stance of monetary policy. "Let me reiterate that our policy stance is in terms of interest rate which is the principal tool of monetary policy in the current framework...So far as liquidity conditions are concerned, these are being driven by exogenous factors, which are likely to correct in the foreseeable future, aided by our market operations," his statement said.

Experts believe that RBI's emphasis on inflation control has introduced an element of delay in interest rate reduction. "The Reserve Bank of India kept its policy rate and stance unchanged in a 5-1 vote. We think the statement was still hawkish, citing possible generalisation of supply shocks to headline inflation. We continue to expect rate cuts from June 2024, with some risk of a delay," Rahul Bajoria, MD & head of EM Asia (ex-China) Economics, Barclays, said in a note.

"Going forward, we feel that RBI would remain cautious given the risk posed by high food inflation. Healthy economic growth gives room to the Central Bank to maintain status quo for some more time. However, in the second half of the year, as domestic inflationary concerns recede and the US Fed starts cutting rates, we can expect a shallow rate cut by RBI," Rajani Sinha, chief economist, CareEdge Ratings said in a note.

FARMERS' PROTEST

Singhu, Ghazipur and Tikri. The demonstrators had back then called off their agitation weeks after Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that his government would abandon the contentious laws. Parliament repealed them on November 29, 2021.

Farmers from Noida and Greater Noida have protested against the state and Noida authority's land acquisition compensation policy for months. Last month, agitating farmers also locked up the gates at the Noida authority headquarters and halted work for that day.

The protesting farmers were from a clot of key farmer groups based in Uttar Pradesh.

Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) leader Rakesh Tikait joined members of his outfit at the protest in Greater Noida. In Noida, the protesters were led by the Bharatiya Kisan Parishad (BKP), whose activists have held camps outside the local authority office since December 2023.

The farmers are demanding 10% of the total land acquired for their families, permission to use residential land for commercial purposes, hiked land compensation for everyone who gave up land, better jobs and health benefits from the government.

Farmers have been protesting outside the Noida authority office since December 18. They announced the march towards Parliament a week ago.

"We decided to vacate the Delhi-Noida Link Road and return to our homes because the officials have assured us that they will address our demands. If they do not keep their word, then we will restart our protest," said Sukhbir Yadav, who is leading the protest under the banner of Bharatiya Kisan Ekta Sangh.

Noida police on Thursday stopped farmers at the city's borders at the Mahamaya Flyover, Dalit Prerna Sthal, and Chilla border, with thousands of officers and dozens of barricades deployed to keep agitators away from Parliament.

However, this left people stuck in nightmarish traffic on the streets, especially during the morning and evening rush hours, as jams snaked for miles. Snarls were reported at the Delhi-Noida Link Road passing through Chilla border, the Delhi-Noida Direct (DND) Flyway, Noida-Kalindi Kunj border, Delhi-Meerut Expressway and NH-9 passing through UP Gate border, and Vikas Marg, all of which are considered lifeline routes for commuters travelling to central and south Delhi from Noida, Ghaziabad, Meerut, and parts of east Delhi.

As motorists tried to wiggle out of the packed highways and border routes, the chaos also spilled over onto other arterial routes in Delhi. The Delhi traffic police reported lengthy snarls on Ring Road between Rajghat and Ashram via Sarai Kale Khan, Barapullah Elevated Road, Vikas Marg between Preet

Vihar and ITO, Pragati Maidan Tunnel connecting India Gate Circle from the Ring Road, Mathura Road via Pragati Maidan, Kalindi Kunj-Sarita Vihar Road via Kalindi Kunj border, and Mathura Road between Badarpur and Ashram.

Several commuters in Delhi and Noida HT spoke to said they had been caught in traffic for more than an hour, while those stuck at the borders were hemmed in for several hours, with no movement in sight.

People blamed poor traffic management on the police's part and said officers should have pre-empted the chaos.

"It took four hours for me to reach Sarita Vihar from Pari Chowk in Greater Noida," said Om Raizada, a commuter who lives in Greater Noida's Sector P3.

"@dtpttraffic Traffic is halted on Entry point of #kalindikunj from Noida to Delhi. Long Traffic queues. Please look into this," a user named Jagdeep Singh posted on X (formerly Twitter) at 9.30am.

Another commuter, Vijay Singh, who was on a 20-seater mini bus, said, "The Noida traffic police's traffic management is abysmal. When they knew that farmers would protest in the city on Thursday, they should have made a proper plan to avoid congestion. They should have opened an alternative route at least. We are on our way to our office in Gurugram and have remained stuck for the past two-and-a-half hours," he

said around 4.45pm.


Senior traffic police officers said the congestion was largely because the blockades led to slowdowns at all 22 of Delhi's border points. They added that 500 personnel were deployed to regulate traffic and keep the farmers restricted to Uttar Pradesh.

"Traffic was slow and affected during the morning peak hours as our personnel were checking vehicles at borders by placing barricades to ensure the protesting farmers did not enter the city. We had issued an advisory on Wednesday about possible traffic congestion due to our security and traffic arrangements on the borders," said additional commissioner of police (traffic) Dinesh Kumar Gupta.

On Thursday evening, ministers Goyal, Munda and Rai held meetings with Punjab chief minister Bhagwant Mann and the Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee, the Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU)-Dallewal led by Jagjit Dallewal, and a breakaway faction of BKU (Ekta-Ughrahan).

"We don't want that agitation should take place... These matters must be sorted out through dialogue," Mann said.

Dallewal, meanwhile, said, "The meeting was held in a positive atmosphere... The government listened to us and said they will examine all our demands... [However] our programme for February 13 will continue as it is."



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RBI's battles with inflation

MPC's status quo on repo rate makes sense, given the volatile external environment

That the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) would not change policy rates or its stance in its February meeting was widely expected. There are no surprises on that front. What are the key takeaways from the latest MPC meeting then? There are four.

One, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) seems to believe, perhaps rightly, that the monetary tightening unleashed by it in the last two years — the policy rate has been increased by 250 basis points (bps) — has not hurt growth. MPC has made an upward revision to its 2024-25 GDP growth forecast and now believes that it will be 7%.

The second is an increasing comfort level about inflation. A comparison of inflation forecasts for the first three quarters of 2024-25 shows that the February projections are lower than the December 2024 projections for two quarters and the full-year inflation in 2024-25 is expected to be 90 bps lower than the 5.4% forecast for 2023-24, at 4.5%.

Third, in a way, MPC's statement underlines the limits of monetary policy as an inflation-targeting tool. Despite core inflation being very comfortable, MPC is worried about weather-induced food price shocks driving headline inflation above RBI's target and frittering away gains on the inflation front. While it has acknowledged the supply-side interventions of the government in managing these problems, the clear message is that there are some worries on this front.

The fourth follows from the first three. India's growth story going forward — the government and RBI governor seem to be on the same page here — will critically depend on fiscal stability and a belief that inflation will stay under control. With the government having done its bit by pushing the pedal on fiscal consolidation despite an election bump in the road, the February MPC meeting seems to have done its part. "Monetary policy must continue to be actively disinflationary to align inflation to the target of 4% on a durable basis", Governor Shaktikanta Das's message in his written statement is unambiguous. This is all the more important, given the volatile external economic and geopolitical environment.

Is this the best way forward for monetary policy? At least one MPC member does not seem to agree. Jayanth R Varma has been arguing for a shift to a neutral policy stance and has now also asked that policy rates be reduced by 25 bps — but MPC works on majority not unanimity.

Israel's rejection of peace will backfire

Four months since West Asia slipped into war, peace remains elusive. In the meantime, over 27,000 Palestinians have been killed and most of Gaza has been flattened, rendering thousands homeless. Meanwhile, the whole region is in ferment with the Houthis targeting the busy shipping lanes in the Red Sea, Iranians bombing suspected "spy" sites in Pakistan and Iraq, and America, stung by the killing of its personnel, resorting to heavy bombing. Against this backdrop, the 135-day truce suggested by Hamas made sense because it promised a beginning to end the war. However, PM Netanyahu has said Israel would not stop short of "an absolute victory". This stance could pit Israel not just against the Arab world, but also alienate friends in the West. The West Asia war could not have come at a worse time for President Biden: It is turning public opinion against him in an election year. US secretary of state Antony Blinken has been in Arab capitals, hoping to negotiate peace. The Arab States have been responsive and reports suggest that they are ready to recognise Israel and back a peace deal, if Israel agrees to the formation of a Palestinian State.

Israel's resistance to a peace deal threatens to wipe out the diplomatic gains made since the 1990s — it stands accused of genocide in the International Court of Justice and its disproportionate response after the October 7 attack has cost the country the moral claim that it is a victim of terrorism. For the US, and countries such as Saudi Arabia, Tel Aviv's obstinate stand may facilitate the rise of Iran in the region, as a militant voice of local discomfort with the West's unconditional backing for Israel. Washington should tell Tel Aviv that its security is not necessarily served by the total annihilation of Hamas, but by a friendly neighbourhood that recognises Palestine's right to a State and its security needs in return for peace.

BEYOND THE BYTE

Rajdeep Sardesai



A Chandigarh window on Indian democracy

The mayoral polls hold a mirror to debasement of politics characterised by falling ethical standards and an ends-justify-means amoral credo

It has taken a relatively insignificant election for Chandigarh's mayor to expose the frailties of India's electoral democracy. A presiding officer caught on camera allegedly "defacing" ballot papers is reason enough for an incensed Supreme Court (SC) to call for his prosecution and term his actions a "mockery" and "murder" of democracy. But beyond the justified outrage, here is the troubling question: If a mayoral election can lead to *prima facie* irregularities, what might happen when the stakes are much higher?

In a sense, Chandigarh holds a mirror to the utter debasement of politics characterised by falling ethical standards, frenzied competition, and an "ends matter more than means" amoral political credo. The chronology is disconcerting. An election scheduled for January 18 is postponed at the last moment because the presiding officer suddenly falls ill and is hospitalised. When court intervention forces an early poll, the election is conducted in a manner that leaves ample room for suspicion: Eight votes

are mysteriously invalidated, all from the Opposition Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)-Congress alliance, polling agents aren't allowed to see the invalidated ballots and in the mayhem that follows, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate is unilaterally proclaimed as the new mayor. That the presiding officer, Anil Masih, is a member of BJP's minority morcha makes his role even more suspect.

Nor can this Chandigarh election be wished away as just another case of unholy localised machinations. The election took place against the backdrop of AAP and the Congress coming together as part of a potentially wider nationwide Opposition INDIA bloc. It was, to that extent, the first electoral test for an embryonic grouping to show that alliance arithmetic, even if built on a temporary relationship of convenience, can score over a dominant force. For the BJP, on the other hand, it was an opportunity to further dent the dwindling Opposition morale ahead of the general elections.

Which is why the signals from Chandigarh are ominous: If even when the Opposition is able to muster greater numbers — the AAP-Congress had the support of 20 councillors to the BJP's 16 — the election is allegedly "stolen", then what is the guarantee that this will not happen in electoral battles in the future? More so because the presiding officer's seemingly perfidious behaviour fits in with a pattern where constitutional functionaries and democratic institutions find themselves increasingly under the

scanner. The role of governors — Jharkhand being the latest example — is being viewed through the lens of their extreme partisanship. The law enforcement machinery — be it the Enforcement Directorate or CBI — stands accused of having become the sword arm of the ruling establishment. And even the neutrality of the Election Commission of India is now being called into question.

The familiar argument is to pitch the actions as part of a broader trend of misuse of executive power that didn't begin in 2014 but has been intrinsic to power politics in the country. Didn't Indira Gandhi, after all, declare the Emergency, arrest her political rivals, and invoke Article 356 to impose President's Rule a record 50 times? Didn't Rajiv Gandhi bring in a defamation bill to curb press freedom? Didn't PV Narasimha Rao use a controversial "hawala" investigation to encircle his opponents within and outside the Congress? Haven't the Opposition-ruled governments in West Bengal — be it the Left Front or Trinamool Congress — been guilty of rigging panchayat polls? Not to forget the Modi government's favourite whipping boy, Jawaharlal Nehru, who for all his democratic fervour, curtailed the freedom of speech through the first amendment and dismissed a democratically elected CPI government in Kerala.

But a whataboutery line of reasoning is a lame excuse to defend the indefensible. After all, when the Modi government came to power in 2014, it



The Chandigarh mayoral election cannot be wished away as just another case of unholy localised machinations
RAVI KUMAR/HT PHOTO

was with the assurance of ushering in "achhe din", while insisting that the BJP was a party with a difference that would break away from the Congress style of functioning. Instead, the BJP in the last decade has used a mix of fear and allurements to bring down at least four elected Opposition governments and "managed" majorities in two others. The fear factor has seen a hyperactive Enforcement Directorate investigating Opposition leaders but missing in action in BJP-ruled states or ignoring those politicians who switched allegiance to the BJP.

The allurements on offer are even more startling and go beyond just ministerial perks. A recent newspaper report based on official records reveals that Mumbai's civic body, for which elections have not been held for two years now, gave ₹500 crores for upgradation projects only to ruling BJP-Shiv Sena MLAs, none at all to the Opposition. When taxpayers' monies are so brazenly and selectively distributed for political benefit, then how does one ensure even a semblance of a level-playing field?

It is this nagging concern over a rigged system that demands urgent reforms to ensure a free, fair, and importantly, transparent democratic process. The unabashed use of money power has already soiled elections.

The opaque electoral bonds — heavily weighted in favour of the ruling dispensation — have made contests distinctly uneven. The mode of appointment of election commissioners is problematic. Electronic Voting Machines are under scrutiny although evidence of manipulation is unproven. A credible election needs greater vigilance and where necessary, judicial oversight.

While the SC reads out the riot act and calls for the prosecution of the Chandigarh mayoral presiding officer, here is a final tantalising question. Does anyone seriously believe that an officer who is also a minor party functionary would act on his own? And if he wasn't, then who should really be held accountable?

Post-script: This week, Pakistan goes to the polls in what is being seen as a "selection" and not an election. Pakistan's democratic collapse is because a dictatorial army systematically destroyed all institutional checks and balances within the system. By contrast, Indian democracy is still robust but as Chandigarh has shown, election "match-fixing" is a subcontinental bug. Never take anything for granted.

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What makes government schemes, missions work

The interim budget gave a thumbs up to the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana Gramin (PMAY Gramin), announcing an additional 20 million houses over the next three years. The success of the *lakhpatti didis* of the National Rural Livelihood Mission has given the confidence to raise the target to create 30 million *lakhpatti didis*. I was associated with the team that worked on both schemes. What was different? Are there any public policy lessons?

Democracy is about people and the effectiveness of community connect. It is about reaching out to deprived households on the basis of evidence and providing tangible support to such households. Technology as a means (and not as an end in itself) allows an opportunity to achieve high-quality outcomes in large numbers in a short period. Engagement with gram sabhas ensured accountability with full public disclosure. The success of these two initiatives is an acknowledgement of the last mile as the most critical challenge.

There have been housing programmes in the past. The Performance Audit Report of the Indira Awaas Yojana 2013-14 brought out the challenges in a large housing programme for the poor. From housing design, identification of the needy, good governance for transfer of funds, financial management, quality and its monitoring, and timeliness of completion, all were flagged as challenges that compromised the quality of delivery. Convergence to ensure a home of dignity was indeed a challenge with a paltry unit cost.

The PMAY Gramin journey began by resolving each of the challenges flagged in the Performance Audit. The Socio-Economic Census (2011), though dated, provided an objective basis to identify those living in two or fewer *kachcha* rooms with *kachcha* roofs and walls. After drawing out panchayat-wise details of such households, a total of 40.3 million households' data was sent to gram sabhas for validation. The gram sabhas validated 25.4 million proposals as the rest had been constructed during the period, or the person had migrated out permanently, or the wrong inclusion of someone had been made. The gram sabha also provided details of new names of persons whose families had come up during the period, or those that had been left out.

Simultaneously, top-class architects were sent out to different states and regions to study local housing typologies and suggest innovations to make homes that could withstand earthquakes, wind, flood and heat. They also provided the costing of such models. A special rural mason certificate course gave us masons as per need, including *rani mistris*.

Based on this detailed consultation with the states, the proposal for the PMAY Gramin was placed before the Union Cabinet. It was calculated that ₹1.5-1.6 lakh was needed to provide a home with a cooking area and toilet for a life of dignity to the deprived; 90/95 days of labour under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), a toilet under Swachh Bharat Mission, Ujjwala gas, electricity connection, and drinking water provision, were all expected through convergence.

Technology provided an opportunity to ensure all money was transferred directly into the account of the beneficiary. Technology for geotagging the old hut and stage-wise tracking of the construction of the PMAY Gramin home was also used. A real-time public monitoring system was developed. Names of beneficiaries and the order in which their turn would come up for construction were worked out. Payments were released based on geo-coded physical progress. Secretaries from well-performing states were asked to prepare the framework for the implementation of the PMAY Gramin. The ownership of the states was total.

It was through this meticulous last mile planning and design that the construction of 29.5 million PMAY Gramin homes was taken up in two phases, starting in October 2016. That most units are completed or nearing completion is a tribute to the financial management as well. The single nodal account at the state level ensured that the central and state share was all credited to the same account and governance was meticulous.

The National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM) had 25 million women as members of its self-help groups in 2014, primarily in Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and South Indian states. Today, there are 96 million women in the National Rural Livelihood Mission, across the country. They have leveraged over ₹8 trillion as credit from banks and their non-performing assets are less than 1.6% nationally. National resource organisations like PRADAN have joined hands to promote the diversification of livelihoods. Through the MGNREGS convergence, the income security of women has improved. States have followed their own distinctive models.

The success of the National Rural Livelihood Mission comes from over 500,000 community resource persons (CRPs) who travel to different corners of the country to set up women's collectives and who provide handholding support. *Krishi sakhis*, *pashu sakhis*, *bank sakhis*, banking correspondent *sakhis*, CRP for enterprises, are all different facets of a community cadre of women at the last mile, providing professional support for outcomes. *Lakhpatti didis* are a product of this handholding by professionals of the DAY-NRLM, right down to the cluster level. Community connect, professionals, civil society organisations who work for livelihoods, availability of credit for economic activity, and community investment funds are important in delivering quality outcomes.

The two programmes discussed here have multiplier employment and enterprise potential. Taking it to scale is the challenge. It is the meticulous last mile that determines success or failure. Community connect, respect for the federal principle, professionals in remote regions, civil society partnerships, technology as a means, and women-led development are all necessary conditions for the transformation of lives and livelihoods for a more inclusive India. Human capital thrust will raise the level of enterprise and productivity.

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[OLAF SCHOLZ] GERMAN CHANCELLOR

We have to send a very clear signal to the Russian president that he cannot count on our support diminishing but that it will last long enough and it will be big enough



Urging the EU and the US to supply aid to Ukraine



US preoccupation with Iran is to China's benefit

Even as the world's attention has been focused on the Israel-Hamas war, the broader regional conflict between the United States (US) and Iran has escalated to dangerous levels and carries significant global geopolitical lessons. The cycle of drone, missile and air strikes between the US and Iran's proxy militias in Jordan, Syria, Iraq and Yemen raises the risk of America once again getting entangled in the maelstrom of West Asia and losing focus on countering China's expansionism in the Indo-Pacific.

History bears witness that American diplomatic, military and economic immersion into West Asian conflicts has opportunity costs. They result in watering down strategic counterbalancing of what the US itself calls its main "pacing challenge" and systemic rival, China. Although the Biden administration has assured that "we certainly don't seek a war and frankly we don't see Iran wanting to seek a war with the US", the relentless tit-for-tat clashes with Iran will increase the need for the presence and enhancement of US naval, air and land assets in and around West Asia to maintain deterrence.

Indeed, the American appetite for a full-scale land war or regime change operation in Iran is absolutely zero. But waging a medium-intensity conflict against Iran and its proxies requires the commitment of more American budgetary allocations, munitions, force projection, operations and aid to regional allies in West Asia. Headline-grabbing incidents causing the deaths of US soldiers from Iran-backed strikes, such as the one at the trjunction of Jordan, Syria and Iraq on January 28, can trigger louder political calls in Washington to teach Iran a lesson through a display of compelling American military might. This is a slippery slope and a quagmire because Iran is not going to back down from fuelling its "axis of resistance" out of fear of US warnings or carefully calibrated American air strikes.

The halfway house between "no war" and "no peace" with Iran is a source of uncertainty and deviation in American foreign policy. Even though the US possesses a powerful military and a gigantic economy, there are limits to how far it can sustain sharp pressure on multiple adversaries in far-flung theatres. American military doctrines have shifted from the Cold War-era "two-and-half war force" concept (having the capability to simul-

taneously fight two large regional wars and a small brushfire war) to essentially a "one war force" concept today. Turning the clock back to a two-war or three-war force is not financially or politically viable in contemporary times. Since 2022, the Biden administration has poured over \$75 billion into aiding Ukraine as it resists the Russian invasion. This campaign to weaken Moscow has implications for Beijing's territorial ambitions as it has led to delays in the delivery of American missiles, rocket launchers, jet fighters and naval vessels to Taiwan, with a reported backlog of \$19 billion of uncompleted orders.

In a strange twist, Ukraine is now suffering American neglect as the Israel-Hamas war and the related conflict with Iran have taken centrestage in Washington. The US supplies of 155 mm artillery shells to Ukraine have dried up since they are being rerouted to Israel instead. As the US is pulled hither and thither, China seems to be having the last laugh. Beijing prefers that Washington is trapped in faraway "zones of disorder" so that it has a free hand to establish hegemony in the Indo-Pacific.

The image of America as an omnipresent and all-conquering superpower is passé and cannot be revived. The US must get realistic, judiciously choose its fights, and not sleepwalk into a pell-mell environment where it has to take on Iran in West Asia, Russia in Eastern Europe and China in the Indo-Pacific — all at the same time. In West Asia and Eastern Europe, the US should simply let go and allow regional powers to work out their own *modus vivendi* with Iran and Russia.

The notion of America as the world's policeman and chief enforcer of order is pure fantasy. With Donald Trump, famously wary of foreign entanglements, possibly recapturing the White House in this year's US presidential election, maybe the current phase of American strategic overstretching and lack of prioritisation will end. But before that, what if another deadly incident involving Iran or Russia raises the stakes and the US sinks deeper into those morasses? American strategic wisdom has been elusive thus far, but it is direly needed.

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Pak counts ballots in polls marred by internet outage

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ISLAMABAD: Counting was underway on Thursday after millions of Pakistanis voted in an election marred by rigging allegations and a shutdown of mobile phone services, while the country's most popular politician Imran Khan languished in jail, and authorities saying that at least nine people had been killed nationwide.

Pollsters predicted a low turnout from the country's 128 million eligible voters following a lacklustre campaign overshadowed by the jailing of former prime minister Khan, and the hobbling of his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party by the military-led establishment.

The Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) is expected to win the most seats in Thursday's vote, with analysts saying its 74-year-old founder Nawaz Sharif has the blessing of the generals.

Adding to concerns about the integrity of the vote, authorities suspended mobile phone services just as polls opened and only began to restore them more than three hours after polls shut at 5pm local time.

Nighat Dad, a lawyer who runs the not-for-profit Digital Rights Foundation, called the blackout "an attack on the democratic rights of Pakistanis".

More than 650,000 army, paramilitary and police personnel were deployed to provide security on Thursday.

Despite the heightened security, nine people, including two children, were killed in bomb blasts, grenade attacks and shootings.

At least 28 people were killed in two explosions near electoral candidates' offices in the southwestern province of Balochistan on Wednesday. Islamic State later claimed responsibility for those attacks.



Election officials count ballot papers after polls close at a polling station during Pakistan national election in Lahore on Thursday. AFP

Thursday's victims included five police killed in a bomb blast and firing on a patrol in the Kulachi area of Dera Ismail Khan district in the northwest, authorities said. Two children died in a blast outside a women's polling station in Balochistan.

"Despite a few isolated incidents, the overall situation remained under control, demonstrating the effectiveness of our security measures," caretaker Interior Minister Gohar Ejaz said in a statement.

Mobile phone services suspended for security reasons were being partially resumed, the Interior Ministry said late on Thursday.

The national assembly has 265 seats and polling in one seat

was postponed due to the death of a candidate. A party needs 133 seats for a simple majority but many analysts believe the vote may not produce a clear winner.

In spite of the security worries and bitter winter cold, people lined up at polling stations hours before voting was due to start. "The country is at stake, why should I come late?" said 86-year-old Mumtaz, a housewife a decade older than Pakistan itself as she queued up in Islamabad.

Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar ul Haq Kakar said there had been high voter turnout in "a clear indication of public commitment to shaping the future of our country".

The move to suspend mobile

networks sparked criticism from leaders of opposition parties, with the Pakistan Peoples Party's Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, the 35-year-old son of assassinated former premier Benazir Bhutto, calling for its "immediate restoration".

Amnesty International called it "a blunt attack on the rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly".

Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan Raja said the decision on mobile networks was made by "law and order agencies" following Wednesday's violence.

Jailed former Prime Minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party, in a post on X, called on people to remove pass-

words from their personal Wifi accounts "so anyone in the vicinity" could have internet access.

Former prime minister Nawaz Sharif, considered by many analysts to be the front-runner, dismissed talk of an unclear result. "Don't talk about a coalition government. It is very important for a government to get a clear majority... It should not be relying on others," he told reporters after casting his vote in Lahore.

The main contests are expected to be between candidates backed by former cricket superstar Khan, whose party won the last national election, and the Pakistan Muslim League of Sharif, who analysts say is being backed by the powerful military.

Israeli forces intensify strikes on Gaza's Rafah

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DOHA/TEL AVIV: Israeli forces bombed areas in the southern border city of Rafah on Thursday where more than half of Gaza's population is sheltering, a day after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu rejected a proposal to end the war in the Palestinian enclave.

Netanyahu said on Wednesday terms proposed by Hamas for a ceasefire that would also involve releasing hostages held by the Palestinian militant group were "delusional" and vowed to fight on, saying victory was in reach and just months away.

The rejection followed intense diplomacy to end the four-and-a-half-month conflict before a threatened Israeli assault on Rafah, which is now home to over a million people, many of them in makeshift tents and lacking food and medicine.

In a sign the diplomacy is not over yet, a Hamas delegation led by senior official Khalil Al-Hayya arrived in Cairo on Thursday for ceasefire talks with mediators Egypt and Qatar.

Heavy fighting raged on unabated, with more airstrikes hitting Hamas-ruled Gaza, now in its fifth month of war, where the health ministry said another 109 people were killed overnight.

Alarm has mounted especially for the more than one million Palestinians crowded into Gaza's far south as the battlefield has crept



Palestinians stand amid building debris destroyed by Israeli bombardment on Rafah in the Gaza Strip on Thursday. AFP

ever closer to the city of Rafah on the Egyptian border.

UN chief Antonio Guterres warned on Wednesday that an Israeli military push into the city "would exponentially increase what is already a humanitarian nightmare".

Israeli planes bombed areas in Rafah on Thursday morning, residents said, killing at least 11 people in strikes on two houses. Tanks also shelled some areas in eastern Rafah, intensifying the residents' fears of an imminent ground assault.

The war in Gaza was triggered by Hamas's unprecedented attack on Israel on October 7, which resulted in the deaths of about 1,160 people. Israel vowed to eliminate Hamas and launched air

strikes and a ground offensive that have killed at least 27,840 people, according to the health ministry.

The Gaza war has sparked a surge in violence across the region by Iran-backed groups operating in solidarity with Hamas, drawing retaliatory attacks from Israel and the United States and its allies.

A US airstrike in Iraq on Wednesday killed a senior commander from a pro-Iran armed group who US Central Command said was "responsible for directly planning and participating in attacks on US forces".

The strike came after Washington last week launched a wave of attacks on Iran-linked targets in Iraq and Syria following the killing of three US troops in neighbouring Jordan.

IPCC to deliver 'synthesis' report only by end of 2029

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NEW DELHI: The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is expected to deliver three special subject reports by the end of 2027 ahead of the second global stocktake of the Paris Agreement in 2028, but the final synthesis report will only be produced by the end of 2029, the panel has decided.

Agreeing on a shorter timeline after intense debates at the 60th session of the IPCC in Istanbul between January 16 and 20, the panel decided to deliver three working group reports sometime between 2028 and 2029.

A detailed timetable will be discussed at the next plenary in July, Jim Skea, IPCC chair told HT.

"The Special Report on Climate Change and Cities will be provided in early 2027 and a Methodology Report on Short-lived Climate Forcers by 2027. In addition, the Methodology Report on Carbon Dioxide Removal Technologies, Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage is to be delivered by the end of 2027," Skea said.

"While the more detailed timetable will be discussed in the next plenary in July, the Panel has also decided that the Synthesis Report will be produced by late 2029 — after the publication of contributions from the three Working Groups," he said.

HT on January 29 reported that the session in Istanbul was fraught with intense debates on how and when the panel will inform the world about the state of the crisis.

India along with other developing countries flagged concerns over attempts by developed nations, led by the US, to shorten the timeline for the delivery of the 7th assessment cycle report, people familiar with the matter said.

Developing nations contented that while a quick cycle will help in building momentum ahead of the second GST, it will fail to adequately reflect new climate science published by developing nations like India.

While developing nations wanted focus on adaptation measures and climate finance, richer nations are focused on mitigation targets and ensuring that emerging economies (that may not be historically responsible for present crisis), contribute adequately to miti-



The timeline for the IPCC reports is particularly important because for the first time, global warming has exceeded 1.5°C for an entire year. AP

gation. Skea said that the decision on the timeline signals the importance member countries attach to "receiving policy-relevant, timely and actionable scientific information".

"It also must be stressed that in adopting IPCC's programme of work, the member governments emphasised that the IPCC Seventh Assessment Cycle will be robust, comprehensive, accurate, inclusive and use diverse literature and knowledge sources, including drawing on Indigenous Peoples' Knowledge and Local Communities' Knowledge," he said.

To address concerns of developing countries for better representation in the seventh cycle, the panel is trying to recruit early career scientists from poorer nations.

"There will be clear cut-off dates for the published scientific work to be assessed by each report. Any literature that misses a cut-off date can be considered in subsequent assessments."

"On this point, as the Chair of the IPCC, I consistently stress my priority to ensure the balance between developed and developing country authors as well as to expand and formalise roles for early-career scientists from developing countries as chapter scientists and promote capacity building amongst the under-represented. We are also fostering opportunities to build a network of early career scientists, engaging the current cohort of IPCC scholarship recipients," Skea said.

There will be several IPCC reports delivered in time to feed

into the processes under the UNFCCC, including the GST, he said.

The IPCC informs governments about the state of knowledge of climate crisis by examining all relevant literature on the subject. The panel completed its sixth assessment cycle last year with the Synthesis Report — a summary of its earlier reports — releasing in March 2023.

The timeline for IPCC's reports is particularly important because for the first time, global warming has exceeded 1.5°C for an entire year, the EU's climate service said on Thursday. The period from February 2023 to January 2024 reached 1.52°C of warming, breaching the 1.5°C goal set in the Paris Agreement.

To be sure, a monthly or even yearly breach of 1.5°C — a key threshold under the Paris Agreement beyond which multiple tipping points could be triggered leading to cascading effects for the climate system — does not automatically mean that the goal has been exceeded.

Last year was the warmest year ever, overtaking the last record set in 2016 by a large margin, the Copernicus Climate Change Service had said in January.

The year was 0.60°C warmer than the 1991-2020 average, and 1.48°C warmer than the 1850-1900 pre-industrial average, barely below the 1.5°C limit.

Experts highlighted that with severe warming, the developing world needs IPCC guidance on adaptation.

Indian-American student at Purdue dies by suicide

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NEW YORK: A 23-year-old Indian-American student at Purdue University, who was found dead in a nature preserve in Indiana this week, died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, according to authorities.

Sameer Kamath, a US citizen, was found dead in the woods on February 5 at approximately 5pm (local time) in NICHES Land Trust — Crow's Grove in Williamsport, Indiana.

Justin Brummett, coroner at Warren County Coroner's Office, said in a press release on Wednesday that a forensic autopsy was performed on Kamath on February 6 in Crawfordsville, Indiana.

The press release from the coroner's office said that the preliminary cause of death is a "gunshot wound of the head" and Kamath died by "suicide". A toxicology report is pending. "Through extensive investigation by the Warren County Coroner's Office in conjunction with multiple other local and federal agencies, we are now able to release a pre-



Sameer Kamath PURDUE UNIVERSITY

liminary cause and manner of death," it said.

This is an ongoing investigation with the Warren County Coroner's Office, Warren County Sheriff's Office, Purdue University Administration and other supporting agencies, it said.

"Our deepest sympathies and condolences go out to the family and we hope they are respected during such a difficult time," Brummett said. A report in The Purdue Exponent said that Kamath was a doctoral candidate in mechanical engineering.

Kamath's death is the latest in a string of tragic incidents among students of Indian origin and from India in the US.

Russia bans Putin rival Nadezhdin from election

MOSCOW: Russian anti-war presidential candidate Boris Nadezhdin said on Thursday he would appeal to the Supreme Court after the Central Election Commission (CEC) barred him from a March election expected to be easily won by incumbent Vladimir Putin. The CEC previously said it had found flaws in signatures Nadezhdin and his allies had collected in support of his candidacy and that some of the purported signatures were those of dead people. REUTERS

Bolsonaro targeted as police probe 'coup attempt'

BRASILIA: Brazilian police launched dozens of raids on Thursday targeting ex-president Jair Bolsonaro, who was ordered to surrender his passport, and his inner circle over allegations of orchestrating an invasion of the seat of power last year. Federal police said they were carrying out 33 search and seizure operations and executing four arrest warrants in an investigation of a "criminal organization involved in the attempted coup" — a reference to Bolsonaro supporters' invasion of the presidential palace, Congress and Supreme Court on January 8, 2023. Bolsonaro, who was in the US at the time of the riots, repeatedly denied responsibility and said he is the victim of "relentless persecution." AFP



Protesters outside the US Supreme Court on Thursday in Washington, DC. AFP

US Court skeptical of Trump ballot disqualification bid

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WASHINGTON: US Supreme Court justices on Thursday appeared skeptical toward a judicial decision kicking former President Donald Trump off the ballot in Colorado for participating in an insurrection during the 2021 Capitol attack in a case with major implications for the Nov. 5 election.

The nine justices heard arguments in Trump's appeal of a Dec. 19 ruling by Colorado's top court to disqualify him from the state's Republican primary ballot under the US Constitution's 14th Amendment after finding that he participated in an insurrection.

Trump, who did not attend, is the overwhelming frontrunner for the Republican nomination to challenge Democratic President Joe Biden.

Section 3 of the 14th Amendment bars from holding public office any "officer of the United States" who took an oath "to support the Constitution of the United States" and then

"engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof."

Conservative and liberal justices expressed concern about states having the power on their own to take sweeping actions that impact a presidential election nationwide.

Conservative Chief Justice John Roberts told Jason Murray, representing four Republican voters and two unaffiliated voters who sued to keep Trump off the Colorado ballot, that if the Colorado decision is upheld, other states will proceed with disqualification proceedings of their own for either Democratic or Republican candidates.

"And it will come down to just a handful of states that are going to decide the presidential election. That's a pretty daunting consequence," Roberts said.

Anti-Trump forces have sought to disqualify him in more than two dozen other states — a mostly unsuccessful effort — over his actions relating to the January 6, 2021, Capitol attack.

Iceland volcano erupts for the third time since December



LAVA UP TO 260 FEET
A volcano in southwestern Iceland erupted on Thursday, pumping lava up to 260 feet into the air and disrupting life in the Reykjanes peninsula.

LAVA HITS WATER PIPES
Several communities on the peninsula have been cut off from heat and hot water after the lava flow hit water pipes in the region just south of the capital.

HISTORY OF ERUPTIONS
The Reykjanes peninsula alone has six active volcanic systems and could see eruptions on-and-off for decades or potentially even centuries.

A volcano spews lava and smoke as it erupts, near Grindavik, Iceland, on Thursday. REUTERS

PM SHRI KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA, RANIKHET
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NOTICE REGARDING CONTRACTUAL APPOINTMENT

Online applications are invited in the prescribed form from eligible and interested candidates for preparing a panel of contract teachers on part-time basis for the academic session 2024-25. Application form can be downloaded from the Vdiyalaya website <https://ranikheth.kvs.ac.in>.

Candidates should scan the completely filled application form and send it to the Vdiyalaya's email contractualpanel@gmail.com. The last date for receipt of application form by email in the Vdiyalaya is 19.02.2024. Candidates should note that the application form will not be received in the Vdiyalaya by post or any other means. Based on the applications received, the list of shortlisted candidates for interview along with date and time of interview will be displayed on the Vdiyalaya website on 23.02.2024. Candidates are expected to appear for interview accordingly. Successful candidates in the interview will be appointed against the vacant posts or on leave-based vacant posts as per the requirement, which is purely a contract-based systems as per the rules of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and under any circumstances, any candidate has no right to claim for regular appointment in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. Candidates are advised to visit the Vdiyalaya's website <https://ranikheth.kvs.ac.in> for detailed information. format of application etc. Recruitment Rules are also available on the official website of KVS, kvsangathan.nic.in.

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6. तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 21.02.2024 को 15:30 बजे तक (on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) तकनीकी बीड के निमादन के पश्चात।

7. वित्तीय बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 21.02.2024 को 15:30 बजे तक (on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

8. निविदा वेबसाइट की अवधि : दिनांक 21.02.2024 से 120 दिन

9. कार्य का विवरण :-

क्र०	कार्य का नाम	प्राकृतिक राशि (रु० में)	अग्रभूमि राशि (रु० में)	परिमाण विवरण का मूल्य (अग्रभूमि राशि रु० में)	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि (माह में)
1	(Re-Tender) Construction of Drainage, Road, Investor facilitation center and installation of solar streetlight at Industrial Area, Siwan (Ext.), Phase-I and Drainage, Road and Installation of Solar streetlight at New Siwan (Ext.), Phase-II	5,89,62,015.00	11,79,500.00	10,000.00	06 Months
2	(Re-Tender) Construction of Drainage, Road, B/W and solar streetlight at Industrial Area, Hathua, Copalganj (Ext.), Phase-IV	10,47,47,413.00	20,47,500.00	10,000.00	06 Months

अन्य विवरणी प्राधिकार के वेबसाइट www.idabihar.com/ सूचना एवं जन-संपर्क विभाग के वेबसाइट state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar अथवा अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय के नोटिस बोर्ड पर निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना (NIT) में देखी जा सकती है या अधोहस्ताक्षरी से संपर्क कर किसी भी कार्य दिवस को कार्यालय अवधि में प्राप्त कर सकते हैं।
PR. No.016924 (B & C) 2023-24
नरो से बनानी दूरी है, क्योंकि परिवार जरूरी है **कार्यपालक अभियंता (TECH-HQ)**

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER (BUILDING)
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, NIRMAN BHAWAN,
Plot No. 27-28, Arera Hills, BHOPAL, Phone No.: 0755-2559571, E-mail : apdubhupal@gmail.com**

NIT No. 26/2023/Tender/G/C/E(B)/ BHOVAL, DATE : 30.01.2024
Online bids for the following works are invited from registered contractors and firms of reputed fulfilling registration criteria :

S. No.	Tender Portal No.	Name of work	District	Probable Amount Contract (Rs. in lakh)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (in Rs.)	Cost of Bid Document (in Rs.)	Period of Completion (in months i/c Rainy Season)
1	2024_PWPJU_330195_1	Consultancy for supervision and Quality control Services for Construction of Various Building of Various Department at Raissen	RAISEN	9000.00	180000	12500	24 Months i/c Rainy Season
2	2024_PWPJU_322048_2	Construction of Govt. Higher Secondary School at Chitawar Tehsil-Sironj District- Vidisha. (Second Call)	VIDISHA	117.52	117520	12500	12 Months i/c Rainy Season
3	2024_PWPJU_329076_1	ZONAL TENDER FOR SMALL CONSTRUCTION WORK, BALANCE WORK AND P.G. REPAIRING WORK UNDER DISTRICT-VIDISHA.	VIDISHA	105.22	105220	12500	12 Months i/c Rainy Season

1. All details relating to the Bid Document (s) can be viewed and downloaded free of cost from the website <http://mptenders.gov.in>

2. Bid Document (s) can be purchased after making online payment of portal fees through Credit/Debit/Cash Card/ Internet Banking.

3. The Bid Document(s) can be purchased only online from 10:30 (time) 30.01.2024 (date) to 17:30 (time) 14.02.2024 (date). Other key dates may be seen in Bid Data Sheet.

4. Amendment (s) to NIT, if any, shall be published on website only, and not in newspaper.

G-23974/23
CHIEF ENGINEER (BUILDING)
PWD BHOVAL M.P.

जल संसाधन विभाग
कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
सोन बराज प्रमंडल, इन्द्रपुरी
अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या-02 SBD/2023-24
राष्ट्रीय स्पर्दा निविदा
(केवल ई-टेंडर पद्धति के अनुसार वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)

1. कार्य का विवरण :-

क्र. सं.	कार्य का नाम	प्राकृतिक राशि (लाख रु० में)	अग्रभूमि राशि (लाख रु० में) (ऑन लाइन अथवा ऑफिस/मैन्युअल राशि में मुगते) रु० में	परिमाण - विवरण का मूल्य (अग्रभूमि राशि) (केवल ऑन लाइन राशि में मुगते) रु० में	बेल्डिंग को देय बिड प्रोसेसिंग की राशि (अग्रभूमि राशि) (केवल ऑन लाइन राशि में मुगते) रु० में	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1.	इन्द्रपुरी बराज के डाउनलोड में बोरिंग स्थिति एवं सौपरी खोद का पुनर्व्ययन	2328.939	33.29	10,000.00	5900.00	18 माह कार्य।

2. निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना निर्गत करने की तिथि : दिनांक 06.02.2024

3. निविदा कागजात डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड करने की तिथि : दिनांक 13.02.2024 से दिनांक 17.02.2024 सिर्फ वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर को 300 बजे अपराह्न तक।

4. प्री-बिड मीटिंग का समय, स्थान एवं तिथि : दिनांक 14.02.2024 को 3.00 बजे अपराह्न में मुख्य अभियंता, सिंघाई सुजन जल, संसाधन विभाग, डिहरी के कार्यालय में।

5. तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 20.02.2024 समय 3.30 बजे अपराह्न (सिर्फ वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)

6. वित्तीय बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : सक्षम पदाधिकारी द्वारा बाद में वेबसाइट पर घोषित की जायेगी।

7. निविदा खोलने का स्थान : सिर्फ वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर

8. निविदा की वैधता की अवधि : निविदा प्राप्ति के 120 दिन बाद तक

9. विज्ञानुदाता का पदनाम एवं पता : कार्यपालक अभियंता, सोन बराज प्रमंडल, इन्द्रपुरी

10. विशेष जानकारी प्राप्त करने हेतु वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है।

विस्तृत जानकारी state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar से प्राप्त की जा सकती है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
सोन बराज प्रमंडल, इन्द्रपुरी
नरो से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दूढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार

कार्यालय नगर पालिक निगम, (सांखिकी शाखा), भोपाल
निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
क्रमांक : 315/सां.वि./24 भोपाल, दिनांक : 07.02.2024
निगम कार्य हेतु म.प्र. लोक निर्माण विभाग में पंजीकृत टेकेदारों से आनलाईन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।
विस्तृत विवरण [website https://www.mptenders.gov.in](http://www.mptenders.gov.in) पर है।

क्र.	निविदा क्र.	कार्य का संक्षिप्त विवरण	अनुमानित लागत (रु. में)	निविदा क्रय करने का अंतिम दिनांक	समय
01	2023_UAD_312201_3	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF CHOLA DUSSEHRA MAIDAN, BHOPAL.	4,23,52,615/-	21-FEB-2024	05:30 PM

नोट - संशोधन केवल वेबसाइट पर ही देखे जा सकेंगे, समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित नहीं होंगे।
अधीक्षक यंत्री (सिविल)
नगर पालिक निगम, भोपाल
नि.क्र. 1553/023/024

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH CHANDIGARH

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT)

On behalf of Director, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh-160012, the undersigned invites sealed tender to make Rate Contract e as per the details shown in the table below. The manufacturer and their authorized dealers/distributors can offer their minimum rates as per terms and conditions contained in the tender form. The sealed tender with Technical Bids & Financial Bids (Price Bids) duly drafted in the name of Director, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Sector 12, Chandigarh 160012, and addressed to Purchase Officer (HPD) may be submitted as per schedule given below:-

Tender Enquiry Number & Date	Brief Description of Goods	Amount of Bid Security (EMD) (INR)
Proc Br. Indgn. (HPD)/310 Dated: 06.02.2024	Purchase of Wheat Brown Bread through Rate Contract for the period of one year	Rs. 24,280/- (Rupees twenty four thousand two hundred and eighty only)
Proc. Br. Indgn. (HPD)/311 Dated: 06.02.2024	Purchase of High Protein Supplement through Rate Contract for the period of one year	Rs. 21,600/- (Rupees twenty one thousand six hundred only)

Closing date & Time for receipt of Bids : On or before 01.03.2024 at 12:30 P.M.

Date, time and place for opening of technical bids: 01.03.2024 at 03.00 P.M. at Procurement Branch (HPD), Central Store, 2nd Floor Nehru Building, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh.

1. The bidders may download the tender documents directly from the website of the Institute www.pgimer.edu.in or CPP Portal (www.eprocure.gov.in). The bidders should specifically super scribble: "Downloaded from the Institute's website" on the top left corner of the outer envelope containing Technical Bid & Financial Bid separately. The bids submitted by the bidders not following the above procedure will be summarily rejected.

2. The Bid Security (EMD) for an amount mentioned in this NIT will have to be deposited & submitted with Technical Bid in the form of an Account Payee Demand Draft/ Banker's Cheque/Deposit at call receipt or an FDR/TDR/Bank Guarantee in original duly pledged in favour of Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Sector-12, Chandigarh and having its validity for at least One Year and issued by a Scheduled Commercial Bank. This bid security (EMD) may be attached with the Technical Bid. FDR/TDR issued for less amount or issued by Banks before the date of floating this NIT shall not be accepted & bids received with such FDR/TDR shall be summarily rejected.

3. Micro Small & Medium Enterprises as also startups as recognized by the department of MSME are exempted for submission of EMD on production of requisite certificate.

4. It is the responsibility of the Bidders to ensure that their bids, whether sent CPP Portal or by Regd. Post/Courier/ in person, are to be delivered in Procurement Branch (HPD), 2nd Floor, C-Block, Central Store, Sector-12, PGIMER, Chandigarh & are received by on or before closing date and time stipulated above for receipt of bids, failing which the bids would be considered late bids and will be rejected. The bids dropped in the other branches/ departments/centers of PGIMER, will not be considered as submitted and such bids will be summarily rejected.

5. The date and time for opening of the Financial Bids (Price Bids) shall be intimated later after evaluation of the technical bids.

6. In the event of any of the above mentioned dates being declared as a holiday/closed day in the PGIMER, Chandigarh, the bids will be received/opened on the next working day at the prescribed venue and time.

7. This tender document is non transferable.

8. This tender document, consists of pages 1 to 33 pages. The bidder is required to submit a tender acceptance letter on company letter head duly signed and stamped as per annexure V along with other documents as mentioned in Para 37 (1) of the NIT.

9. Offers not on the prescribed form shall not be considered.

Yogesh Sharma, Purchase Officer (HPD)
PGI RC Advt. 2024 HR-00661 Email: singh_ranbir@pgimer.edu.in, Tele: +91-1722756468

कार्यालय छावनी परिषद, चक्रता
जिला देहरादून, उत्तराखण्ड फोन : 01360-272220
फैक्स : 01360-272502 ई-मेल : ceochak-stats@nic.in

फाइल संख्या - 12/3/PW/Misc./2024 दिनांक : 07.02.2024
छावनी परिषद चक्रता देहरादून-248123, दूरभाष क्रमांक - 01360-272220
छावनी परिषद चक्रता द्वारा डिफेंस ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट पोर्टल अर्थात <https://defproc.gov.in/nicgep/app> पर निम्नलिखित कार्य की ऑनलाइन निविदाये आमंत्रित की जाती है:-

क्र० सं०	कार्य का नाम	अनुमानित मूल्य	टेंडर आईडी	पंजीकरण की अंतिम तिथि	ऑनलाइन टेंडर जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि	तकनीकी निविदा खोलने की तिथि
1	छावनी निधि बिल्डिंग की मरम्मत और रखरखाव के लिए सिविल कार्य हेतु निविदा	Rs. 38 Lakh	2024_DGDE_641148_1	20-02-2024	27-02-2024 (1100 hrs.)	28-02-2024 (1200 hrs.)
2	छावनी निधि नालो की मरम्मत और रखरखाव के सिविल कार्य हेतु निविदा	Rs. 38 Lakh	2024_DGDE_641226_1	20-02-2024	27-02-2024 (1100 hrs.)	28-02-2024 (1200 hrs.)
3	छावनी निधि विविध सार्वजनिक सुधार की मरम्मत और रखरखाव के सिविल कार्य हेतु निविदा	Rs. 38 Lakh	2024_DGDE 641155_1	20-02-2024	27-02-2024 (1100 hrs.)	28-02-2024 (1200 hrs.)
4	छावनी निधि सड़क की मरम्मत और रखरखाव के सिविल कार्य हेतु निविदा	Rs. 38 Lakh	2024_DGDE_641156_1	20-02-2024	27-02-2024 (1100 hrs.)	28-02-2024 (1200 hrs.)
5	छावनी निधि जल आपूर्ति की मरम्मत और रखरखाव के सिविल कार्य हेतु निविदा	Rs. 38 Lakh	2024_DGDE_641158_1	20-02-2024	27-02-2024 (1100 hrs.)	28-02-2024 (1200 hrs.)

अधिक जानकारी और ऑनलाइन निविदा, विवरण और शुद्धिपत्र जमा करने के लिए कृपया <https://defproc.gov.in/nicgep/app> पर जाएं। निविदा जमा करना, शुद्धिपत्र और अनुबंध देने जैसी सभी गतिविधियाँ डिफेंस ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट पोर्टल अर्थात <https://defproc.gov.in/nicgep/app> के माध्यम से की जाएगी।

मुख्य अधिसूची अधिकारी
चक्रता छावनी
"बेटी बचाओ, बेटी पढ़ाओ" "एक भारत श्रेष्ठ भारत"

कार्यालय नगर निगम, बरेली।

पत्रक्र 44/प्र०अधि०/लिकवे०/2023-24 दिनांक 08.02.2024

ई-निविदा सूचना

Online bids are invited for following Work. Tender forms may be purchased online by the bidders, having relevant experience.

Name of Service	Earnest money deposit (Rs.)
"Procurement of scientific & technical services for complete Supply, Fabrication, Erection, Installation & successful Commissioning of In Situ Nallah treatment by Bio-Remediation & Phytoremediation technology in 15 Drains of Bareilly Nagar Nigam having total discharge of 130 MLD"	EMD & Tender Fee shall be submitted online in the Account No.: 3647000100980707, Name of Bank: Punjab National Bank, Branch: Patel Chowk Bareilly, IFSC Code: PUN0364700

Event of Calendar:

Sl. No.	Events	Date & Time
1.	Date of downloading tender document	09/02/2024 from 12.00 PM
2.	Last date for seeking clarification, if any	17/02/2024 up to 02:00 PM
3.	Reply to the bid queries	19/02/2024 up to 02:00 PM
4.	A Pre-proposal meeting will be held on	20/02/2024 up to 01:00 PM
5.	Start date for uploading of proposal on e-Procurements platform	21/02/2024 from 2:00 PM
6.	Last date/time of submission of E-Bid with scan copy of BC for cost of tender FDR of EMD on E-Tendering portal (website).	29/02/2024 up to 04.00 PM
7.	Last date/time of submission of original BC of e-tender fee & original FDR of EMD in physical form	02/03/2024 up to 04.00 PM
8.	Date/time of opening Pre-qualification part through E-Tender procurement solution	03/03/2024 at 04.00 PM
9.	Date/time of opening Price Bid through E-Tender procurement solution.	To be intimated later

The tender document can be downloaded from <https://etender.up.nic.in>. "Corrigendum if any. Would appear only on the <https://etender.up.nic.in> site and not to be published in any News Paper."

प्रमुख अधिकारी (लिकयूड वेट मैनेजमेंट)
नगर निगम बरेली।

GOVT. OF MAHARASHTRA
Public Works (East) Division, Pune - 411 001
Phone No. 020/26122457
Web- www.mahapwd.gov.in and e-mail- eastpune.ee@mahapwd.gov.in

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 127 FOR 2023-2024

The Executive Engineer, Public Works (East) Division, Pune - 411 001 invites bids for following work from Registered as well as unregistered Contractor, and full filling the qualifying criteria for **C Tender Format** as per Maharashtra Government, Public Work Department G.R. No. CAT/2017/Pra.Kra-08/Bldg-2, dt. 27/9/2018 and Public Work Department Matralaya Mumbai Circular No. CAT/2017/Pra.Kra-08/Bldg-2, dt. 22/10/2018. Bids document can be downloaded from website <https://mahatenders.gov.in> Executive Engineer reserves all rights to accept or reject bids. Conditional bids will not be accepted.

NAME OF WORK AND ESTIMATE COST LIST

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost Rs.	Earnest Money Deposit	Time limit for Completion	Cost of e-Tender Form Fee	Class of Contractor
1.	Construction of Major Submersible Bridge Across Karha River At Km 86/630 on Nimbud Murum Hole Sangavi Soangan Road SH-132 Tal-Baramati, Dist- Pune.	9,85,88,500/-	4,93,000/-	18 Months (Including Monsoon)	Rs.3540/- (With GST 18%)	Registered as well as unregistered Contractor

E-tender- Time Table

1. Period of Downloading of bid documents/ Sale start and end dates	Dt. 09.02.2024 @ 10.00 hrs. to Dt. 22.02.2024 @ 18.00 hrs.
2. Pre-bid Meeting In the Office of Chief Engineer, P. W. Region Office - Pune, Old Central Building, Pune-411001.	Dt. 13.02.2024 @ 12.00 hrs.
3. Period of Bid Submission/ Bid Submission Start and End date.	Dt. 09.02.2024 @ 10.00 hrs. to Dt. 22.02.2024 @ 18.00 hrs.
4. Bid Opening Period	Dt. 23.02.2024 @ 18.00 hrs. (If Possible) (In the office of Superintending Engineer, P.W. Circle, Pune.)

Note :-
1. All eligible/interested contractors are downloading and mandated to get enrolled on e-tendering portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in>.
2. For online Payment related issues, kindly send email with Bank Reference Number to this email merchant@sbic.co.in. You may also contact 022-27560149 for clarifications.
3. Other term and condition Displayed in online e-tender forms. Right to reject any or all online bid of work without assigning any reasons thereof is reserved.
4. Above only Tender Notice is displayed on P.W.D. website "www.mahapwd.gov.in".
5. Online Blank Tender Downloading fee and Earnest money shall be paid via online using payment gateway mode.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Public Works (East) Division,
Pune 411 001.

DGIPR/2023-24/ROC 7928

Office of the Executive Engineer,
Public Works (South) Division, Kolhapur Tarabai Park,
Opp. Residency Club, Kolhapur-416 003

Outward No. AB/G-34/ 659 /2024 Phone No. 0231-2650042, Fax -0231-2650140
Date :- 02/02/2024 E-mail:- southkolhapur.ee@mahapwd.gov.in

सा.बां. विभाग शासन निर्णय क्र. सीएटी 2017/प्र.क्र. 8/इमारती-2, दि. 12 एप्रिल, 2017.
E - TENDER NOTICE NO. 88 for 2023-24.

Executive Engineer, P. W. (South) Division, Kolhapur, on behalf of Public Works Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, invites offers from the contractors fulfilling the eligibility criteria mentioned in the **Tender Document** for the following works on e-tender platform. The tender forms (B-1 type) can be downloaded from Govt. of Maharashtra, website <http://mahatenders.gov.in> The Executive Engineer, P.W. (South) Division, Kolhapur reserves right to accept or reject any offer. Any Conditional offers will not be accepted.

Sr. No.	Name Of Works	Form of Tender	Estimated cost. Rs. in lakhs.	Earnest Money Rs.	Cost of tender From Fee Rs.	Time Limit for Completion	Class of contractor (PWD)(Registration)
1	Construction of Minor Bridge on road starting from Chandgad Ibrahimpur Chitale Shringarwadi Ajara Burude Honewadi Vairagwadi Hasursasgini Narewadi Halkarni Khanapur to District Border road. S.H.201 at Km. 40/220, Taluka- Gadhinglaj, Dist. Kolhapur	B-1	338.64	1,70,000/-	3400/-	24 Months	PWD Registration Not Required.

E Tender Schedule

Period of download of Tenders	From:- Date 09/02/2024 to 23/02/2024 at 17.55 pm .
Prebid Conference (On line)	In the Office of the Chief Engineer, P. W. Region, Pune on 13/02/2024 at 12.00 Hrs. (Online)
Bid Submission Closing Date of Tenders	Date :- 23/02/2024 at 17.55 hrs.
Submission of Hard Copy (Office Addresses) as on date-26/02/2024 at 10.00 am	At any of the following places within 72 Hrs. after Bid Submission Closing at office of the 1. Superintending Engineer, Public Works Circle, Kolhapur. 2. Executive Engineer, Public Work Division, Kolhapur, 3. Executive Engineer, Public Work (South) Division Kolhapur
Place, Time and Date of Bid Opening Date (if possible).	Date :- 26/02/2024 Executive Engineer, Public Work (South) Division Kolhapur. at 10.05 Hrs (Online) if possible.

All information relating to above tender is available on following websites.
1. <http://mahapwd.gov.in>
2. <http://mahatenders.gov.in> (If there is any change in above notice, same will informed on above website)
2. On the notice board of Executive Engineer, P.W. (South) Division, Kolhapur.

Sd/-
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Fears of China link shut doors on a Paytm venture

In 2022, RBI asked PPSL to resubmit the licence application within 120 days

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NEW DELHI/MUMBAI: Paytm's troubles with the authorities started much before India's central bank announced strictures on its subsidiary, Paytm Payments Bank, on 31 January.

Early last year, concerned over Chinese investments in One97 Communications Ltd, the listed entity of the Paytm group, the Centre had rejected a proposal by the company for a post-facto approval of investments made in another subsidiary, Paytm Payments Services Ltd (PPSL). PPSL offers digital payments solutions and financial tools for businesses.

The external affairs ministry had recommended against the approval from a "political angle", mentioned in an internal government note that *Mint* has seen. The "post-facto" FDI (foreign direct investment) proposal was



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for One97 Communications to invest in its subsidiary Paytm Payments Services, showed the note.

After the external affairs ministry, the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and Department of Financial Services also did not approve the investments in March and May 2023, respectively.

"As per Paytm Payment Services Ltd, its creation and the capital infusion therein were both undertaken to comply with newly introduced regulations of RBI," according to the note cited above.

such measures are taken only after prolonged engagement with the entities involved.

A government official aware of the matter said Paytm management, including chief executive Vijay Shekhar Sharma, have also been informed about the concerns with regards to Chinese investments in more than one meeting.

Emails sent to the external affairs ministry and RBI remained unanswered till the time of going to print.

In an email response to *Mint*'s queries, a Paytm spokesperson said: "Paytm founder Vijay Shekhar Sharma remains the largest shareholder in the company. He acquired the ownership and voting rights from Antfin (Netherlands) Holdings BV and now holds a 24.3% stake, making him the single largest shareholder in the company. Hence, the investment from Antfin is now reduced to less than 10% and doesn't account them as a beneficial owner."

Therefore, questions on addressing concerns of Chinese investments and replacing Chinese investors in the company doesn't arise, the spokesperson added.

RBI's policy stand fails to soothe stock mkts

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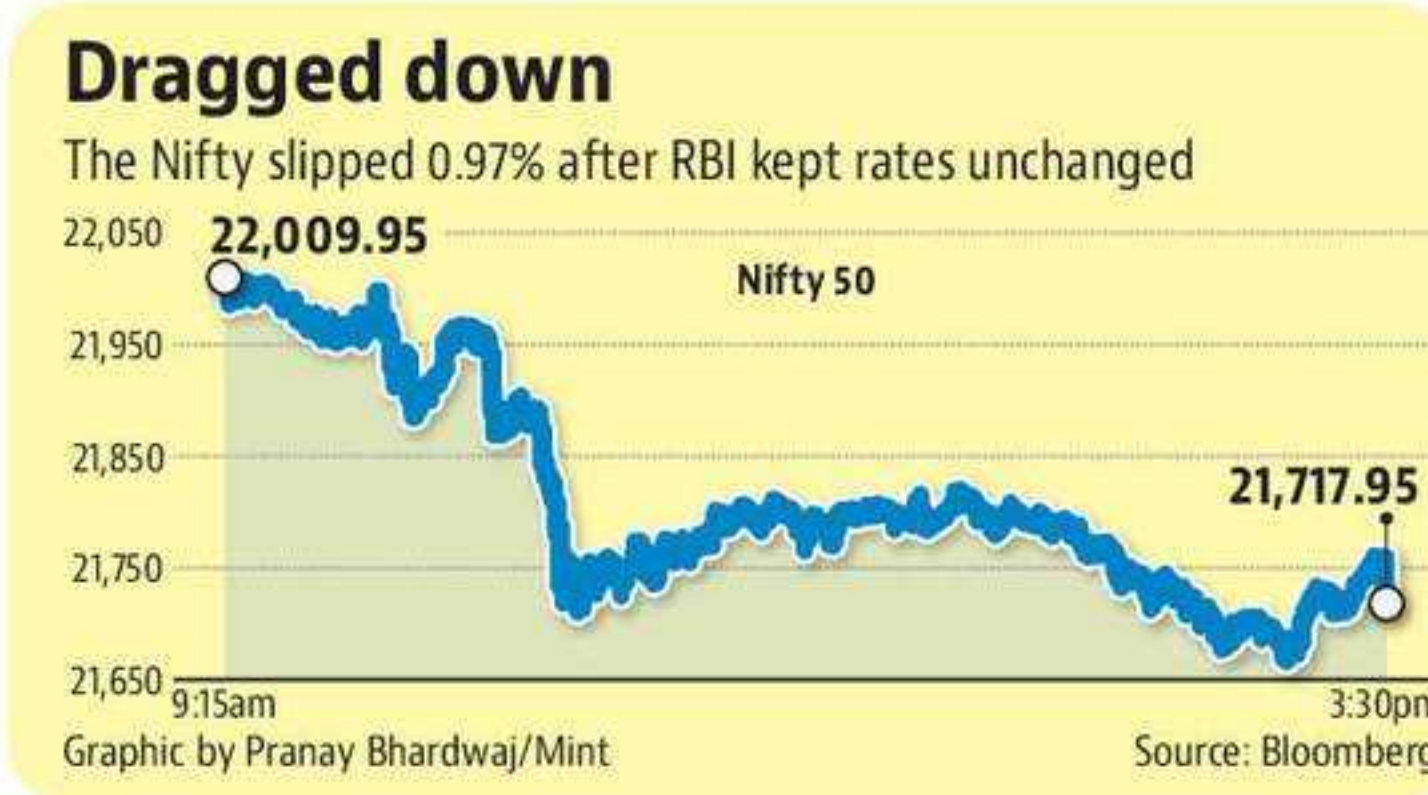
MUMBAI: The Indian stock markets tumbled nearly 1% on Thursday following the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) decision to keep rates unchanged for the sixth time in a row, signalling its reluctance to lower interest rates anytime soon.

Despite the RBI's projection of a drop in average retail price inflation to 4.5% for FY25 from 5.4% for FY24, the RBI governor's indication that the target of 4% has yet to be achieved spooked rate-sensitive sectors such as banks and fast-moving consumer goods, dragging the benchmarks down.

The Nifty slipped 0.97% to 21,717.95, marginally above the 20-day simple moving average of 21,691.57, while the Sensex fell 1% to 71,428.43.

The Bank Nifty index fell 1.76% to 45,012, close to its 200-day moving average of 44,877.62, while the Nifty FMCG index cracked 2.06% to 53646.20. India's benchmark 10-year bond yield settled a tad higher at 7.08%.

The fall in the Bank Nifty exerts downward pressure on the Nifty as financials have a 33% weightage on the index. The FMCG index has an 8.78%



Graphic by Pranay Bhardwaj/Mint

weightage. The drags on Nifty were Kotak Bank falling 3.53%, ICICI Bank dropping 3.34% and Axis Bank by 2.95%. ITC, with 4.04% and Nestle with 3.02% fell were the top laggards for the FMCG sector.

"Markets were disappointed with no dovish tinge to the policy or cut in cash reserve ratio to ease liquidity in the banking system," Andrew Holland, CEO, Avendus Capital Public Markets Alternate Strategies, said. "We might see rate cuts at or post August policy, which means banks' net interest margins may continue to be under pressure. Rate-sensitives could face pressure in near term, given possible FPI outflows from such sectors. The market will be under pressure in the near-term in the absence of catalysts back home, but might rally ahead of the

general elections," he added.

Nifty failed to close above the down gap resistance of 21,970 set on January 17, and ended near the day's low, said Deepak Jasani, head of retail research, HDFC Securities. "However, the index showed a one-day up-day-down phenomenon over the last few weeks. Nifty could now face resistance at 22,053, while 21,448 could offer support in the near term."

The Nifty PSU Bank was the outlier, rising 2% to 6,878.50, led by SBI, which hit all-time high of ₹718.90. Bank of Baroda, Canara Bank and Bank of India rallied 3.25-3.6%. Analysts expect continued pressure on banking sector's margins as they will be required to raise deposit rates amid rising loan demand till RBI implements rate cuts.

AIRBUS INKS DEAL WITH DYNAMATIC TECH TO MAKE DOORS IN INDIA

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NEW DELHI: Airbus SE, the European aerospace major, on Thursday signed a deal with Dynamatic Technologies for the production of door variants for the Airbus A220, the latest addition to its aircraft line-up.

The order value was not disclosed. This marks Airbus's second engagement with an Indian company for the manufacture of aircraft doors, following a contract in March last year with Tata Advanced Systems for the Airbus A320's cargo doors.

Currently, Airbus sources components worth \$750 million from India, with plans to increase this figure to \$1.5 billion over the next few years. Indian firms manufacture fuselages, electrical wire harnesses, tailfin structures, emergency chutes, among others, for Airbus.

The A220, designed to accommodate 100-150 passengers, falls under the Airbus Canada Ltd Partnership, with Airbus holding a 75% stake and the Quebec government owning the remaining 25%. The programme operates out of Mirabel, Quebec, encompassing programme management, engineering, customer support, and services, with Mirabel hosting the primary A220 final assembly line. Additionally, a secondary assembly line in Mobile, Alabama, caters to the US market.

Despite its global presence since 2016, with over 300 A220s currently in service and more than 900 orders placed, Indian carriers are yet to add the A220 to their fleets.

Bengaluru-based Dynamatic Technologies will likely deliver the first batch of aircraft doors by next year, as per officials.

The announcement came in the presence of civil aviation minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, Airbus India president and South Asia managing director Rémi Maillard, Dynamatic chief executive and managing director Udayant Malhoutra, among others.

Centre boosts Bharat brand output to keep cereal prices in check

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NEW DELHI: The Union government has ramped up the output of basic staples under its subsidised Bharat brand to reach consumers directly in an attempt to control prices, especially of cereals, ahead of the parliamentary elections due in May, officials aware of the matter said.

The Union food ministry has prepared a "heat map" of the country collating inflation data to identify centres where cereal prices are elevated where it will target its products, one of the officials said.

An interministerial panel on inflation management has given its go-ahead to allocate more state-owned cereals into the so-called open market sales scheme (OMSS) that will go into making of cheaper packaged rice and wheat, according to the official cited above.

An additional 2.5 million tonne (mt) would be offloaded in the markets during Jan-Mar 2024, "depending on requirement", the official added. In all, nearly 10.1 mt of wheat at a subsidised price of ₹2,150 per quintal has been allocated for calibrated release into the domestic open market by the Food Corporation of India through weekly e-auctions. So far, 8 mt of the grain has been sold to food processors.

While these auctions are ongoing, the government has shifted gears to now reach consumers directly with three items, Bharat Atta (packaged wheat), Bharat Dal (packaged chickpea) and Bharat Rice through a vast network of countryside cooperative stores, the official said.

While the government has achieved its goal of stabilising prices of wheat prices, inflation in rice continues to be an issue. "We have prepared a heat map of places where rice inflation is high and agencies such as Nafed (which will market Bharat rice) will target those places," food



Bharat Rice is being sold at a ₹29 per kg at all outlets of the Kendriya Bhandar network. AFP

secretary Sanjeev Chopra said. Union food and consumer affairs minister Piyush Goyal launched Bharat Rice, following Bharat wheat and pulses, on February 6 in New Delhi, flagging off 100 mobile vans where sales would be held. As part of supply-side measures, the government has, in all, channelled over 750,000 tonne of wheat and 500,000 tonne of rice for the Bharat brand, Chopra said.

In an attempt to showcase its fight against inflation by selling affordable food, the government branded its subsidised wheat as Bharat Atta in November with a distinct label and style. It is also selling cheap pulses under a similar brand.

Bharat Rice, being sold at a cheaper-than-market rate of ₹29 per kg, is now available at all stores and mobile outlets of the Kendriya Bhandar network, National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) and National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India (NCCF). Plans are also afoot to make it available on e-commerce platforms. Bharat Atta is being sold at a discounted rate of ₹27.5 per kg.

"The government is wary of high rice prices as it faces Lok Sabha polls in just a few months. It's the only cereal where inflation is entrenched," said Rahul Chouhan of IGrain.

OVL seeks to operate two Venezuela oil projects

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BETUL (GOA): With US sanctions on Venezuela lifted, state-run ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL) is in talks with the Venezuelan government for operating two oil and gas projects in the country, said Rajarshi Gupta, managing director of the company.

OVL currently owns 40% stake in the San Cristobal project, a producing asset, and 11% in Carabobo, which is under development.

The managing director (MD), in an interview on the sidelines

OVL OWNS 40% STAKE IN THE SAN CRISTOBAL PROJECT, A PRODUCING ASSET AND 11% IN CARABOBO

of the India Energy Week, said the company would invest further in the existing projects in Venezuela in a bid to increase production. He also said the company is awaiting cargoes from Venezuela in lieu of stuck dividends.

Mint earlier reported that OVL is in talks with its Venezuelan partner PdVSA to secure oil cargoes in lieu of unpaid dividends totalling \$600 million.

"The lifting of the sanctions is a very positive sign. We are in very advanced discussions with the government of Venezuela to get further cargoes to liquidate our dividends and at the same time to get the operatorship of the two projects that we have there and increase the production from there. The two projects we will have to invest to get more production. That's still being worked out," Gupta said.

"We will have to invest, because Venezuela has the largest reserves in the world. So, if we invest more, we will get more production."

Currently OVL and PdVSA jointly operate the projects and going forward the company expects to have "more say" in the projects.

The overseas arm of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)—OVL—acquired 40% in San Cristobal Project in Venezuela in 2008, with PdVSA owning the balance 60%. ONGC Videsh holds 40% through ONGC Nile Ganga (San Cristo-

bal) BV, a wholly owned subsidiary of ONGC Nile Ganga B.V.

The Carabobo project is part of a consortium which also includes Indian Oil Corporation, Oil India, Repsol YPF (Repsol) and Petroliam Nasional Berhad (PETRONAS).

Speaking about the Mozambique LNG (liquefied natural gas) project which has been under force majeure since 2021, Gupta said construction is expected to resume during the ongoing quarter. Indian oil and gas PSUs hold a combined 30% stake in the Cabo Delgado LNG project in Mozambique.

Petronet to start gas supply for Sri Lankan power plants in '25

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BETUL (GOA): State-run Petronet LNG is expected to supply liquefied natural gas (LNG) to Sri Lanka starting 2025, said the company's managing director and chief executive officer A.K. Singh.

Speaking to reporters on Thursday on the sidelines of the India Energy Week (IEW), Singh said the company would also set up an LNG terminal at Colombo port with an investment of about ₹2,500 crore. "They (Sri Lanka) have already installed a 300 MW gas-based power plant. They have approached us to set up an LNG terminal which is going to take more time—3 to 4 years time to set up an FSRU (floating storage regasification unit)-based terminal. As a stop-gap arrangement we are working out to supply through ISO containers," he said.

He said daily supplies would be about 50 containers with each having 17 tonnes of LNG, which would amount to 850 tonnes per day.

Sri Lanka has been looking to source LNG to run its gas-



Petronet LNG managing director and chief executive officer A.K. Singh.

based power plants along with other industries. The proposed FSRU has been under discussion for a few years now.

The Petronet chief executive officer (CEO) said that from the date of commencement of the project, the FSRU or the LNG terminal would take about three-and-a-half years to be completed.

He also said that the company will prepare a detailed feasibility report (DFR) once the Sri Lankan government gives formal approval to the

project. The supplies would from the Kochi LNG terminal and the CEO said that the proposed supplies would be a "good utilisation" of the terminal which is currently under-utilised.

Petronet LNG has long-term LNG purchase agreements from Qatar and Australia, and operates two land-based regasification terminals at Dahej in Gujarat with a capacity of 17.5 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) and a 5-million tonnes per annum unit at Kochi in Kerala.

The development comes on the heels of Petronet signing a long-term LNG sale and purchase agreement on Tuesday for around 7.5 million tonnes per annum of LNG with Qatar-Energy.

This 20-year deal is an extension of an existing contract for LNG supply of signed in 1999 for supplies till 2028. Under the new agreement, LNG supplies will run from 2028 till 2048.

The company is also expanding capacity of the Dahej terminal by 5 million tonne per annum to 22.5 million tonnes and is also looking to build a new terminal in Odisha.

{ THE CROSSWORDS }

CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- They're associated with seats (7)
- It may be smoked out of its den (5)
- Home from the East (4)
- There is a boring occupation (8)
- I'd rather not express it more politely (2,5,3)
- Sort of land found on the market (6)
- Gardening suit? (6)
- Expanding and becoming more communicative (7,3)
- Legally only of minor importance (5,3)
- Earn a note on the side (4)
- Birds from another nest (5)
- Not huge but shaped to become robust (7)

DOWN

- Mother's taken on at the lodge (5)
- Intervening period in Scrooge's life (8)
- Knock everybody out (6)
- A well-supplied business organisation (3,7)
- Aide contrived a plan (4)
- Defeats teachers (7)
- Versatile actor? (3,2,5)
- Warn a pretty girl about a Scotsman (8)
- Put income down or work it out electronically (7)
- Dignified person makes a cocktail after dark (6)
- Join in an animated tango (3,2)
- A private study made of port (4)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- Put up with (7)
- Discard (5)
- Long arduous journey (4)
- Slander (10)
- Of slight consistency (4)
- Snoobish (4-3)
- Slapstick (10)
- Maker of women's hats (8)
- Declare openly (7)
- Unruffled (6)
- Strive to overcome (5)
- Mark left by wound (4)

DOWN

- Start working earnestly (3,2)
- Invalidate (8)
- Foreshadow (6)
- 4 Slander (10)
- 5 Of slight consistency (4)
- 6 Snoobish (4-3)
- 7 Slapstick (10)
- 11 Maker of women's hats (8)
- 12 Declare openly (7)
- 14 Unruffled (6)
- 16 Strive to overcome (5)
- 17 Mark left by wound (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS (16777)

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{ WEATHER }
TEMPERATURE HIGH + LOW

FRIDAY Mist
22°C | 08°C

SATURDAY Shallow fog
22°C | 07°C

SUNDAY Shallow fog
23°C | 07°C

ALMANAC
Today is 9th February 2024
• 28 Rajah, 1445
• 14, 15, Magha, Krishna
Paksha, 14, Amavasya
• Samat 2088
• Sunset: Friday at 06:05 p.m.
• Sunrise: Saturday at 05:59 a.m.
• Moonrise: Friday at 06:44 a.m.
• Moonset: Friday at 05:25 p.m.

TEMPERATURE IN FOUR METROS

Delhi 22°C | 08°C
Mumbai 31°C | 21°C
Kolkata 31°C | 21°C
Chennai 33°C | 21°C

Indian airports looking for digital boost: SITA

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NEW DELHI: Indian airports are increasingly looking at ways to deepen digitalisation, as they seek to boost efficiency at passenger touchpoints, technology provider SITA said, as traffic soars in the world's fastest-growing aviation market.

SITA is a European IT company that provides technology and telecommunications services to the aviation industry.

The company, which is involved in facilitating the DigiYatra programme at 40 state-run airports, is also in discussions with the Adani Group on increasing technology adoption at the infrastructure conglomerate's seven airports. The DigiYatra app helps facilitate a smooth, paperless air-travel experience.



In December, SITA won a contract to implement DigiYatra at 40 airports of the state-owned Airports Authority of India. HT

"They (Adani Group) are looking for a lot in terms of digitalisation. We are working with them on certain things in terms of how we can help them to digitalise some of their processes, how we can use data to serve the passenger better. So, we are talking about this," Sumesh Patel,

president of Asia-Pacific at SITA, told *Mint*.

The company recently revamped the group's passenger processing system and implemented airport management system, which automates and streamlines core airport operations, at the Adani Group-run

airports of Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Lucknow, Guwahati, Thiruvananthapuram, Mangaluru, and Mumbai.

In December last year, the company won a contract to implement DigiYatra at 40 airports of the state-owned Airports Authority of India. This will be undertaken in two phases, whereby 12 airports will be covered in the first phase by June, and 28 in the second. These will include airports at Coimbatore, Chennai, Dabolim, Indore, Visakhapatnam, Raipur, Patna, Ranchi, Srinagar, Bagdogra, among others.

Under the DigiYatra scheme, the government aims to create a seamless travel experience for travellers with the use of facial technology for contactless identification at touchpoints such as check-in, security, and boarding

zone. The contactless passenger identification facility was launched in December 2022, and is currently available at 13 airports of Delhi, Bengaluru, Varanasi, Hyderabad, Pune, Kolkata and Vijayawada, Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Cochin, Guwahati, Jaipur and Lucknow.

SITA said that greenfield airports such as Jewar and Navi Mumbai are also keen to adopt technologies that will ensure a faster turnaround time for aircraft operations.

In July, it had signed up with Noida international airport for airport management system. This will include the provision and operation of systems to allocate gates and counters, boarding bridges, traffic-flow management on the airfield as well as display of flight information to passengers.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER, CONSTRUCTION WING, UTTARAKHAND PEYJAL NIGAM
E-32, JUDGE FARM, HALDWANI, DISTT.- NAINITAL (PIN 263139)
Letter no. 343/Nivida-Anubandh/Udhm Singh Nagar/54 Dated: 07-02-2024

E-Tender Notice

- Name of the work:-** Construction of Rajya Atithi Grah at Rudrapur, District - Udhm Singh Nagar.
- Estimated Cost:-** Rs. 3671.61 Lacs (with GST)
- Period of Completion:-** 15 Months
- Date and Time of availability of Bid documents in the portal:-** 09-02-2024 (14.00 hrs)
- Online Bid submission: End date :-** 23-02-2024 (17.00 hrs)
- Date & Time of Technical bid Opening:-** 24-02-2024 (16.30 hrs)
- Name and Address of the Officer inviting bid:-** General Manager (Kumaon), Nirman Wing, Uttarakhand Pey Jal Nigam, Haldwani.
- Pre-bid meeting details (if required) Date & Place :-** 12-02-2024 (11.00 hrs) Office of the Project Manager, Construction Unit, Uttarakhand Pey Jal Nigam, Udhm Singh Nagar.
- For further details, details of subsequent Amendment / correction documentation etc. may be obtained from the e-Procurement portal www.uktenders.gov.in **GENERAL MANAGER**

RAJASTHAN STATE HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY, JAIPUR
Notice Inviting Bid (40/2023-24)

Bids for Implementation of Improvement measures for 25 High Priority Blackspots are invited from the interest bidders upto 11:00 on 06.03.2024. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on website <https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in>. The estimated value of Rs. 19.94 Crores.

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Member (Works, Contracts & Operations)
Rajasthan State Highways Authority, Jaipur
Raj.Samwad/C/23/12773

UTTARAKHAND CIVIL AVIATION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Doon Helidrome Dehradun, Sahasradhara Road, P.O Kulhan, Pincode-248001 Tel. 0135 2608981
Notice No. -251/UCADA/FlowControl/2024 Dated: 05 Feb, 2024

TENDER NOTICE

Uttarakhand Civil Aviation Development Authority, Govt. of Uttarakhand inviting e-Tender from the aircraft manufacturer Approved 'Aircraft Spares Vendor' in India to supply of **Controller Flow Control Valve (P.No. 101-380025-11) for SKA B200, MSN-BB 1914, VT-UAB** aircraft of Govt. of Uttarakhand equipped with Proline-21 avionics system. This may also be seen on Uttarakhand procurement website www.uktenders.gov.in. The detailed tender schedule is as follows:

Start date for submission of bid: 06/02/2024 Time: 10:00 hrs
Last Date for submission of Tender: 12/02/2024 Time: 16:00 hrs
Last Date for submission of documents physically at UCADA: 12/02/2024 Time: 17:00 hrs
Opening of Technical Bid: 12/02/2024 Time: 17:00 hrs
Opening of Financial Bid will be intimated by e-mail to the technically qualified bidders.

For more details, please visit www.uktenders.gov.in Uttarakhand Civil Aviation Development Authority, Doon Helidrome, Mussorie bypass P.O.- Kulhan, Dehradun, Uttarakhand-248013. **CEO, UCADA**

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LIMITED
N.I.T. No. 25/2023-24 & 26/2023-24

Tenders are invited from reputed contractors registered in A or AA class for item no 1 & appropriate class for item no 2 with RRVPNL and AA class in Central/State Govt. Department and their undertakings and registered in GST department for the bid S. No. 1 of NIT No. 26 under Superintending Engineer (Civil) and bid S. No 1 to 3 of NIT No. 26 under Executive Engineer (Civil) Udaipur and bid S. No 4 of NIT No. 26 under Executive Engineer (Civil) Bhilwara All details of above NIB are available on website www.rvpn.co.in & <https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in> or <https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> UBN - VPN2324WSOB02096, VPN2324WSOB02097, VPN2324WSOB02098, VPN2324WSOB02099, VPN2324WSOB02092

Superintending Engineer
Raj.Samwad/C/23/12785 RRVPN/TR-6092/2024 (Civil), Udaipur

MUMBAI RAILWAY VIKAS CORPORATION LIMITED
2nd Floor, Churchgate Station Building, Mumbai-400 020

VACANCY NOTIFICATION

Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Ltd. invites applications for filling up of following posts on contract basis:

Sr. No.	Notification No.	Name of posts	No. of vacancies
1	MRVCE/AM/Safety/1/2024 dated 07.02.2024	Assistant Manager (Safety)	4 (UR-3, OBC-1)
2	MRVCE/DGM/SM/Safety/2/2024 dated 07.02.2024	Deputy General Manager/ Senior Manager (Safety)	1
3	MRVCE/DGM/Procurement/3/2024 dated 07.02.2024	Deputy General Manager (Procurement)	1

Last date for submission of application by mail is 07.03.2024. For further details, please visit website <https://mrvv.indianrailways.gov.in>. Corrigendum, if any, will be posted on the website only. SNP 14

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निविदा सूचना सं.: 447/E-Tender/20 दिनांक: 08.02.2024

ई-निविदा सूचना

उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम की ओर से अयोध्याखरी द्वारा **Additional works of 08 Nos Type-II Old building at S.V.P. University of Agriculture & Technology, Meerut. (U.P.)** का कार्य अनुमानित लागत रु. 5.68 लाख, (जी.एस.टी. रहित एवं लेबर सेस सहित) हेतु सी.एण्ड डी.एस. में यथोचित श्रेणी में भवन कार्य हेतु पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से दिनांक 17.02.2024 के 16:00 बजे तक ई-निविदा आमन्त्रित की जाती है। उक्त कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा प्रपत्र दिनांक 09.02.2024 से दिनांक 17.02.2024 के मध्य उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की e-procurement वेबसाइट <https://etender.up.nic.in> से डाउनलोड किये जा सकते हैं तथा ई-निविदा दिनांक 17.02.2024 को 16:30 बजे सी.एण्ड डी.एस., युनिट-07, उ.प्र. जल निगम, मेरठ में निविदा खोली जायेगी। ई-निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य रु. 1000.00+GST(18%) अतिरिक्त देय होगा।

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कार्यालय परियोजना प्रबन्धक, युनिट-30 कन्दुखान एण्ड डिजाइन सर्विसेज
उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम (नगरीय)
(उ.प्र. सरकार का उपक्रम)
मकान सं. 02/43 आवास विकास निकट एन.आई.सी. बिल्डिंग, शाहजहाँपुर
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निविदा सूचना सं.: 156/E-Tender/50 दिनांक: 06.02.2024

ई-निविदा सूचना

उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम (नगरीय), की ओर से अयोध्याखरी द्वारा **Construction of Academic & Hostel Block for Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya At Kanth Dist Shahjahanpur (U.P.)** अनु. लागत रु. 342.42 लाख, हेतु दिनांक 19.02.2024 की अपराह्न 17:00 बजे तक ई-निविदा आमन्त्रित की जाती है। उक्त कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा प्रपत्र दिनांक 06.02.2024 से दिनांक 19.02.2024 के मध्य उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की e-procurement की वेबसाइट <https://etender.up.nic.in> से डाउनलोड किये जा सकते हैं तथा ई-निविदा दिनांक 20.02.2024 को अपराह्न 14:00 बजे कार्यालय परियोजना प्रबन्धक, युनिट - 30, सी. एण्ड डी. एस., उ.प्र. जल निगम (नगरीय), शाहजहाँपुर में खोली जायेगी। ई-निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य रु. 10,000.00 + GST (18%) अतिरिक्त देय होगा।

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उ०प्र० पावर ट्रांसमिशन कॉर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड

अति अल्पकालीन एवं अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना सं० 66-ईसीटीसी / मुरादाबाद / 2023-24, ई-टेंडर, चार माह की वैधता हेतु दो भागों में, भाग-1 व भाग-2 अधोलिखित विवरण के अनुसार आमन्त्रित किया जाता है। विशिष्टिकरण संख्या 01 पर अंकित निविदा के प्राप्त होने / खोले जाने की दिनांक व समय 19.02.2024, 14.00 बजे एवं 20.02.2024 14.00 बजे है। विशिष्टिकरण संख्या 02 पर अंकित निविदा के प्राप्त होने / खोले जाने की दिनांक व समय 26.02.2024, 14.00 बजे एवं 27.02.2024 14.00 बजे है। विशिष्टिकरण संख्या- 01, कार्य का नाम- मैसर्स बेस्ट क्रॉप साइंस प्रा० लि० हेतु 132 के०वी० उपकेन्द्र, गजौला पर 01 अदर 33 के०वी० 'बै' के निर्माण से सम्बन्धित जानपदीय कार्य। 02, अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत परीक्षण एवं परचालन मण्डल, मेरठ के इन्टरमार्क आवास सं० IV/13 पर जानपदीय अनुसंधान कार्य। निविदा प्रपत्र ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट वेबसाइट <http://etender.up.nic.in> से ही स्वीकार किये जायेंगे। उक्त निविदा से सम्बन्धित विवरण यथा तकनीकी विशिष्टिकरण, कार्यावधि, धरोहर राशि, निविदा प्रपत्र की लागत इत्यादि एवं किसी प्रकार के संशोधन, परिवर्तन, शुद्धि पत्र हेतु <http://etender.up.nic.in> अथवा www.upptcl.org पर लॉगिन करके साइट पर देखा जा सकता है एवं प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। "राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचायें" अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत जानपद परेषण मण्डल उ०प्र० पा०ट्रा०कॉरल०, मुरादाबाद पत्रांक-401, दि०-08/02/2024

कार्यालय परियोजना प्रबन्धक, युनिट-30 कन्दुखान एण्ड डिजाइन सर्विसेज
उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम (नगरीय)
(उ.प्र. सरकार का उपक्रम)
मकान सं. 02/43 आवास विकास निकट एन.आई.सी. बिल्डिंग, शाहजहाँपुर
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निविदा सूचना सं.: 157/E-Tender/51 दिनांक: 06.02.2024

ई-निविदा सूचना

उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम (नगरीय), की ओर से अयोध्याखरी द्वारा **Construction of Academic & Hostel Block for Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya At Sindhauli Dist Shahjahanpur (U.P.)** अनु. लागत रु. 342.42 लाख, हेतु दिनांक 19.02.2024 की अपराह्न 17:00 बजे तक ई-निविदा आमन्त्रित की जाती है। उक्त कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा प्रपत्र दिनांक 06.02.2024 से दिनांक 19.02.2024 के मध्य उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की e-procurement की वेबसाइट <https://etender.up.nic.in> से डाउनलोड किये जा सकते हैं तथा ई-निविदा दिनांक 20.02.2024 को अपराह्न 14:00 बजे कार्यालय परियोजना प्रबन्धक, युनिट - 30, सी. एण्ड डी. एस., उ.प्र. जल निगम (नगरीय), शाहजहाँपुर में खोली जायेगी। ई-निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य रु. 10,000.00 + GST (18%) अतिरिक्त देय होगा।

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CORRIGENDUM Date: 07-02-2024

E-Tender No. 17/JEE(M)/2023-24

The last date for submission and opening of E-Tender No. 17/EE (M)/2023-24 invited by the office of executive Engineer (M) for "Annual contract for operation of DPH Tiloth & DPH Heena of Tiloth Power House, Uttarkashi" is hereby extended as under:-

Last Date for submission of bid on portal - 14.02.2024 at 17:00 hrs
Last date for submission of original bid documents-17.02.2024 at 16:00 hrs.
Due date for opening of bid on portal- 17.02.2024 at 16:30 Hrs.
All other terms & conditions will remain unchanged. **Executive Engineer (M)**

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

EOI Notice No.: JHS/HIS/2/LP/Med/Store/2024-25 Dated: 06.02.2024

NOTICE

Chief Medical Superintendent, North Central Railway/Jhansi, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites applications from eligible firms for empanelment/registration for retail supply of Medicines, Surgical Items & Consumables for day to day local purchase for Divisional Railway Hospital Jhansi, as per Railway Board's policy letter No.2017/H/41/Local purchase (E-3236402), Dtd. 31.07.2023

Willing suppliers may apply before 10.30 hrs. AM of 26.02.2024. Tendering will be through e-tender on IREPS. Details of the EOI/Tender are as under:-

EOI/Tender No.: JHS-2024- RETAIL- LP9

Approx Cost of work (Rs.): Approximate 2 crore 52 Lakhs, 90 Thousand for 02 year (1 crore 26 Lakh 45 Thousand per annum).

Name of Work: Supply of Medicines, Surgical Items & Consumables in retail to Divisional Railway Hospital Jhansi on day to day basis.

Completion Period: 02 Years. **Date of Closing of EOI/Tender:** 26.02.2024 upto 10.30 am

Special Technical Criteria:- (1) The Complete information along with EOI/Tender booklet of above Expression of Interest Notice (EOI) will be available/uploaded since 17:30 hrs. of 06.02.2024 and shall be remained on Website www.ireps.gov.in up to 10:30 AM hrs. on the due date of 26.02.2024 of EOI/tender opening. (2) Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above EOI/tenders. For this purpose, Vendors/Bidders are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. (3) Rates entered into financial rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by Vendors/Bidders shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered. (4) Document being attached should be signed by the applicant on its body. (5) This EOI/tender notice has also been uploaded on www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in & <http://www.tenders.gov.in>. (6) Payment of Bid Security shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. (7) In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. (8) Tender/EOL online can be submitted upto 10:30 hrs AM on 26.02.2024. (9) Firm shall supply the indented items on credit basis. (10) All documents must be duly signed/attested by proprietor. **243/24 (A)**

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कार्यालय परियोजना प्रबन्धक, युनिट-31 कन्दुखान एण्ड डिजाइन सर्विसेज
उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम (नगरीय)
(उ.प्र. सरकार का उपक्रम)
ए.सी. नं.-90, शाही नगर गाजियाबाद - 201002
प्रधान कार्यालय: टी.सी. - 38 वीं, विद्युत खण्ड इण्डियन ऑयल के पास, गोंडली नगर, लखनऊ
ई-मेल:- cdsppnumit31@gmail.com

निविदा सूचना सं.: :278/Vividh-12/72 दिनांक: 07.02.2024

ई-निविदा सूचना

उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम, की ओर से अयोध्याखरी द्वारा जनपद गाजियाबाद के ग्राम भदौली मुरादनगर में कस्तूरबा गांधी बालिका विद्यालय के एकेडमी एवं छात्रावास का निर्माण कार्य, अनुमानित लागत रु. 342.42 लाख (जी.एस.टी. रहित एवं लेबर सेस सहित) हेतु सी.एण्ड डी.एस. में यथोचित श्रेणी में भवन कार्य हेतु पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से दिनांक 22.02.2024 के अपराह्न 16:00 बजे तक ई-निविदा आमन्त्रित की जाती है। उक्त कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा प्रपत्र दिनांक 09.02.2024 से दिनांक 22.02.2024 के मध्य उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की e-procurement वेबसाइट <https://etender.up.nic.in> से डाउनलोड किये जा सकते हैं तथा ई-निविदा दिनांक 22.02.2024 को पूर्वाह्न 16:30 बजे सी.एण्ड डी.एस. युनिट-31, उ.प्र. जल निगम, गाजियाबाद में निविदा खोली जायेगी। ई-निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य रु. 10000.00 + GST(18%) अतिरिक्त देय होगा।

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Mt Muralitharan: A peak too high, just like the Don's 99.94

James Anderson and R Ashwin are nearing celebrated landmarks but the Sri Lankan's feat remains an unscalable summit

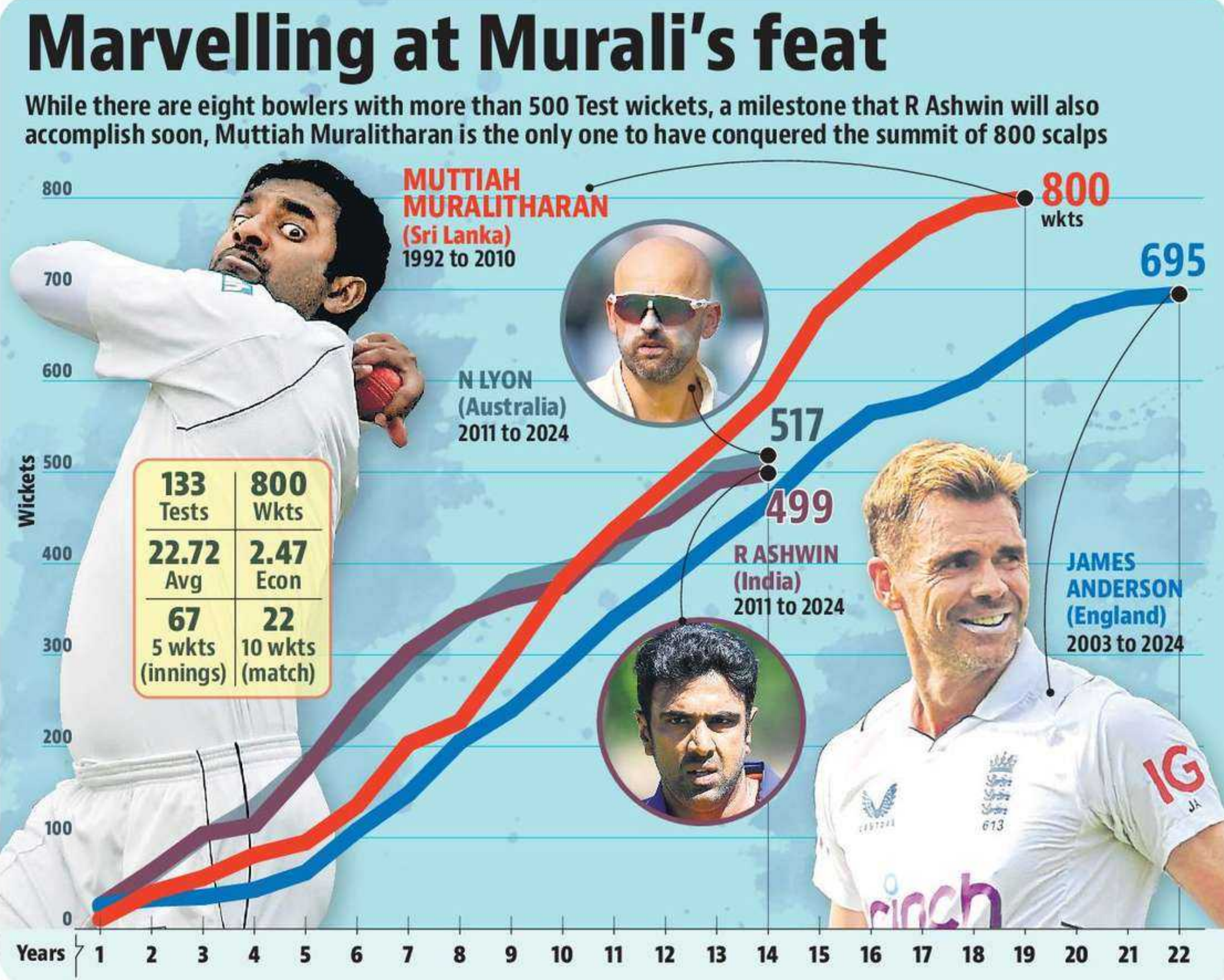
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NEW DELHI: R Ashwin is one away from 500 Test wickets. James Anderson needs five more victims to reach 700 Test wickets. Both bowlers, in the twilight of their decorated careers (yes, we've been expecting Anderson to hang his boots for at least five years now), are expected to touch these significant milestones next week when the riveting action resumes with the third Test between India and England in Rajkot next week.

Impressive as the numbers of these contemporary greats are, this is perhaps an appropriate moment to marvel at the man at the top of this exalted list of highest wicket-takers in Test cricket: Muttiah Muralitharan. Because Anderson has been at it for 21 years and Ashwin for 13, and yet they are a considerable distance away from the magical mark of 800 that the legendary off-spinner breached in the last of his 133 Tests in 2010. While Muralitharan stands on his own having set this statistical benchmark, he is also the fastest to 400, 500, 600 and 700 Test wickets.

The magnitude of Muralitharan's feat has perhaps not been celebrated as much as it ought to be. The fact that he didn't eloquently articulate his craft and talk up his achievements to the wider world may have played a part, but 800 Test wickets is just as otherworldly and out of reach as Don Bradman's Test average of 99.94.

Unlike his famed spin rival Shane Warne, whose first steps to



greatness came in his second year as an international cricketer with the 'ball of the century' to Mike Gatting. Muralitharan took his time finding his feet. He needed 27 Tests to get to 100 wickets, which as many as 12 players have achieved in less than 20 matches. He was also battling the insecurity of plying his trade with a bowling action that was under incessant scrutiny, with bitter experiences of being called for chucking by umpires in Australia dominating

his early career.

The turning point

The turning point arrived in 1998 when Muralitharan returned figures of 7/155 and 9/65 in a one-off Test against England at The Oval in London that Sri Lanka won by 10 wickets. It was Sri Lanka's first victory on English soil and told us that Muralitharan, who had taken most of his scalps at home till then, could be just as much of a force in unfamiliar territory. He

claimed 68 wickets in eight Tests that year, showing first glimpses of the bowler who would go on to become Sri Lanka's greatest match-winner. Years later, Muralitharan termed his match haul of 16 wickets at The Oval as a career highlight.

"Everyone thought I was a good bowler then and I didn't look back from there," Muralitharan was quoted as saying by BBC in 2007. If Warne had a languid approach to the bowling crease

before casting a spell on the batter at the other end, Muralitharan's flapping arms, diagonal run-up and bulging eyes at the point of delivery provided no less of a spectacle. Where Muralitharan was unique as an off-spinner was in his propensity to turn the ball a mile, using a congenitally bent right arm to his advantage to bamboozle batters around the world. Sample Muralitharan's dismissal of former England left-hand batter Mark Butcher at Edg-

baston in 2002, the ball pitching probably a metre outside his leg stump before exploding and hitting the top of off stump.

That a genial smile followed these deadly deliveries added to the theatre. Muralitharan produced these moments ever so often, leaving batters perennially confused by the sharp spin and fizz on the ball. The only way they could counter Muralitharan in his early years was by using their front pad rather than bat and remember this was a time when they could get away because technology wasn't equipped to show the projected path of the ball for leg-before dismissals.

Muralitharan mastered the doosra — invented by Pakistan's Saqlain Mushtaq — in response, causing further problems by spinning the ball prodigiously either way now. It added another dimension to Muralitharan's armoury, as the second half of his career clearly illustrates. After reaching 300 scalps in 58 Tests, he zoomed to subsequent century milestones at a rapid rate — he took just 14 Tests to go to 400, 15 for 500, 14 for 600, 12 for 700 and 20 for 800.

When Muralitharan announced his retirement ahead of the first Test against India in Galle in 2010, he needed eight more to reach 800 scalps. It was as if he had thrown himself a challenge one final time, and he didn't disappoint, with figures of 5/63 and 3/128 across the two innings ensuring that his incredible tally was rounded off at exactly 800.

Another staggering number from Muralitharan's illustrious Test career is his five-wicket hauls — 67, which is 30 more than Warne who is second on the list.

"Records are meant to be broken" is a common expression in competitive sport. But there are some numbers, like Muralitharan's 800, that are likely to stand the test of time and keep reminding us of the Sri Lankan's genius.

Rape-accused Varun pulls out of Pro League

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NEW DELHI: Indian hockey defender Varun Kumar, who has been accused of rape under POCSO Act (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences), has pulled out of the FIH Pro League that commences in Bhubaneswar on Saturday.

The 28-year-old wrote a letter to Hockey India (HI) president Dilip Tirkey, also marked to secretary general Bhola Nath Singh and chief coach Craig Fulton, on Wednesday requesting 'urgent leave' to avail 'legal remedies and legal rights', adding that he will 'not be in a position to participate in the Pro League'.

"As the matter is currently under investigation, we would not be commenting on the matter," Bhola Nath said on Thursday.

Bengaluru police, on Monday, had registered a case against Varun on the complaint of a 21-year-old woman who had alleged that she was sexually assaulted many times over the last five years, since when she was a minor. The Olympic bronze medalist has been booked under Section 4(2), 5(L), 6 of the POCSO Act and IPC Section 376 (3) for raping a woman under 16 years of age and 420 (cheating).

"Through media reports I got to know that a false and frivolous case has been filed against me by a girl with whom I was in a relationship previously and the said case has culminated into an FIR in Bangalore though I have not been contacted by any police official," Varun wrote in the letter, a copy of which is in possession of HT.

"The aforesaid case is nothing but a calculated attempt to extort money out of me and to tarnish my reputation and image as I'm an accomplished hockey player having played for India and being an Arjuna Awardee and she knows that such a case could hamper my career and image."

Varun was part of the 24-member Indian hockey team that was



Varun Kumar. GETTY

to play Spain, Netherlands, Australia and Ireland in the elite nine-team tournament in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela from February 10-25. The Indian team had reached the Odisha capital on Monday but Varun has already left the team before India face Spain on Saturday. "Varun has been granted leave and has left Bhubaneswar," an HI official said on condition of anonymity.

Varun, who made his India debut in 2017, has played 141 internationals for India, scoring 39 goals. Apart from playing as a defender, the Olympian also doubles up as a backup drag-flicker and belongs to Mithapur village of Jalandhar district.

"This incident has taken a toll on my physical and mental health and this is a very tough time for me and my family especially because of the sensationalising of the issue by the media. Being a sports person I have always been taught to fight till the very end and therefore I request for your support in these difficult times," wrote Varun, who is a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) in Punjab.

Apart from the Olympic bronze, Varun was also instrumental in helping India win the Asian Games gold in Hangzhou. He was also part of the team that won the Asian Champions Trophy both 2018 and 2023 and also won gold at the 2017 Asia Cup. He made his debut after helping India win the 2016 Jr World Cup in Lucknow.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
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No. 515/96MS-S/2023-24, Dated 20.01.2024

e-Procurement

The S.E. Saharanpur Circle, U.P.P.W.D. Saharanpur on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites tender rate bids on SBD Basis online for the construction of work detailed in the table given below. The Bidder is advised to examine carefully all instructions including addendum/amendments to ITB, conditions of contract, contract data, forms, terms, technical specifications, bill of quantities etc. in the bid Document.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Approximate value of work (Rs. in lakh)	Bid Security (Rs. in lakh)	Cost of Document (in Rs.)	Period of completion
1	Widening and strengthening work in four lanes on Delhi-Yamunautri road (State Road No. 57) from Chainage 154.500 (from the border of National Highway No. 709B (Village Chunehti) to Hasanpur Chowk) in Saharanpur district.	4800.00	72.00	2714.00	15 Months

The Rate taken in the BOQ including all Other taxes but excluding GST Taxes. Bids must be accompanied with the copy of UTR (Unique Transaction Receipt) bid security (EMD) and tender cost of the amount specified for the work in the table. Bid security and Tender Cost should be deposited online.

All works shall be executed while essentially following Covid-19 rules/guidelines.

Tenders will be received through **Prahari Application** as per Government Order No. 14/2020/879/ twenty-seven-2020-178(Sa)/06, dated 25.08.2020.

Bids must be published/download online 11:00 AM on date 09.02.2024 and submitted online on before 02:00 PM on dated 17.02.2024 and the technical bids will be opened online date 17.02.2024 at 02:30 PM and Financial bids of the qualified bidders will be opened on date & time as notified. According to the provisions of Government Order No. 1/2018/3070/78-2-2018/42 IT/2017 (22) Date 03-01-2018 after opening of the technical and financial bids, the bidder has to submit original documents personally in department/ office. In the event of non submission of original documents by the bidder, the appropriate action will be taken in accordance with the provisions of G.O.

All terms & conditions can be seen on website <http://etender.up.nic.in>

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(C.P. Singh) SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER Saharanpur Circle, P.W.D. Saharanpur

3040: 202495, तिनांक: 07.02.2024
Website: www.upgov.nic.in

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E-Mail:- sepwdgope@rediffmail.com

No.: 700/50 Yatayat-7/2024 Dated: 08.02.2024

E-tender Notice (Two Bid)

Superintending Engineer, 7th Circle, P.W.D. Gopeshwar invites bid on behalf of Hon,ble Governor of Uttarakhand by e-tendering under two bid system for the following works. Information regarding bid will be available from 09-02-2024 on <https://www.ukttenders.gov.in>.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Amount of Earnest Money (Rs. Lakhs)	Cost of e-tender document	Validity of Tender (in Days)	Completion Period (in Months)	Contractor's Category of Registration
1.	Protection work from Km 1 to 19 of Batadhar Nagchulakhal Kunkhet Charisain Motor Road or Km 1 to 15 of Kargil Shaheed Hawaldar Padamram Motor Road Under Road Safety Year 2023-24	4.47	5000.00 + 18% GST	120	6	Registered in Category "B" and above for Road work in Uttarakhand & other State/ Govt. of India/ any Govt undertaking

कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियंता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, संभाग कोटा

क्रमांक: 2426 दिनांक: 03.02.2024

अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या 31/पीएमजीएसवाई/2023-24
NIB No. PWD2324A4352

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Diprc/643/2024

Office of the Chief Engineer
Public Health Engineering Department
Raipur Zone, Raipur

Notice for Expression of Interest

EOI No. 29/06-02-2024, System No. 152642

Name of Work :- The submission of proposal by a consultant/ organization/agency as Third Party Inspection Agencies (TPIs) for inspection of different works under Multi village water supply schemes under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) which includes out of village works for bulk water transfer as :- Intake/well, Water treatment Plants (WTP), Pumping mains, Master balancing reservoirs and Gravity mains up to village level OHT's of Multi-Village Schemes Probable amount of total cost of work Rs. 370703.91 Lakh.

Important Events and Time Schedule- Date of calling NIT- 06.02.2024, Bid Start Date - 13.02.2024, Pre Bid Meeting date- 19.02.2024, Bid Due Date- 28.02.2024, PHY Doc. Submission Last Date- 01.03.2024, PQ Document Download Date- 01.03.2024.

नोट :- उपरोक्त निर्माण कार्य की सूची की अभिव्यक्ति की सामान्य शर्तों, धरोहर राशि, विस्तृत निविदा विज्ञापित, निविदा दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी ई-प्रोक्वैस्ट वेब पोर्टल <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> में उक्त निविदा दिनांक 12.02.2024 से देखी जा सकती है।

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पत्रांक : 772(i)/निविदा-01/2023-24 दिनांक : 07.02.2024

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (E-Tendering) E-TENDER NOTICE

The Superintending Engineer, 1st Circle, PWD Almora invites tender through E-Tendering (Two Bid System) on behalf of Honourable Governor of Uttarakhand for following works. All other information will be available from dated 09/02/2024 & onwards on website <http://www.ukttenders.gov.in>

S.No	Name of work	Cost of tender form in Rs.	Earnest Money	Validity of Tender in days	Time of Completion in Months	Contractor's Category of Registration
1	PD PWD Bageshwar Development work of Bajinath temple in Bageshwar district under Manaskhand Mandir Mala Mission.	₹ 5000.00+ 18% GST	₹ 3.56	120 days	12 Months (Including Raining Season and Winter Season)	Class B or Higher in Road work in Central Govt./ Any state Govt./ Any Govt. Undertaking.

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CIN No.U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvn.com

Letter No:191 Tender Notice Date: 07/02/2024

Office of the Executive Engineer (Civil), UJVN Ltd., Kalagarh, Pauri Garhwal, invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:

Tender No. : 20/EE(Civil)/Kalagarh/Pauri Garhwal/2023-24
Name of Work: "Painting work of Non Residential Buildings and Boundary wall at Kalagarh."

Estimated Cost: Rs. 19.88,843.00 (GST extra)
Date of availability of bid document on website: From 17:00 hrs of 07.02.2024
Last Date for submission of tender: Up to 15:00 hrs of 29.02.2024
For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website, the tender document can be downloaded from the Nigam's website www.ujvn.com

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E-TENDER NOTICE

Power Transmission Corporation of Uttarakhand Limited invites E-Tender of following work and the last date of submission of e-bid (Online/Offline) is 28/02/2024 upto 17:00 Hrs.

1. Supply and erection of 420KV Capacitive Voltage Transformer, 420KV Current Transformer, 245KV Current Transformer & 145KV Current Transformer at 400KV S/S, Kashipur against E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/22/2023-24, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_69184_1).
2. Supply and installation of various tower accessories and replacement of punctured disc insulator string by anti pollution free polymer disc insulator strings at various towers at 132KV Kashipur-Ramnagar (D/C) and 132KV Kalagarh-Ramnagar (S/C) line connected to 132KV S/S, Ramnagar against E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/23/2023-24, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_69187_1).
3. Procurement of CT/CVT/Circuit Breaker/Control Cable and replacement of 36KV Circuit Breaker and 145KV CVT at 132KV S/S, Bazpur and 132KV S/S, Ramnagar against E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/24/2023-24, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_69190_1).
4. Supply and installation of new 110 Volt battery set with charger and DCDB at 132KV S/S, Kashipur against E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/25/2023-24, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_69195_1).
5. New re-vent wall at tower No. 100 of 132KV Kalagarh-Ramnagar line connected to 132KV Substation, Ramnagar against E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/26/2023-24, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_69196_1).
6. New turfing at 80 MVA HV side bay and capacitor bank at 132KV S/S, Bazpur against E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/27/2023-24, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_69197_1).
7. Turfing of Bay No. 204 and 212 of 220KV switchyard at 400KV Substation, Kashipur against E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/28/2023-24, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_69199_1).
8. Renovation and up gradation of more than 35 years old bays at 132KV Substation, Kashipur against E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/29/2023-24, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_69202_1).
9. Annual hot spot scanning of 400KV Kashipur-Moradabad line and 400KV Kashipur-Nehtaur line at 400KV S/S, Kashipur against E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/30/2023-24, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_69203_1).
10. Annual hot spot scanning of 132KV lines connected to different substations under O&M Division, PTCUL, Kashipur against E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/31/2023-24, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_69207_1).

For more details please visit E-Tender Website www.ukttenders.gov.in and E-Tender information is available at PTCUL Website www.ptcul.org. For any assistance on E-Tendering, please contact +91-8899890000.

Letter No.: 302/CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/E-Tender Chief Engineer (O&M)
Date: 08.02.2024 Kumaon Zone, PTCUL, Haldwani
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Pitch battle: Will Rajkot see India revert to their turner approach?

As India recalibrate their plans in the series break, they will look at numbers that show England spinners have been more productive

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MUMBAI: If Rahul Dravid is to be believed, he is 'as clueless as anybody else' when it comes to predicting the behaviour of pitches in India. Spoken with a shrug of a shoulder, it's to be taken with a pinch of salt. After the Indian team reassembles in Rajkot next week, Dravid will be by the curator's ear.

Earlier, after India's Cape Town Test win, Rohit Sharma shed diplomatic jargons to say, "We know pitches in India will spin, but people don't like it because it turns from ball one."

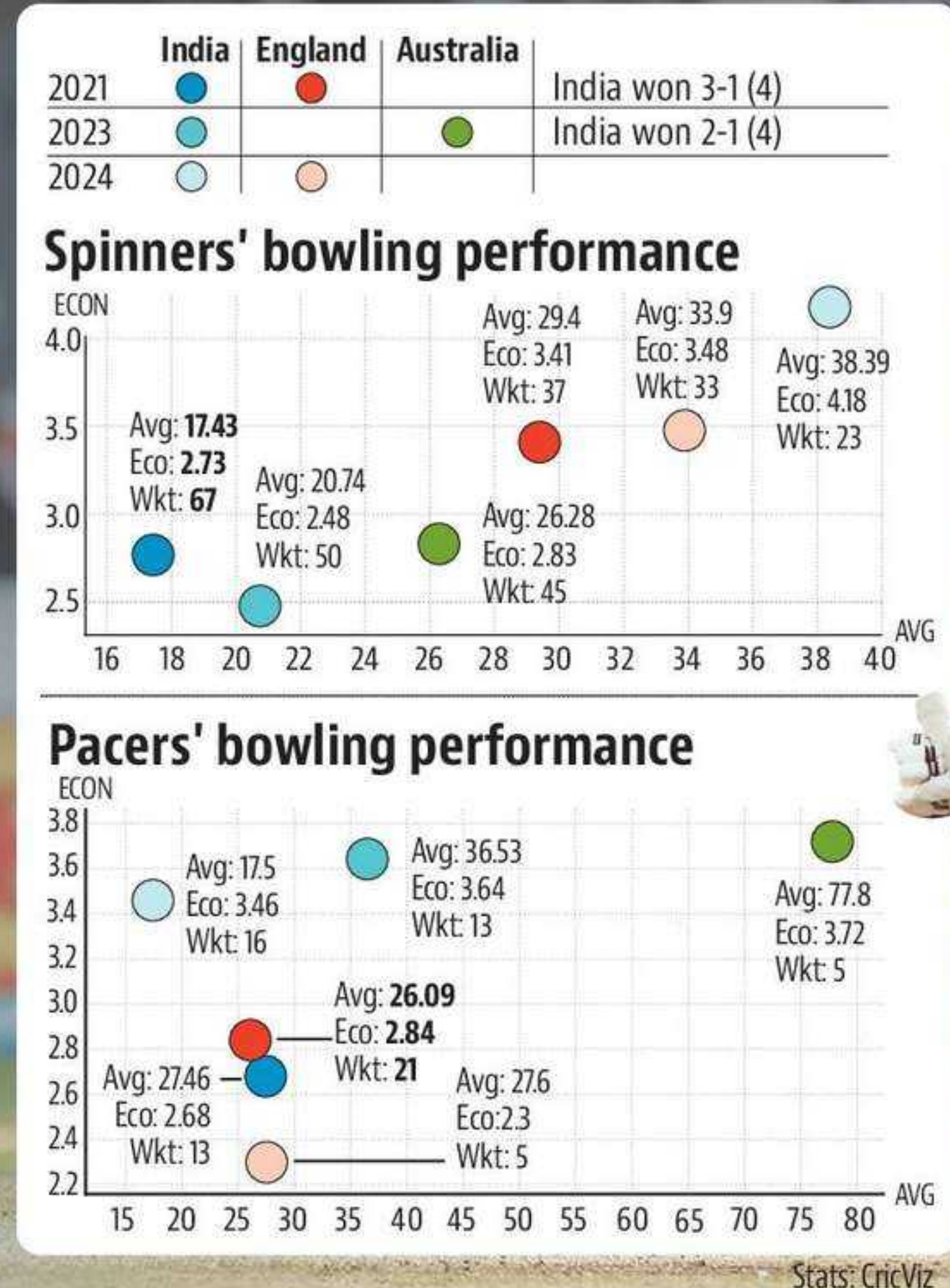
We are yet to see that happen in the series, even though England may have come to India anticipating designer tracks and the accompanying early puff of dust. While Ollie Pope's brilliant 2nd innings 196 — the difference between the two sides at Hyderabad — was a masterclass in playing spin, the match also saw both teams posting 400-plus totals. In the second Test at Visakhapatnam, the pitch took progressively less turn.

Those involved in Indian cricket's backroom planning say, a call was taken before the start of the series to have spin-friendly pitches, but not ones which would crumble quickly. There are many reasons for this decision. It was presumed that pitches that don't offer cheap wickets to spin would expose England's inexperienced spin attack. Another was an admission that India's current batting line-up isn't the very best anymore, to counter such conditions. Virat Kohli's absence compounded matters.

"To be fair, there have been challenging wickets over the last few years. And it's been a bit of a challenge for some of our young batsmen to adapt," Dravid said after the Hyderabad defeat. "A lot of these guys do play a lot of white-ball cricket and maybe don't get a lot of time to get to play a lot of first-

Why rank turners may not be the way to go

Numbers show England spinners have been more effective than their Indian counterparts so far in this series. A reason for that could be the fact that England batters have effectively attacked Indian spinners and did not let them settle to a rhythm.



class cricket. So they're learning."

In all of this, also factored in is the nature of opposition India are up against. This isn't the fearful England side who rolled over three years ago. Under captain Ben Stokes and head coach Brendon McCullum, England's high-risk cricket holds the potential to steal India's thunder, if the pitches are extreme.

The second half

Both the teams have thrown early punches, and they know this series would be like a tightly contested Davis Cup tie where there isn't a result before the reverse singles. Unlike tennis though, the mid-series break offers the hosts a chance to assess and recalibrate play-

ing conditions.

Jasprit Bumrah is bowling like a dream. But his body can take only so much strain and will require a breather in at least one of the three remaining Tests. With India's other fast bowling back-ups unable to create any impression, when Bumrah sits out, India could revert to a turner. The final Test at Dharmshala will also be expected to offer early morning nip to pacers.

As England searches for answers to counter Bumrah, India would be worried that England spinners have found better results on every count (33 wkts, Avg 33.9, ER 3.48) than the home team's distinguished spin attack (23 wkts, Avg 38.39, ER 4.18). England's most productive



bowler has been left-arm spinner Tom Hartley. Bouncing back from his first spell in Test cricket which read 9-0-63-0, he has been the best spinner on view with 14 wickets at an average of 24.57. The rest of English spinners — Rehan Ahmed, Shoaib Bashir, Jack Leach and Joe Root, have been supportive; picking up 19 wickets among themselves. Collectively, they have picked up 87% of India's wickets.

A contrast

This is in sharp contrast to England's last India tour of 2021, when their spin-pace wicket-taking ratio was 64-36% to India's 84-16%. It's worth a reminder that, that series began with a relatively slow-turning pitch at Chennai where

England won; after which the rest of the Test matches were played on sharp-turners, one of them being a day-night Test.

Even in the four-Test series against Australia last year, Indian spinners had a major say picking up 79% of the wickets to fall. There, the visiting spinners too did most of the bowling, picking up 89% of Indian wickets, but in terms of averages the host spinners were much better — 20.74 to 26.28.

Both teams will have their thinking caps on, while they refuel their energies. India had a first-hand experience of England's firebrand batting. They know what Pope is about. That even the prolific Root is willing to reverse-sweep first ball. Zak Crawley, with his long reach and assured footwork, is

a force. And Ben Stokes always remains a threat.

Do Indian batters, without Kohli, have it in them to better England if the pitches start offering turn? The counter argument to that being, wouldn't Ashwin and Kuldeep's chances of creating those match-turning big-wicket sessions increase, if they have more assistance from the wicket? At Visakhapatnam, Kuldeep bowled a good spell in the first innings and Ashwin asserted himself in the second, but the risk to reward ratio will have to be measured carefully.

So even as the team's go in the rest and recreation mode, the game won't be far away from their minds. After all, there's still a lot of cricket to be played in this series.

{ U-19 WORLD CUP }

Oz defeat Pak, set up final vs India

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NEW DELHI: If India's narrow win over South Africa in the first semi-final of the U-19 World Cup on Tuesday was not enough, Benoni bore witness to another nail-biting game as Australia beat Pakistan by one wicket to enter the final.

With Australia nine wickets down and needing another 16 runs to complete a run chase of 180, Pakistan had one foot in the final. Australia, however, weren't ready to give in. No.8 Raf MacMillan and No.11 Callum Vidler held their nerve and took the Aussies home with just five balls remaining, leaving the spectators on the edge of their seats. The win sets up a repeat of the senior ODI World Cup final last year, with India and Australia locking horns for the U-19 title in Benoni on Sunday.

India and Australia have clashed in an U-19 World Cup final twice previously, the former prevailing on both occasions (2012 and 2018). On Thursday, Australia's captain, Hugh Weibgen, won the toss and elected to field, unleashing his pace bowlers on a fresh wicket-aiding ground.

Pakistan's openers, Shamyul Hussain and Shahzaib Khan, started cautiously against the new-ball pair of Mahli Beardman and Callum Vidler.

It was the introduction of Tom Straker as the first change bowler that brought immediate success



Raf MacMillan and Callum Vidler celebrate their win.

for Australia. The pacer claimed 6/24 in 9.5 overs.

In just his second over, Straker claimed the important wicket of Hussain, who attempted an ambitious pull shot only to top-edge it to Oliver Peake at mid-on. Shortly after, Shahzaib's watchful innings came to an end as he mis-cued a drive off Vidler to Hugh Weibgen at backward point, who held onto a splendid low catch.

With both openers dismissed within the Powerplay, Australia gained a strong foothold in the semi-final. Harry Dixon and Sam Konstas got Australia off to a steady start in the run chase before many twists and turns resulted in a dramatic ending.

Brief scores: Pakistan U-19 179 in 48.5 ovs (A Awaiz 52, A Minhas 52; T Straker 6/24). Australia U-19 181/9 in 49.1 ovs (H Dixon 50). **Australia won by 1 wicket.**

Monumental medals



Paris Olympics medals designed by French jewellery house Chaumet. Paris 2024 has obtained authorisation from the IOC to add the design of the Eiffel Tower and use 18 grams of Eiffel Tower metal on each medal.



Sahaja Yamalapalli in action on Thursday.

Sahaja, Rutuja lose in Rd of 16

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MUMBAI: Having knocked out top seed Kayla Day in the opening round, India's Sahaja Yamalapalli was on the cusp of booking her spot in the quarter-finals of the WTA \$125,000 L&T Mumbai Open on Thursday. But despite being 5-2 up in the third set, she couldn't get the job done as Russia's Polina Kudermotova completed a stunning turnaround to win 1-6, 6-3, 7-5.

With that result, India's singles challenge in the tournament, being played here at the Cricket Club of India, came to an end as Rutuja Bhosale was defeated by American Katie Volynets earlier in the day.

In the doubles section, India's Prarthana Thombare and her Dutch partner Arianne Hartono earned a 6-4, 6-2 win against the Greek-Aussie pair of Sapfo Sakellari and Olivia Tjandramulita to reach the semi-finals.

Ranked 336 in the world, Sahaja blitzed through the opening set. Polina then took a medical timeout and got her left thigh strapped but somehow found a way to level things up. The home player was broken at the start of the third set but won the next four games and looked set to

cross the line. But the Russian remained composed, mixed the pace of her shots smartly, and won five consecutive games to close out the match.

The 23-year-old Hyderabad-based player, who had been handed a wild card by organisers MSLTA (Maharashtra tennis association), struck the ball powerfully for the majority of the contest. But perhaps nerves got the better of her towards the end as she hit a number of unforced errors.

"I started well but here and then, when it mattered, I couldn't execute my shots," said Sahaja after her loss. "But I think there were many good things in the match which I can build on. It was a motivating because I tried many different things out of my comfort zone. I think it'll help take me to the next level. I'm a little sad that I lost but it's okay, it's tennis and I'm just going to take the good things out of it."

Earlier, eighth seed Katie survived a stern test to beat Rutuja 7-6(8), 2-6, 6-1. The 22-year-old, who has seven main draw appearances at Grand Slams, had defeated world No.16 Veronika Kudermotova to reach the Australia Open third round last month.

Nikhat, Arundhati enter semi-finals

SOFIA: Nikhat Zareen and Arundhati Choudhary advanced to the semi-finals of the Strandja Memorial. Nikhat (50kg) beat France's Lkhadiri Wassila 5-0 and will now face home favourite Zlatislava Chukanova on Saturday. Arundhati (66kg) defeated Matovic Milena of Serbia 5-0. She will face Jessica Triebelová of Slovakia in the semi-finals.

Davis Cup: India to meet Sweden

NEW DELHI: India were drawn to meet Sweden in an away Davis Cup World Group I tie in September. India had blanked Pakistan 4-0 in the World Group I play-offs in Islamabad last week while Sweden lost 1-3 to Brazil at home in the Qualifiers first round. India have never defeated Sweden in five meetings so far.

Age-group wrestling Nats from Feb 28

NEW DELHI: The U-15 and U-20 nationals, scheduled to be held in Gwalior next week, will now take place in Patiala from February 28, the wrestling ad hoc committee announced on Thursday. The ad hoc committee, which is in charge of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI), postponed the age-group nationals after some state associations expressed their inability to participate in the tournament at such a short notice. "The U20 and U15 freestyle, Greco Roman and women's nationals have been rescheduled to be held at the NIS, Patiala from Feb 28 to Mar 5," Bhupender Singh Bajwa, chairman of the ad hoc committee said.

As coach, Khade still dreams of Olympic glory

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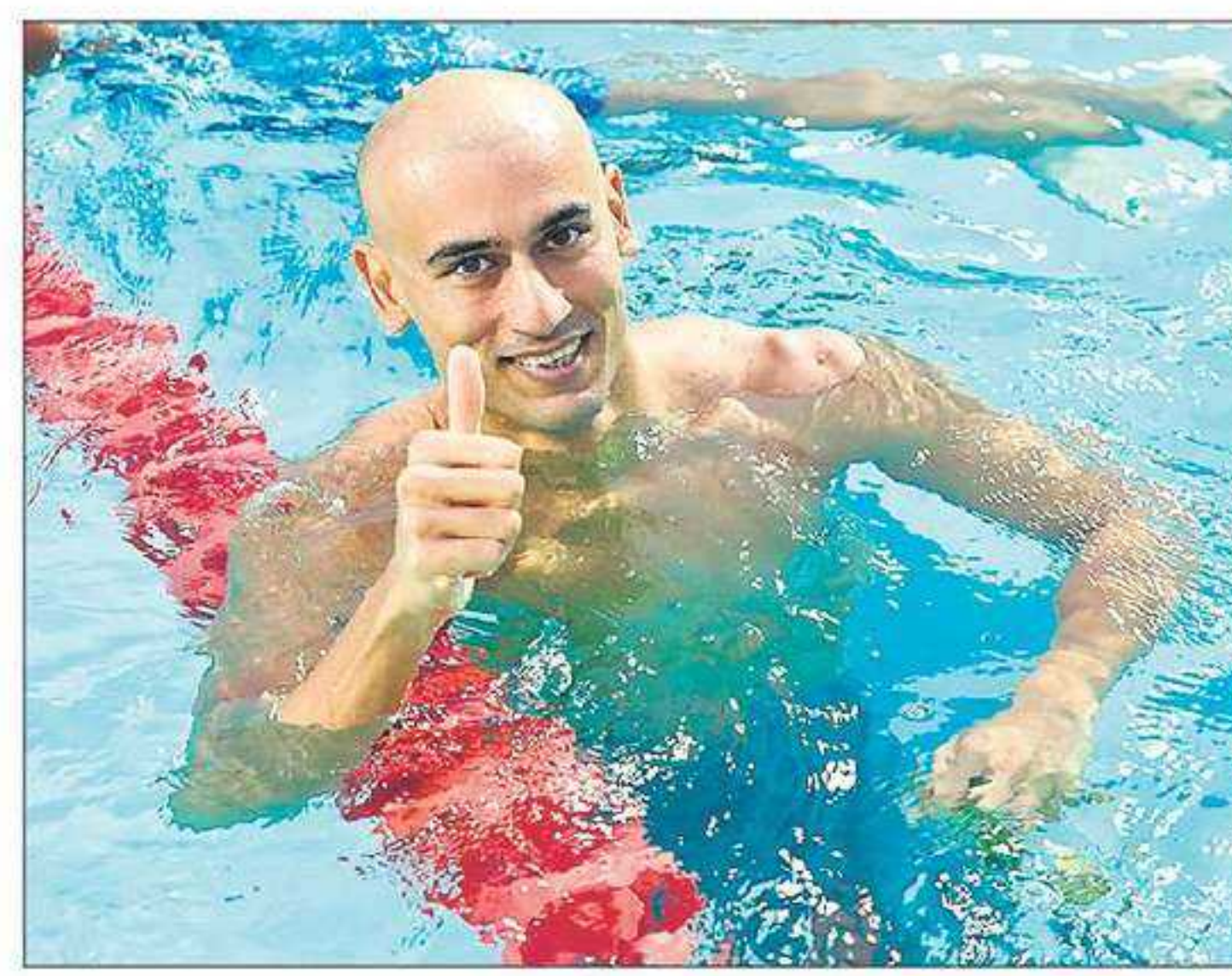
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MUMBAI: Virdhawal Khade is done as a swimmer. Not quite with swimming though.

Among India's most decorated swimmers and the 2010 Asian Games bronze medalist has dived right into coaching after "hanging up my trunks" — as he put it in his social media post on Thursday — in a swimming career that lasted over two decades. And so, as Khade posted his announcement in the morning, he was back in the pool of Khar Gymkhana in the evening overseeing a bunch of kids.

"Over the past few years, I knew that I wanted to do this (coaching). I guess this was my calling," Khade said. "As a kid, I always wanted to win an Olympic medal. Unfortunately, I couldn't do it as a swimmer, so now I get a chance to hopefully do it as a coach in the future."

His first project will be based in Mumbai, coaching the team at Khar Gymkhana where he has been training since 2015. Khade has about 30 swimmers to work



Virdhawal Khade.

with, from age groups of 8-9 to 23-24 including six who have competed in the senior Nationals. "I have a good team here with three other coaches. Hopefully, with my knowledge and experience, I'll help these swimmers achieve some good things," Khade said.

That knowledge and experience has cut across decades. The teen qualified for the 2008 Beijing

Olympics as the youngest ever Indian swimmer, became the first Indian to win an Asian Games medal (50m butterfly) in 24 years in 2010 and signed off with a freestyle gold at last year's National Games in Goa at 32. Over all those years, the multiple national record holder has trained at different places within the country and been on international exposure stints.

He has witnessed the difference in infrastructure and in science and technology from an Indian and a global lens. For him from a coaching perspective though, the majority of work must happen in the water. "All of that counts for little if you don't work hard in the pool. A lot of us have started looking for solutions outside the pool. Somebody wants to work hard in the gym, bring in a nutritionist, good physio support. Sure, all that is important, but it won't do a thing if you aren't working hard enough in the pool," he said.

"And so once I'm happy with the effort that I'm seeing in the water, I'm going to start adding a little more science to it all."

For Khade, the right age to pick and groom specialised swimming talent in India is between age 12-14. Foreign exposure can't be everyone's cup of tea, he said. "I wouldn't want to copy-paste the things that I went through with everyone," he added.

What he will bring in as coach with everyone is a hands-on, no-nonsense approach. The first step towards bridging the gap between swimmers in India and

the other top countries starts from developing a belief that they can belong at that level.

"Sitting here, we can know what sort of routines and workouts the American and Australian are doing. The data and numbers are easily accessible to anyone in the world. But first, the coaches need to believe it can happen. If a young swimmer is doing one minute in 100 freestyle, the swimmer, the coach and parents need to believe he can get down to 50 seconds."

It starts with Khade himself, which is why he has quit his state government job to commit himself fully to coaching. His first goal is to get Maharashtra back up again in the country's swimming scene — "for that, we need more volume of swimmers in clubs" — and down the line, take his coaching journey beyond one city and a club. "When I get to a point where I feel I have enough experience and confidence to do something bigger and grander, I definitely would want to do that," he said. "Coaching is a lot of trial and error. I will need to find the right philosophy."

{ SAFF U-19 C'SHIP } WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

India, Bangladesh joint winners after coin-toss controversy

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KOLKATA: Following a prolonged protest by Bangladesh and India's refusal to return to the field where missiles were being thrown and after they had won by coin toss, the teams were declared joint-winners of the SAFF under-19 women's championship in Dhaka on Thursday. The decision was taken nearly five hours after the final began.

India, who had lost 0-1 to the home team in the group league, were seconds away from winning the final through Sibani Devi's early goal when Bangladesh equalised in the fourth minute of stoppage time through Mosammat Sagarika. There was no extra-time periods

so penalties followed immediately. It was 11-11 with all players on the pitch converting their shots. As a Bangladesh player stepped up to take her second shot of the shootout, the referee called the captains for the coin toss. India called correctly and began to celebrate as angry chants from the big, partisan crowd reverberated around the BSSSMK Stadium.

Shouts of "Shame on India" and "we want justice" could be heard on the live stream as both teams and the match officials stayed on the pitch long after the toss. India left the pitch after brief celebrations during which bottles and other objects could be seen landing on the pitch. Bangladesh stayed on the pitch for an hour as did the match

officials. According to reports in the Bangladesh media, match commissioner Silva Jayasuriya Dilan had decided on the toss after the 11-11 score in the tie-breaker. But Bangladesh protested saying the coin toss was conducted before they were ready, according to media reports. After prolonged discussion, the match commissioner, according to media reports, said his decision was wrong. The match commissioner wanted the sudden-death tie-breaker to resume with those players who were on the pitch when regulation time had ended, media reports said. The Guatemala-Guadeloupe match in the 2021 CONCACAF Gold Cup qualifiers had been decided that way on the 24th kick.



Action from the India-Bangladesh match on Thursday.