Govt finances show a prudent, progressive and productive

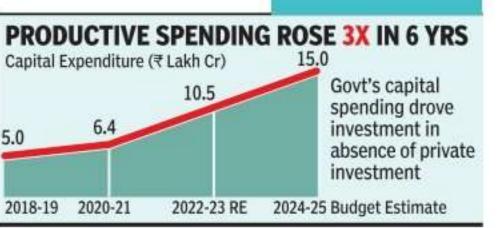
GOVT'S FINANCES ARE BETTER THAN ESTIMATED Fiscal Deficit As % Of GDP

2023-24 deficit 2021-22 is lower than 2022-23 5.9% projected 2023-24 RE for the year 2024-25 BE

TAX SYSTEM IS MORE PRO-POOR Direct Taxes As % Of GDP Direct taxes (mainly personal & corporate) are paid by the relatively rich 2021-22 2022-23 2023-24 RE 2025-26 BE

TOP SOURCE OF TAX REVENUE Income tax jump Income Tax is key driver of GST rising direct tax Corporation Tax share in revenues Central Excise 3(0)

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SENSING WIN, STAYS SENSIBLE: 'In Full Budget In July, Our Govt Will Present A Detailed Roadmap... I Don't Propose Any Tax Changes...'

Sure Of Vote, FM Keeps Account Simple

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WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU? **10 THINGS IN THE**

BUDGET THAT CAN IMPACT YOUR LIFE CHEAPER LOANS | Fiscal prudence means govt borrows less, banks have

more to lend. That in turn could

prompt RBI to cut rates, lowering

interest burden on all loans CHARGED UP | EV manufacturing & charging ecosystem will get a major boost. Owning EVs will likely become more attractive

LESS TAXING | Small tax disputes will be settled. Demands up to Rs 25,000 till 2009-10 and up to Rs 10,000 for 2010-11 to 2014-15 to be withdrawn. 1cr taxpayers to benefit

EASE OF TRAVEL | 40,000 ordinary railway bogies to be upgraded to Vande Bharat standards. Three new economic corridors mean passenger trains will run faster as rail tracks get less crowded

SUN POWER | GOI to set up 1 crore rooftop solar power units for households. This means free power up to 300 units every month and annual savings of Rs 15,000-Rs 18,000 for each beneficiary

HOME SWEET HOME | New scheme for middle class housing to be announced. Beneficiaries will be those paying rent or living in chawls and unauthorised colonies

MORE DOCTORS | New medical colleges to be built around existing hospitals. A panel will finalise the details

COMBATING CANCER Preventive vaccination for cervical cancer for girls in the 9-14 age group

TONIC FOR TECH | Corpus of Rs 1 lakh crore to be set up for 50-year interestfree loans for those doing R&D in deep-tech. Big help for startups & companies working on breakthrough engineering and scientific advances

MORE RELIEF | Tax incentives for startups, sovereign wealth funds and pension funds will be extended. Also for units in international financial centres

Boost for L'dweep, ₹600cr for Maldives

ovt will take up projects Ifor port connectivity, infrastructure and amenities on India's islands, 'including Lakshadweep', the FM said. Despite souring of ties with Maldives, govt has earmarked Rs 600 crore in grants for the archipelago for 2024-25, against the revised estimate of Rs 770 crore in 2023-24. P15

Election-Eve Confidence: Nirmala Shuns Sweeteners, Focuses On Fiscal Fitness

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udgets, especially the pre-poll vote on account version, have long been leveraged to send politicallyloaded signals through their tax proposals and welfare schemes. Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman's, on Thursday, also sent out a loud message - even though she steered clear of electoral



FM SKIPS EVM MUSIC, GIVES VOTE (ON ACCOUNT) OF CONFIDENCE TO ELECTORATE

overtures in the form of tax sweeteners as well as sops.

The budget, her sixth straight—matching Morarji Desai's record — signals the confidence of the NDA, in office for 10 years, of winning a third term in the coming LS polls and comes a day after

PM Modi's "we'll be back" comment. It wasn't just that the FM said, "we expect that our govt, based on its stupendous work, will be blessed again by the people with a resounding mandate"; the fact that there were no conces-

sions or giveaways drove ho-

me the message that this was

not just a statement of hope.

Classically, a 'vote on account' was meant to be just that an account of receipts and expenditure and to seek parliamentary sanction for funds to keep the wheels of govt running till a full-fledged budget was presented after elections. The FM said as much: "In keeping with convention, I do not propose to make any changes relating to taxation..."

Modi has long derided the culture of freebies or revdis, as he calls them. Rather than make the kind of populist announcements that have characterised the last several interim budgets, Sitharaman's 56-minute speech focused on show-

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casing what the govt sees as its key achievements and on outlining the approach to the next term that was taken as a given.

Achievements cited included "housing-for-all", har ghar jal, electricity-for-all, cooking gas-for-all, bank accounts and financial services-for-all sche-

TEN YEARS... AND NO TENSION?

At 56 min, Nirmala's shortest Bud speech

N Tirmala Sitharaman spoke 5.247 words over 56 minutes for her 6th budget. This was her shortest, and the 2nd shortest of 29 budget speeches in this millennium. She also holds the record for the 2nd longest speech, in minutes - her 2020-21 speech lasted 2 hours 42 min. In terms of word count, that speech is the 9th longest since 2000. P14

mes "in record time". The free foodgrain scheme was also part of the list of Modi govt's "pro-poor" programmes.

This, the FM said, showed that while social justice was "mostly a political slogan" for earlier govts, under Modi, it was "an effective and necessa-

All in 1: '11.1% capex rise at ₹11,11,111cr'

In cricket, a score of 111 is called a 'Nelson'. The FM said capital expenditure for 2024-25 would rise by 11.1% to Rs 11.11.111 crore! That's ten A closer look at the num bers shows the increase over current year's revised estimate would be 16.9%, while it would be 11% (not 11.1%) over the budget estimate of Rs 10,00,961 crore. **P14**

ry governance model". Covering all eligible people was true social justice and genuine secularism, she asserted.

She backed her claim by listing achievements: recovery from the havoc of the pandemic, three consecutive years of 7%-plus growth, record

Govt to drop 1.1cr small tax demands

ovt will withdraw as ma-Iny as 1.1 crore disputed tax demands totalling Rs 3.500 crore for the five-year period till 2014-15 under a Budget reprieve for small taxpayers, an official said on Thursday. Nearly 2.7 crore tax demands are being disputed at various fora, of which 2.1 crore are valued at less than Rs 25,000. P16

capex, robust tax mopup, fiscal discipline and transparency in budget numbers - adding up to an impressive scorecard that is set to be contrasted with UPA's during the coming election campaign.

▶ 'India showed world...', P 18

Govt to set up panel to tackle 'challenges' of population growth

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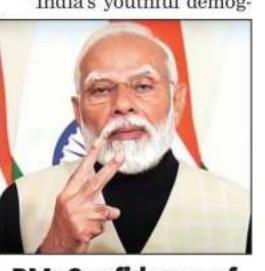
New Delhi: The govt will set up a "high-powered committee" to examine the "challenges arising from fast population growth and demographic changes".

The committee will be mandated to make recommendations to address these challenges comprehensively in relation to the goal of 'Viksit Bharat', finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in her Interim Budget speech. Although the composition of the panel and terms of reference are to be announced later, the govt said it would go into the entire gamut of population-related issues.

"When we talk about demography, it's an opportunity, it's a challenge. The current numbers, how the changes are happening over a period of time, the committee will have a mandate to have an extensive consideration of those challenges and opportunities and come out with a specific set of recommendations," Ajay Seth, secretary, department of economic affairs, told a post-Budget press conference.

Sources said there could be far-reaching recommendations to address the challenges arising out of demographic changes, urbanisation and other rapid changes in society. They also said issues linked to jobs, skilling, urbanisation

and segments that needed attention for faster development may also be included in the ambit of issues to be examined. "India's youthful demog-



PM: Confidence of continuity in Budget

Caying the Interim Budget

was an inclusive and innovative one, PM Modi praised its "confidence of continuity" and empowerment of the four pillars of Viksit Bharat —the poor, youth, women and farmers. On the eve of the budget, PM Modi had said the FM would present a budget with "some guiding points" and promised to "present the full budget after formation of the new govt". P16

raphic profile is a crucial advantage, promising good availability of labour. EIU forecasts that India's workingage population will expand comfortably past 1 billion in the period to 2030," the Economist Intelligence unit (EIU) said in a note.

Reduced deficit, lower govt debt set to push down interest rates

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Mumbai: The Interim Budget has laid the ground for cheaper home loans and lower interest rates in general, according to lenders.

Lower fiscal deficit of 5.1% has meant borrowing is almost Rs 1 lakh crore lower than expected. Also, since more of govt spending is going towards capex, it wouldn't be inflationary and would make it easier for RBI to reduce rates in future.

▶Budget announces 2cr more houses in 5 yrs, P 16

By pegging fiscal deficit at a lower level and pruning central borrowings, Centre's seen as having put subtle pressure on RBI to boost liquidity and soften interest rates.

The message from North Block is clear: We've done our bit, now it's up to RBI to encourage 'crowding in' of private investment by easing lending rates.

State Bank of India chairman Dinesh Khara said

In early indicator, bond yields drop

Tields in the bond markets, an early pointer to interest rate movement, fell Thursday. The benchmark 10-year bond yield, that closed at 7.15% Wednesday and was hovering around that level in early trade, dropped to 7.05% after the FM's announcements on fiscal deficit and borrowing targets. At close of session, the yield was at 7.06%, its sharpest movement in 4 months. P23

improved fiscal numbers would help lower interest rates. Although lenders expect RBI to reduce rates only in the second half of 2024, directionally, rates are seen heading south.

Financiers are also expecting home loans to get cheaper because of the two affordable housing schemes that have been announced.

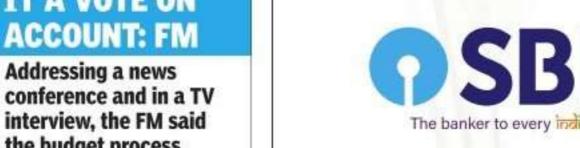
▶Sops and subsidies, P 18

WE HAVE KEPT IT A VOTE ON **ACCOUNT: FM**

conference and in a TV interview, the FM said the budget process is now absolutely transparent. Excerpts:

On Avoiding

I have been saying, and even the PM has said, we have largely kept it as a vote on to target when we come budget... On capex we are showing increasing growth and innovation



Pre-Poll Populism

account and indicated how the economy will be moving forward & who we are going back in July and present the

Fiscal Consolidation

Bringing down the fiscal deficit in spite of very challenging times... with transparency and prudence, is something I would like to highlight... We have not only aligned with the roadmap we gave earlier but also bettered it. That's the simple straightforward message every rating agency should take on board



To the digitally savvy business community, SBI is your fan.





Paytm to delink from Payments Bank, will partner with others TIMES NEWS NETWORK **STOCK TANKS 20%**

Mumbai: One97 Communication (OCL), the parent company of Paytm brand, said it would disassociate from Paytm Payments Bank (PPBL) and partner with other banks. This move comes in the aftermath of RBI's actions against PPBL, which led to a 20% drop in OCL's shares.

Addressing analysts, Paytm founder and OCL CEO Vijay Shekhar Sharma said the development was a "speed bump" and the company will tide over the crisis. This was even as the company said it would have to halt loan distribution for two weeks and figure out how to transition merchant QR code accounts from PPBL to other banks. On Wednesday, RBI barred PPBL from adding funds to any customer accounts, ending the utility of most of its services with effect from March 1.

Sharma said OCL has distanced itself from PPBL in the last two years since RBI's ban on PPBL onboarding new customers. "We believe that we not only became arm's length, we became farm's length... we rather have a ▶ Rivals will seize moment, P 23

> OCL stock dives 20% and hits lower circuit of ₹608.8 on Thursday, down 72% from IPO price

> Paytm founder Vijay Shekhar Sharma says RBI directive a 'speed bump' and OCL has distanced itself from PPBL in last 2 years: 'We believe that we not only became arm's length, we became farm's length'

COO Bhavesh Gupta says merchant **OR codes and sound boxes will have** to be migrated to other banks with merchant's consent. Co deliberating whether one-time migration is possible

much stronger gap of no data sharing, no data knowledge with PPBL," said Sharma. Bhavesh Gupta, president and COO, said merchant QR codes and sound boxes currently linked to PPBL accounts will have to be migrated to other banks with the merchant's consent. The company is mulling whether a one-time migration is possible.

Investors want Byju out of Byju's, revamp of board

Mumbai: Major investors of edtech startup Byju's do not want founder & CEO Byju Raveendran to be in charge of the company, which has seen its valuation nosedive from \$22 billion

to \$250 million in less than two years. In a dramatic turn of events, a section of the firm's major investors have issued a notice to Think & Learn, Byju's parent, seeking an extraordinary general meeting (EGM) to consider re-

constitution of the firm's board and change in leadership of the company. "...we are deeply concerned about the future stability of the company under its current leadership and with the current constitution of the board," the investors said in a statement Thursday. Byju Raveendran, his brother Riju Rave-

endran and his wife and co-founder Divya Gokulnath are currently on the board of Byju's. The investors said the EGM notice followed several months of continued efforts by shareholders to engage with the company to address "persistent issues" relating to corporate governance, mismanagement and compliance. TNN

▶Byju's parent co gets EGM notice, P 23

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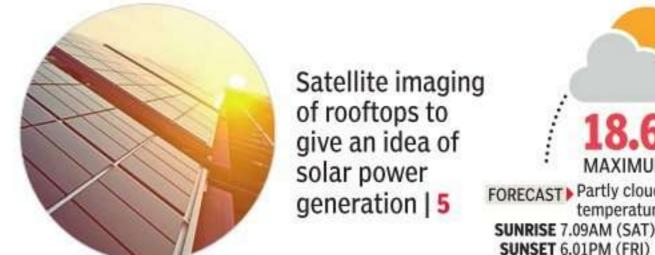
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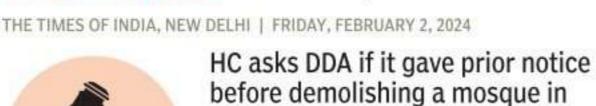
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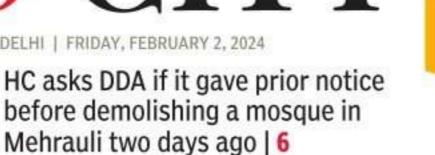
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Brain stimulating job linked to better memory during old age, finds study | 3



Rain Cleans Up Delhi's Act, To An Extent

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City Breathes Best Air In 3 Months As AQI Improves Sharply From Near Severe To Moderate

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New Delhi: Rain and strong winds helped clean up Delhi's air quality on Thursday when the Air Quality Index (AQI) slid to 177 in the "moderate" range from 392, which was "near sedrastic improvement in the

vere" on Wednesday. in air quality, although still not ideal, happened after a gap of over three months. A lower AQI than Thursday's was last seen on Oct 19, 2023, when it was 121.

ing as visibility dipped to 800m.

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was reported at IGI on Thursday morning.

with the lowest visibility being 1,000 metres.

Safdarjung reported shallow fog in the morn-

shows that Safdarjung, which is the city's base

India Meteorological Department's data

ality in Delhi before Thursday was on Oct 20 last year when the AQI was 195. Central Pollution Control Board's data shows that Delhi did not see any "moderate" air quality day in Nov and Dec 2023 or Jan 2024.

Experts said there was a air quality due to the rain, The sudden improvement which helped in washing out pollutants. Anumita Roychowdhury, executive director for research and advocacy at Centre for Science and Environment, said: "This is clearly the wash-out effect of

The last "moderate" air qu- the rain. This has cleared the PRETTY PICTURE: The air quality is likely to be 'moderate' till Feb 4

mark of rainfall in one day

> Very light rain or drizzle

likely on Friday or

> The maximum

and minimum

Safdarjung on

temperatures at

Saturday

particulates that were trapped due to extremely calm weather conditions and exacerbated by winter inversion for so many days."

The Air Quality Early ily AQI was 273 on Jan 10. Warning System for Delhi (EWS), which is the forecasting body under the Union ministry of earth sciences, in its bulletin on Thursday said the predominant winds "were from the northeast or southeast direction with wind speed 6-18 kmph in Delhi on Wednesday". Safdarjung got 26.5 mm of rainfall, Palam 20.1 mm and the Ridge 23.4mm.

EWS said the air quality is likely to be "moderate" till Feb 4. This January was the most polluted since 2016 with an average AQI of 354. The lowest da-

ON THURSDAY

(MODERATE

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With an average AQI of 348, Dec 2023 was the most polluted in the past five years. The month saw three severe days with AQI hovering in the "very poor" category on most days.

Nov last year was the worst polluted ever. Delhi saw 17 Nov days when the AQI was 390 or above. The air quality in Delhi in Oct 2023 was the most polluted in the past three years.

Photo: Tarun Rawat

MCD behind half of poor AQI, says HC

Illegal construction:

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New Delhi: The capital has been reduced to a slum, an angry Delhi High Court said on Thursday, lashing out at the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and Delhi Development Authority (DDA) while hearing several cases of illegal construction.

"So much unauthorised construction is going on. It is visible from one kilometre and that too in the heart of the city," the court noted in a case of illegal construction near the Nizamuddin police station.

The court said even after rains, the air quality index (AQI) remains poor, adding that "half of it is contributed by MCD" due to unauthorised constructions allowed by it.

"First your officers make money in allowing construction, then again in demolishing structures...this jugalbandi has to be stopped...very sad affairs you have reduced the city to," an anguished bench of acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Manmeet PS Arora remarked, upset with the failure of MCD and DDA to act against unauthorised construction near Nizamuddin ki Baoli and Barakhamba Tomb, two centrallyprotected monuments.

The bench was incensed to note that despite a claim by the civic body that the premises were sealed, illegal construction resulted in addition of extra floors to an alreadysealed guesthouse that was illegally built on a DDA land near the monuments.

Directing the presence of the owner of the building, the court said "prima facie, the matter requires investigation by CBI". This "ping-pong between" the authorities will stop after CBI gets into action, it remarked, indicating an order to this effect may be passed.

"In New Delhi area, this is happening. What is happeHIGH COURT SAYS

So much unauthorised construction is going on. It is visible from one kilometre and that too in the heart of the city

ning in far-flung areas?" the bench wondered, demanding an explanation on how construction was carried out between the second and fifth floors when the lower floors were never desealed.

The proceedings took place on a public interest litigation filed by NGO Jamia Arabia Nizamia Welfare Education Society. The plea alleged that DDA, MCD, Delhi Police and Archaeological Survey of India had failed to stop the construction at the guesthouse, located within 100 metres of the centrallyprotected monuments.

It also contended that a large number of similar guesthouses had been allowed to operate in the area and the structures posed threats to the environment, heritage and cultural significance of the area.

The plea has sought a direction to the authorities to "fulfil their constitutional obligations and duties" and stop the alleged illegal and unauthorised construction at the guesthouse.

On Thursday, the court came across three-four petitions complaining of authorities either ignoring or failing to check illegal constructions. It was unhappy that in one case, DDA had sat quiet while unauthorised construction took place and later told the court that it was no longer in the possession of the premises.

On Wednesday, the bench had pulled up MCD officials for illegal and unauthorised construction in Chandani Mahal.

Showers may return on weekend after a day's break station, received 26.5mm rainfall till 8.30am **GETTING ITS FAIR SHARE** on Thursday and 0.6mm thereafter till 5.30pm. Palam, Lodhi Road, Ridge and Ayanagar re-New Delhi: Due to overnight showers, no fog Delhi surpassed its normal

Ridge 0.2mm and Ayanagar 0.4mm. In Feb last year, Safdarjung did not report a single rainy day. Feb 2021, 2020 and 2019 saw 29.7, 2.6 and 1.8mm rainfall, respectively. In recent years, the Feb of 2013 was by far the wettest, with a cumulative rainfall of 103.1mm and

corded 20.1, 24.6, 23.4 and 7.5mm rainfall, re-

spectively, till 8.30am. From 8.30am to 5.30pm,

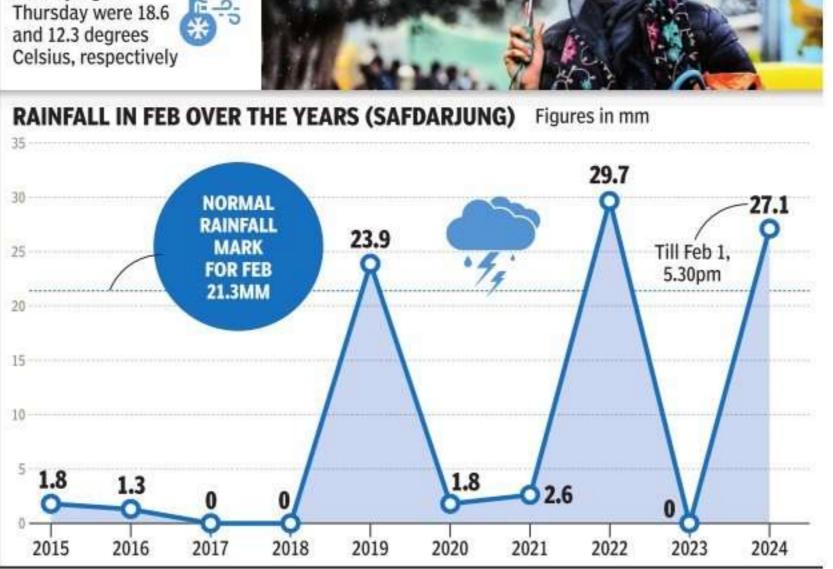
Palam logged 1.6mm, Lodhi Road 3.6mm,

the highest single-day spell of 46mm. As rain continued during the intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday, the minimum temperature rose to 12.3 degrees Celsius, four degrees above normal, on Thursday. It was 5 degrees higher than Wednesday's minimum temperature.

As happens usually during a rainy day, there was not much difference in the day and night temperatures as the maximum temperature was recorded at 18.6 degrees Celsius,

four notches below normal. "Minimum temperature did not dip as rain lashed the city during the night and till morning hours and there were strong winds," said Kuldeep Srivastava, scientist and head, Regional Weather Forecasting Centre, IMD. "Rain is unlikely on Friday as the impact of a western disturbance is likely to be over. However, another western disturbance is expected to influence the city from Feb 3. One spell of very light rain or drizzle is expected between Feb 3 night and Feb 4."

The forecast of the met department says maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be around 20 and 9 degrees Celsius, respectively, on Friday.



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TAKING COVER

Culpable homicide case lodged in death of 12-year-old boy, police to question students

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New Delhi: Nearly two weeks after a 12year-old boy died after he was allegedly assaulted by his school seniors in north Delhi's Shastri Nagar, police on Thursday registered a case of culpable homicide not amounting to murder.

Cops said they will question students suspected of being involved in thrashing the child. Deputy commissioner of police (north) Manoj Meena said they have interacted with the school staff and collected relevant CCTV footage. "We will interact with the students to see if they witnessed the incident," he said, adding that they will try to identify the suspects.

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tion and greenery.

other parts of the project."

autification started in the ru-

that time, NDMC eventually

aimed at revamping all in-

frastructure that required at-

tention. "The fountain at RML roundabout will give an

aesthetic look to the area and

draw attention to the sculptu-

for the project, which is expec-

ted to cost around Rs 91 lakh. The horticulture department

of the civic body will look after

the upkeep of horticultural fe-

atures, including flowers,

grass and plants. Once an

NDMC has invited tenders

res," said Upadhyay.

The boy used to live with his family in Shastri Nagar and was a Class 6 student at a govt school. In his police statement, his father said the boy told him that on Jan 11, he was beaten up by senior students and complained of pain in his left knee. He took his son to a govt hospital in north Delhi, where he was prescribed medication and referred to the orthopaedic OPD for further treatment. "However, the orthopaedic OPD was closed and the patient did not re-

turn," police said. On Jan 15, the boy was taken to a private clinic in Rohini, where the doctor prescribed medication. However, his headmitted to the govt hospital at 7m. He di-

Jumbo revamp! RML roundabout to

get 5 sculptures, fountains and more

ed during treatment.

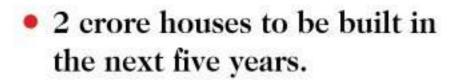
In his statement, the boy's father alleged medical negligence. A medical board was formed to conduct a post-mortem examination, which was documented through videography and photography.

According to the post-mortem report, the death was caused due to septicaemic shock as a result of an injury to the left knee due to blunt force trauma.

Speaking to **TOI**, the victim's uncle alleged that the child was beaten up on the staircase of the school by his seniors. Delhi govt, which had initiated an inquiry into the case, had stated earlier that alth deteriorated by Jan 20 and he was the alleged incident took place "outside the school's premises".

Should you smile, or should you not?

How will the interim budget impact the common man?



- Scheme for middle-class housing coming soon.
- 40,000 rail bogies to be converted to Vande Bharat standards.
- Rooftop solar scheme to help one crore households get 300 units of free electricity every month.

There's a lot to unpack in this year's interim budget. Find out what it means for you in today's special coverage.





VISUAL TREAT New Delhi: New Delhi Municipal Council plans to redevelop the roundabout opposite

Ram Manohar Lohia Hospi-Lamp post tal as part of its effort to beau-Fountain channel tify roundabouts in Lutyens' Delhi by installing waterbo-0.3m-thick, 1.2m-wide 0.6m-high dies, sculptures, illuminapaver pathway fountain wall "The revamp plan includes **0.8**-wide 0.3m-wide installation of five sculptures flower bed of elephants, fountains of medium height, tile work and paved pathways around a water channel and the roundabout periphery for walking," disclosed NDMC vice-chairman 0.2m-high Satish Upadhyay. "Installing kerb stone lamp posts, kerb stones, creating flower and grass beds are Flower bed Flower bed 0.5m-high Upadhyay said that the be-(2m in diameter) toe wall Roundabout opposite RML Grass bed Flower bed nup to the G20 Summit in Sept 2023, and though the pace of work was accelerated at The roundabout opposite RML Revamp plan Fountains of medium height Lamp posts,

includes

installation of

5 sculptures

of elephant

bidding process, the redevelopment work is expected to conclude within a span of three months.

Singh Marg, Talkatora Road,

Mother Teresa Crescent and

Sheikh Mujibur Rehman Marg

Hospital connects to Baba Kharak

NDMC envisions the redeveloped RML roundabout as harmonising aesthetics with functionality of urban spaces. The roundabout is a meeting point for Sheikh Mujibur Rehman Marg, Baba Kharak agency is selected through the Singh Marg, Talkatora Road tion of Sardar Patel Marg and Marg and other roads nearby.

and Mother Teresa Crescent. The project was taken after lieutenant governor VK Saxena visited the site, revealed sources. Prior to this, NDMC had also finalised a plan and invited tenders for the installation of a chariot made of red sandstone surrounded by a waterbody and fountains, with new lighting, at the traffic intersec-

will be installed; paver

the water channel and

periphery for walking

pathway will be made around

Panchsheel Marg in central Delhi. The chariot, to be brought from Rajasthan, will be 9ft high and 15ft wide. The cost of the chariot is expected to be around Rs 10 lakh while the rest of the work will likely cost an approximate Rs 30 lakh, officials had said earlier. NDMC has already installed several sculptures on Sardar Patel

flower beds

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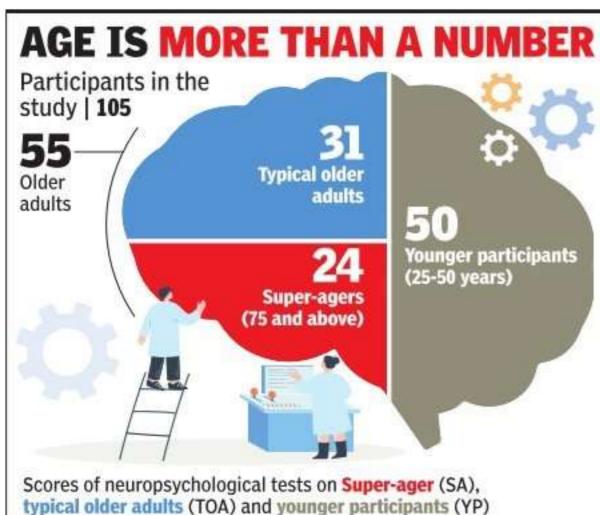
Brain Stimulating Job Linked To Better Memory During Old Age, Finds Study By AIIMS-ICMR

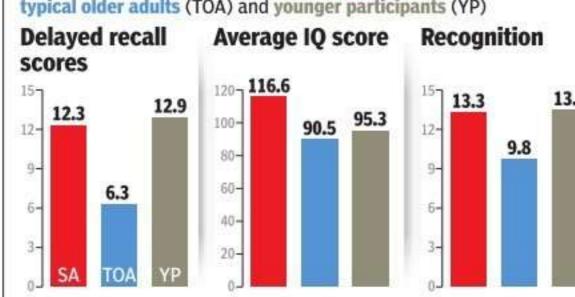
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New Delhi: If you are 75 years old, have spent a life with a brain stimulating job and still engage in a purposeful retirement, then you surely have a better memory and intelligence quotient (IQ) than your peers who did routine work and lived monotonous lives. And, you could be better off than even some people who are decades younger.

The startling fact was revealed in a study conducted by the department of geriatric medicine, AIIMS, and funded by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). The study, "Clinical and Neuropsychological Characterisation of SuperAgers Residing in Delhi-NCR", was published in the journal 'Wiley Aging Medicine' this month.

The study's findings indicated that SuperAgers (above the age of 75) excelled in memory tasks, exhibited higher IQ scores, demonstrated enhanced cognitive functioning across multiple domains and fared better than typical adults of the same age groups. In certain cases, they even surpassed the cognitive capaciti-





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said while govt talked about

"Viksit Bharat", the alloca-

tion for health and education

was reduced to 2.51 and 1.98

man Bharat scheme, which

central govt proposed to ex-

tend to Anganwadi workers.

"There is no announcement

on the inclusion of the middle-

class and people who do not ha-

ve health insurance," she said.

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> The study highlighted the exceptional cognitive prowess of Indian super-agers

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es of younger people in the 25-50 age bracket.

The researchers also observed that individuals with higher education levels and those from more affluent socioeconomic backgrounds have a greater likelihood of achieving SuperAger status.

Talking to TOI, Dr Prasun

Chatterjee, department of geriatric medicine, said, "Conventional thought is that with ageing, people start forgetting recent things and their important cognitive functions like attention, concentration and episodic memory get reduced significantly. But ageing does not necessarily have to be associated with cognitive decline, which has been proven by SuperAgers. Even after the age of 75 or 80 years, people can still be mentally as agile as the three-decade younger population. Hence, SuperAgers is definitely a ray of hope in an era when dementia is highly prevalent, with a dramatic increase in the ageing population, especially in developing countries like India."

The aim of the study was to identify the characteristics of Indian SuperAgers (SA). For this, 55 older adults were categorised into SA and 'typical older adults (TOA)' and their performance compared with a group of 50 younger participants (YP), aged between 25 intained that its legal team is studying the summons. and 50 years.

A total of 105 individuals took part in the study. Out of the 55 older adults, 31 were typical older adults and 24 were SuperAgers. They were differentiated based on memory recall and IQ scores, said the study's lead author, psychologist Ritika Batra from geriatric medicine department.

Gender-wise, out of the 55 older adults, 40 (72%) were men and 15 (28%) women whereas the gender distribution among the younger group was 26(52%) men and 24 (48%) women. Minimum qualification of all participants was graduation.

Batra said cognitive abilities, particularly those linked to processing speed and memory, deteriorate steadily as people age. However, in the present study, as per neuropsychological assessment, the SA group outperformed the TOA group in all cognitive domains and the YP group on the overall IQ score, displaying resilience to age-related cognitive deterioration.

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Excise case: Kejriwal likely to

New Delhi: Chief minister and AAP's convener Arvind Kejriwal is unlikely to appear before the Enforcement Directorate on Friday for questioning in an alleged money la-

undering case linked to the Delhi excise policy, sources in

the party said. The ED on Wednesday issued a fresh sum-

mons to Kejriwal after he skipped four summonses issued

by the agency over the last four months. The party has ma-

with his Punjab counterpart Bhagwant Mann outside the

BJP headquarters on Friday against the alleged cheating

December 21 in 2023 and January 3 and January 18 this year.

in Chandigarh mayoral polls.

He had called these notices "illegal". PTI

Kejriwal is scheduled to participate in a protest along

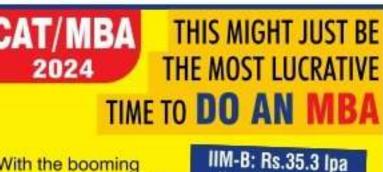
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AAP: Centre's stepmotherly treatment to Delhi continues roadmap for growth

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Aam Aadmi Party govt on Thursday accused BJP-led central govt of meting out "stepmotherly" treatment to Delhi by allocating only Rs 1,168 crore in the 2024-25 interim budget, which is the same as the outlay in 2023-24.

The amount includes Rs 951 crore as central assistance, given to the Union territories, Rs 200 crore for Chandrawal water treatment plant, a grant of Rs 15 crore towards contribution to disaster response fund and Rs 2 crore to meet enhanced compensation for the 1984 riot victims.

According to officials, the Centre, like the previous year, clubbed grants that Delhi used to get till 2022-23 in return of the city's share in the pool of central taxes and duties — the "central assistance to Union territories"—this year too.

Delhi finance minister Atishi said the budget had again proved that the central dispensation was a govt of "hollow promises". "Delhi has a share of Rs 15,000 crore in central taxes but it has only been allocated Rs 1,000 crore. Like every time, we have been given a stepmotherly treat-

BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR THE CITY Actual allocation Revised budget Budget estimate 1,168 960.5 2022-23 2023-24 2024-25 (Figures in ₹ cr)

>₹951 crore | Central assistance to Union Territories ment," she said. Calling it a govt of "jumlas" (empty promises), Atishi said the Centre failed to provide any tangible solution to unemployment.

"Modi govt had promised 2 crore jobs every year when it assumed office in 2014, and in 10 years, 20 crore jobs should have been provided," Atishi said, adding that the govt admitted in Parliament last year that only 1.25 crore jobs were created in India since 2014. "Govt has initiated a new

jumla now that will provide 55 lakh new jobs," she said.

The minister said the budget mentioned nothing on how to tackle inflation. Atishi

BJP: Interim budget

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, leader of opposition in the Delhi Assembly, on Thursday said the interim budget was a roadmap for the development of the country.

The budget gave a picture of the way in which the country was moving under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he said.

Bidhuri highlighted the Mudra Yojana, under which, he said, loans worth Rs 30 crore were distributed to women in 10 years, 1 crore youth were given training, free ration was provided to 80 crore poor people and 4 crore farmers benefited through crop insurance.

He said that people were coming under the ambit of income tax voluntarily. "The number of people filing income tax returns has increased two-and-a-half times, which is the result of the right intention and policies of the govt," Bidhuri said.

"Foreign investment in India has also doubled," he said. Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said the budget reflects the Amrit Kaal vision of Prime Minister Modi. "Most importantly, the interim budget shows that the eco-

BIDHURI SAYS

The number of people filing income tax returns has increased two-and-a-half times, which is the result of the right intention and policies of the govt

nomic condition of the country is much better than it was in 2013-14. India has become the fifth largest economy in the 10 years of Modi govt. Every section of the country has benefitted from it. We are rapidly moving towards becoming the third largest economy," he said.

Sachdeva added that the budget was dedicated to the poor, youth, farmers and women and presented a vision of the statement read. a developed India of 2047.

"In the next five years, work will be done to provide solar power plants to 1 crore houses," he said, adding that 2 housing so that they can get 300 units of electricity free of cost. They will "get the benefit of selling additional electricity," he said.

Allocation for police dips 4.4% from last year

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi Police has been allocated Rs 11,398 crore in the Union Budget, a decrease of 4.47% from last fiscal.

In the 2023-24 budget, the force was allocated Rs 11,932 crore which was increase of 15% from 2022-23.

In a statement Delhi Police said they are responsible for maintaining and enforcing law and order in the National Capital Territory of Delhi. The responsibility also includes traffic management in the city. "The provision is for routine expenses as well as for various schemes to be implemented by Delhi Police such as developing a traffic and communication network in NCR mega cities and a model traffic system, upgradation or expansion of communication infrastructure, upgradation of training, induction of latest technology and installation of traffic signals, etc,"

Fifteen forensic vans were inducted by Delhi Police in Feb last year. Forensic experts were able to perform on-the-spot forensic tests in the vans before sending them for crore poor people would get further analyses to the forensic science laboratory. Last year, the police also procured equipment in connection with the G20 Summit in the city. Two mobile command rooms were inducted in 2023.

Father convicted of raping 17-yr-old girl

Vineet.Upadhyay @timesgroup.com

New Delhi: A Delhi court has convicted a man on charges of raping his own minor daughter. It has been established that the accused committed penetrative sexual assault on the survivor more than once as a result of which she became pregnant and gave birth to

a child, the court said. "Rape has always remained under-reported in our country. Most hidden rapes are those which are committed within the families by fathers, brothers or other men whom they had trusted. Sexual violence victims often experience a profound sense of shame and stigma. These factors are compounded by attempts by their family members or the accused to influence the victims not to report the crime or, if crime has been reported, not to disclose the true and correct facts before the court. This is one such case," additional sessions judge Babita Puniya stated.

The special fast track court, which was set up to deal with Pocso cases, convicted the man under section 5 (j)(ii), (l) & (n) read with section 6 of the Pocso Act, section 376 (2) (f) (k) & (n) IPC, section 354-A IPC consent was irrelevant.

and section 12 Pocso Act.

Special public prosecutor Shrawan Kumar Bishnoi submitted before the court that the prosecution has successfully established the foundational facts through the ocular and documentary evidence.

The matter dates back to Dec 2022 when the 17-year-old girl complained of severe abdominal pain followed by which she was taken to a hospital. The ultrasound revealed that she was 28-week pregnant. Further tests exposed the father's crime. The survivor was produced before the child welfare committee and was sent to Nari Niketan as she did not want to go home. An application requesting abortion was moved by police, but it was dismissed by the court considering the stage of pregnancy. In Feb 2023, the girl gave birth to a male child.

"Despite her young age, the victim's evidence was consistent and clear. Her evidence was supported by independent medical and forensic evidence," the court noted.

It rejected the accused's defence that whatever happened was consensual, stating that the girl was below the statutory age and her

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HC orders action against jail officers for illegal custody

har Jail for the illegal detention dated Sept 30, 2022. of a man, despite a bail and rele-

ase order issued on Jan 20. The man's continued confinement was based on an "expi-

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has issued directives to take ac- an outstation case in Uttar Pration against jail officers at Ti- desh's Gautam Buddha Nagar,

A division bench of Justices Suresh Kumar Kait and Manoj Jain said that the man should be released immediately, stating that

New Delhi: Delhi High Court red production warrant" from he was held unlawfully due to an expired production warrant.

The court directed the jail authority to submit a report outlining the action taken against the erring officers and measures implemented to prevent similar lapses, IANS

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

E-TENDER NOTICE Bid reference no. - WBMSCL/NIT 084/2024, Dated- 30/01/2024 West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting online bids for "Repairing and upgradation of 26 nos. common toilet blocks (Ladies & Gents) of Swasthya Bhawan Building." Last date of submission of bid (online)- 16.02.2024 upto 03.00 P.M. or As per available slot of WB tender portal after 16.02.2024 upto 3.00 P.M. The tender document can be downloaded from www.wbtenders.gov.in on or after 12.00 P.M. on 02.02.2024. Details of the tender will also be available at www.wbmsc.gov.in Clarification requests, if any may be sent to

Diamond Harbour Highway Division, eecivil@wbmsc.gov.in or info@wbmsc.gov.in Sd/- Managing P.W.(Roads) Directorate, Govt. of WB. Director, WBMSCL. ICA-T2488(3)/2024

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Sd/- CMOH & Secretary, DH & FW Samiti, CoB ICA-T2557(4)/2024

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Dated: - 30/01/2024 e-Tenders are invited on behalf or Governor, Govt. of West Bengal by the Executive Engineer, CED-III, SDB from the reliable bonafide resourceful contractors. Details of works are available from the website https://wbtenders.gov.in Bid submission start date: 02.02.2024 at 11:00 Hrs. & Bid submission end date: 24.02.2024 at 11:00 Hrs. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Civil Engineering Division No-III, Sundarban Development Board. ICA- T2480(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL e-TENDER NOTICE

The Superintendent of Alipurduar District Correctional Home, WB, for and on behalf of the Governor of WB, invites e-tender for supply of dietary articles at Alipurduar District Correctional Home for the period from 01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024. Tender Inviting Notice No. DCSWB/APDDCH/01/TN-2024 dated: 09.01.2024. Date of documents download starts: 02.02.2024. Last date of submission of tender: 17.02.2024. Full particulars may be had from the website www.wbtenders.gov.in "The ADG & IG of Correctional Services, West Bengal reserves the rights to cancel any or all the tenders without showing any reason." Sd/- Alipurduar District Correctional Home, W.B.

Tender Vide e_NIQ No.-10 of 2023-24 of EE/KNIID has been invited by E.E., Kolkata North II Division, Housing Directorate. Tender Id. 2024_HSD_657169_1. Bid Submission Closing Dt. 04/03/2024 upto 16:00 hrs. For detailed information visit web site http://wbtenders.gov.in. Sd/- Executive

PWD TENDER NOTICE

the of E.E./Diamond Harbour Highway

Division. (2nd call of NIT-17 Serial

No. 02 of 2023-2024 by the EE/DHHD)

EE, Diamond Harbour Hwy Div, Dakshin

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invites online percentage rate e-tender

whose ID No. 2024_SH_656599_1. The

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(SL. 1,2 & 3) Dated: 01.02.2024. Last

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up to 1 P.M. The details of the

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"https://wbtenders.gov.in" 'www.wbhealth.gov.in" for further details. Bid submission start date GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL (online): 15-02-2024; Bid submission closing date (online): 27-02-2024; Bid e-Tender of NIT No. 27 of 2023-24 by

Sd/- D.D.H.S. (E&S), WB ICA- T2490(3)/2024

opening date (online): 27-02-2024.

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NIT No. (1) WBDPL-110 22(19)/1/2023-GM-POW(DPL)/PS/E-407 dated, 29.01.2024 for Drain restoration work on the south western corner of coal yard at CHP, Bid submission end date :10.02.2024 Bid Opening date : 16.02.2024. Date extension NIT No. (2) WBDPL/DPPS/PUR/NIT(E)-101 DJ/325/20 22-23 Tender ID No.2024_DPL _633230_1 (3) WBDPL/ DPPS/PUR/NIT(E)-100JM/35/2023-24 Tender ID No.2024_DPL 626612_1 Sl. Nos. 2&3, Bid submission end date: 03.02.2024 and Bid Opening date: 09.02.2024 respectively, Visit: https://wbtenders.gov.in

stabbed by 4 over old

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one has been arrested.

The victim, Pankaj, lives

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e-NIT No: 03/EE/HD/SD&SWM/ KMDA of 2023-2024 experienced agencies / firms companies / individual contractors, for the work, Sl. No., Name of Work, Estimated Value of the work, Earnest Under KMDA, Rs.14,87,775/-Rs.29,756/-, 03 months, Last date 8 time of Online Tender submission: www.kmda.wb.gov.in

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22-year-old thrashed, enmity in NW Delhi

New Delhi: A 22-year-old man was injured after he was brutally beaten and stabbed by a group of four people in northwest Delhi's Subhash Place. The incident took place after his family opposed the bail of two men jailed for assaulting his brother and setting his house on fire. An investigation revealed that one of the men in jail ordered the attack. So far, no

with his family in JJ Colony

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL HATUARA, PURULIA

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in Subhash Place. Police re-

ceived a call about the stabbing incident from the victim's mother on Jan 29. On Wednesday, Pankaj, along with his sister Asha, visited Subhash Place's police station and gave his statement. "Recalling the old incident, Pankai told us that on October 11, 2023, Anas and

his friend Harsee attacked

his brother Piyush, severely

injuring his eye. As a result,

he lost his eye sight. A case

was then registered at Budh Vihar police station. Two days after attacking Piyush. the perpetrators even set his house on fire. Another case was registered against them under Section 436 (mischief by fire or explosive substance

with intent to destroy ho-

use, etc.) of IPC," a police

officer said. "The accused were arrested and sent to judicial custody. During the court hearing, the complainant, his mother and sister opposed their bail plea. Disgruntled, Anas sent some boys to threaten and attack them. He contacted his accomplices through phone calls,"

Pankaj was receiving treatment at a hospital.

the officer added.

In connection with the Jan 29 attack, a case under sections 307 (attempted murder), 34 (common intention), 120 B (criminal conspiracy) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of IPC has been registered. "We have formed teams to crack the case. A team will visit the jail to interrogate Anas," the officer said.

MIND KSCSTE-NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND RESEARCH CENTRE (An Institution of Kerala State Council for Science,

Technology & Environment) K Karunakaran Transpark, Thuruvikkal P 0, Akkulam - 695011 Phone: 0471 -2779200, 2779247

RECRUITMENT OF REGISTRAR

Last date for the submission of application for the post of Registrar on regular basis is extended upto 15.02.2024. For details visit: www.natpac.kerala.gov.in.

Ref. No. NATPAC/475/2022-GA2 dated 01.03 2023 & 03 01.2024

Sd/-, Director

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL E-Tender Notice

The Superintendent of Kalyani Subsidiary Correctional Home, WB, for and on behalf of the Governor of WB, invites e-tender for supply of dietary articles at Kalyani Subsidiary Correctional Home for the period from 01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024. Tender Inviting Notice No. 01/KLNSCH/TN/24 dated: 04.01.2024. Date of document download start : 02.02.2024. Last date of submission of tender: 18.02.2024 at 12:00 hrs. Full particulars may be had the website www.wbtenders.gov.in "The ADG & IG of Correctional Services, West Bengal reserves the rights to cancel any or all the tenders without showing any reason". Sd/- Kalyani Subsidiary

Correctional Home, W.B. ICA- T2469(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL NOTICE INVITING TENDER Bid ref. no.-WBMSCL/NIT/EE(C)-04/005/2024, Dated- 29/01/2024 West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting online bids for Engineering Maintenance and Repair

of civil works, building works, Sanitary & Plumbing works etc. (as per the requirements) for 01 (One) year at G+4 storied Super Specialty Hospital, Egra, Purba Medinipur, Last date of submission of bids (online)- 16/02/2024 upto 03.00 P.M. The tender documents can be downloaded from www.wbmsc.gov.in and www.wbtenders.gov.in on or after 02/02/2024 at 10.00 A.M. Clarification requests, if any, please call 033-40340435. Sd/- General Manager, WBMSCL & Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of W.B. ICA-T2478(3)/2024

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W.B. GOVT. E-TENDER NOTICE DR. B.C. ROY P.G.I.P.S e-N.I.T. No: BCH/ME/PR/e-NIT/ 07; Dt. 19/01/24

Principal, Dr. B.C. Roy P.G.I.P.S invites e-Tender for "Digitization of BHT in Dr. B.C. Roy P.G.I.P.S". Bid Submission Starting Date-02/02/2024 & Bid Submission Closing date- 29/02/2024. For Details: - www.wbhealth.gov.in and https://wbtenders.gov.in Principal, Dr. B.C. Roy P.G.I.P.S

ICA- T2465(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL E-Tender Notice The Superintendent of Bongaon

Subsidiary Correctional Home, WB, for and on behalf of the Governor of WB, invites e tender for supply of dietary articles at Bongaon Subsidiary Correctional Home for the period from 01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024. Tender Inviting Notice No. 01/BNG/TN/24-25 dated: 05.01.2024. Date of documents download starts: 02.02.2024 at 14:00 hrs. Last date of submission of tender 16.02.2024 up to 16:00 hrs. Full particulars may be had from the website www.wbtenders.gov.in "The ADG & IG of Correctional Services, West Bengal reserves the rights to cancel any or all the tenders without showing any reason". Sd/- Bongaon Subsidiary Correctional Home, W.B.

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ICA-T2468(3)/2024

ICA- T2466[3]/2024

E-Tender Notice The Superintendent of Katwa Subsidiary Correctional Home, WB, for and on behalf of the Governor of WB, invites etender for supply of dietary articles at Katwa Subsidiary Correctional Home for the period from 01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024. Tender Inviting Notice No. 01/Katwa/24-25/TN-2024 dated: 10.01.2024. Date of documents download starts: 02.02.2024 at 13:00 hrs. Last date of submission of tender: 17.02.2024 up to 16:00 hrs. Full particulars may be had from the website www.wbtenders.gov.in "The ADG & IG of Correctional Services, West Bengal reserves the rights to cancel any or all the tenders without showing any reason". Sd/- Katwa Subsidiary Correctional Home, W.B.

Office of the M.S.V.P., North Bengal Medical College & Hospital. Tender details and forms may be downloaded from https://wbhealth.gov.in

https://www.wbtenders.gov.in. Closing Date: 17/02/2024 at 5:00 PM For Details, please visit the website www.nbmch. org or the Office of the MSVP, North Bengal Medical College & Hospital, Sushrutanagar, Darjeeling. ICA-T2476(4)/2024

e-QUOTATION NOTICE

e-Quotations are invited by the Executive Engineer, Directorate of

ICA- T2475(2)/2024

CINEMA OF THE WEEK

Next Goal Wins (Comedy, Sports, Drama) Cast: Michael Fassbender, Oscar Kightley, Kaimana, David Fane, Beulah Koale,

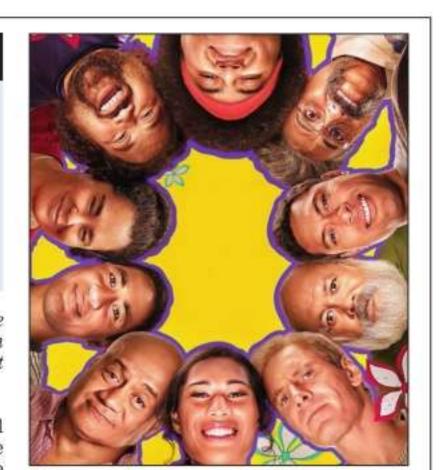
Elisabeth Moss **Direction:** Taika Waititi **Duration:** 1 hour 43 minutes Language: English (UA)

Football coach Thomas Rongen accepts the responsibility to turn around the American Samoa soccer team, considered the weakest football team in the world.

Text Goal Wins delivers a delightful cinematic experience centered on the American Samoa team, once deemed the weakest football squad globally. Infused with Taika Waititi's signature style, the film brims with quirky characters whose journey evokes laughter and warmth. Despite their limited knowledge of the game, these characters exhibit unwavering focus on their life objectives. While the underdog narrative isn't ground-breaking, the film's unique and eccentric cast breathes fresh life into the familiar trope, making it an entertaining watch.

Set against the backdrop of Dutch American football coach Thomas Rongen's (played by Michael Fassbender) career crossroads, Next Goal Wins chronicles his pivotal decision: face termination or undertake the daunting task of coaching the American Samoa soccer team renowned as the weakest in the world. Upon his arrival in American Samoa, Rongen swiftly garners celebrity status, thrust into the spotlight with an airport interview where the country's football association president also doubles as the cameraman. As he navigates the challenges of moulding a team comprised of quirky, part-time players, Rongen embarks on a tough journey to reverse the fortunes of the team.

This sports drama is a heart-warming cinematic journey that celebrates the extraordinary resilience of ordinary individuals who transform themselves and inspire an entire nation with their unwavering determination. Though the film's initial pacing takes some time



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to ignite, once the groundwork is laid, it becomes a joyful ride. From the outset, the film establishes its light-hearted approach, signalling its intention to entertain while also weaving an engaging narrative. As it unfolds, Next Goal Wins effortlessly checks all the boxes for an entertaining watch.

Michael Fassbender steps into the shoes of Coach Thomas Rongen, portraying a man frustrated with the world and those around him with sincerity. While comedy isn't exactly Fassbender's forte, his honest attempt adds depth to the character. However, it's the ensemble cast that truly shines, making this film a standout. The lovable characters, brimming with quirks, immediately captivate audiences. Kaimana delivers a standout performance as Jaiyah, the transgender player, while Oscar Kightley excels in his role, offering deadpan comedy at its finest.

While Next Goal Wins boasts an interesting true story, its script falters at times, leaving certain loopholes. However, the film's comedic elements more than compensate for these shortcomings, injecting a lively energy that keeps audiences engaged throughout.

—Abhishek Srivastava

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RATING SCALE

TRASH ★ | BELOW AVERAGE ★★ | AVERAGE ★★ | ABOVE AVERAGE *** | GOOD *** | VERY GOOD *** OUTSTANDING **** MASTERPIECE ****

19-yr-old stabbed to death, another injured as argument turns violent

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A 19-year-old man was fatally stabbed while another sustained knife injuries in New Usmanpur on Thursday night. The incident took place after a heated argument took place among six men outside a gym. A case has been registered but no arrests have been made yet.

According to Joy Tirkey, DCP (Northeast), they received information at 1.37 am on Friday from a hospital regarding the admission of two injured persons with stab injuries. "A team was sent to the hospital where Mayank Choudhari was declared dead. Choudhari sustained grievous stab wounds in his chest while his friend Love Kush (24) survived with abdominal wounds," said the officer.

Kush stated that he and Choudhari were standing near an open gym in DDA Park when the incident took place. "The accused group came to the spot and an argument erupted between them. The suspects, identified as Aman and Shubham, attacked them with knives and fled the scene. Preliminary investigation revealed that there existed a prior history of enmity between the two groups," the officer said.

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise) Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154 Sagardighi Thermal Power Project P.O. Monigram, P.S. Sagardighi, Dist. - Murshidabad, Pin - 742237

Notice Inviting E-Tender Ref. No.: WBPDCL / Tend-Adv/23-24/SgTPP/CC-1369 NIT No.: WBPDCL/SGTPP/NIT/E2754/23-24 Dated: 20.01.2024 E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager SGTPP, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in three (03) Part bid system for "Service Contract for fabrication, supply & fixing of FRP canopy over outdoor type ID Fan VFD Transformers at Unit - 3 & 4 under EMIPH-II, SgTPP". Tender Document Download Start Date: 31.01.2024 at 10.00 hrs. Bid Submission End Date: 15.02.2024 upto 10.00 hrs. Contact

Person: Mr. Atanu Chowdhury, Dy. General Manager (Contract Cell). Mobile no.: 8336903740. E-mail: achowdhury@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: https://wbtenders.gov.in

NIT No.: WBSEDCL/PM/JHP/CIVIL/e-TENDER/2023-24/59, Date: 30.01.2024 of the Project Manager, Jaldhaka Hydel Project. Estimated Cost: Rs. 5,56,894.10 for the work of 'Repairing of damaged sausage wall at downstream of control room building, restoration of damaged Geo-gabion box at downstream of spillway Gate No. 1 with sausage and face CC of existing sausage work near view point at Bindu Barrage of Jaldhaka Hydel Project, WBSEDCL, Kalimpong - 734503'. ICA- T2487(2):2024



(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise) Regd. Office: Vidyut Bhavan, Block-DJ, Sector-II, Bidhannagar, Kolkata-700091 CIN: U40109W820075GC113473, www.wbsedcl.in

Ref. NIT No.: PM/RMM/e-Tender/CIVIL/23-24/07 (SLNo.1) Dtd.: 22.12.2023 of the Project Manager, Rammam

Date: 30.01.2024

Notice Inviting E-Tender Dated: 27.12.2023



NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

Dated- 08/01/2024

commissioning of floor standing DX type ICA-T2479(2)/2024

e-TENDER NOTICE The Superintendent of Malda District Correctional Home, WB, for and on behalf of the Governor of WB, invites e-tender for supply of dietary articles at Malda District Correctional Home for the period from 01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024. Tender Inviting Notice No. 01/TN-2024-2025/(MLDDCH) dated: 04.01.2024. Date of documents download starts: 02.02.2024 at 16:00 hrs. Last date of submission of tender: 15.02.2024 at 12:00 noon, Full particulars may be had from the website www.wbtenders.gov.in "The ADG & IC of Correctional Services, West Bengal

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reason." Sd/- Malda District Correctional ICA- T2483(3)/2024

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reserves the rights to cancel any or all

the tenders without showing any

TENDER NOTICE Invites Notice Inviting e-Tender No: WBIW/EE/BID/e-NIT-18 of 2023-24 from eligible bonafide Contractors having credential of execution of similar nature of work of value 50 % of the major item of work within the last five years. 1) No of works: 02(Two) Nos. 2) Last date of application: 15.02,2024 up to 17.00 hours. 3) Name of work Emergent Restoration of Sundarban River Embankment. 4) Amount put to tender: Ranging from Rs. 17, 23,144.00 to Rs. 39,23,273.00. 5) Source of Fund : SDS. Details may be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer, Basirhat Irrigation Division, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate, P.O.-Dhaltitha, Via-Basirhat, Dist-North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743412, Tel no-03217-265258 or departmental website www.wbiwd.gov.in (Tender & Notice) & www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT. PPP Cell

Engineer, Basirhat Irrigation Division.

ICA- T2492(3)/2024

SWASTHYA BHAWAN, SALT LAKE, KOLKATA-700091 No: HFW-14015/4/2023-SPSRC SEC-Dept. of H&FW/PPP/54 Date: 31-01-2024 Tender Notice PP/NIT/203/2024 Request for Proposal for Selection of

Private Partner for Establishment,

Operation, Maintenance and Management of Dialysis Centre at different Govt. hospitals, West Bengal under Public Private Partnerships (PPP) mode (2nd call). The documents containing the scheme and eligibility criteria of the applicants may be obtained from the website www.wbhealth.gov.in under the option 'TENDER' & https://wbtenders.gov.in The document containing the scheme and the eligibility criteria of the applicants may be obtained from the website www.wbhealth.gov.in under the option 'TENDER' & https://wbtenders.gov.in Interested Organizations may attend a Pre-BID meeting to be held on 08.02.2024 at 12.00 P.M. at Green Room, "B" wing, 4th floor, Swasthya Bhawan, Sec-V, Salt Lake, Kolkata- 91. The Bid submission start date (Online) 09.02.2024 & last date of receipt of Bids (online) in the prescribed format provided in the document (online) for the Project is 27.02.2024 till 5.00 p.m. Bid submission closing date & time online: 05/03/2023 till 5.00 PM. Sd/- Secretary, PPP, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal

ICA- T2495(3)/2024

Notice of Inviting Tender Bid ref. no.-WBMSCL/NIT-074/2024, Dated- 22/01/2024

Operation and Maintenance of Electrical systems including Substations and Diesel Generator Set at Super Speciality Block (SSB), Malda Medical College & Hospital, Malda. Last date of submission of bid (online)- 15.02.2024 upto 03:00 P.M. The tender document can be downloaded from www.wbtenders.gov.in on or after 01.02.2024 at 12.00 P.M. Clarification requests, if any may be sent to info@wbmsc.gov.in Sd/- General Manager, WBMSCL. ICA- T2477(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL E-Tender Notice

The Superintendent of Jangipur Subsidiary Correctional Home, WB, for and on behalf of the Governor of WB, invites e-tender for supply of dietary articles at Jangipur Subsidiary Correctional Home for the period from 01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024. Tender Inviting Notice No. 01/JNGSCH/24-25/TN-2024 dated: 09.01.2024. Date of documents download starts: 02.02.2024 at 12:00 hrs. Last date of submission of tender: 19.02.2024 at 12:00 hrs. Full particulars may be had www.wbtenders.gov.in "The ADG & IG of Correctional Services, West Bengal reserves the rights to cancel any or all the tenders without showing any reason". Sd/- Jangipur Subsidiary

ICA-T2467(3)/2024

Correctional Home, W.B.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL e-TENDER NOTICE The Superintendent of Purulia District Correctional Home, WB, for and on behalf of the Governor of WB, invites etender for supply of dietary articles at Purulia District Correctional Home & Purulia Special Correctional Home for the period from 01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024. Tender Inviting Notice No. 01/PURULIA/TN-2024 Dt. 10.01.2024. Date of documents download starts: 02.02.2024 at 13:00 hrs. Last date of submission of tender: 20.02.2024 by 18:00 hrs. Full particulars may be had the website www.wbtenders.gov.in "The ADG & IG of Correctional Services, West Bengal reserves the rights to cancel any or all the tenders without showing any reason." Sd/- Purulia District

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT-CUM-VICE PRINCIPAL

NORTH BENGAL MEDICAL COLLEGE &

ICA- T2471(3)/2024

Correctional Home, W.B.

SUSHRUTANAGAR, DARJEELING (N.I.T) NO. NBMCH/359 Date 16/01/24 E-Tender is invited for providing Cleaning & Housekeeping services for Technical & Financial Bid Submission

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Sericulture, Govt. of West Bengal, 45, Ganesh Chandra Avenue, Kolkata-13, from Bonafide and resourceful contractors for annual maintenance and operation of cold storage plants through e-tendering portal-wbtenders.gov.in for the e-Quotation ID nos i) 2024_DOT_653562_1 ii) 2024_DOT_654008_ iii) 2024_DOT_654138_ 1. Last date of submission of online bids-12.02.2024. Details can be obtained from www.seriwbgov.org and Notice Board of this Directorate, Sd/- Executive Engineer, Directorate of Sericulture.

WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED Regd. Office: Vidyut Bhavan, Block-DJ, Sector-II, Bidhannagar, Kolkata-70009

CIN: U40109W82007SGC113473, www.wbsedcl.in Recruitment in various posts on contractual basis under WBSEDCL WBSEDCL intends to fill up the following vacant posts on contractual basis under its different wings. Vacancy Tentative place of posting Siliguri Zone Dy. Chief Security Officer 01 (One)

South 24 Pgs Region (Unit-II) Purba Medinipur Region Canning Division 06 (Six) A. Special Officer (S&LP) Katwa Division Kharagpur Division **Balurghat Division** Corporate Office, Vidyut Bhavan Security Officer 02 (Two) Jaldhaka Hydel Project (JHP) Chief Land Officer 01 (One) Corporate Office, Vidyut Bhavan Burdwan Zone Special Officer (Land) 03 (Three) Berhampore Zone

Corporate Office, Vidyut Bhavan C. Senior Private Secretary 05 (Five) Interested candidates may visit the Company's website www.wbsedd.in and go to Career (Tab) for prescribed application format, service conditions and further details. The number of posts may vary.

Siliguri Zone

Block-'C', 7th Floor, Vidyut Bhavan, Sector-II, Bidhannagar, Kolkata-700091 from 02.02.2024 to 12.02.2024(5 PM) and send through e-mail at rectt@wbsedcl.in. *** Date and venue of selection process will be intimated in due course of time.

NOTIFICATION NO.: MPP/2024/01 | DATE: 30.01.2024

** Interested candidates may apply in prescribed application format as available on the Company's website

addressed to The Addl. General Manager (HR&A), Recruitment & Manpower Planning Cell,

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Employment Notice No. 01/Emp/Estt/2024 dated 31/01/2024 Walk-in-Interview will be held for filling up 01 (one) post of Pathologist for Mini Pathological Laboratory within R.G. Kar Medical College & Hospital of Kolkata Police on contractual basis at a consolidated remuneration of Rs.50,000/- per

Qualification: 1) MD in Pathology, 2) 03 (three) years, experience in any Government or NABL accredited Pvt. Ltd.

Pathological Laboratory. . The candidate must carry the following documents at the time of Walk-in-Interview :-

ii) Age proof iii) Proof of Educational qualification Date of Walk-in-Interview: 08/02/2024 from 11-00 hours Place of Walk -in -Interview

Office of the Addl. CP(II), Kolkata

18, Lalbazar Street, Kolkata- 700001 ICA- N 90(3)/2024

Date: 30.01.2024

ICA- N 89(6)/2024

No. A1 P1C (C1)

i) Identity proof

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

RECRUITMENT FOR THE POST OF AEs/ JEs & CHEMISTS/CHEMICAL SUPERVISORS WRITTEN TEST-Reg

REF: RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION No: A1 P1C (C1)

DATED: 17.07.2017 & 03.08.2017

With reference to the above notifications, the re-examination for the Recruitment of total No.of 622 posts of Assistant Engineer, Junior Engineer, Chemist and Chemical Supervisor posts will be conducted on 18.02.2024 through KEA, Bengaluru. All the eligible candidates who have applied against the notifications are eligible to appear for the re-examination. For more information related to written examination please visit website https://kpcl.karnataka.gov.in or https://cetonline.karnataka.gov.in/kea/indexnew.

Sd/- Director (HR) Registered Office: No.82, Shakti Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru-560 001

HC tells IITs to help students tackle stress to curb suicides

New Delhi: Discouraging the growing trend of suicides by students under pressure, Delhi High Court has called upon Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) to put in conscious efforts for counselling students and making young minds understand that scoring good marks is not the most important thing in life and they can give their best without succumbing to the stress

of performing better. The court raised the concern while dealing with a petition concerning the alleged suicide last year by two IIT-Delhi students belonging to Scheduled Caste

(SC) community. The parents of the students had sought the court's directions for the registration of an FIR and an impartial probe into the "caste-based atrocities" being committed in the institution.

Police said an enquiry was conducted into the two incidents of July and Sept last year, and while there was no evidence of caste-based discrimination, it was found that the deceased were failing in multiple subjects and were under pressure to perform better academically.

"This court can understand the sentiments of the parents of the deceased and deeply discourages the growing trend of pressurising young minds to perform the best in every aspect of life, leading them to take unfortunate steps," said Justice Rajnish Bhatnagar in an order

the values of prioritising health, both physical and mental, can be best instilled in young minds when they are in their student years. Considering that the allegations levelled

The court added that

by the petitioners could not be corroborated, the judge refused to direct any probe in relation to the alleged caste atrocities. PTI

Can't Put A Number To Solar BJP claims illegal Needs? Govt To Do It For You

Satellite Imaging Of Rooftops To Give An Idea Of Potential

Abhinav.Rajput @timesgroup.com

New Delhi: Delhi govt will conduct a rooftop assessment through satellite imagery to calculate solar power generation under its new policy. This will help the govt carry out an analysis of the shadow and sun rays at different times of the year for better calculation of power generation.

The state govt will also create a portal that will have details of empanelled agencies installing solar panels and information that consumers would find useful.

Power minister Atishi said, "We will tie up with organisations that can assess the potential of the city's rooftops through satellite imaging. This will assist the consumer, who has difficulty determining how much solar panel space he needs to install on his roof."

The Delhi Solar Policy 2024, recently passed by the Delhi cabinet, allows residents to install solar panels on their rooftops and get generation-based incentives, a capital subsidy and the eligibility to sell excess electricity generated to other consumers in the capital in real time.

A govt official said that the electricity production depends not just on the size of the rooftop but also on areas that remain shadow free for an adequate period.

The state solar power portal will "act as a one-stop-shop for all information on the solar policy, benefits of solar systems, installation related guidelines and the technically qualified vendors, etc.", said an official. People can also learn about the policy at camps. "Many people are not showing an interest in this for lack of awareness. But once they hear about the details, they will certainly show more interest," the official said. "All RWAs of the area will be invited to the camps."

Under the Delhi Solar Policy 2016, the consumers got Rs 2 per unit for solar generation provide they generated 1,100

HOW TO GET A SOLAR PANEL INSTALLED STEP 1 Govt to STEP 4 Discoms will then STEP 5 | On make a solar portal receive an application form receiving an that will have list of from customer, who will get approval letter technically qualified an acknowledgement and a from the discom. empanelled vendors unique service number. A site the selected visit report is prepared after vendor will install STEP 2 | Consumer checking voltage level, renewable the solar plant can contact any of penetration on existing network these vendors STEP 3 Selected vendor will conduct a feasibility study on your premises, present an option to enter into an agreement for installation

GENERATION AND BILLING

After net metering. which happens every month, the excess solar units will be taken forward into subsequent billing cycles for up to 12 months (until the end of financial year)

> At the end of the year, if the solar power generated is more than the consumer's annual electricity demand, the consumer will earn money from the discom > For every unit of solar

power generated, Delhi govt

new 2024 policy offers Rs 3 per

unit for small rooftop plants

and Rs 2 per unit for larger

plants. It also has done away

with the riders on minimum

generation necessary to recei-

ve GBI. Delhi govt has also de-

cided to extend GBI to com-

mercial and industrial consu-

mers for the first time — up to

the first 200 MW of installa-

tions in Delhi. They will recei-

ve an incentive of one rupee

per unit of solar power gene-

2024 also has innovative de-

ployment models like com-

munity solar for consumers

who have constraints of

funds or rooftop space. For

the first time in the country,

The Delhi Solar Policy

rated for five years.

will offer a generation-based incentive (GBI) of ₹3 for small rooftop plants (upto 3 kW) and ₹2 for larger plants (3 to 10kW)

> > Capital subsidy to consumers of ₹2,000 per kW of installation up to a maximum of ₹10,000 per consumer

> Amount under GBI will be adjusted against the monthly electricity bill of the consumer. Any excess amount will be deposited into the consumer's bank account by the discom every month

WHAT NEXT

> A net metering connection agreement is done between the customer and discom. Net metering is a mechanism that allows users who generate their own electricity to export their surplus energy back to the grid

After installation. site inspection is carried out by a discom engineer for ensuring safety

> Existing meter is replaced with a net meter

> The claim process, subsidy approval and quality parameters have to be checked by the respective discoms

AN OFFICIAL SAYS

The income generated from solar plants as excess units are compensated by the discom at unit rate of that specific customer segment: residential, commercial or industrial. They can experience a remarkable return on equity within 4-5 years

cy. It will enable consumers who do not have a suitable roof for installing a solar plant to be part of a communityowned solar system installed still avail of the benefits.

Power reacted to the policy saying, "The income generated from solar plants as excess units are compensated by the discomatunit rate of that specific customer segment: residential, commercial or industrial. They can experience a remarkable return on equity within 4-5 years."

A BSES official also responded, "We have been aggressively promoting rooftop solar in south, west, east and central Delhi. We have energised 6,000 roof-top solar installations with a connected solar load of nearly 160 MWp. In 2024-25, we plan to energise over 1,000 roof-top solar connections with a con-

parking rampant in Chandni Chowk

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi BJP on Thursday alleged that rampant illegal parking had been happening around the Town Hall and Hardaval Library complexes in Chandni Chowk and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) was aware of it.

Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor claimed that illegal parking was a problem from Bankhandi Temple to Town Hall and around Hardaval Library, "After AAP started running MCD in Jan 2023, illegal encroachments have increased in the entire Old Delhi. In the Town Hall-Hardayal Library area in Chandni Chowk, 700-800 vehicles are parked illegally every day," he alleged, claiming that the parking was probably being operated by some people in connivance with MCD officials of the Sadar-Paharganj zone.

"We have brought the issue to the knowledge of commissioner Gyanesh Bharti, DCP (north) Manoj Kumar Meena and the DCP (traffic)," Kapoor added.

At the parking, attendants are charging Rs 200 per vehicle for eight hours and Rs 100 for three hours, said the Delhi BJP spokesperson. "MCD officials as well as the remunerative project cell are aware about the activity, but are silent due to the pressure from the ruling party," he alleged.

Now this illegal parking has become so regular that the people parking their vehicles there leave the keys with the attendants, who even wear the yellow jacket like the staff of parking facilities, Kapoorsaid. Delhi BJP has urged the MCD commissioner and the DCP (north) to stop the practice, otherwise local party workers will protest against it, he said.

A Delhi Police official said they were checking the situation on the ground and would take action if any illegal activity was found. MCD officials and AAP could not be reached for comment.

"It's high time that MCD should take some corrective measures and action against those carrying out the illegal activity," he demanded.



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LG directs chief secy, other senior officials to stay a night in villages

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An official of discom Tata New Delhi: Lieutenant governor VK Saxena on Thursday directed the chief secretary, principal secretaries and secretaries, and heads of various departments to visit and stay in the villages overnight in the second week of Feb.

> The visits of the top city bureaucrats will be part of the 'Dilli Gramodaya Abhiyan', launched by Saxena for development of Delhi's villages.

> In a meeting at his secretariat, LG also took feedback from all district magistrates who made two visits to the identified villages in Jan and stayed there overnight. Saxena asked the DMs to submit a report listing five most important problems plaguing the city's rural and urbanised villages and their workable solutions within two days.

Saxena listened to the experiences gathered by the DMs over their last two visits to the villages and their 'samvaad' (interaction) with the residents on Jan

The visits of the top bureaucrats of the capital will be part of the Dilli Gramodaya Abhiyan, launched by Saxena for development of Delhi's villages

7-8 and 27-28 on common problems affecting the villagers.

The DMs' visits were planned to ensure the developmental and welfare projects being implemented by Delhi Development Authority (DDA) were in sync with the actual deficiencies and demands on ground," said a Raj Niwas official.

While DDA has recently got over Rs 800 crore, the gram sabha fund that was earlier in control of the revenue department of Delhi govt, for the rejuvenation of nearly 200 urbanised villages, 49 rural villages would be rejuvenated from Rs 480 crore of the village development

The DMs had visited the villages

along with officials of all stakeholder departments and agencies such as DDA, MCD, public works and irrigation and flood control departments, and Delhi Jal Board, among others.

"The DMs shared their experiences and apprised the LG of the feedback from ground. The major issues that have come to fore include lack of civic infrastructure, connectivity and sanitation," said a Raj Niwas official, adding that the LG has issued clear directions that the work should be started to address the issues within the shortest possible time frame so that people start benefiting from them immediately.

The DMs will also undertake field visits to the villages every Saturday.

The Officials informed LG that the work to provide piped gas to all villages was in advance stages. While 69 villages had already been provided with the gas pipeline, work was expected to be completed in 39 within a month and surveys were being conducted in 142 villages.





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HC: Why '600-Yr-Old' Mosque Demolished?

Asks DDA If Prior Notice Was Given Before Action

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New Delhi: Delhi High Court has asked Delhi Development Authority to answer if it gave prior notice before demolishing a mosque in Mehrauli two days ago. In proceedings that took place on Wednesday, the court also directed DDA to explain the basis on which the decision to raze the property was taken. The order was made public on Thursday.

The court was hearing an urgent plea by Delhi Waqf Board, assailing the action taken by the land-owning agency for razing "the 600-yearold" mosque. The managing committee of the waqf board alleged that no prior notice was given to the imam of Akhonji Masjid.

Defending its move, DDA said the demolition action in respect of the concerned property was taken on the recommendations of the religious committee. It said the com-

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The court was hearing an urgent plea by Delhi Waqf Board, assailing the action taken by the landowning agency for razing 'the 600-year-old' mosque

mittee gave its recommendation on Jan 4. The agency further claimed that before the committee reached its conclusion and took the decision last month, it had already granted an opportunity of hearing to the CEO of the wagf board. It contested the stand of the petitioner board that the agency's action was illegal.

After a brief hearing, Justice Sachin Datta asked DDA to "file its reply within a period of one week clearly setting out the action that has been taken in respect of the concerned property and the basis thereof.'

The court posted the matter for further hearing on Feb 12. It also agreed to examine

on the next date the argument of the managing committee that "the religious committee has no jurisdiction to order any demolition action and the DDA's reliance on the recommendations is not legal".

On Jan 30, DDA carried out a demolition exercise in Mehrauli when its squad of bulldozers razed the mosque and nearby structures, terming them unauthorised constructions. It cited the mandate to rid the ridge of encroachments, as directed by the ridge management board.

Incidentally, in Sept last year, DDA had assured the court that it won't demolish any legitimate properties owned by the waqf board in and around Mehrauli Archaeological Park. The statement by DDA had led the court to dispose of a petition by the waqf board, which had apprehensions that while removing unauthorised structures,

DDA was also clearing waqf

properties.

SC says no to termination of 32-wk pregnancy

HC declines 20-yr-old unwed woman's plea

New Delhi: Delhi High Court said on Thursday "foeticide cannot

unmarried woman's plea seeking its approval to terminate her

pregnancy of 28 weeks, holding that the fetus was "completely

permits aborting a fetus at a maximum of 24 weeks. In case of

medical board, termination can be done even after 24 weeks.

substantial foetal abnormalities, subject to the permission of a

"This court is not going to permit termination of pregnancy at 28

weeks. I am not going to allow it for a completely viable fetus of

28 weeks. In the report, I can't see any abnormality in the fetus.

Foeticide cannot be permitted," the judge said orally, before

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viable". The Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act

to abort 28-wk 'completely viable' fetus

New Delhi: Supreme Court that she will have to bear the on Wednesday refused to altrauma throughout her life. low a 26-year-old woman, who The bench added that had lost her husband in Oct each and every point has been last year, to terminate her considered by the high court, over 32-week pregnancy, sayincluding the opinion of the ing the medical board has medical board. held that there were no ab-

"We cannot go beyond the opinion of the medical board. The medical board has opined there is no abnormality and it is a normal fetus," Justice Trivedi said, adding it has also been opined that there is no risk to even to the petitioner, if she carries on with the pregnancy.

Mishra argued that the woman is a widow and she will have to bear a life-long trauma and the court should consider her interest.

Justice Trivedi asked him, "Why should we consider only her interest?"

The bench then refused to interfere with the high court order and dismissed the plea.

reserving the verdict. In her plea, the woman submitted she was in a consensual relationship and had come to know of her pregnancy only recently. Advocate Amit Mishra, representing the woman, said she learnt about it on Jan 25 when she was already 27 weeks pregnant. PTI

On Jan 23, the high court recalled its earlier order allowing the woman to terminate her then 29-week-old fetus.

The high court had said that the woman then already

at 32 weeks of gestation, can go to AIIMS or any other central or state govt hospital for delivery, and if she is subse-

quently inclined to give the

newborn in adoption, the

Centre shall ensure that the process takes place smoothly and at the earliest.

It added that the respective govt would bear all medical and incidental expenses in

the process of delivery. On Jan 4, the court had allowed the widow, suffering from depression, to terminate her then 29-week-old fetus as continuation of pregnancy could affect her mental health and observed that the right to reproductive choice

to procreate. The high court's Jan 24 order had come after the Centre filed a plea seeking recall of its Jan 4 order allowing medical termination of the pregnancy on the woman's petition on the grounds that the child has a fair chance of survival and the court should consider protecting the right

to life of the unborn child. PTI

HC won't stay

ED summons

New Delhi: Delhi High Court

on Thursday refused to stay

the summons issued to AAP

MLA Amanatullah Khan by

the Enforcement Directorate

(ED) in a case of alleged graft.

The court adjourned the

matter for next week as Khan's

counsel was not available. The

Okhla MLA has challenged

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Green belt adjacent to Vijay Ghat and Shanti Van to be beautified

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AIIMS to train all staff in CPR courses New Delhi: Continuing its efforts to revamp the area around samadhis on Ring Road, Delhi Development Autra Kumar of the anaesthesio- hority (DDA) has finalised a logy department, who will plan for streetscaping and belead the programme, said the autification of the green belt and service road next to Vijay

> "The project is waiting ing the country's cultural and for some technical approvals, after which work will start at the site soon. We aim to increase plantation and install artefacts, rock sculptures, decorative lights and fountains. Other beautification work will also be carried out to improve aesthetics," an official said, adding that DDA is aiming to complete the project by March.

> > The green belt lies between Mahatma Gandhi Marg and the service lane adjacent to the memorial at Vijay Ghat and Shanti Van on its eastern side. On the western side lie



Red Fort and Shahjahanabad, the old walled city.

"The width of the green belt is about 26 metres. A sandstone-clad toe wall, which is nearly 400mm high, surrounds the green belt. The green belt stretch is 700 metres long along Vijay Ghat and 600 metres long along Shanti Van," said the official.

At present, on the side of the service lane, an open drain runs parallel at the edge of the green belt. "Revamp work will be carried out between two locations — location A and B — where connectivity between Mahatma Gandhi

ists," said the official. To give a new lease of

Marg and service lane ex-

life to the green area on Red Fort's rear side along Mahatma Gandhi Marg and nearby parks in Walled City, DDA has already prepared a plan for a comprehensive makeover.

DDA is working on a plan to revamp four parks — Dilli Chalo, Ghata Masjid, Urdu Academy and Sadbhavna Park — spread over 37 acres and about 1.7km long along Ring Road. Work on these is expected to begin in February. Recently, the details were discussed and a deadline was fixed in a meeting headed by the lieutenant governor and DDA chairman V K Saxena with officials. There is a target to complete the work in phases, beginning

with June this year. "The project goes in line with Kartavya Path and aims to provide similar recreational opportunities for the public. The LG has been monitoring it regularly," stated the authority.

constitutional validity of certain provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. He added that the petitioner apprehended violation of

his liberty if he appeared before the agency. It is alleged that Khan, while working as Delhi Waqf Board chairman, had illegally recruited 32 people in violation of norms and govt guidelines.

The ED, which had raided Khan's premises, has alleged that he acquired "huge proceeds of crime" from the illegal recruitment and has purchased immovable assets in the

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memorandum of understanding with the Indian Resuscitation Council Federation (IRCF). It will be a continuous process, said the authorities. According to doctors, many youngsters are recently suffering cardiac arrest due to lisocio-economic background. festyle medications and stress-The head of anaesthesiolo-

gy, pain medicine and critical care, Dr Lokesh Kashyap, said a four-hour course had been designed for laypeople, a one-day course for paramedics and a two-day course for medicos. Prof Rakesh Garg. IRCF scientific director, said cardiac arrest could happen anywhere. "Usually the success rate of CPR decreases by 7-10% with each minute and it should be started within the initial few

New Delhi: The All India In- AIIMS on Wednesday signed a ful environment. Dr Shailendcourses had been developed with experts from all over the Ghat and Shanti Van. country and drafted consider-

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Gajender, a third-year student

was allegedly hit with an iron rod on It blew horn repeatedly, triggering his head, leading to heavy bleeding, inspector Sunil Kumar, SHO DLF 1, said. The youth was from Nagaur in Rajasthan," the inspector said. According to police, a group of

30-35 students of Delhi Technological University had booked Oasis Garden to celebrate a classmate's birthday. After the party ended around midnight, some of the students booked cabs to go back to Delhi.

At least seven cabs were lined up outside the farmhouse, and a car with three youths from a nearof Delhi Technological University, by village got stuck behind them.

the venue to return with around 50 other villagers, armed with sticks, rods and other sharp weapons. They attacked the students outside the farmhouse first and then stormed into the building as the name of his associates. students ran for safety.

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HC fines Delhi govt ₹50k for no reply

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi High Court has slapped a cost of Rs 50,000 on Delhi govt for not filing a reply, despite repeated directions, to a petition seeking adequate IFS officers and deployment of paramilitary to protect forests in the national capital.

Justice Subramonium Prasad said there was no valid reason given by the authorities for not filing a reply in the matter and underlined that "majesty of the court cannot be brought down".

"Despite repeated orders dated Aug 2, 2023, and Sept 21, 2023, granting four weeks' time to file a reply, the state govt has not filed its reply. No reason has been given as to why the reply has not been filed. The only reason being given is that some information is being called from other states. This is no ground for not filing a reply in the matter," the court noted. The court was hearing

a petition seeking a direction to the central govt to post an adequate number of Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officers with Delhi govt's forests and wildlife department. The petition sought di-

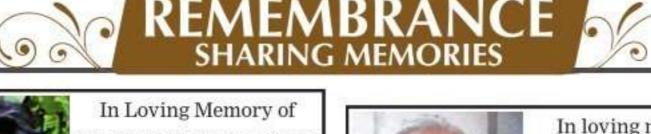
rection to the authorities to ensure that necessary steps are taken for the protection of forest rangers, guards and other field staff of the department in terms of bet-

tion if an unarmed, ununiformed, untrained force is made to face heavily armed and organised encroachers, poachers and smugglers, the plea said. The petition also sought a direction to Delhi

govt to establish its own forest training school and create forest stations in all the divisions of the city, on a par with forest stations in Kerala, for effective protection and management of forest and wildlife.

DJB case: Two sent to four-day ED custody

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Thursday sent a retired chief engineer and a contractor to four-day ED custody in connection with a money laundering probe into alleged irregularities in the tendering process of the Delhi Jal Board. The federal agency had conducted raids in this case in July last year. PTI





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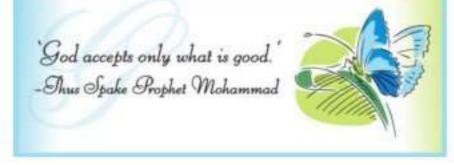
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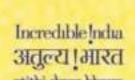
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Two held for snatching man's bag

New Delhi: Two men were arrested for allegedly snatching a bag from a man in west Delhi's Khyala area. The victim's bag, containing passbooks and cheque books, was later returned to him, a police officer said on Thursday, Suspects Jagdeep Singh (32) and Mandeep Singh (39) were residents of Chander Vihar. "While patrolling the area on Wednesday, a police team observed a man chasing a bike near Khyala branch of Punjab and Sindh Bank. The bike was intercepted. and suspects were nabbed," said Vichitra Veer, DCP (West), TNN



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टर नौएडा औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण लॉट नं0 – 1 सैक्टर के0पी0–4, ग्रंटर नोएडा सिटी, गौतमबुद्ध नगर – 201308, उ०प्रत

वेबसाइटः www.greaternoidaauthority.in, ई-मेलः authority@gnida.in पत्रांकः वरि.प्र./(ई-निविदा सेल)/2024/494ए दिनांक: 31 जनवरी, 2024 ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

महाप्रबन्धक (अभियन्त्रण) ग्रेटर नौएडा औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी, ग्रेटर नौएडा की ओर से ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या वरि.प्र./(ई–निविदा सेल)/2024/494 दिनांक 31.01.2024 के माध्यम से उल्लेखित क्रम संख्या 01 से 18 तक के कार्य की र्द—सिविटाये आमस्थित की जाती है। समस्य नियम व शर्ते ग्रेटर नौगड़ा पाधिकरण

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1.	ग्राम बोडाकी एक्टेंशन में रिसरफेसिंग का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–6)	T 00 07 TEE
-	प्राम बाङ्गका एक्टरान म १२सरफासन का काय । (वक साकल-६) जिल्लाम	रु. 93.27 लाख
2.	ग्राम जैतपुर-वैशपुर में बारात घर एवं शमसान घाट की मरम्मत का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-6)	ড. 12.10 লা ख
3.	सैक्टर-ज्यू-2 में अफोर्डेबल हाउसेस मा. (कांशीराम कॉलोनी) की मरम्मत कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-6)	रु. 25.07 लाख
4.		रु. 37.18 लाख
5.	ग्रेटर नौएडा में एस.के. रोड के एल.जी. गोलचक्कर का उन्नतीकरण एवं सौन्दर्यीकरण का कार्य (वर्क सर्किल-4)	रु. 77.05 लाख
6.	सैक्टर म्यू-2 में 29.76 वर्गमीटर क्षेत्र के एफोर्डेबल हाउस (धार मंजिला जी+3 पॉकेट-सी एवं जी) की रिपयेरिंग एवं मरम्मत कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल 6)	₹. 90.41 লাভ
7.	ग्राम जैतपुर-वैसपुर में 6 प्रतिशत आबादी भूखण्ड (अवशेष कार्य) का विकास कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–6)	
8.	ग्राम घोड़ी बछेडा में 6 प्रतिशत आबादी भूखण्ड़ों एवं आबादी भूखण्ड़ों तक 60 मी. चौड़ी पहुँच मार्ग (अवशेष कार्य) का विकास कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–6)	হ্চ. 118.68 লাব
जल	गपूर्ति का कार्य	
9.	ग्रेटर नौएडा के सैक्टर—16 बी. एवं 16 सी, में वितरण पाईप लाईन उपलब्ध कराने एवं बिछाने का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल—जल)	रु. 52.51 लाख
10.	ग्रेटर नौएडा के सैक्टर टैकजोन-4 में वितरण पाईप लाईन उपलब्ध कराने एवं बिछाने का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-जल)	হ. 62.78 লা ভ
11.	ग्रेटर नौएडा वॉटर सप्लाई जोन—1 में टयूब—वेल, राइजिंग मेन एवं क्लोरिनेशन आदि कार्य का 2 वर्ष तक अनुरक्षण एवं संचालन का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल—जल)	रु. 559.66 लार
12.	ग्रेटर नौएडा वॉटर सप्लाई जोन—2 में टयूब—वेल, राइजिंग मेन एवं क्लोरिनेशन आदि कार्य का 2 वर्ष तक अनुरक्षण एवं संचालन का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल—जल)	रु. 654.76 लॉर
13.	ऑटोमेशन स्कडा बेस्ट वॉटर सप्लाई जोन–6 में टयूब–वेल, राइजिंग मेन एवं क्लोरिनेशन आदि कार्य का 2 वर्ष तक अनुरक्षण एवं संचालन का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–जल)	रु. 660.53 लार
14.	ग्रेटर नौएडा वॉटर सप्लाई जोन-7 में टयूब-वेल, राइजिंग मेन एवं क्लोरिनेशन आदि कार्य का 2 वर्ष तक अनुरक्षण एवं संचालन का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-जल)	रु, 632,68 लार
15.	ग्रेटर नौएडा वॉटर सप्लाई जोन—8 में टयूब—वेल, राइजिंग मेन एवं क्लोरिनेशन आदि कार्य का 2 वर्ष तक अनुरक्षण एवं संचालन का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल—जल)	रु. 562.42 लार
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Two DTU students booked for cruelty against mouse expelled from hostel

New Delhi: The two students of the Delhi Technological University (DTU) who were accused of animal cruelty on Sunday have been expelled from the institute hostel.

They had allegedly trapped a mouse, poured boiling water on it, and ultimately killed the animal by drowning it. A senior DTU official told TOI, "Both the students have been expelled from the hostel. The expulsion is limited to the hostel

and not the university, considering the students' future career." In a video going viral on social media, the students were allegedly seen trapping the mouse in a black box before torturing and killing it. With Mozart's 'Lacrimosa' playing in the background, they poured scalding water into the box, causing the animal to struggle in agony. The box was then filled with water, drowning the mouse,

Sunayana Basu, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals India's cruelty response coordinator, lodged a complaint, following which an FIR was filed on Sunday. TNN

'Acts guided by

4-yr jail to man

in NE riots case

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A city court

has sentenced a man to fo-

ur years of rigorous im-

prisonment in a 2020 Delhi

riots case, observing that

the crimes committed by

him were based on hatred

while one intention was

triggering a communal

riot to cause huge losses

to the victims, another mo-

tive was the robbery of

"Riotous acts were gui-

ded by hatred while robbe-

ry and loot of the cash

amount were guided by

greed," said the court whi-

le sentencing Noor Mo-

Nabi Mohammad, were

convicted earlier this

month in the case registe-

red at the Khajuri Khas po-

lice station. Noora has be-

en sentenced to four years

in prison — sentences to

run concurrently for va-

rious offences — while Na-

bi was handed an impri-

sonment term already un-

dergone by him in the jail

that both the convicts had

come from the low-income

strata of the society, and

though the crimes were

not light, the lack of educa-

tion, influence of mob sen-

timents, family backgro-

und and their unsettled li-

fe could not be overlooked.

Delhi govt has already

As the convicts in the

carried out the procedure

to grant compensation

to the 2020 northeast Delhi

current case are not finan-

cially capable to pay any

compensation towards the

loss incurred by these vic-

tims, the court said it co-

uld direct govt to compen-

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The court observed

during the case.

Two men, Noora and

hammad alias Noora.

The court said that

and greed.

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hate, greed':

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY Auction/Corrigendum Notice No. 18/2023-2

Additional date of e-Auction published in February-2024 Following additional e-auction date is added in published e-auction dates of February-2024 Additional e-Auction dates: 08

February-2024, Jurisdiction of Lots: Sr. DMM/Lucknow. Other e-Auction dates and terms and conditions, as published vide Auction Notice No. 17/2023-24, will remain unchanged. This notice is also available on NE Railway website on www.ner.indianrailways.gov.in Principal Chief Materials Manager,

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Subject: Design, Supply, Installation Commissioning, Operation 8 Maintenance of GPS SETS ON FREIGHT WAGONS OF INDIAN RAILWAYS with 07 years warranty. Quantity: 3,00,000 Numbers (Three Lakh Numbers) Pre-Bid Meeting on 2.02.2024 (Monday) at 10.30 hrs. at CRIS, ITPI Building, Near ITO, New Delhi-110002. Date of Closing: 01.03.2024 (Friday) at 15.30 hrs. Tender Documents can be downloaded from website www.ireps.gov.in. For future modification/ extensions please

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No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162 Date: 30/01/2024. The following e-Tenders can be accessed under the link www.ireps.gov.in. Offers for such e-Tender can be submitted only electronically by accessing the link www reps.gov.in → login → E-Tender Stores/Supply Vendors may also contact the following official to obtain clarification regarding particular tende or IREPS related information if any, Dy.CMM. HQ/CLW/Chittaranjan, 0341-2525594 or SMM CON/HQ, 0341-2535631. Office Address: Office of the PCMM/CLW/Chittaranjan, Sl. No.; Tender No.; Brief Description of Item; Quantity Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees); Tender Closing Date & Time(IST) are as follow: [1] 75233878A; (i) Set of Miscellaneous Hardware tems (Electrical) for WAG-9HC locos as per Specn.No.CLW/ES/3/0187, Alt-N [Each set is a loco set consist of 30 items as per set details attached]. [Warranty Period: 72 Months after the date of delivery]. (ii) Set of Miscellaneous Hardware Items (Electrical) for WAG-9HC specn: CLW/ES/3/0187 Alt. N (Each set is a loco set consist of 23 items as per set details attached). [Warranty Period: 72 Months after the date of delivery]; 486.00 Set; ₹ 100630.00; 28/02/2024 at 11:00 AM. [2]; 75233881A; Steel Socket for WAG-9HC to Speen No. CLW/MS/3/068, Alt-15 Drg No.1209-18.406-075 Ref. 1 Alt-8, 1209-18.406-075 Ref.4 Alt-8, 1209-18.406-075 Ref. 3 Alt.8, 1209-18.406-075 Ref-6 Alt.8. (01 One Set Consist of 04 Items As Per Set Details Attached). [Warranty Period: 72 Months after the date of delivery]; 221.00 Set; ₹ 0.00; 27/02/2024 at 11:00 AM. [3]; 75233853A; (i) Set of Spring Washer Helical For WAG-9HC As Per CLW'S Specn. No. CLW/MS/3/085 ALT-8 [0] Set Consists of 13 Items As Per Set Details Attached]. [Warranty Period: 72 Months after the date of delivery]. (ii) Set of Spring Washers for ELAAU/DKAE as per Drg/Specn: CLW/MS/ 3/085 Alt-8 (each set is a loco set consisting of 06 (six) items as per set details attached). [Warranty Period: 72 Months after the date of delivery]; 600.00 Set; ₹ 0.00; 28/02/2024 at 11:00 AM. [4]; 75233753A; (i) Distance Bolt for WAG-9HC as per Specn, No:- CLW/ES/3/ 184 Alt-F. [Each set consisting of 06 (Six) items as per set details attached]. [Warranty Period: Months after the date of delivery]. (ii) Distance Bolt for WAG-9HC as per Specn. No:- CLW/ES/ 3/184 Alt-F. [Each set consisting of 04 (Four tems as per set details attached]. [Warranty Period: 72 Months after the date of delivery 691.00 Set; ₹ 0.00; 29/02/2024 at 11:00 AM. [5]: 75234167; Additional Safety Sling arrangement or Traction Link/Push Pull Rod for WAG-9 WAP-7/WAP-5 Locos as per Drg. No. RDSO 2023/EL/MS/0493 Rev.0 dtd. July. 2023 specn RDSO modification Sheet No. RDSO/2023/EL MS/0493 Rev.0 dtd, July. 2023, Category No. T/9. 0047. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the

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Kissa kursi and privacy ka: Four things you should not miss at India Art Fair

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New Delhi: Fifteen years ago, the India Art Summit made an ambitious though glitchy start in Delhi's Pragati Maidan with errant pigeons giving gallerists some anxious moments, while others had their precious canvases stuck at Customs. Since then, it's come a long way. Not only has the high-sounding 'summit' been renamed a more practical India Art Fair (IAF), the designer tents in Okhla now brim over with the hottest names in modern and contemporary art. "With 108 exhibitions and a bevy of international institutions participating, this is our largest fair to date," says Jaya Asokan, director of IAF, which opened on Thursday. She expects the presence of heavyweight galleries to translate into a lot of aspirational buying. Since there are masses of art, almost too much to absorb, here are some highlights to look out for:

1. ART YOU CAN SIT ON?

No, we don't really recommend plonking on one of the displayed pieces but IAF's new design section lets you discover how functional art objects like coffee tables. chairs and console tables have become collectibles with both investment and aesthetic appeal. On display are Gunjan Gupta's head-turning chairs which have found a seat in many international museums. One of her creations that is in a German museum is the Boriwala Bicycle Throne inspired by a sight one often sees on Indian streets — cycle vendors trans-



INNOVATIVE INSTALLATIONS: Sajid Wajid Shaikh's 'Walls have ears too'. Chinese artist Ai Weiwei's plastic brick work recreates a Monet painting (top)

porting goods in jute sacks. Recycled mudhas form the back of another chair. Gupta, who trained in furniture design at Saint Martin's College of Art & Design in London, says she wanted to question the typology of the chair in India. "Chairs are vestiges of India's colonial past. Before that, most people sat on the floor. The Europeans brought them, and they are now synonymous with power," she says. If Gupta's kursis have found a place at the high table of art, Delhi-based designer Vikram Goyal's works show a mastery of metal. A console table can transport you to the Thar desert landscape, a bench can transform into a Cubist masterpiece and a mirror frame into a mangrove forest.

2. MASTERPIECE IN LEGO You may not think of

Legos as a typical



3. MANDELA MATH

Jitish Kallat's immersive installation, Antumbra, is inspired by former South African President Nelson Mandela's long imprisonment. Presented by Foundation of Indian Contemporary Art and JSW Foundation, it maps the life and imprisonment of Mandela through his desk calendars from 1976 to 1989. The installation includes a numerical autobiography that captures his complex life in stark figures. Each sum signifies key milestones: years in prison, his age at initial detention, and his age upon release. Alongside this is a video of Mandela's blood pressure readings, carefully noted in his prison calendars. These inscriptions denote cardiac time within the perpetual

artist and his poet-father, Ai Qing, lived

in the 1960s after he was driven into exile.

artistic medium, but Ai Weiwei, famed

flow of calendar time.



turned into an outdoor installation at the fair. Titled 'Walls have ears too', Shaikh has crafted a human ear that follows people around. "I wanted to explore the anxieties

around growing surveillance," says the winner of the first-ever MTArt Agency x India Art Fair Artist Prize. India Art Fair is on at the NSIC

Grounds, Okhla from Feb 1 to 4

On granting compensation to the victims, the 2 illegal call centres duping foreign nationals in court stated that the victim impact report had the name of utility services busted, 26 arrested mentioned that compensation might be awarded

MudaWala

Throne by

Gunjan Gupta

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Vikram Goyal's metal piece

New Delhi: Delhi Police's cyber cell has busted two illegal call centres involved in duping foreign nationals in the name of providing technical support and arrested 26 people, including the owners.

The cops have also recovered Rs 23.5 lakh which they said was proceeds of crime. DCP Hemant Tiwari said that they had recovered 23 laptops, 28 mobile phones and two computers having incriminating data.

The first call centre was functioning in "But since govt has west Delhi's Naraina Vihar: "Twenty-one people were found posing as customer serexercise, I do not find vice staff of an e-commerce company and any requirement to pass duping people in the US. The whole setup fresh directions for the was running from the third floor of the busame purpose," the court ilding," the officer said, adding that two more men were arrested in the case.

Four people identified as Mohit Bansal, Shubham Bansal and Puneet Sehgal were running the operation for more than six years. "They used to shift locations to dodge police. A year ago, they started the operation in Naraina," the officer said.

THE ACCUSED Police said the gang used to make calls to residents of the US by

impersonating as customer service staff. The call operators were recruited on the basis of their ability to converse fluently in English and preferably with a foreign accent. Most of them are either individuals who dropped out of school or individuals with basic degrees and were hired on a commission-based structure.

sophisticated software to make calls while impersonating US phone numbers. Meanwhile, three people

OF THE CRIME -

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were arrested for running a call centre from Bharthal village. They were also targeting US nationals on the pretext of providing technical support. The accused were identified as Sa-

chin Yadav, Shanshank Bharatwal and Jagjeet Singh. Probe revealed that the call centre was running from Dwarka Sector-7 initially. They used to run an advertisement campaign online, misleadingly using the terms cheap internet services, high speed internet bundel services, cheap TV services as a click-to-call During the raid, police recovered 21 bait. Unassuming viewers would then laptops and routers. The operators used call the toll-free number and get duped.

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Nation honours bravehearts of CRPF

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5:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई-निविदाओं की प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन

दिनांक 14.02.2024 को 11:00 बजे खोली जाएंगी एवं क्रम सं.—11 से 15 पर अंकित कार्य

दिनांक 02.02.2024 से 16.02.2024 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त

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ई—निविदाओं की प्री—क्वालिफिकेशन दिनांक 19.02.2024 को 11:00 बजे खोली जाएगी।

In a remarkable display of recognition for outstanding valour, the nation proudly bestowed 66 Gallantry Medals upon the bravehearts of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) on the occasion of the 75th Republic Day. This marks the highest number of Gallantry Medals awarded among all Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs). The accolades include one Shaurya Chakra and 65 medals for gallantry. These commendations bring the total tally of Gallantry Medals awarded to the force to 2,619, a testament to the deep-rooted patriotism and unwavering commitment of CRPF towards service to the nation. Of the 66 medals, 60 were awarded for gallantry in 14 operations in Jammu and Kashmir, while six were conferred upon the warriors in three operations in left wing extremism infested areas. Four gallant warriors were posthumously awarded with the medal for gallantry. Bibhor Kumar Singh, Assistant Commandant, has been awarded with Shaurya Chakra.

SCOPE revisits Gandhi's principles of leadership

Remembering the Father of the Nation on the 76th Martyrs' Day, Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE) organised a symposium on 'Reflections on Mahatma Gandhi's Ethical Leadership'. The programme



PSEs celebrate 75th Republic Day

P&SB: Punjab & Sind Bank celebrated Nation's 75th Republic Day at its Gurugram office. MD & CEO Swarup Kumar Saha, Executive Director Dr. Ram Jass Yadav, other executives, staff, and family members participated in the event. The unfurling of the flag was followed by rendition of national anthem, release of balloons and a small cultural programme. Addressing on the occasion, Saha highlighted some special activities held during the year 2023 including India hosting G20 summit, launching of special Vishwakarma Yojna, landing of Chandrayaan-3, solar mission and many other schemes launched by the Govt of India.

Tata Power-DDL: Tata Power-DDL celebrated the 75th Republic Day with spirit of patriotism at learning centre, Cenpeid. On this national event, Chief Guest Bharat Vir Wanchoo, exgovernor of Goa, carried out the unfurling of



the national flag along with Ganesh Srinivasan, CEO Tata Power-DDL and Praveen Agrawal, Chief-HR, IR, SIG, FM and HS and other senior leadership. Bharat Vir Wanchoo in his address emphasised on using world-class technologies, ensuring reliable power supply and to deliver top-notch services to the consumers.

GAIL: GAIL (India) Limited celebrated the 75th Republic Day. On this occasion, Sandeep Kumar Gupta, CMD, GAIL, unfurled the national flag in the presence of top-level management and employees. Addressing the gathering on Republic Day, Gupta said, "GAIL is in sync with



the vision of Government of India towards natural gas-based economy by developing infrastructure and business around natural gas. GAIL is committed towards the vision of '-net zero' by taking sustainable development steps in this direction."

was addressed by Rohit Kumar Singh, secretary (CA), Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution; Atul Sobti, director general, SCOPE; and Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna, eminent Gandhian. Offering an insight into Gandhi's principles of ethical leadership centred around values and integrity, the programme deliberated upon the

changing paradigms at workplaces. The symposium was attended by a large number of participants from across the country.

CWC organises health checkup camp

CWC organised a one-day medical health necessity of these principles amidst the checkup camp for their officials and staff. The on passenger amenities at stations like extension amongst the customers.

camp conducted by Holy Family Hospital at the corporate office in New Delhi, offered various facilities such as ECG, cardiology, consultation, nephrology, gynecology consultation, general medicine, communicable disease risk assessment, and blood sugar random check services. The camp was open to all regular staff, casual workers, including security guards and daily wagers. This inclusive approach ensures the well-being of everyone working at one place. The purpose of the test was to monitor and evaluate the health status of the CWCians and identify any health issues at an early stage. A total of 56 persons voluntarily availed the facilities offered during the camp.

ICG celebrates Raising Day

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) celebrated its 48th Raising Day on February 1, 2024. From a modest beginning with just seven surface platforms in 1978, ICG has grown into a formidable force with 152 ships and 78 aircraft in its inventory and is likely to achieve targeted force levels of 200 surface platforms and 100 aircraft by 2030. True to its motto "Vayam Rakshamah" meaning "We Protect", the service has to its credit, saving over 11,554 lives since its inception in 1977 and 200 lives in the year 2023, which translates into saving one precious life every second day. The president of India, vice president, prime minister and defence minister have extended greetings and congratulated the Indian Coast Guard on completion of 47 glorious years of yeoman service to the nation and appreciated the remarkable role played by the service in pursuit of the nation's interests in the maritime zones.

GM Northern Railway holds review meeting

Shobhan Chaudhuri, general manager of Northern Railway, held a review meeting with the departmental heads of Northern Railway and DRMs. Deliberations were held on keeping focus



Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways, visited the bullet train stall at Vibrant Gujarat 2024. Besides having a walkthrough of the stall, he saw a 1:10 scale model of bullet train and experienced a ride on the bullet train simulator.



platforms, increase of level of platforms washable aprons, provision second entry, foot bridges, over escalators, lifts, improvement of station building, He also reviewed the progress of

mobility enhancement and other developmental infrastructure works and freight loading. He instructed to maintain good record of punctuality of trains and expedite the works related with mobility enhancement and conducting drives to check the progress. Chaudhuri emphasised upon minimising the human failure in train operation, extensive monitoring of rail fractures and rail welds and said no error should be left. The GM instructed that BDUs should create an environment of trust, support and confidence



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Says India Important Force For Peace & Stability In Indo-Pacific & South Asia

Chidanand Rajghatta & Rajat Pandit TNN

Washington/New Delhi: US state department on Thursday formally notified US congress of its approval of the sale to India of 31 MQ-9B Drones and associated military equipment worth \$3.99 billion, overcoming token resistance from some lawmakers who, according to reports, wanted New Delhi to carry out a "meaningful investigation" into the alleged plot to kill Khalistani separatist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun before signing off on the sale.

A report that some lawmakers, including some Indian-American legislators, had put a hold on the sale turned out to be exaggerated after the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) delivered the required certification notifyble sale on Thursday, just a day after the purported wrinkle.

US officials nevertheless acknowledged that members

New Delhi: The Indian govt

said Thursday it's deeply

concerned about Israel's alle-

gations that UNRWA staff

were involved in Hamas at-

tacks on Israel, while wel-

coming a probe by the UN

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agency into the issue.



A report that some lawmakers had put a hex on the sale over the Pannun issue was received sceptically both in Delhi and Washington

of the congress were consulted on the sale "to address questions that they might have" in what they said is a routine process.

Illustrative of the fact that such legislative hurdles seldom derail White House's overarching geo-political goals, DSCA said in a statement that the proposed sale "will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of US by helping to strengthen US-Indian strategic relationship and major defence partner which continues to be an important force for political stability, peace, and economic progress

in the Indo-Pacific and South Asia region".

"The proposed sale will improve India's capability to meet current and future threats by enabling unmanned surveillance and reconnaissance patrols in sea lanes of operation. India has demonstrated a commitment to modernising its military and will have no difficulty absorbing these articles and services into its armed forces," it added.

A report that some lawto improve the security of a makers had put a nex on the sale over the Pannun issue was received sceptically both in New Delhi and Washington, where support for US-In-

dia military and defence relationship outweighs other relatively minor issues and differences. India and the US overcame a much bigger issue between the two sides when New Delhi went ahead with the purchase of S-400 Triumf air defence systems from Russia, under a \$5.43 billion contract inked in 2018, despite reservations in US congress and in the executive.

Despite the report of the sale being put on hold, Indian officials were sanguine about it going through at all times, while saying that New Delhi respects the processes and procedures in Washington. Several strategic objectives underpin such transactions, notably US desire to see India as a counterweight to China and rising tensions in the Gulf, where India is already a significant player and has deployed considerable military resources to ensure safety of international shipping lanes

and systems. Indian defence ministry

had issued the detailed letter of request for the 31 'hunterkiller' remotely-piloted aircraft systems, along with their weapons packages, mobile ground control systems and other equipment, just before the Biden-Modi meeting on Sept 8, on the sidelines of the G-20 summit here. After the notification to US congress on Thursday, Biden administration will now issue letter of acceptance to India within a month or so. The final cost negotiations will then take place before the actual contract is inked after the requisite approval from the Indian cabinet

committee on security. Indian armed forces, on their part, have been demanding such armed high-altitude, long endurance drones for a long time. Defence ministry on June 15 last year had given the initial nod or AoN (acceptance of necessity) for the proposed major acquisition of the 31 MQ-9Bs – 15 Sea Guardians for Navy and 16 Sky Guardians for Army and IAF.

Final year **BArch student** of IIT(BHU) found dead

Varanasi: A student of III (BHU) in Varanasi was found dead in his hostel room late Wednesday, police said Thursday. Final-year BArch (architecture) student Utkarsh Raj, 23, was reportedly suffering from depression and undergoing counselling sessions. Utkarsh's father Rajendra Prasad is a section officer at BHU and the family is based in Varanasi. IIT-BHU was yet to issue a statement.

Police said some of Utkarsh's friends broke open the door of his room when he didn't respond to their calls. Doctors at BHU hospital declared him dead on arrival.

This follows three suicides in IIT-Kanpur since mid-Dec. PhD scholar Priyanka Jaiswal (29) allegedly died by suicide on Jan 18, MTech student Vikas Kumar Meena (31) on Jan 10 and researcher Pallavi Chilka (34) on Dec 19. TNN

Cops bring back runaway groom in UP

Prayagraj: Cops turned matchmakers at a wedding in Prayagraj Tuesday when the groom, upset over "improper welcome", abruptly left the venue, reports Kapil Dixit.

Guests at the wedding in Fatehpur's Radhanagar village also started to leave when they found the groom and his family missing. Worried, the 22-year-old bride and her family reached out to cops at Joniha police outpost where sub-inspector Alok Kumar Tiwari assured them action. He rushed to the groom's house in Dhakauli village.

"The police team convinced the family for the wedding," Tiwari said. The father of the bride has expressed gratitude to the police team for solemnising the wedding.

Gyanvapi steel barricades cut for priest-access corridor

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Varanasi: Between the double-layered steel barricading to isolate Gyanvapi mosque for security purposes, a cut of 7 feet by 7 feet was made to install a steel gate and create a passage late Wednesday for priests to enter the mosque's southern cellar.

Divisional commissioner Kaushal Raj Sharma said the arrangements to create the passage were made in compliance with the district judge's order. The passage has been cut on the mosque side, directly opposite the Nandi idol in the Kashi Vishwanath complex. "The entry to Gyanva-

pi's southern cellar is located between two vertical pillars installed for barricading. The steel pipes that fixed them were cut to equal height and width. The passage between the barricading and mosque wall was blocked by fixing steel pipes to ensure that no one from the mosque reached the entry point. After this, a twoflap door was fixed with the steel barricading," he said.

After the demolition of the Babri mosque in 1992, the Gyanvapi mosque had been fortified, initially with ordinary barricading but in the late '90s it was covered with iron barricading. The barricading was 25 feet high on the northern and western sides and 15 feet on the southern and eastern. A proposal to increase the iron barricading height on these two sides was made in 2009 under a security modernisation plan.

According to records, Rs 35 lakh was released in 2010 to increase the barricade height for proper fortifica-



Devotees outside the gate that has been installed to create a passage for priests to enter the southern cellar. The arrangement was in compliance with the court order, the administration said

Only priest, not devotees, allowed into southern cellar: Divisional commissioner

priest was allowed, but devotees weren't permitted inside the Gyanvapi mosque's southern cellar following a court order. Varanasi divisional commissioner Kaushal Raj Sharma said Thursday. He dismissed lawyer Vishnu Shankar Jain's assertion that not only the plaintiffs and the assigned priest but also general devotees could enter the southern cellar to offer prayers.

Advocate Jain represents cases of the Vyas Peeth priest and four women plaintiffs seeking worship rights at the southern cellar and goddess Shringar Gauri inside the mosque complex. However, Sharma clarified that the condition of the cellar was not conducive due to structural concerns. The roof is deteriorating at several points, dampness has affected many areas and pillars, and external electricity lines have been installed for lighting inside the cellar. Considering these safety hazards and the ground realities, Sharma emphasised that the entry of devotees into the cellar was not permissible.

Sharma said that according to the court order, the priest appointed by Shri Kashi Vishwanath Temple Trust (SKVTT) must conduct rituals in the southern cellar, and the plaintiff had been directed to assist in selecting the priest. TNN

tion of Gyanvapi mosque and for installation of other equipment.

As the Ram Janmabhoomi Avodhya movement intensified, Kashi Vishwanath Gyanvapi complex was declared a highly sensitive site. To monitor its security arrangements, a standing committee under the ADG (security) came into existence afist attack in Varanasi in 2006. the security of this complex was increased further.

Go to HC, SC

tells mosque

panel, refuses

urgent hearing

New Delhi: Alleging undue

haste on part of the local au-

thority to implement the lower

court's order allowing puja in

the southern cellar of Gyanva-

pi mosque, its custodian Anju-

man Intezamia Masjid rushed

to SC overnight for an urgent

hearing but SC registry turned

down its plea and asked it to

move the Allahabad HC

committee

against the lower court order.

proached SC registrar with an

application for urgent hear-

ing, alleging that the local ad-

ministration was in a hurry to

cut the grills on the southern

administration to undertake

this task in hot haste in the dead

of the night as the order passed

by the trial court had already

given them one week to make

the necessary arrangements.

The obvious reason for such un-

seemly haste is that the admin-

istration, in collusion with the

plaintiffs, is trying to foreclose

any attempt by the Mosque

Committee to avail of remedies

against the said order by pre-

senting them with a fait accom-

"There is no reason for the

side of the mosque.

At present, the complex is divided into two zones. The red zone (inner area) is in CRPF hands while civil police do the job of frisking visitors and crowd regulation. The outer cordon's security is jointly handled by civil police and the Provincial ter 1992. Following the terror-Armed Constabulary.

After a dozen orders in Gyanvapi case, district judge retires

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Varanasi: The court verdict allowing worship of Shringar Gauri and other Hindu deities to resume inside the southern cellar of Gyanvapi after three decades came on Varanasi district judge Ajaya Krishna Vishvesha's last day at work, capping a stint in which he issued over a dozen orders linked to cases involving the disputed site.

It was Vishvesha who directed ASI in July last year to do a scientific survey of the Gyanvapi compound, which has been embroiled in a title dispute since 1991. The original suit has spawned multiple litigations, including the main Shringar Gauri case that the nowretired district judge had been hearing since 2022.

ASI's report, copies of which were recently handed over to both sides, purportedly states that a Hindu temple existed where Gyanvapi Masjid now stands.

Vishvesha took over as district judge in Aug 2021, less than a year before SC ordered that the Shringar Gauri case be transferred from the senior-division civil judge's court to his. He

Shops in Muslim areas remain shut

day after the Varanasi district court allowed puja inside the southern cellar of Gyanvapi mosque, markets in the city's Muslimdominated neighbourhoods, such as Nai Sadak and Dalmandi, remained shut Thursday. Varanasi mufti and general secretary of Anjuman Intizamia Masajid, Abdul Batin Nomani, appealed to members of the community to observe 'bandh (shutdo wn) on Friday, abstain from work and offer prayer at the nearest mosques. TNN

would subsequently take over and club seven other cases linked to Gyanvapi. Born in 1964 in Hari-

dwar. Vishvesha is a science graduate. Vishvesha's first judi-

cial assignment was in the munsiff court at Kotdwar. After taking over the Shringar Gauri case, Vishvesha's first order was on June 8, 2022, when he rejected a plea by Jyotish Peeth Shankaracharya Swami Avimukteshwaranand,

seeking permission to wor-

ship the purported Shiv-

ling found in the ablution

pond of Gyanvapi during a

court-mandated survey.

pli," the application said. The registrar, however, informed AIM's advocate-on-record Fuzail Ahmad Ayyubi that he had to approach Allahabad HC against trial court order. The committee thereafter rushed to HC with a plea for urgent hearing on its appeal. TNN

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Unlike western countries, India has far not announced tary offensive. "But at the same time, we announced any cut in its funding any cut in its funding of the have a policy of zero tolerof the UN agency but slammed UN agency, but it has continance towards terrorism and terrorism by Hamas ued to strongly condemn terin that regard we are deeply concerned about the allegarorist attacks by Hamas. Inits contributions to what is dia supports Palestine and known as United Nations Retions that the UNRWA staff lief and Works Agency for Palestinian refugees through was involved in the Oct 7 terthem Palestinians.

FIGHTING TERROR: Despite the son Randhir Jaiswal. Israeli claim, India has so far not

India: Deeply concerned about allegations

of UN relief workers' hand in Hamas attack

partner of Palestine. We have been extending assistance to them bilaterally and through the UN," said MEA spokesper-

Near East (UNRWA) and has

contributed more than \$36.5

million to the agency in the

"India is an important

past 20 years.

by the UN in this regard," added the official. The official also said

the investigations launched

India had taken note of the ruling of the International Court of Justice that asked Israel to prevent death and destruction but stopped short of ordering an end to the mili-

The US, UK, Germany and Italy have already suspended funding to the agency which is said to have 13,000 employees in Gaza, most of

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applications of Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) due for opening on

01.02.2024. Following Corrigendum to "date of submission of tender" is

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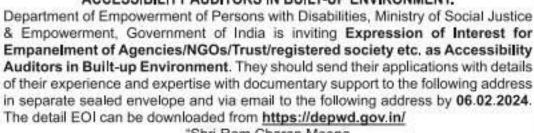
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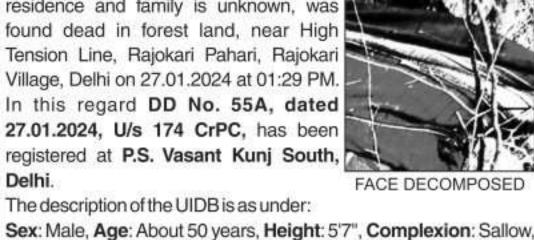
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General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person whose name, residence and family is unknown, was found dead in forest land, near High Tension Line, Rajokari Pahari, Rajokari Village, Delhi on 27.01.2024 at 01:29 PM. In this regard DD No. 55A, dated 27.01.2024, U/s 174 CrPC, has been registered at P.S. Vasant Kunj South, The description of the UIDB is as under:



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Agra: A special SC/ST court in Mathura has sentenced 15 men from an upper caste community to life imprisonment after over two decades, in one of the worst instances of caste violence in the district. The court also imposed a penalty of Rs 73,000 on each convict.

The case dates back to Jan 23, 2001, when a group of men in Datiya village of Mathura had opened fire on Dalit villagers and burnt down their houses following a dispute over gram panchayat land. A six-month-old child was burnt alive, a man hit by a bullet and several others from the Dalit community injured.

Special public prosecutor Suresh Prasad Sharma said that on the basis of a complaint filed by one of the victims, an FIR was registered at Narholi (now Highway) po-

temple, located on the out-

skirts of Bamori town in MP's

Guna district, desecrated and

the Shivling uprooted, when

they arrived for prayers

sion in the area and the ad-

ministration had to deploy ad-

ditional police forces, as an-

gry residents took to the

streets, demanding that the

vandals be arrested and their

houses demolished. Protests

and road blockades continued

all day in the town, around

150km from Bhopal and close

on Wednesday night and pre-

liminary investigation sug-

gested the involvement of 5-6

men, police said, adding that

an FIR had been registered

against unidentified persons.

Kirar, filed a complaint nam-

ing seven men. Police said the

age of CCTV cameras in the

temple's vicinity and the

roads leading to it, in order to

identify the culprits. TNN

investigation was on.

A local resident, Saurabh

Police are scanning foot-

The temple was vandalised

to the Rajasthan border.

The incident triggered ten-

Thursday morning.



The case dates back to 2001. when a group of men in Datiya village of Mathura opened fire on Dalit villagers and burnt down their houses following a dispute over gram panchayat land

lice station. "Sixteen men were booked and following state orders, the case was taken up by the crime investigation department. Names of eight others found involved in violence were later added to the FIR." Sharma said.

On Wednesday, the court of additional district judge (SC/ST) convicted 15 of the men under IPC sections 302 (murder), 307 (attempt to murder), 436 (mischief by fire or explosive substance with intent to destroy house) and 148

(rioting, armed with a deadly weapon), and section 3(2)V of the SC/ST Act, he said.

He added: "First chargesheet was filed in Dec 2005, and a supplementary chargesheet the next month. Twenty-four people were held and nine of them died during the trial... Most of the 15 convicts are aged above 60 years. They were out on bail for a while after securing a HC stay order over the local court's hearing. This caused a long delay."

"Fourteen witnesses, including a doctor who conducted the postmortem of the child, testified in court. Two of them turned hostile. Accused got life imprisonment for the infant's murder and atrocities on members of the Dalit community. Also, 50% of the total penalty amount must be paid to the infant's parents and the other half distributed among the violence victims," Sharma said, adding that police and CID conducted a detailed investigation and compiled evidence which the court took into consideration be-

fore passing the order. The grandson of a 70-yearold convict said that they would approach the HC and appeal against the judgment.

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New Delhi: As the Myanmar junta extended emergency in the country, India Thursday said it's concerned about the deteriorating situation which has "direct implications on us as a neighbouring country and a friend of Myanmar".

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The military rulers had on Wednesday extended a state of emergency in the country that has been in place since the 2021 coup. According to a Reuters report, the junta has deployed heavy artillery and fighter jets to try to suppress militias allied with a shadow govt and ethnic minority armies, several of which launched a coordinated

offensive in Oct that stunned the military and has dented its battlefield credibility. "An inclusive solution to this crisis requires conditions that permit the people of Myanmar to exercise their human rights freely and peacefully. The military's campaign of violence targeting civilians and political repression must end, and those responsible be held to account," said the UN spokesperson on the issue. TNN

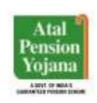
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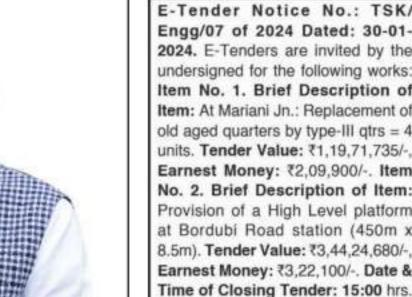
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New Delhi: Senior advocate Kapil Sibal told the Supreme Court on Thursday that every minority community enjoyed the constitutional guarantee to administer educational institutions established by it and said engagement of a large number of non-minority people in the administration would not alter the institution's denominational status.

Wrapping up arguments before a bench of CJI DY Chandrachud and Justices Sanjiv Khanna, Surya Kant, JB Pardiwala, Dipankar Datta, Manoj Misra and Satish C Sharma, Sibal said there was no doubt about Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College, wholly established and managed by the Muslim community, being the precursor of

Aligarh Muslim University. Once AMU was proven to have been established by Muslims, the community, in keeping with the fundamental right conferred on it under Article 30(1) of the Con-

stitution, had the intrinsic

right to administer it, Sibal said. There was no dilution of the denominational character of the institution merely because Muslims agreed to engage people from other communities in its administration, he added.

Prior to the bench reserving its verdict, Sibal said it would be impossible to have a minority educational institution in the country if SC took the wrong adjudication path and insisted on the twin

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tests of 'establish and administer' of an institution by the minority community to make it eligible for denominational status. "It will be a sad day if the court declares AMU to be a non-minority institution as the Muslim student participation in IITs and IIMs hovers between 1% and 2%," he said. "(AMU) is the only institution of national importance and excellence where Muslim students could get some reservation to alleviate the

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India Cements under ED lens in forex case

Searches At Chennai Office Over Two Days

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: Enforcement Directorate conducted a search of the office premises of India Cements here from Wednesday night in connection with foreign exchange irregularities, said reliable sources.

After searches at the leading cement manufacturers' office wound up on Thursday morning, sources added that India Cements Ltd issued a communique to National Stock Exchange of India Ltd confirming the search.

"Certain officials of Enforcement Directorate visited our corporate office in Chennai on Jan 31 and Feb 1 and conducted a search to find out if there were any irregularities concerning Foreign Exchange Management Act. We have undertaken to provide all clarifications and documents sought by them. We do not anticipate any material impact on the company with regard to the aforesaid investigation," said the communique.

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casses and sent them to

a veterinary hospital

We have been working

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leopard population in

the area. And this has

come as a major setback," a forest official

said. "Postmortem will be crucial in shedding light on circumstances

surrounding the death. There are no visible signs of injury," anoth-

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"It is unfortunate.

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Locals spotted car-

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to provide all clarifications and by them. We do material impact on the company probe, the company said

ED officials arrived at ICL's office on Santhome High Road and verified digital documents of various transactions. The team left the premises in the early hours of Thursday, they added. The searches were restricted to the office premises and did not extend to houses of the stakeholders.

ED's official statement on the searches and the

India Cements, founded in 1946, has retained cement as its mainstay over the years, but has also ventured into related fields including shipping, captive power and coal mining. The company, directly owned Chennai Super Kings, an Indian Premier League franchise, from 2008 to 2014, before it became a separate entity.

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Sources said a team of

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The deceased, in his 40s, was identified as Chudu Sirka, said Ikud Dungdung, senior divisional police officer, Jagannathpur, on Thursday. It's not clear if he was shot or stabbed to death, he added.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that Sirka was a former member of a Maoist squad led by Motilal Soren and was instrumental in getting the latter arrested.

Soren, also known as Sandip Da, carried a reward of Rs 25 lakh on his head. He was the area commander of the Maoist group and was arrested by West Singhbhum police in Jetia on Nov 1, 2017.

Maoists had suspect Sirka to be instrumental in alerting the police about Soren.

Earlier, on Jan 11, Maoists had killed a 40year-old man in the Manoharpur police station area in state on similar charges.

HC notice to AJL, Hooda over **ED** plea in plot

Chandigarh: Punjab and Haryana HC on Thursday issued notice to Associated Journal Limited (AJL) and others, including former Haryana CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda, on an Enforcement Directorate (ED) petition against the stay on framing charges in connection with AJL plot allotment case.

allotment case

ED has challenged Panchkula PMLA court special judge's order of Aug 30, 2023 dismissing its application for vacation of stay. On April 19, 2022, Panchkula special court had stayed proceedings on grounds that in the present case, investigation was still in progress.

ED wants resumption of proceedings for framing of charges under Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002.

ED special public prosecutor (SPP) Arvind Moudgil argued, "Money laundering is a standalone offence and merely because there is a stay of proceedings in predicate offence, proceedings in a PMLA trial cannot be stayed on grounds that investigation in the predicate offence has not been completed."

Justice Vikas Bahl issued notice to all parties seeking responses by April 9. The case of allotment of a plot in Panchkula to AJL was transferred to CBI on Dec 22, 2016. The agency had on April 5, 2017 registered a case under IPC and Prevention of Corruption Act against the then HUDA chief administrator, then HUDA chairman, and AJL, and others. TNN

Pawar kin quizzed for 8 hrs in bank scam

Prafulla.Marpakwar @timesgroup.com

Mumbai: Enforcement Directorate on Thursday questioned Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) MLA and party chief Sharad Pawar's grandnephew Rohit Pawar for nearly eight hours in a money laundering probe related to Rs 25,000 crore Maharashtra State Cooperative (MSC) Bank scam.

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ED is questioning Rohit as part of its money laundering probe into a case related to alleged rigged auction of an Aurangabad-based sick sugar mill in 2012 and suspected diversion of bank funds by Baramati Agro Private Ltd (BAPL), a firm of which Rohit is CEO, and two other firms. ED had questioned him earlier on Jan 24, when Sharad Pawar had camped at the nearby NCP

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ED case is based on city police's Economic Offences Wing FIR in the scam. EOW has now filed a closure report in the case in court. which is pending.

Rohit said, "I have not committed any fraud. I will appeal to party workers to stop their protest. I am cooperating with the investigating agencies. I have given them all the relevant documents."

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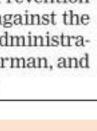
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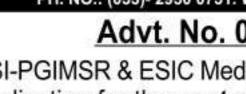
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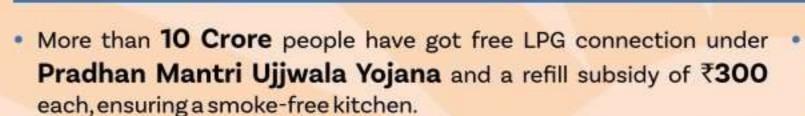


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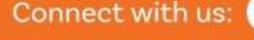
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Nirmala's Vote Of Confidence In Voters

11 countries to reach #5 in 2021

Budget Reflects Govt's Belief In Bharat Triumphing Over INDIA

F: Forecast, Source: IMF

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The contrast could not have been starker. Exactly five years to the date, the Modi government chose the Interim Budget presented by Piyush Goyal to make important political overtures through the Kisan Samman Nidhi and making income up to Rs 5 lakh tax-exempt. On Thursday, FM Nirmala Sitharaman defied the expectation of a hike in Kisan Samman Nidhi and exemption level to present an Interim Budget that was bereft of grand political gestures expected of a regime seeking renewal of its term.

The silence was still eloquent in a vital sense: it reflected the confidence of PM Modi-led BJP and can serve only to reinforce the alreadystrong perception of him being the overwhelming favourite for the looming battle.

It is not hard to identify the source of confidence. Goyal had presented his budget after BJP's loss to Congress in the state elections of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan, and his task was to prevent a spillover into the national arena. Sitharaman, on the other hand, had the advantage of a favourable setting, with the groundswell in large parts over the consecration of Ram Lalla in Ayodhya adding to the advantage it gained by besting Congress in those very three states. Opposition's 'INDIA' aspiration lies in shambles after Nitish Kumar's defection and can potentially add many more to the column for whom sta-

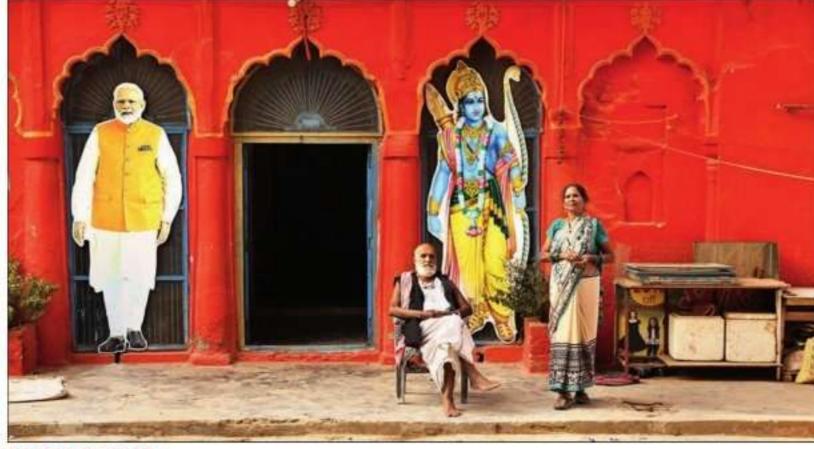
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The govt has set a modest



DOUBLE ENGINE?

bility at the Centre counts.

The 'stability' plank is part of a larger platform which has a "strong and developed Bharat" as its other important prong. And even as she resisted the temptation to break free of convention, Sitharaman took care to burnish it well by emphasising India's success in handling the post-pandemic recovery and contrasting it with the ineptitude of erstwhile role models, by pointing to India's growing global heft and by promising that Modi's objective of turning India into a developed country by 2047 was well within the nation's grasp.

The Budget does have concrete proposals too; for instance, the promise to construct two crore more houses for the rural poor, something that is sure to sound credible in the light of the impressive success already achieved, and to help slum and chawl dwellers realise their "apna ghar" aspiration.

The focus on east India reflects BJP's hope of a decent haul from the region. Postrapprochement with Nitish, it already seems better placed in Bihar. In Bengal, implementation of the Citizenship Amendment Act is expected to help it hold on to the surprise gains it made the last time, while in Odisha, Naveen Patnaik's absence of national ambition can be a help.

That helps explain why in the post-Budget press conference, Sitharaman chose to term east India as a priority

for the Modi government. But the Budget would also be remembered by the new construction it put on what is termed "muft" or free. The rooftop solarisation scheme. with the promise to fetch 300 units of free power every month, is remarkable as much for the green push it represents as for the attempt to change "muft" and align it with Modi's vision of reforms and fiscal restraint.

Also noteworthy is the scheme to expand the constituency for reforms by luring states with interest-free loans if they sign off on the sheet.

The relief of the govern-

ment, which has consistently been ultra-cognisant of the risk potential of inflation. over the success on that front is palpable: so is its jubilation over harnessing the digital infrastructure for reaching schemes directly to beneficiaries. Sitharaman said digital infrastructure had turned into a factor of production, but by stressing that it helped the exchequer save nearly Rs 3 lakh crore which under previous regimes would be pocketed by middlemen, she also showed BJP's intent to

turn that into a factor in the

electoral discourse as well.

Govt plans White Paper on UPA's eco mismanagement

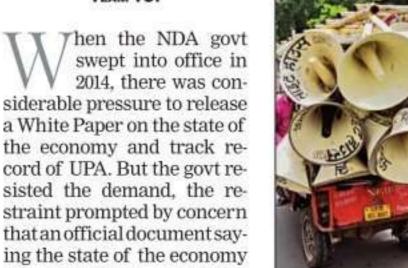
target of Rs 50,000 crore from disinvestment of state-run public sector units in 2024-25 after trimming the target for the current fiscal year from Rs 51,000 crore to Rs 30,000 crore in the revised estimates. In fact, the Interim Budget steers clear of mentioning disinvestment or privatisation in the budget documents. The budgetary receipts for 2024-25 was precarious, as symbolputs the figure under miscelised by public sector banks laneous capital receipts. This groaning under the burden is perhaps the first time that of bad loans, would deepen

disinvestment or privatisation has not been mentioned. The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) which oversees disinvestment of PSUs has struggled to meet the target for the current fiscal raising only Rs 12,504 crore from disinvest-

core as dividend from PSUs. Several big ticket privatisation plans have not happened due to a raft of reasons, including bureaucratic sloth and the impending general elections.

ment. It has also raised Rs 44,060

DIPAM had termed 2023-24 as a year of consolidation and asserted that it would try and complete some of the big ticket sales such as IDBI Bank, logistics firm Concor, BEML and



Many were unhappy over what they saw as Congress being let off the hook. Congress, not surprisingly, denied that it had left the economy in a poor shape.

international pessimism.

The long-pending demand may finally be met by a decision, announced by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman, to come out with a White Paper on "mismanagement of the economy" prior to 2014. She didn't specify any timeline for the release of the White Paper, but it is likely to be out before the announcement of

the Lok Sabha poll schedule. "The crisis of those years has been overcome



TIME TO SPEAK OUT

on a high sustainable growth path with all-round development. It is now appropriate to look at where we were till 2014 and where we are now, only for the purposes of drawing lessons from the mismanagement of those years," Sitharaman said in her Interim

Budget speech on Thursday. The NDA govt undertook a series of reforms to repair the health of banks, nurse the economy back to health and regain investor confidence. In the past ten years, efforts have been made to clean up the budget and scrap the practice of below the line subsidies to show a lower deficit. The Centre has also stepped

penditure on infrastructure compared to the UPA years to boost growth and shown its commitment to fiscal consolidation.

From being termed one of the 'fragile five' economies, India has emerged as one of the fastest growing major economies in the world. The health of the banking sector is robust and credit growth has increased while there has been widespread improvement in infrastructure across the country. Use of technology has helped spread benefits to a large section of the population and 24.5 crore people have been lifted out of multidimensional poverty.

Against the backdrop of slowing global growth, India is expected to grow more than 7% in the next few years and aspires to be a \$7 trillion economy by 2030.

"The exemplary track record of governance, development and performance, effective delivery and 'jan kalyan' has given the govt trust, confidence and people's blessings to realise, whatever it takes, the goal of 'Viksit Bharat' with good intentions, true dedication and hard work in the com-

The Power Of One: 'Lucky' ₹ 11,11,111cr set aside for capex

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▼n the 12 Budgets presented during the 10 years of Na-the one number that leaps out is Nirmala Sitharaman's capital spending allocation of Rs 11,11,111 crore for the next fiscal an 11.1% increase over the current year's budget estimate.

Sitharaman, presenting her sixth Budget, used what is considered an auspicious number — one — to earmark funds that will be used to build roads, railways and other assets.

While the proposed growth rate appeared meagre compared to what Sitharaman has been targeting — 25% in FY23, followed by 35% in FY24 — the minister asserted that the increase comes on a larger base. During her watch, the Centre's capex has risen 3.3 times from Rs 3.4 lakh crore in 2019-20.

The FM argued that the rise in capex comes amid signs that private sector investment has begun to flow. "One has to have a clear understanding that when the govt wants to spend through capital investment, it can be the one for triggering the economy so that the private sector comes in. At a time when private sector didn't come in, we fully came in,"

Sitharaman told reporters. A high capex is seen to be one of the triggers for a strong recovery of the Indian economy post-Covid, especially at a time when overseas demand has remained muted, first in the wake of high inflation and interest rates in Europe and the US and then due to geopolitical tensions in Ukraine and West Asia.

Next year, over 47% of the capex is accounted for by road transport and highways, and railways, the two main transport ministries. While road transport and highways has been allocated over Rs 2.7 lakh crore, funds earmarked for capital spending by railways is pegged at over Rs 2.5 lakh crore.

In addition, the govt is also earmarking Rs 1.3 lakh crore as assistance to states for capital expenditure. The initiative was announced post-Covid aimed at boosting productive investment by states,

Focus was on development & our track record, not revdi: FM

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period, India grew 14 times

¬inance Minister Nirmala → Sitharaman says the Centre did not want any populism to come into the Budget and wanted the govt's 10-year track record of reforms and development to explain its message for the people. In an interview to Doordarshan and at a presser after the Budget, Sitharaman explains the key messages. Excepts:

What are the key takeaways from your Budget? The process started after PM Modi's address from Red Fort. We have discussed in great detail the roadmap for making India a developed country by 2047. We are focusing on four castes for development issues. They include women, farmers, the poor and youth. We will fulfil their aspirations. They will progress and because of their progress, the country will also progress. This is what we have tried to say in this Budget and we have announced some schemes and some have been continued

We have continued public investment but we are seeing scaling up of investments by private sector in infrastructure. For the country to progress on innovation, we have announced the amount and taken steps to achieve that. In the July Budget, we will announce the detailed plans.

This Budget has little or no populism. What is the thought that went behind taking such a bold move ahead of a general election? The PM said 10 years of substantial systemic reforms, 10 years of taking the route of empowering people and not going by entitlement and that is why when houses reach people, electricity reaches people, you have money coming through direct benefit transfer. You financially empower them, you also make sure that opportunities are given to them. The mantras that we used — whether it was Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas ... you are looking at making sure that you actually don't differentiate between beneficiary on any other score except that he

THE LONG & SHORT OF BUDGET SPEECHES

Nirmala Sitharaman Interestingly, since spoke 5,247 words over 2000, the five longest 56 minutes in her sixth speeches by word budget. This was the count were all second shortest of the 29 delivered by BJP budget speeches in this FMs. Coming second millennium. She also after Jaitley's holds the record for the longest speech, when measured in minutes - her 2020-21 speech lasted 2 hours 42 minutes. But in terms of word count, that speech ranks 9th in the list of longest speeches since 2000. The record for the longest speech by word count this millennium belongs to Arun Jaitley. His 2014-15 budget was

16,552-words long

2014-15 speech is Yashwant Sinha's 2002-2003 speech (16,120 words). Sinha's 2001-2002 speech (15,275 words) comes third. Jaswant Singh (2003-2004 speech, 15,160) is the fourth longest. Sinha again figures in the top 5 - his 2000-2001 speech was 14,598 words long

Manmohan Singh's 1991-92 budget speech, ushering in economic liberalisation. was 18,364 words long. And the shortest? For that, you need to go all the way back to the 1952-53 budget. CD Deshmukh, also from the Congress, kept it really pithy just 4,441 words

The wordiest

speech ever?

budget

31.4

Longest and shortest budget speeches since 2000-01

	Longest)		
Year	FM	Words	Characters	Para
2014 - 2015	Arun Jaitley	16,552	1,01,407	188
2002 - 2003	Yashwant Sinha	16,120	95,393	192
2001 - 2002	Yashwant Sinha	15,275	90,139	183
2003 - 2004	Jaswant Singh	15,160	92,326	196
2000 - 2001	Yashwant Sinha	14,598	87,958	175

Shortest

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Year	FM	Words	Characters	Para
2019 - 2020 (I)	Piyush Goyal	8,139	49,340	98
2009 - 2010 (I)	Pranab Mukherjee	7,505	47,710	69
2014 - 2015 (I)	P. Chidambaram	6,607	39,517	85
2024-25 (1)	Nirmala Sitharaman	5,247	34,082	97
2004 - 2005 (1)	Jaswant Singh	5,046	31,091	51

There is actual development reaching the ground. There is no appeasement of sorts. There is no differentiating between people. As a result, you find in last 10 years, we have actually laid the foundation for people to now think in terms of meeting their aspirations.

The Vote on Account Budget was not seen as an instrument to tell people we can do this, we can do that without having performed in the last ten years. So we didn't want any populism coming in here. We knew our track record will explain it.

In the past 10 years, you have given electricity, gas connections, housing and

deserves to get this service. created 500 million new stakeholders in the economy. How do you see it playing out for the economy and society going forward?

That will be the trigger point for any consumption in the future. Consumption not just of basic necessities, consumption not just of food products, consumption also of services, consumption of education not as a corporate education but seeking skills, seeking knowledge, seeking opportunity and it is for that the innovation fund has been set up and a large corpus is being given over the five years and also making sure that some the 'PM Shree' schools are endowed enough

to give them opportunities.

Govt on 'beti bachao, vaccine lagao' drive

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inance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that the govt will encourage vaccination for girls in the age group of 9 to 14 years for the prevention of cervical cancer, the second most prevalent cancer among women in India.

Vaccines are available in the market to prevent infection with the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV), a group of more than 200 related viruses, of which some types are known to cause cervical cancer. The uptake of these vaccines has been slow because of lack of awareness and high cost, which makes the announcement in the Budget significant.

The Union health ministry is in talks with the Serum Institute of India (SII), which has developed Cervavac India's first quadrivalent HPV



the department of biotechnology, to make its vaccine available at affordable costs.

SII CEO Adar Poonawala said in Sept last year that their cervical cancer vaccine would be affordable and be available in the range of Rs 200-400. "Initially, the vaccine will be

channels and from next year,

some private partners will

be involved too," he had said. At present, the country is dependent on foreign manufacturers for the vaccine. They cost anywhere between Rs 2,000 and Rs 3,500 per dose, which is nearly 10 times Shipping Corporation of India. | and the economy put firmly | up capital spending and ex- | ing years," the FM added. | vaccine, in partnership with | made available through govt | the expected price of the in- | the Covid-19 vaccine system.

Lakhpati Didi target raised

inance minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced that the central govt has decided to enhance the target for making women associated with self help groups into 'Lakhpati

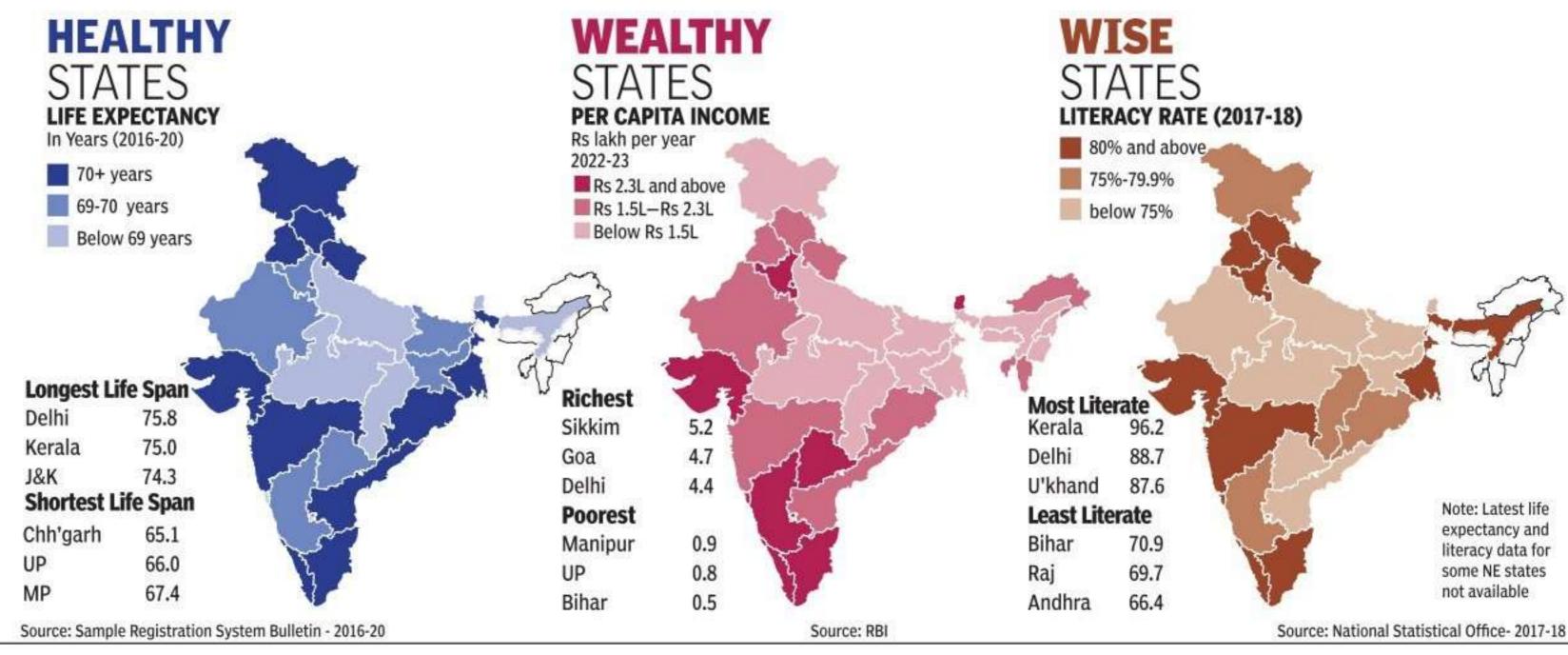
Didis' from 2 crore to 3 crore. The scheme was rolled out after the Prime Minister in his Independence Day speech last year said it was his dream to create two crore 'Lakhpati Didis' in the country's villages. TNN

digenously developed vaccine. India has also developed

U-WIN, an online platform to facilitate the documentation of all vaccination programmes, their registration and follow-ups in the country, on the lines of Co-Win app, which was used to manage



So, north is north, and south is south, and never the twain shall meet? An industrialised south, materially much more prosperous, healthier and better educated. And a largely rural north, with its cow belt and its politics, and people with modest incomes who are less educated and have shorter life expectancy? Is that how you look at things? If you thought so, here are three maps that will make you re-evaluate your notions



FM Takes Infra Route To Viksit Bharat

Lower Capex And Higher RBI Dividend Helped Govt Manage Fiscal Deficit

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hen the finance minister presented the Budget last year, she had based her deficit projections for 2023-24 on the assumption that the nominal GDP would be nearly Rs 302 lakh crore.

Current estimates put that number at under Rs 297 lakh crore. Had the absolute deficit numbers stayed at Budget estimates (BE), they would have been a larger proportion of GDP, given that reduction in the denominator. Yet, the revised estimates (RE) put the fiscal deficit at 5.8% of GDP against the budgeted 5.9%.

Was this achieved through higher receipts? Not quite. If anything, total receipts are a tad lower in the revised estimates than in BE (Rs 44.9 lakh cr against Rs 45 lakh cr). What has helped keep the deficit in check is a reduction in "effective capital expenditure" by about Rs 1 lakh crore with the

RE of Rs 12.7 lakh cr falling about 7% short of the budgeted figure. Effective capital expenditure includes both Centre's own capital spending and the grants in aid it gives for the capex of states.

So, despite a somewhat higher than budgeted revenue expenditure (Rs 35.4 lakh cr against Rs 35 lakh cr), total expenditure was contained

within the budgeted figure. As a result, fiscal deficit – the gap between total expenditure and receipts other than borrowings - is now estimated to end up at Rs 17.3 lakh crore instead of the Rs 17.9 lakh crore originally budgeted for. That is what ensured it remained within the budget target of

5.9% of GDP. The fact that receipts fell

only very marginally short ties not quite meeting the targets. In the process, personal of the number that the FM had targeted was in turn income tax collections have helped by much higher than also outstripped revenues expected revenue through difrom corporation tax convidends from the RBI and trary to what was projected public sector banks. The at the time of the Budget. Budget had projected Rs

48,000 crore from this source.

But that number has more

than doubled to Rs 1,04,407 cr

in the revised estimates. The

RBI alone gave the govt a di-

vidend of over Rs 87,000 cr.

With banks too enjoying a

boom in profits in the cur-

rent year, govt got a windfall

are now estimated to be

about Rs 34.4 lakh crore, sig-

nificantly higher than the Rs

33.6 lakh crore originally

budgeted for. This was

thanks entirely to personal

income tax collections being

higher than anticipated (Rs

10.2 lakh cr against Rs 9 lakh

crore) and more than making

up for excise and customs du-

Govt's gross tax revenues

it had not budgeted for.

The higher gross tax revenues, however, did not really translate into higher net tax revenues for govt. A higher than projected share for the states and a small adjustment for their share from previous years ensured that the Centre's net tax revenues were just a touch lower than the Budget had estimated they would be at Rs 23.2 lakh cr against Rs 23.3 lakh cr.

The budget estimates for the coming year project a sizable increase in both tax and non-tax revenues as also in capital expenditure, and a reduction in subsidies. But given that there will be a final Budget presented for the year around July, those numbers are at best indicative.

Rlys set 5-year path to up capacity & comfort

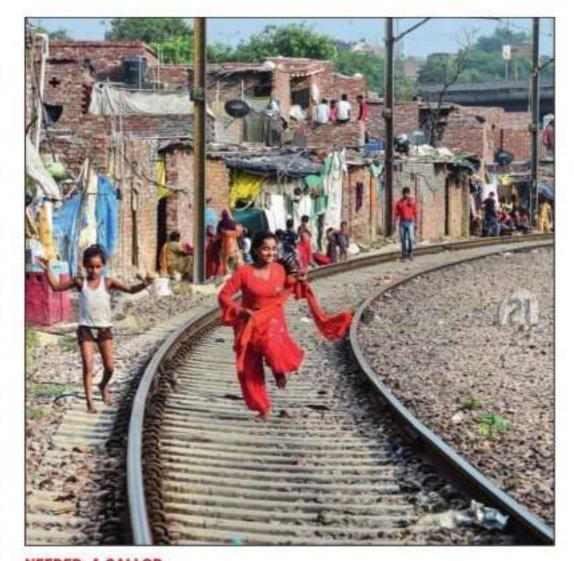
mid high inflation in 2022, govt had an-Inounced plans for a logistics strategy for key sectors, including the cement industry, to ease supply-side constraints.

Industry feedback was that in the south, cement producers had excess capacity and could use that provided they got raw material from other parts of the country. But railways' lack of capacity came in the way.

Finance minister Nirma la Sitharaman's Budget proposals on Thursday mentioned a dedicated cement corridor as part of the Energy Economic Corridor, a Rail Sagar corridor to link ports, and Amrit Chaturbhuj for multi-tracking of the seven busiest corridors. These corridors, with a total length of 40,000km rail track, will require an investment of Rs 11 lakh crore over nine years, railway minister Ashwini

Vaishnaw said. On Oct 23 last year, TOI had first reported the railway ministry's proposal to seek Rs 4.2 lakh crore approval from the Cabinet for Amrit Chaturbhuj to decongest the Delhi-Howrah, Mumbai-Howrah, Delhi-Mumbai, Delhi-Guwahati, Delhi-Chennai, Howrah-Chennai and Mumbai-Chennai routes, and upgrade them for faster passenger trains and quicker movement of goods. Vaishnaw said some of the proposals are at an advanced stage in the process to get Cabinet approval.

Details of the other corridors have not yet been an-



NEEDED: A GALLOP

nounced.

Vaishnaw said 434 projects will be implemented under this plan to increase the capacity for running trains and eliminate the problem of wait-listed tickets. "All these corridors will also reduce air pollution and bring down logistics costs. These projects have been finalised after detailed studies and rounds of discussion

with stakeholders," he said. The minister also said the national transporter will roll out the first set of 10 Vande Bharat trains with sleeper facilities for test runs by Marchend. On the FM's announcement of the plan to convert 40,000 bogies to Vande Bharat standards to enhance safety, convenience and comfort,

Vaishnaw said this will re-

quire around Rs 15,000 crore investment in five years. "The Budget has laid the blueprint for the railway sector. There is a clear roadmap for creating more infrastructure to run more trains and also have better trains..." he said. With regard to the rail-

ways' earnings vis-a-vis operational expenditure, known as operating ratio (OR), the minister said this year it's around 98.7 and for 2024-25, it's projected to be 98. The Budget document shows railways are likely to record its highest-ever revenue from the passenger segment at Rs 73,000 crore by Marchend, surpassing the budget estimate (BE). However, revenue from freight transportation may fall short of the BE by Rs 10,000 crore.

India to stay the course on Mid East, **Europe corridor**

Indicating that New Delhi

BudWiser

has not given up on the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEEC), finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman described the project as a "strategic and economic game changer". Conceding there was "significant disturbance" in the Red Sea and Middle East, she said that the project "has been announced and we are taking it forward".

Interest-free loans & corpus for R&D

ovt will set up a corpus crore with 50year interestfree loan that will provide necessary longterm finance to tech-savvv youth and private sector for research and innovation. "For our tech-savvy youth, this will be a golden era ... ' the FM said.

3-yr nod to animal husbandry scheme

The central government on Thursday approved continuation of the Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) with an outlay of Rs 29,610 crore for another three years up to 2025-26. Now, cooperatives can also avail benefits for modernisation and upgradation of dairy plants.

Cooking: 'Atmanirbhar' twist in tel TEAM TOI milch-animals, she said,

inance minister Nirmala → Sitharaman on Thursday announced the Centre will formulate a strategy to make the country self-reliant on edible oils by boosting domestic output of oilseeds as well as draw up a comprehensive programme to support dairy farmers.

Presenting the Interim Budget, she also announced a plan to set up five integrated aqua parks and launch a new climate-resilient scheme for fisheries. In addition, the Centre will step up the central fisheries scheme to enhance aquaculture productivity from the existing3tonsto5tonsperhectare, double its export to Rs 1 lakh crore, and guarantee 55 lakh employment opportunities. Aqua parks will facilitate various fisheries activities at on oil seeds such as mustard, but with low productivity of



one place.

India currently imports a large quantity of edible oils to meet its domestic demand. During the 2022-23 marketing year (November-October), the country imported nearly 165 lakh tonnes of cooking oil worth Rs 1.38 lakh crore.

To make India self-reliant

groundnut, sesame, soybean and sunflower, the FM said the new strategy will cover research for high-yielding varieties, adoption of modern farming techniques, market linkages, procurement, value addition and crop insurance.

Noting that India is the world's largest milk producer "The programme will be built on the success of existing schemes such Rashtriya Gokul Mission, National Livestock Mission, and Infrastructure Development Funds for dairy processing and animal husbandry."

Sitharaman also spoke about stepping up efforts for value addition and boosting farmers' income through schemes that include Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Yojana, which has already assisted 2.4 lakh selfhelp groups and 60,000 individuals. She said the govt will further promote private and public investment in "post-harvest activities", including aggregation, modern storage, efficient supply chains, processing, market-

Budget artillery for deep tech, LAC roads

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he defence budget saw only a modest hike despite the continuing confrontation along the frontier with China, though the govt announced an ambitious new scheme to bolster "deep-tech" technologies for the armed forces. The overall defence outlay for the next

fiscal has been pegged at Rs 6.2 lakh crore (\$75 billion), which marks just a 4.7% hike over the 2023-24's budgetary estimates and actually goes into negative if revised estimates are taken into account. Capital expenditure of Rs 1.7 lakh

crore for military modernisation, however, registered a 5.8% hike over last year's budgetary estimates and 9.4% over the revised ones. The revenue allocation meant for operational sustenance and commitments, in turn, stood at Rs 92,088 crore.

The defence budget works out to just 1.9% of the projected GDP for 2024-25 if the huge defence pension allocation of Rs 1.4



lakh crore for the 32 lakh ex-servicemen and retired defence civilians is considered. It drops to less than 1.5% if the pension bill is excluded.

The FM said a scheme will be launched for "strengthening deep-tech technologies for defence purposes and expediting 'atmanirbharta' (self-reliance)". With deep-tech areas like artificial intelligence

(AI), machine learning (ML), quantum computing, blockchain and advanced materials becoming increasingly critical for wars of the future, India certainly needs to go the whole hog in this arena. AI-driven surveillance and warfare, for instance, will enable much faster decisionmaking. Cohesive integration of soldiers with niche technologies becomes all the more crucial given that China has been assiduously focusing on areas like AI, ML, lethal autonomous weapon systems (LAWS), robotics and cyberwarfare.

On the land frontier with China, the "jump" in the capital budget allocation to the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) will continue in the coming fiscal due to the "continued threat perception" all along the 3,488-km Line of Actual Control. "The allocation for 2024-25 is Rs 6,500 crore, which is 30% higher than the allocation in 2023-24. This indicates the govt's commitment to improve border infrastructure," an official said.

Maldives ties | FM's lakshya: Going choppy, India doubles aid

espite the turbulence in bilateral ties with the Maldives, Delhi will continue to prioritise development projects in the Indian Ocean archipelago.

In terms of assistance to foreign governments, India revised its budget allocation for the Maldives in 2023-24 from Rs 400 crore to Rs 770 crore. And for 2024-25, it has earmarked Rs 600 crore for the Maldives, which is next only to Bhutan and Nepal.

India has not allowed differences with Male, most notably in defence and security cooperation, to affect work on the \$500 million Greater Male Connectivity Project, the largest infrastructure project in the country.All allocation for the Maldives is in the form of grant and not loan.

Like last year, Bhutan again topped the list of budgetary allocation, with India earmarking Rs 2,068 crore for Thimphu. The allocation for Nepal is Rs 700 crore.

India's overall estimate for assistance to foreign governments, including both grant and loan, for the year 2024-25 is Rs 5,667 crore, out of which Rs 4,677 crore is in the form of grant assistance and the remaining in the form of loan to Bhutan. This is about 874 crore less than the revised estimate for the previous year.

India's allocation for strife-torn Myanmar went down considerably from Rs 370 crore last year to Rs 250 crore for 2024-25.



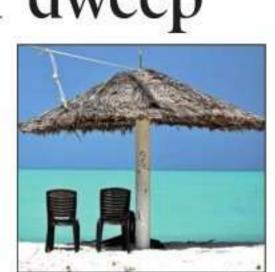
ovt will take up projects to boost port connectivity, infrastructure and amenities on India's islands, including in Lakshadweep, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Thursday, doubling down on the government's campaign to promote Lakshadweep and other unexislands through Minister Modi's maiden visit to the island cluster in January.

creasingly aspirational Indian middle class that is looking to travel and explore and said the government will encourage states to identify and develop iconic tourist centres, including spiritual destinations. The aim is to brand and market them globally, and set up a framework to rate them based on the quality of facilities and services they offer.

The FM pointed to an in-

She also said promotion of domestic tourism would boost opportunities for local entrepreneurship and provide employment, and that the govt would provide longterm interest-free loans to states to finance such development on a matching basis. The finance minister said that the decision to host G20 meetings across 60 cities helped showcase the coun-

try's diversity. In line with the FM's push for tourism infrastructure development, the tourism ministry's allocation for Integrated Development havan Menon.



ISLAND OF DREAMS

of Tourist Circuits, functioning under the Swadesh Darshan scheme, saw an allocation of Rs 1,750 crore in the 2024-25 budget estimate (BE), an increase of Rs 338 crore as compared to Rs 1,412 crore in BE 2023-24. The objective of the Swadesh Darshan scheme is to develop theme-based tourist circuits on the principles of high tourist value, competitiveness and sustainability in an integrated manner. At present, the ministry has sanctioned 76 projects under the scheme, covering 13 thematic circuits.

Allocation for domestic promotion and publicity, including for its 'market deassistance' velopment scheme, is up from Rs 75 crore in BE 2023-24 to Rs 177 crore in BE 2024-25, which has focused heavily on promoting the North-East, and Jammu and Kashmir as tourist destinations.

"The special focus on domestic tourism, which represents a vibrant growth driver via the govt's (various measures) are aimed at development of India's hidden gems," said Thomas Cook India chairman Mad-

Nirmala hits a six, pads up for next innings instead on PM Narendra Mo-

TEAM TOI

¶f Nirmala Sitharaman's push for 'Viksit Bharat' in Lthe Interim Budget served as a launch pad for the Modi govt's Lok Sabha campaign, it also stood out for the near absence of protests and disruptions from the opposition, a usual sight so close to polls.

Draped in a 'Ramar Blue' Kantha silk saree that reflect ed the blue-black hues associated with Lord Ram, the FM delivered a crisp 56-minute speech shorn of all customary references to poets and di's commitment to 'FDI' -First, Develop India — and a more comprehensive 'GDP' governance, development and performance. Sitharaman's bid to under-

score that macro economic stability, living conditions and incomes had each improved under the Modi regime drew table-thumping appreciation from the treasury benches. The applause grew louder still when she remarked that "our government" will present the nextfull Budget in July. The assertion, which would have othspiritual leaders, and focused erwise drawn angry protests THE COLOUR, 'RAMAR BLUE'



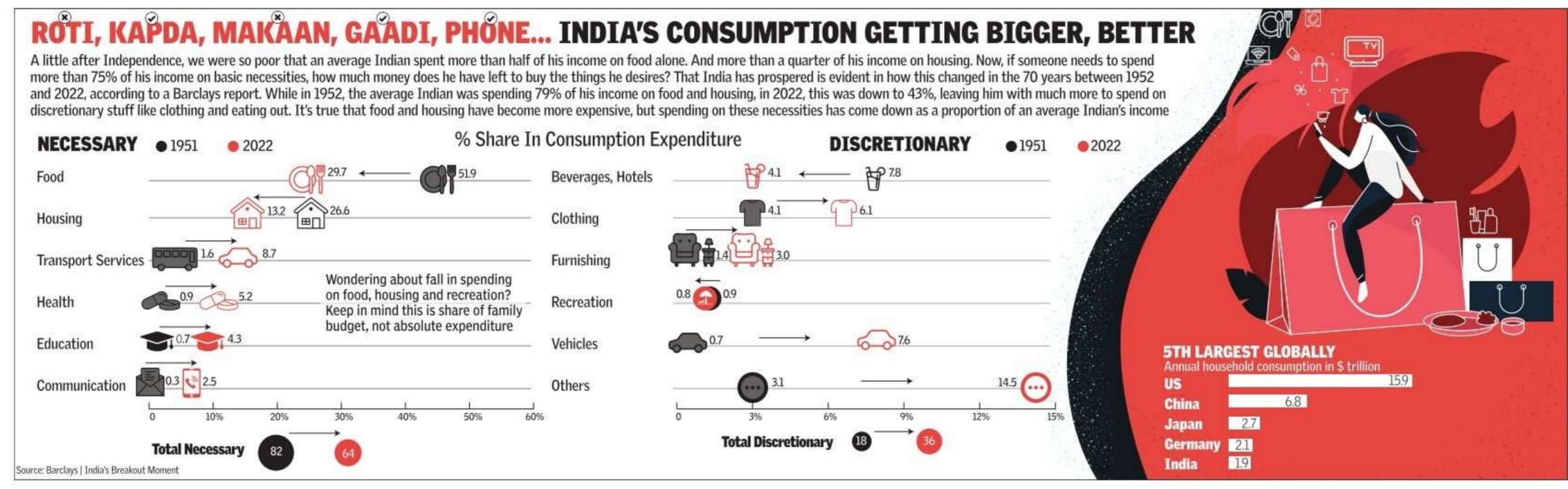
and sloganeering from the opposition benches, was met with nothing more than a few murmurs of disapproval. The FM's sixth Budget

speech in the 17th Lok Sabha accounted not only for the achievements of the Modi government in last ten years, but also saw her refer to the PM sitting four seats away — eight times and quoting him repeatedly. "Prime Minister (Lal Bahadur) Shastri gave the slogan of 'Jai Jawan Jai Kisan'. Prime Minister (Atal Bihari Vajpayee made that 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Vigyan'. Prime Minister Modi has furthrough the speech.

thered that to 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Vigyan, and Jai Anusandhan', as innovation is the foundation of development," Sitharaman said. The FM's reference to In-

dia having more than 80 chess

grandmasters in 2023 in comparison to just over 20 in 2010 led to some mirth in the opposition benches over the government's attempt to take credit even for India's performance in chess. The presentation saw a thin turnout in the public galleries. But Sitharaman's relatives were seated in the Speaker's Gallery



Bullish On May, Modi Says See You In July

PM: Innovative & Inclusive Budget Carries Confidence Of Continuity

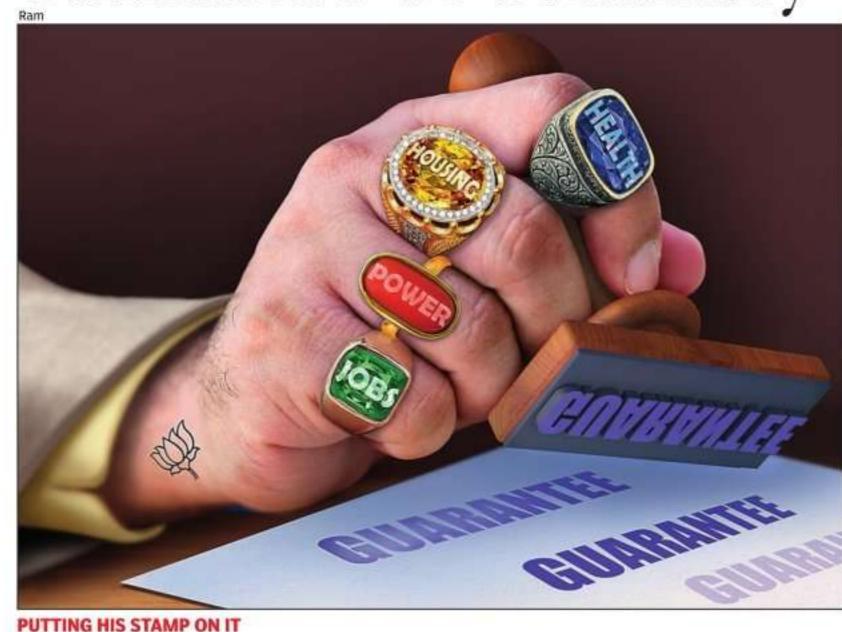
New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday made it plain that the Interim Budget represented the confidence of his policies being continued after the Lok Sabha elections in May.

"This Budget carries the confidence of continuity and will empower all pillars of developed India — youth, poor, women and farmers," the PM said, his remarks reflecting the optimism about BJP's prospects that he had expressed on Wednesday by asserting that his govt would would soon present a full Budget.

He also said the Budget had pointers to the trajectory he intends to follow to realise the goal of turning India into a developed country by 2047. Terming it inclusive and innovative, as well as reflective of the aspirations of "young India", he said the Budget was a guarantee to strengthen foundations of a "Viksit Bharat".

The PM flagged creation of a fund of Rs1lakh crore for research and innovation, extension of tax exemptions for startups as well as record capital expenditure of Rs 11,11,111 crore while keeping fiscal deficit under control.

"In economists' parlance, this is a kind of sweet spot," Modi said, adding that it would create millions of new



employment opportunities

for the youth along with creation of modern infrastructure for the 21st century.

He said the announcement to manufacture 40,000 modern bogies of Vande Bharat standards and install them in passenger trains would heighten comfort and the travel experience of crores of passengers.

Asserting that his govt sets

self, he said, "We have built more than 4 crore houses for the poor in villages and cities and now we have set a target of building 2 crore more houses. We had set a target of creating 2 crore 'Lakhpati Didis', now we have increased it to 3 crore."

Modi praised the Ayushman Bharat for its significant aid to the poor, and hailed extending its benefits to Angan-

sis on empowering the poor and middle class by creating new opportunities for them in this Budget. He mentioned the rooftop solar campaign where 1 crore families will avail free electricity, while also earning an income of Rs 15,000 to Rs 18,000 per year by selling excess power to the govt.

He said the income tax remission scheme would provide

1 cr taxpayers to get big relief from small & old tax disputes

In keeping with the convention of an Interim Budget, the finance minister refrained from making any tax-related changes. However, she provided big relief to taxpayers grappling with old direct tax demands.

The FM pointed out that there are a large number of petty, non-verified, non-reconciled or disputed direct tax demands, many of them dating as far back as 1962, which "continue to remain on the books, causing anxiety to honest taxpayers and hindering refunds of subsequent years."

The Interim Budget proposes to withdraw such outstanding direct tax demands up to Rs 25,000 pertaining to the period up to the financial year 2009-10; and up to Rs 10,000 for financial years 2010-11 to 2014-15. The FM mentioned that this would benefit about one crore taxpayers.

Revenue secretary Sanjay Malhotra said the Rs 25,000 and Rs 10,000 cut-offs to clear petty or disputed tax demands includes interest on the original amount. Citing a cumulative outstanding of around Rs 3,500 crore,

arge corporations are

typically spread across

∠cities, with branches in

several states. Under GST,

branches are considered as

separate legal entities. How-

ever, certain input services

could be procured by the

head-office and used by it as

well as branches. Say, payroll

services, or software mainte-

nance services, to name a few.

The input tax credit available

against the service procured

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fice alone but has to be appro-

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bill the branches or adopt the

Input Service Distributor

(ISD) mechanism to transfer

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its branches in respect of

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Until now, the head office

branches too.



he said that a lot of the money was tough to recover and

existed "only on paper".

Gautam Nayak, tax partner at CNK & Associates, explained how a certain portion of this problem had been created. "When the online tax portal was implemented-nearly ten odd years ago, tax officers had uploaded a large number of outstanding tax demands, many of which were incorrect, as they had been deleted due to subsequent rectification, appeal order or payment. The uploading of these incorrect outstanding tax demands had been a significant irritant for many. Every year that a refund was due to them. they would get a notice asking

why the refund should not be

adjusted against outstanding

tax demands. They would have to respond each time, explaining how there was really no valid demand outstanding and file evidence in support of that. This harassment will be reduced now by this one-time cleansing of the system announced by Nirmala Sitharaman," said Gautam Nayak, tax partner at CNK & Associates.

"The magnitude of the

problem can be judged by her stating that one crore taxpayers would benefit by this. For taxpayers with larger demands, the problem will still continue, and to prevent such future recurrence as well, a system needs to be put in place to ensure that officers delete such incorrect demands promptly, and taxpayers are not unnecessarily harassed repeatedly due to

inaction," added Nayak. Amarpal Singh-Chadha, tax partner and India mobility leader at EY-India, noted that there had been a significant increase in the number of taxpayers in the last few years. "In order to improve taxpayer services, the FM has addressed issues created by long-pending demands which are small, non-verified and very old. The proposal is a welcome move."



Outstanding income tax demands of up to Rs 25,000 for the period ending in 2009-10 and demands up to Rs 10,000 for the 2010-11 to 2014-15 period will be 'withdrawn' (not collected). This will benefit close to a crore taxpayers

A startup incorporated post April 1, 2016. but before March 31, 2025, will be eligible for a tax holiday (for three consecutive years in a block of ten years). The sunset clause is extended by a year. Earlier only startups incorporated before March 31, 2024 were eligible

Exemption to certain Sincome (such as dividend, interest and long-term capital gains) of Sovereign Wealth Funds and Pension Funds was set to expire on March 31, 2024. This is extended by a year, with the cut off being March 31, 2025

Certain exemptions for income derived on The transfer of capital assets on a recognised stock exchange in an IFSC will be extended by one year, to March 31, 2025

The sunset clause for new manufacturing units has not been extended. The concessional tax rate of 15% (plus surcharge and education cess) will be available only to new manufacturing companies that commence manufacturing on or after Oct 1, 2019 but by March

31, 2024 Exemption to Continue for a non-resident by way of royalty or interest on account of the lease of an aircraft or a ship, paid by a unit in IFSC, if the unit has commenced its operation on or before March 31, 2025 (earlier sunset date was

March 31, 2024) 7The time limit for the govt to notify a scheme for faceless transfer pricing assessment proceedings, faceless proceedings before the Dispute Resolution Panel has been extended by a year up

The time limit for govt to notify a scheme for Ofaceless appeals before the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal has been extended by one more year up to

to March 31, 2025

March 31, 2025

Announcements made through an earlier circular for TCS on foreign remittances including for tour operators, have been incorporated through amendments in the existing language of the section. The 5% TCS on tour and travel under Rs 7 lakh continues, with TCS being 20% if it is above Rs 7 lakh

The cross-charge mechanism will no longer be available for sharing of input tax credit by a head office with its branches in respect of common input services procured from third parties. Interim Budget has made the mechanism of an Input Service Distributor (ISD)

mandatory, from a

date to be notified

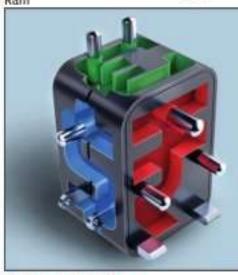
Input tax credit mechanism a big goal, achieves it, and then wadi and ASHA workers. relief to about 1 crore citizens sets an even bigger goal for it-He said there was an emphabelonging to the middle class. for multi-centre firms tweaked Nirmala lights up rooftop solar Recycle & reuse ient in India. Deepak Joshi, **TEAM TOI** scheme with free power pledge

TEAM TOI

New Delhi: Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday put people at the centre stage of energy transition by packing the Interim Budget with financial booster shots and policy outlines to promote unconventional energy sources.

Building on PM Modi's announcement of rooftop solar for one crore households. the Budget put Rs 10,000 crore on the table as seed money and promised 300 units/ month of free power as well as hope for annual savings of Rs 15,000-18,000 in energy bill for each beneficiary household of the Pradhanmantri Suryodaya Yojana.

Additionally, the scheme opened additional income avenues for households from sale of surplus power and charging electric vehicles (EVs) as well as employment opportunities in the solar and EV charging ecosystems.



Neeraj Kuldeep of CEEW-EF said solarisation of demand from these households will save about Rs 2 lakh crore for discoms over the 25year life of solar plant. Deloitte India's Anuiesh Dwivedi saw the scheme boosting renewable energy capacity addition and fostering a more resilient and decentralised power infrastructure.

Indian Solar Manufacturers Association president Ashwani Sehgal saw a 30-gigawatt (GW) opportunity for domestic manufacturing.

For Mayuresh Raut of Seafund meant a boost for rapid EV charging infrastructure expansion, which will address a key roadblock in faster adoption due to range anxiety. For Saral Talwar of Bike-Wo, expansion of charging stations will instil confidence in potential buyers.

The Budget also unveiled booster shots for unconventional energy sources such as offshore wind energy, biogas/ biofeuls and coal-to-gas projects. Viability gap funding for 1 GW offshore wind energy projects, according to ICRA Rating's Girishkumar Kadam, will improve cost competitiveness as auctions kick off and encourage investors.

Indian Biogas Association chairman Gaurav Kedia saw financial assistance for machinery for the procurement of biomass improving feedstock for compressed biogas plants (CBG) and improving domestic availability as demand rises.

of resources is new mantra

TEAM TOI

New Delhi: Seeking to push utilisation of recycled regovernment sources, launch a scheme of 'bio-manufacturing and bio-foundry' that will provide environmentfriendly alternatives such as biodegradable polymers, bioplastics, bio-pharmaceuticals and bio-agri products to consumers and industry. Details of the plan will be released later.

"This scheme will help in transforming today's consumptive manufacturing paradigm to one based on regenerative principles," the FM said.

The 'bio-manufacturing and bio-foundry' concept is broadly based on circularity in which recycling and reuse of resources will be key for manufacturing. It will also use bioagri inputs for various uses, including production of ethanol, as a source of bioenergy and bio-degradable items Similarly, bio-based feedstock will be used in bio-refineries.

vices Tax Council meeting on 11 July 2023, had clarified that the ISD mechanism is not mandatory for distribution of such input tax credit. it had recommended that an amendment be made in the GST law to make the ISD mechanism mandatory prospectively.

*The flexibility of choosing between a cross charge or ISD mechanism has been taken away, which could impact working capital for certain taxpayers and invoke change in their existing business processes. Also, all offices including Head office or Branches which are availing the common services from a third-party, have to obtain separate ISD registrations, over and above their existing GST registrations and ensure compliance such as filing of the returns." states Uday Pimprikar, Partner and National Indirect tax Leader, EY India.

When services are imported, the GST is payable under reverse charge mechanism-the liability is not on the exporter, but the recip-

head-office acting as an ISD could not have distributed input tax credit of tax paid under reverse charge under the ISD mechanism. The Budget proposal allows distribution of such credit on which tax has been paid under reverse charge. As an example, on import of HR consultancy by a head office for its branch offices, the tax paid on import of such services under reverse charge would now be eligible to be distributed to the concerned branch offices through the ISD head office.' "The proposed amend-

advocate, Supreme Court,

points out that, "Earlier, the

ment to make the ISD route mandatory, will necessitate a review of inter-branch transactions and potential changes in business processes and compliance. This change may also trigger new disputes between taxpayers and GST authorities, underscoring the need for clarifications before implementation," states Sudipta Bhattacharjee, Partner, Khaitan and Co.

Accountability missing from vote on account, says oppn

TEAM TOI

New Delhi: Calling the Modi govt a "govt of the rich, by the rich, for the rich", Congress said the BJP regime had forgotten the bottom 50% of the population which was the reason why the finance minister did not speak about per capita income and food inflation in her Budget speech

Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge said the govt should give an account of the promises it has fulfilled in the last 10 years. "Both accountability and vision are missing from this Budget. We expected some new schemes to ease — signed to make the rich richer — to weigh upon," he added.

the suffering of the poor and and the poor poorer.

middle class," he said. P Chidambaram said the FM failed to mention that food inflation was currently at 7.7%. "The fundamental flaw in the NDA's approach to the governance is that it is biased in favour of the rich," he said.

CPM chief Sitaram Yechury said despite the "tall claims" made by the FM about the state of India's economy, the Budget revealed the "grim economic situation" confronting India's working people and the "vicious face of the Modi govt's conception of development" which was de-

Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray claimed the Budget was the "last" Budget of the Modi government, asserting that it won't return to

office after the Lok Sabha polls. Senior TMC leader Derek O'Brien said there was not a word on funds to states in the Budget and accused the govt of "cheating" federalism and committing "financial terrorism". "The Budget is only giving 'gyan'. There is no action on the ground," he added.

Tamil Nadu CM M K Stalin said, "the FM has presented an empty Budget that has nothing



The Interim Budget has announced a housing scheme for lower and middle-income people living in rented houses, slums, chawls and unauthorised colonies to help them buy or build their own houses. In her speech, the FM said

that despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, the implementation of PM Awas Yojana (Gramin) continued. "We are close to achieving the target of three crore houses...Two crore more houses will be taken up in the next five years to meet the requirement arising from increase in the number of families."

outlay for Prime Minister Awas Yojana. Budget estimates for FY25 for PMAY stand at Rs 80,671 crore, as compared with FY24 Budget estimates of Rs 79,590 crore for the 'housing for all' initia-Govt also enhanced the tive of govt.

steel, paint etc while creating jobs in the construction sector. Anuj Puri, chairman, Ana-

Extension of the scheme

ready completed. rock property consultants, ready spent 1.48 lakh crore.

ficult areas.

House pucca: Scheme for middle class

BRICK BY BRICK: It will help slum dwellers get a roof of their own

with enhanced outlays is expected to give a fillip to ancillary industries like cement,

Under PMAY(Urban), govt had sanctioned 1.19 crore houses of which 80 lakh are al-Under PMAY(U), govt had committed Rs 2 lakh crore. It has al-

eas. The govt gives Rs 1.2 lakh

as financial assistance to

qualified beneficiaries in the

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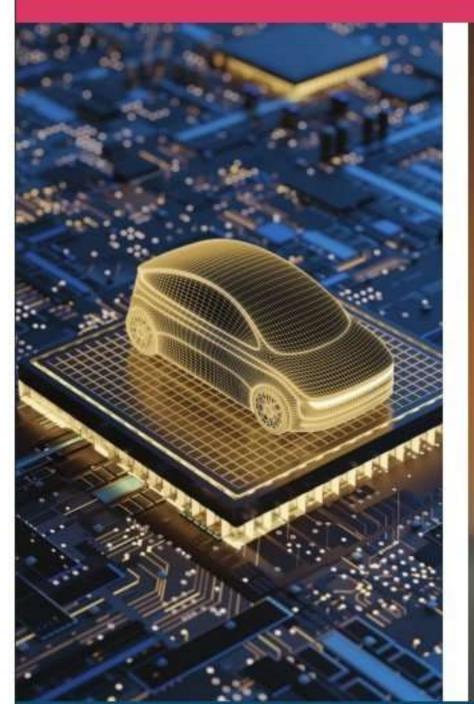


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India showed world the way forward post pandemic: FM

Bullish Note In Tune With BJP 'Vishwa Guru' Assertion

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'White Paper' promised by finance minis-Lter Nirmala Sitharaman can only sharpen the attack on Congress.

The FM on Thursday said that while the world faced a crisis of food, fertilizer, fuel and finances in the aftermath of the pandemic, "India successfully navigated its way. What's more, the country showed the way forward and built consensus on solutions for those global problems."

The bullish note fits in with BJP's plank of India's emergence as a global player under Modi and his vision for the leap that would turn the country into a developed country by 2047.

Indications of future schemes were both in terms of a general broad vision as well as specific promises. Among these were two crore more houses for the poor over the next five years and a scheme to help "deserving sections of the middle class"



JUMBO ASPIRATIONS

who live in rented houses, slums or chawls and unauthorised colonies to buy or build houses.

The rooftop solar power scheme would target one crore households, which could get up to 300 units free electricity every month from it, the FM said, adding that this follows the PM's resolve on the day the idol in Ayodhya's Ram Mandir was consecrated.

Among segments picked out for future programmes were "tech savvy youth". The Budget proposed a corpus of Rs 1 lakh crore to be established with a 50-year interest free loan. The corpus is to provide long-term financing or refinancing

with long tenors and low or nil interest rates. Merits apart, there could not have been a better way of fusing the regime and the leader with an ambitious cohort, which has the potential to emerge as the hub for ever expanding array of innovations: from low-hanging fruit of coding to the promising frontier of AI to quan-

The Budget marks yet another effort to align the country with the global push for green energy, with Sitharman laying out an impressive blueprint ecompassing e-vehicles, circular economy and green-compliant innovations of bio-plastics and bio-pharma.

tum computing.

₹1,450 cr plan for online civic services

New Delhi: In its bid to ensure citizens get most of the municipal services online, including the smallest ones, government will roll out a mission to support states for making services such as payment of property tax, water and sewerage bills, market fee and building permission available to people without visiting offices.

The scheme will also support states promote the use of technology for better management of civic infrastructures, such as street lights, ensuring quality and flow of drinking water, and managing solid waste. For the launch of this National Urban Digital Mission (NUDM), govt has provisioned Rs 1,450 crore for 2024-25. TOI has learnt that the scheme to be implemented in the next four years would see investment of more than Rs 6,000 crore.

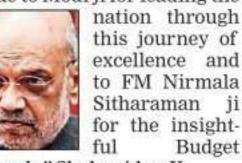
"Now the digitisation of ervices is patchy and hence people don't get the full benefit... The mission aims to achieve 100% digitisation across all civic bodies," said an official. TNN

Budget sheds light on govt's feats in last 10 years: Shah

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Home minister Amit Shah said the interim Budget sheds light on the milestones achieved by the Modi govt in the last 10 years on its journey to make "Bharat the foremost nation in every sector during Amrit Kaal".

"On the very foundation of these feats, the magnificent edifice of a Viksit Bharat is being built. My heartfelt gratitude to Modi ji for leading the



for the insight-Budget speech," Shah said on X.

The minister said the Budget was a document that brought to the fore PM Modi's role as a statesman par excellence, who was leading the nation on the path of greatness while bolstering the values of cooperative federalism and had set the stage for a paradigm shift in the technological revolution in the country.

Shah said the Modi govt was providing financial assistance to 11.8 crore farmers and protection through crop insurance to 4 crore farmers.

"With the important decisions taken in the Budget on setting up modern storage and effective supply chain, our farmers will become economically strong and prosperous," he added.

Defence minister Rajnath Singh said the Budget had outlined the vision for a confident, strong and self-reliant India. "This Budget gives a glimpse of India's rapid economic transformation. There is a big push for infrastructure, construction, manufacturing, housing and technology development," he added.

BJP president J P Nadda said the budget offered the vision of "Ram rajya" and underscored the pledge for a selfreliant country.

In a swipe at opposition parties, he said the govt under Modi's leadership did not believe in giving "garibi hatao" slogan but worked to lift them out of poverty.

Commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal said the Budget was crafted keeping in mind the long-term prosperity of every Indian.

FM reaches out to more sectors with long term interest-free loans the instrument to get the states to reform sectors such

as power distribution which

has been a source of losses

for several state-run power

companies which had to

bear the burden of subsi-

states to goad them to under-

take desired reforms instead

of letting them use money for

wasteful purposes," ex-

plained a former finance

ministry officer. While some

of the opposition-led states

had initially criticised the

mechanism, most of them

have sought to make use of

"This is like free money to

dised or free electricity.

TEAM TOI

New Delhi: Long term interest-free loans seem to be government's new financing tool as finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman extended its use across sectors. In 2020-21, the tool had ini-

tially been used to provide special assistance for 50 years to states for capital expenditure. For states, it was a tool to get much-needed funds at a time when they were battling post-Covid resource crunch. It lowered their requirements to borrow from the market. For the Centre it meant providing an

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with Rs 1.3 lakh crore allocated for the next fiscal, the instrument is now proposed to be used for R&D by the private sector as well as to create tourism assets.

Finance secretary TV Somanathan said the Rs 1 lakh crore for boosting R&D will be routed through a financial institution which will then provide funding to the private sector.

Asked about the Rs 75,000 crore meant to be provided to states for reforms-linked spending, Somanathan said that the milestones will be announced in the coming weeks. The Centre has used

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Chief Municipal Engineer

the window over the years. Nitish: Budget positive, Bihar's progress will gain momentum

New Delhi: Back in NDA fold, Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar heaped praise on the interim Budget presented by FM Nirmala Sitharaman and said it was "positive" and "deserved to be welcomed".

"The amount of loan for higher education has been increased in the Budget, which will facilitate the youth. Besides, with the opening of three new railway corridors, the country's economic development will be possible at a faster pace," the JD(U) president said on X.

He said the govt's decision to launch a special housing scheme for the middle class was also a welcome step. "Under this, people living in rented houses and slums will be able to get benefits," he added.

"On my behalf and also on behalf of the people of Bihar, I express gratitude to PM Modi for his congratulations and good wishes and thank him wholeheartedly for his cooperation. With NDA coalition govt at the Centre and the state, development work will gain momentum," the CM further said.

Senior Bihar minister Sanjay Jha, who played a key role in the party's return to NDA, complimented the FM for charting a path towards 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047. "Aligning with PM Modi's focus on 'garib,'



With the opening of three new railway corridors, India's economic development will be possible at a faster pace, Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar posted on X

DKS bro moots separate nation of southern states

ongress MP D K Suresh, brother of Karnataka deputy CM D K Shivakumar, on Thursday courted controversy by suggesting the idea of separate nationhood for the southern states, marking it the first instance of a politician from Karnataka to raise such an issue, although similar sentiments have been expressed by politicians in Tamil Nadu in the past. TNN

'mahila,' 'yuva' and 'annadata', she emphasised empowering every section of society. A visionary approach that prioritises needs, aspirations and welfare," Jha said.

Breakthrough IVF baby turns dad at same Mumbai hospital

Mumbai: Almost 30 years ago, a Chembur couple welcomed their only son into the world with a "scientific breakthrough" that found a solution to male infertility. The child, Luv Singh, became India's first ICSI, or intracytoplasmic sperm injection, baby — two years after a Belgian baby was born similarly, and almost eight years after the birth of India's first test-tube baby, Harsha Chavda-Shah.

On Jan 28, Luv Singh, who is now a property lawyer, became a father when his son was born at Jaslok Hospital on Pedder Road, the same hospital where he was born. As a tribute to the infertility specialist, Dr Firuza Parikh, who brought ICSI to India and treated his parents, Luv and wife Harleen chose her to deliver their son.

ception but wanted me to be their obstetrician as they consider me family," Dr Parikh, who has attended several of Luv's birthday parties and his wedding in 2019, said. The couple waited till

"They had a natural con-

Harleen completed her MCom to have a baby, a son who was discharged from hospital on Thursday. In 1989, when Dr Parikh

returned from Yale University, she acquired equipment to perform an experimental technique called micromanipulation. The practice is to use numerous sperm, but IC-



Dr Firuza Parikh (in blue), who delivered India's first ICSI baby Luv Singh (top), also helped with his son (above, with wife Harleen)

SI made it possible for doctors to achieve fertilisation with one sperm.

"We didn't have readymade micropipettes required for this insertion, and would grind glass pipettes several times thinner than human hair to insert it into the egg. Their learning curve extended over four years," she said.

While Luv Singh was the first ICSI baby of Southeast Asia, infertility treatment has evolved since. Now, artificial intelligence is being used to pick up the best embryo for fertilisation.

As for Luv, he is happy at the moment planning multiple family get-togethers and parties to welcome the latest addition to the family.

Trans person who preserved eggs before sex change is a dad

Kochi: A transgender person from Kerala who opted for ova preservation before undergoing gender reassignment surgery a few years ago has just become father to a baby boy conceived by his wife using the frozen eggs and donor sperm.

The child was born in a Kochi hospital last month, marking what doctors there termed a breakthrough.

"This is the first such case of a transgender becoming a father using preserved ova from the same person," said fertility specialist Dr Jisha Varghese of Renai Medicity.

Varghese, who led the team that performed the successful procedures and oversaw the pregnancy, said the complex fertility preservation treatment that involved freezing the ova, embryos and sperm for conception later.

The father, who hails from Kozhikode, approached the hospital in 2021, prior to gender reassignment surgery.

"This story gives hope and direction to many transgender people who wish to have babies with their DNA," said Krishnadas Polakulath, CEO and MD of Renai Medicity. TNN

'Better to die working than perishing due to hunger'

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Tadav, a humanities graduate, shared his enthusiasm for securing a construction job in Israel, highlighting the financial benefits it offers. "It's good that even workers like us with little or no experience are getting the opportunity to work abroad with such a high salary and other privileges. I have three sisters to marry off. How much can my old farmer father earn? Here, earning Rs 100 for 12 hours of work feels like dying every day," said the second eldest of five siblings.

Living under a thatched roof with his parents, Yadav is determined to go to Israel his first trip abroad. "Life is in the hands of god," he remarked. "Compulsions separate us from our parents."

According to Isha Verma, a co-convener of the recruitment programme in Rohtak, applicants underwent skill tests in plastering, bar bending, tile repair, and carpentry. In Israel, they will earn Rs 1.37 lakh a month, she confirmed.

For Mukesh Kumar Rawat, 34, a mason from Lucknow, taking a job in Israel represents a new chapter.

"I desperately need a job," he confessed. "The salaries here are too low to make ends Imagine, in two months, I will have over Rs 2.5 lakh, a sum I have never seen in my life ... Soon, things will change. Life and death are predetermined," said the father of four, whose monthly income varies between Rs 12,000 and Rs 15,000.

He sees the job abroad as a chance for economic security. "In 15 years of work here, I have not been able to pay my children's school fees on time. My eldest daughter. who is in class 11, will not be allowed to write her exams and may quit studies if Idon't pay her fees," said the class 12 dropout, who earns nothing when he is unwell or unable



SANDEEP ADHWARYU





Haryana to hold 2nd recruitment drive to send construction workers to Israel

I aryana govt will organise another recruitment drive to send construction workers to Israel as only 530 youths were selected during the previous workshop held from Jan 16 to 20, reports Ankita Anand. The Israeli govt, officials said, has increased the quota of foreign manpower from 30,000 to 50,000 for its construction industry. Of this, India will account for 10,000 workers.

Employment opportunities have opened up in Israel because it cancelled the work permits of Palestinians after the Hamas attack last year. The advertisement for the jobs - mostly in the sectors of construction and nursing - was issued last Nov by the National Skill Development Corporation, which urged state govt to hold camps in their districts.

Two drives have been conducted so far — one each in Haryana and UP. But in Rohtak — where Haryana govt organised a five-day camp at Maharshi Dayanand University - many youths who came from states like Bihar and MP were turned away as only those with domicile IDs were allowed to register after the first day.

to go to work.

The son of a marginal father, Rawat acknowledged the ongoing war. "Govt is sending us. People like us are at war with society and with our souls anyway." Applicants like Rohtash

Kumar, a postgraduate in history from Haryana's Jind, prioritised employment opportunities over the risks.

"It's better to die working than die of hunger without a job here," he asserted. Some aspirants faced chal-

lenges with intermediaries. Manish Kumar from Rajasthan's Sikar said: "I had been sent by an agent (to Rohtak) against a payment of Rs 1.5 lakh."

> (Inputs from Lucknow, Rohtak)

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA Maharashtra Medical Goods Procurement Authority, Mumbai e-mail - maha.mmgpa2023@gmail.com MMGPA, 1st Floor, Arogya Bhavan, St. Georges Hospital Compound, MUMBAI-400 001. TENDER NOTICE

Date: 31/01/2024 Chief Executive Officer, Maharashtra Medical Goods Procurement Authority, Mumbai invites tender in two Envelope system from the eligible bidders for the following items for purchase of medicines.

No.	BIQ ID	Name of item(s)	Meeting	download & submission of bid	ыа Оренінд
1	GEM/2024/B/ 4550464	Dental Chair and Dental X-Ray Machine with RVG Unit	At 12.30 PM.	Dt.31-01-2024 at 02.00 PM to Dt.21- 02-2024 Upto 02.00 PM.	Dt. 21-02- 2024 at 02:30 hrs.

For detailed information, the interested bidders may visit the website http://gem.gov.in, The Chief Executive Officer reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity to be purchased and also reserves the right to cancel all the tenders without giving any reason to For e-tendering help/information, please contact.

Website: - http://gem.gov.in Contact No. 022-22621886 / 022-22621973 Email - maha.mmqpa2023@gmail.com

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BIH ID

Signature/-Chief Executive Officer, Maharashtra Medical Goods Procurement Authority, Mumbai

Sops & subsidies will help make home loans more viable: Experts

▶ Continued from P1 MAY Grameen envisages an ad-

ditional two crore houses in the next five years. Some incentive schemes have also been announced for the middle class in urban areas and in slums and unauthorised colonies. Both incentives would be like subsidies and improve the commercials of home loans," said IIFL Home Finance CEO Monu Ratra.

Bank of Maharashtra MD & CEO ASRajeev said the reduction in fiscal deficit is one of the factors supporting lower interest rates. He expects the interest rate cycle to start softening in the second quarter of 2024-25. "There are other factors - inflation, supply chains and the demand-supply situation," said Rajeev.

Aditi Nayar, chief economist at ICRA, said the higher-than-expected capex and lower-than-projected fiscal private investments," she said.

The reduction in fiscal deficit is one of the factors supporting lower interest rates, said the Bank of Maharashtra MD & CEO deficit suggest the quality of expendi-

ture is going to be healthier. "Faster fiscal consolidation and a dip in borrowings will help to cool yields further over the coming year, as long as estimates for revenue and capital receipts appear credible as the year progresses," said Nayar.

Zarin Daruwala, the India head of Stanchart, said theme of the Budget was consistency, where the govt remained focused on fiscal consolidation by speeding up debt reduction and continuing its capex thrust. "Both of these, by way of lower interest rates and crowding-in, will trigger and grow

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Patna Municipal Corporation PR. No. 016486 (B & C) 2023-24

Date & time of Online bid submission

Date of demonstration of Equipment

Date & time of online Technical bid opening

Directorate of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services
Odisha, Mangalabag, Cuttack-753001
Tel.: (0674) 2414629, Website: http://odishaahvs.nic.in. Email: dahvsorissa@gmail.com M-109 NOTICE INVITING BID

Bid Ref. No.01/DAHVS/ Veterinary Care Equipment, Consumables & Ancillaries Date: 01.02.2024

Online Bids through e-Tender portal (https://tendersodisha.gov.in) are invited from eligible bidders for supply of Veterinary Instruments, Equipment. The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, as per the particulars are SI.No. Particulars Date and time Date & time of release of bid 01.02.2024 at 03.00 PM Date & time for submission of queries by 05.02.2024 up to 12.30 PM E-Mail id -aodahvs@gmail.com Date & time of Pre-bid meeting Directorate of AH&VS, Cuttaci link will be shared in the website through online: Meeting

(if required by the Tender Inviting Authority on documents furnished in technical bid. Date of opening of Financial bid MDs, Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites: http://odishaahvs.nic.in and https://tendersodisha.gov.in. he Authority reserves the right to accept / reject any part thereof or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.

Start Date & Time

09.02.2024 at 11.00 AM

02.03.2024 at 11.30 AM

To be informed to those bidders whose bids are

End Date & Time

29.02.2024 at 05.00 PM

Director, AH&VS, Odisha, Cuttacl

OIPR-06014/11/0038/23-24



Government of Maharashtra **Directorate of Primary Education** Maharashtra State

Dr. Annie Bezant Marg, Central Building 1st Floor, Pune -411 001. Email:-depmahatender2022@gmail.com Ph.No:- 020-26125692 No.DPEMS/E-Tender/104/2023-24/ Date: - 01/02/2024

E-Tender Notice

Directorate of Primary Education, Maharashtra State, Pune Invites proposal from reputed and experienced companies to participate in online competitive bidding process of E-Tender for Supply of the Toy Based Pedagogy through Experimental Learning Material and Set of Advanced Language & Mathematics Conceptual Resource Learning Material for Marathi & Urdu Medium Private Aided Schools in the State of Maharashtra.

For the detailed Tender document interested bidders should visit https://mahatender.gov.in E-Tender proposal submission would be online up to Dt.20.02.2024 at 05.00 pm. Place:- Pune (Devidas Kulal) Date :- 01/02/2024

DGIPR 2023-24/7512

Joint Director, Directorate of Primary Education, Maharashtra State, Pune-01



Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

(Short Term Notice)

Sanjay Gandhi Biological Park, Patna EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Expression of interest invited for purchase of license (one-year and two-year) 3Dmovies in 3D-theater of Sanjay Gandhi Biological Park, Patna. The concerned agency/firm dealing in supply of 3D-movies of following categories:-

1. Nature-based documentary or short 3D-movies

2. Jungle Book episodes

The Lion King etc.

The film files shall be Full HD (1920x1080) in mpeg (Left and Right separate) Audio tracks shall be compliant with 5.1 Dolby surround sound system. Interested agencies/firms are required to give presentation, plan and appropriate cost related facts in the office of Director, Sanjay Gandhi Biological Park, Patna. The duration of 3D-movies are desired to be of duration 20 min to 40 min.

The interested agencies/firms will submit Expression of Interest on or before 12-02-2024 upto 12:30 PM in the office of the Director, Sanjay Gandhi Biological Park and subsequently related discussion will be held in the afternoon.

For further details please visit: www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar

PR-016424 (Forest) 2023-24

Director Patna Zoo

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All India Institute of Medical Sciences Vijaypur, Jammu - 184120

TENDER ENQUIRY DOCUMENT (NIT) FOR PROVIDING OUTSOURCING OF SANITATION & HOUSEKEEPING SERVICES TO AIIMS, **VIJAYPUR JAMMU**

Tender Enquiry Document (TED) for providing outsourcing of Sanitation & Housekeeping Services to AIIMS, Vijaypur, Jammu has been published on GeM Portal, GOI on 16th January, 2024. Vide tender Reference No AIIMS/JMU- Hospital/HOUSEKEEPING/ 2024/01 dated 15th January, 2024 and GeM Bid No GEM/2024/B/4490665 dated 16th January, 2024. Bidders/owners interested to provide the services may please download the TED document from GeM Portal, GOI (https://gem.gov.in or website of AIIMS, Jammu (https://www.aiimsjammu.edu.in).

> Deputy Director (Admin) AllMS, Vijaypur, Jammu





(A Govt. of Bihar Undertaking)

Registered Office: Central Mechanical Workshop Campus, Near Airport, Sheikhpura, Patna-800014,

Tel: 0612-2226711/2226723, www.bsrdcl.bih.gov.in, mail- bsrdcltd@gmail.com

Letter No.-BSRDC Ltd-3981/2023-300 NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(Through e-procurement made only- www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in on SBD Basis)

Designation and Address of the Chief General Manager, Bihar State Road Development Corporation Limited, RCD Advertiser:

Date of Issue of Notice Inviting Tender: 3. Period for downloading and uploading of

Mechanical Workshop Campus, Near Patna Airport, Sheikhpura, Patna 800014, Bihar 31.01.2024

Tender Document by bidder (From Website: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in): From 06.02.2024 to 01.03.2024 up to 1500 hours

Date, Time & Place of Pre-Bid meeting:

Last Date & time for uploading Tender Documents by Bidder:

of Original Instrument of EMD:

6. Last date, time and place for submission

Date, time & Place of opening of Technical

15.02.2024 at 11 hours at BSRDCL HQ

02.03.2024 till 1500 hours on www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in 03.03.2024 till 1500 hours at BSRDCL HQ (address as mentioned in S.No.1)

03.03.2024 at 1530 hours, at BSRDCL HQ (address as mentioned in S.No.1) through www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in

Bid No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost/ECV (₹ in Lakh)	Amount of Earnest money (₹in Lakh)	Cost of BOQ + Bid Processing Fee (Non- refundable) (In ₹)	Time of completion of work including monsoon period + Operation and Maintenance
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Construction of Road Over Bridge (ROB) at Level Crossing No-34B2 between Masrakh and Shamkauria Railway Stations on Sheetalpur- Masrakh(SH-73) Road.	5602.07*	66.02	10,000/- + As applicable/-	24 months

on evaluated Technical bids. 10. Date, time & place of opening of Financial Bid: To be announced after evaluation of

9. Standstill Period for receiving clarification 3 days from Declaration of eligible / qualified Bidders

180 days

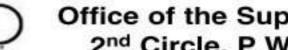
11. Bid Validity:

12. Detailed NIT can be seen on web site state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar or www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in Or https://bsrdcl.bihar.gov.in .

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Chief General Manager Bihar State Road Development Corporation Limited, Patna

Technical Bids (on www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)



Office of the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Circle, P.W.D., Nainital-263002

Phone/Fax :- 05942-235728 / 232030 E-mail: sepwdntl@rediffmail.com

पत्रांक: 439/41M-23-24 Date: - 1/02/2024 National Competitive Bidding (E-Tendering)

Superintending Engineer, 2nd Circle, Public Works Department Nainital on behalf of Governor of Uttarakhand invites e-tender (two bid system). For further details please log on to https://www.uktenders.gov.in from 05.02.2024.

SI. No	Name of Work	Cost of Tender (in Lakh Rs)	Earnest Money (in Lakh Rs)	Validity of tender	Time of Com pletion in month	Contractor's category of Registration
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Improvement and strengthening of Ranibagh - Bhimtal - Khutani - Chanfi - Padampuri - Dhanachuli - Pancheshwar Motor Road (S.H 10) from Km 16.00 to 22.00 and Km 36.00 to Km 60.80 under CRIF (In anticipation of sanction)	5000 + 18% G.S.T.	33.00	120	15	Registered in Class "A" and above in Public Work Department Uttarakhand State in Road work

National Internet Exchange of India B-wing, 9th Floor, Statesman House, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi-110 001

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Letter. No: CBN(Misc.)-05-32/2023

CORRIGENDUM

(PR.NO.011354 (Cabinet)/2023-24, PR.NO.014468 (Cabinet Secretariat)/2023-24 & PR.NO.015571 (Cabinet Secretariat) 2023-24)

CHANGE IN LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF EOI

With reference to our Expression of Interest (EOI) Ref. No.- PR.NO.011354 (Cabinet)/2023-24 published on date 05.11.2023 for Purchasing a brand new Twin Turbine Engine Aircraft.

Due to unavoidable Circumstances:-

We hereby revise last date of submission of Expression of Interest (EOI) to 29.02.2024 at 05:00 PM.

Participants are requested to contact Director, Operation (8757894141).

Alternatively, interested and qualified agencies may send their queries through mail cadbihar@bihar.gov.in.

For detailed notification or further updates, kindly visit the following website; www.state.bihar.gov.in/csd Other terms and conditions of the tender published in PR.NO.011354

(Cabinet)/2023-24 will remain unchanged.

This bears approval of the Add. Chief Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat Department. This information is available on www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar also

> (Nishith Verma) Director, Operation

PR. No. 016501 (CSD) 2023-24

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अखिल भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान, जोधपुर

ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, JODHPUR Basni Phase-II, Jodhpur (Rajasthan) 342005 Ph No: 0291-2740741

04th CONVOCATION

Saturday, 03rd February 2024 at AIIMS, Jodhpur Auditorium, Basni Phase-II, Jodhpur- 342005 Degree will be conferred to MBBS Batches-2016,2017, B.Sc. (Hons.) Nursing Batches- 2017, 2018, 2019, MD/MS/MDS Batches-January & July 2018, 2019 & January 2020, DM/MCh Batches- July 2018, January and July 2019 & January 2020, M.Sc. Medical Batches-2019, 2020, 2021, M.Sc. Nursing batches 2019, 2020, MPH Batches-2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, PhD Batches- July 2017, January & July 2018, July 2019 and MedTech(Masters) Batch-2021.

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Candidates who do not send consent for 4" Convocation shall be deemed to have opted for having the degree conferred 'in absentia'.

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Both Rehearsals are compulsory for the candidates and no exception will be made in this regard.

For more details please visit our website www. aiimsjodhpur.edu.in For any clarification, kindly contact deanacademicsidh@gmail.com

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(Regd. office: Vidyut Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna) GST No.: 10AAFCB2393H1Z1, CIN- U74110BR2012SGC018889 email- civil.dept@bsptcl.bihar.gov.in Contact No: 7763817981, 9264427334 (Department of Civil of BSPTCL)

> NOTICE INVITING TENDER NIT No:- 03 /PR/BSPTCL/2024

(Through e - procurement mode only- www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

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SI. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	E.M.D	Cost of BOQ (Non- refundable)	Completion time	
1.	Construction of IB Guest House at 132/33 KV GSS, Forbesganj.	Rs.53,53,676/-	Rs. 1,07,100/-	Rs. 5,900/-	09(Nine) months	
Bid st	ubmission start date and time:-	From 15:00 Hrs of 16.02.2024 through website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in				
Bid st	ubmission end date and time:-	On 15:	00 Hrs of 12.03.2 www.eproc2.1	-1767-101-101-101-101-101-101-101-101-101-10	bsite	
Date of opening of Technical Part:		After 15	:30 Hrs of 12.03 www.eproc2.1		ebsite	
Date	of opening of price part:	To be notified after Technical Bid Evaluation through website				

Chief Engineer (Civil) **BSPTCL**

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E-tendering introduced in BSPTCL for tenders above Rs. 10 lacs. For registration logon to www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in and e -Procurement Help Desk Toll free no. 1800 572 6571, Email Id: eproc2support@bihar.gov.in

For further details please visit: www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar

PR. No. 016347 (B & C) 2023-24

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Ref. No.

म.प्र. राज्य सहकारी विपणन संघ मर्यादित

जहांगीराबाद, भोपाल

भोपाल, दिनांक: 01.02.2024 निविदा सूचना (तृतीय आमंत्रण)

विपणन संघ द्वारा Contract of rice mill of markfed on "As Is Where Is" basis & establishment of new rice mill of minimum 08 TPH capacity with sortex plant & On Lease Basis for 15 years को लीज पर संचालित करने हेतु वैध निविदाकारों से E-Tender प्रणाली के अन्तर्गत www.mptenders.gov.in पर केवल Online ऑफर 15 वर्ष की लीज के लिए दिनांक 17.02.2024 को शाम 05:30 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा प्रपत्र एवं कार्य के संबंध में अन्य जानकारी एवं अनिवार्य शर्तें निविदाकारों को मध्यप्रदश शासन के ई-निविदा के पोर्टल www.mptenders.gov.in पर प्राप्त होगी एवं विपणन संघ की वेबसाइट www.mpmarkfed.mp.gov.in पर भी अवलोकनीय होगी।

कार्य का नाम

	1842	Contract of Gangeruva Distt. Seoni rice mill of markfed on "As Is Where Is" basis & establishment of new rice mill of minimum 08 TPH capacity with sortex plant & after possibilities of renovation/maintenance/strengthening on existing storage capacity then to create balance new storage capacity by bidder On Lease Basis for 15 years. (3rd Call)
2	1843	Contract of Garra Distt. Balaghat (Old) rice mill of markfed on "As Is Where Is" basis & establishment of new rice mill of minimum 08 TPH capacity with sortex plant & after possibilities of renovation/maintenance/strengthening on existing

Basis for 15 years. (3rd Call) नोट :- आवश्यक होने पर उपरोक्त निविदा सूचना से संबंधित किसी भी प्रकार की सूचना अथवा संशोधन संबंधी जानकारी केवल उपरोक्तानुसार पोर्टल एवं वेबसाइट पर प्रदर्शित की जावेगी।

storage capacity then to create balance new storage capacity by bidder On Lease

म.प्र. माध्यम/113542/2024

मख्य अभियन्ता (सि.)

TENUGHAT VIDYUT NIGAM LIMITED तेनुघाट विद्युत निगम लिमिटेड (A GOVT. OF JHARKHAND UNDERTAKING)

HINOO, DORANDA, RANCHI-834002, JHARKHAND (TEL: 0651-2252160, 2252161, 2252164) CIN U40101JH1987SGC013153

Letter No: A/c-298/23-24 Dated: 31.01.2024 EOI EXTENSION NOTICE Due date for submission of EoI documents against following Expression of Interest is hereby extended till 15th February 2024upto 17:00 hours.

Sl. No.	Previous PR No.	Description	Previous due date and time of EoI	Revised due date of EoI
01.	315295	Tenughat Vidyut Nigam Limited (TVNL) invites Expression of Interest for borrowing term loan from Nationalized/Scheduled Commercial Banks amounting to Rs. 192.50 crore (Rupees One Hundred Ninety Two Crore Fifty Lakhs) only for the work of ground mounted grid connected solar photo voltaic power plant of 50 MW at TTPS Lalpania.		15.02.2024 upto 17:00 hours

All other terms and conditions of EoI shall remain unchanged PR.NO.317546 Tenughat Vidyut Nigam Ltd.(23-24):D

Sd/- (Krishna Kr. Singh) Dy. Director of Accounts

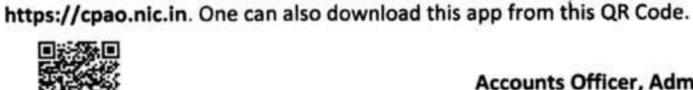
Central Pension Accounting Office (CPAO) Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure Trikoot-II, Bhikaji Cama Place-110066

In order to facilitate pensioners with easy access to pension related services, Central Pension Accounting Office (CPAO) has launched the DIRGHAYU Mobile App for all Central Civil Pensioners/Family Pensioners.

All Central Civil Pensioners /Family Pensioners (except ministries of Railway, Defence, Post and Telegraph)can download it from Google Play store/Apple App store and can register on the DIRGHAYU Mobile APP by providing PPO number, Date of Birth & Date of Retirement (in case of pensioner) and Date of Death (in case of Family pensioner) and can avail following facilities:-

- > View facility for Complete Pensioner Profile along with the details of their Pay and Accounts Offices and the Authorised Bank through which they are getting pension.
- > View and Download Facility of Pension/Revised pension Orders Sent to Banks.
- Tracking status of Pension Processing.
- Facility for obtaining feedback of pensioners. > View the last 24 detailed pension payment transactions alongwith its
- breakup. > Register and keep track of pension facilitation request/application
- regarding his query about pension. > View facility for last updated date of their Life Certificate submitted to the Bank

A link of the app is also available on the official website of the CPAO, i.e.,



Accounts Officer, Admn.(CPAO)

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NEW DELHI, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024/PAUSHA 20, 1945 MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS NOTIFICATION

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY

New Delhi, the 10th January, 2024

S.O.-133(E). In exercise of powers conferred by. sub-section (1:) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four luting etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of State Highway 24 (New NH 07) in the stretch of land from km. 0.000 to km, 20.620 (Spur Bhaniyawala - Jollygrant - Rishikesh) in the district of Dehradun in the State of Uttarakhand; hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section(1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Competent Authority of Land Acquisition (Dehradun) in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections. Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority. SCHEDULE Brief description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling SH-24 (New NH 07) in the stretch of land from Km. 0.000 to km. 20.620 (Spur Bhaniyawala - Jollygrant - Rishikesh) in the district of

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under this notification are available and can be



फाइल नंबर: NHAI/PIU-VSNT-VHR/55011/RKSH-BHNYLA/2021/3A] ABHAY JAIN, Dy. Secy.

Publication Date: 10th January, 2024 https://egazette.gov.in/(S(2a4j43hwp1odmoc0j2lmbzyw))/ViewPDF.aspx

Uttarakhand, NHAI and Landowners may also see the notification there.

Dehradun in the State of Uttarakhand.

District: DEHRADUN

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Vz&fk=bm90aWZpY2F0aW9uX2lk&fkid=NjU0NjY=&EncHid=1276779319&type_id =1 Note: The Physical copy of this notification is also available at the office of Special Land Acquisition Officer, Dehradun / Project Implementation Unit- Vasant Vihar (Dehradun), NHAI / Regional Officer -

Tender Notice

Dy.CSTE/C/PS/NDLS, Northern Railway, New Delhi for and on behalf of the President of India invites open e-tender (Single Packet System) for the

Name of work & Place: S and T work in connection with provision of construction of New Bridge over Yamuna River in place of old Yamuna Bridge No 249 between

Delhi Shahdara and Delhi Mains of DLI division of NR

2 Completion period: 60 Days from the date of issue of LOA

पत्रांक :- 32/प्र0अधि0/लि0वे0मै0/2023-24

Akshar vihar Park, Bareilly

Opening of Tender

be published in any News Paper."

Operation and maintenance of Prefabri-

based wastewater treatment plant hav-

RFP Downloading Start date

RFP Downloading End Date

Packaged/Portable container

Name of Service

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Tender

No.

23/2024

24/2024

25/202

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3 Approx. cost: Rs. 1.39 Cr. approx. Earnest Money amount: Rs.2,19,700/- (Rs. Two Lakh Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred Only)

Sale/availability of tender document on Rly. Website: Tender documents will be available on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 05.02.2024 to 26.02.2024 upto 11.30 hrs.

6 Last date/Time of upload of tenders: Tender documents can be uploaded by the tenderer on IREPS website from 12.02.2024 to 26.02.2024 upto 11.30 hours.

Date of opening of tender: Tender will be opened on 26.02.2024 at 11.30 hours. No.: 570-Sig-PS-Tender-130 Date.: 01.02.2024 345/2024

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कार्यालय नगर निगम बरेली।

ई-निविदा सूचना

Agencies/Organization for the work of Operation and Maintenance of Operation and

maintenance of Prefabricated Packaged /Portable container based wastewater treat

ing capacity of 25 KLD for three years at Branch: Patel Chowk Bareilly, IFSC Code

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

दक्षिणांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि0

ऊर्जा भवन, 220 के0वी उपसंस्थान

बाई पास रोड, सिकन्दरा, आगरा-282007

DAKSHINANCHAL VIDYUT VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED

(UNDERTAKING OF U.P. GOVERNMENT)

(CIN: U31200UP2003SGC027460)

e-Tender Notice (NIT)

Estimated Earnest

Cost in Rs. Money in

(Lac)

Approx. Rs.

65.00 Lac

Approx. Rs.

1000 KVA) Urban Area District at 50.00 Lac 25,000.00 (GST Extra) 16:00 Hrs.

25.00 Lac

10.00 Lac

Approx. Rs.

Approx. Rs.

60.00 Lac

Vehicle at Various Workshop Under 172.80 Lac 90,000.00 (GST Extra) 16:00 Hrs.

Vehicle at Various Workshop Under 177,60 Lac 90,000.00 (GST Extra) 16:00 Hrs.

Other Terms & Conditions have been given in detailed tender for which please visit at

eprocurement portal of UP Government https://etender.up.nic.in or contact us at given

address as follows:

"सुनहरा भविष्य बनायें, राष्ट्रहित में बिजली बचाएं"

पत्रांक संख्या:- 238 / अधी0 अभि0 (कार्यशाला0) द0वि0वि0िन0िल0 / निविदा सचना

Distribution Transformer (10/16 Approx. Rs.

Short Description

For Replacement of Damage

KVA to 1000 KVA) Urban Area

District at Various Workshop Under

For Replacement of Damage

Distribution Transformer (10/16 KVA to 1000 KVA) Urban Area

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For Replacement of Damage 27/2024 Distribution Transformer (10/16 KVA to Approx. Rs.

Various Workshop Under EWD, Banda.

Various Workshop Under EWC, Agra

Workshop under EWC, Agra

Hamirpur under EWD, Banda

Mathura under EWD, Agra

EWD, Agra.

EWD, Aligarh.

EWD, Kanpur.

EWD, Jhansi.

EWD, Banda.

Manpower at institutes under MLDB.

28/2024 For AMC of Fire Extinguishers at Approx. Rs.

29/2024 For Cleaning Work of Variuos Approx. Rs.

30/2024 For Supply of Stationary at Various Approx. Rs.

For Repairing of 10/16 KVA to 400 KVA Transformer at Workshop

For Repairing of 10/16 KVA to 1000

KVA Transformer at Workshop

For Replacement of 48 Hours Small

Urja Bhawan, 220 KV Sub-Station, Bye Pass Road,

Sikandra, Agra-282007 (UP)Ph. No. 9068944455

37/2024 Power (10/16 KVA to 100 KVA TF) Approx. Rs.

36/2024 Power (10/16 KVA to 100 KVA TF) Approx. Rs.

35/2024 Power (10/16 KVA to 100 KVA TF) Approx. Rs.

34/2024 Power (10/16 KVA to 100 KVA TF) Approx. Rs.

33/2024 Power (10/16 KVA to 100 KVA TF) Approx. Rs.

Vehicle at Various Workshop Under 288.00 Lac

Vehicle at Various Workshop Under 254,40 Lac

Vehicle at Various Workshop Under 254.40 Lac

Office & Workshop Under EWC, Agra 20.00 Lac

26/2024 Distribution Transformer (10/16 KVA to 1000 KVA) Urban Area

EWD, Agra.

EWD, Aligarh.

EWD, Kanpur.

EWD, Jhansi.

PUNB0364700

ment plant having capacity of 25 KLD for three years at Akshar vihar Park, Bareilly.

Municipal Corporation Bareilly is conducting e-tender for inviting from NGO

After long dry spell, first snowfall in Mussoorie & Nainital

Mussoorie/Nainital/Pithoragarh/Dehradun: After a prostarted in the two popular hill towns of Mussoorie and Nainiing smiles to the faces of tourists. By Thursday morning,

दिनांक :- 01 फरवरी 2024

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D.V.V.N.L. AGRA

Superintending Engineer (Workshop)

Date & Time for

25,000.00 (GST Extra) 16:00 Hrs.

10,000.00 (GST Extra) 16:00 Hrs.

20,000.00 (GST Extra) 16:00 Hrs.

60,000.00 (GST Extra) 16:00 Hrs.

40.00 Lac 40.000.00 (GST Extra) 16:00 Hrs.

40,000.00 (GST Extra) 16:00 Hrs.

Tender Fee

in Rs.

55.00 Lac 30,000.00 (GST Extra) 16:00 Hrs.

50.00 Lac 25,000.00 (GST Extra) 16:00 Hrs.

35.00 Lac 20,000.00 (GST Extra) 16:00 Hrs.

Tender

Opening

Date &

Earnest money deposit (Rs.)

EMD & Tender Fee shall be submitted

online in the Account No.: 3647000100980707

Name of Bank: Punjab National Bank

02.02.2024 Time 04.00 PM

12.02.2024 Time 03.00 PM

12.02.2024 Time 05.00 PM

प्रभारी अधिकारी (लिक्यूड वेस्ट मैनेजमेंट)

नगर निगम, बरेली।

were covered with a white layer. an official said. Munsyari in the upper reaches ceived the first snowfall of the season. Khaliya Top, Betuli tal in the intervening night of Dhar, Kalamuni, all near Mun-Wednesday and Thursday, bring- syari, received 3 to 6 inches of snow while Panchachuli, Milam, Rajrambha, Gunji and Kuti many places in the two towns got over a foot of the white layer,

Notably, higher reaches of longed dry spell, light snowfall of Kumaon Himalayas also re- Mussoorie such as Lal Tibba received about 2 inches of snow on Thursday. It snowed intermittently during the day and there was about an inch or so of snow

> and nearby areas". "Bitter cold and overcast con- er parts of the town. TNN

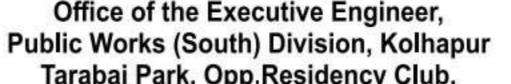
Office of the Executive Engineer,

on the ground "in the Mall road

ditions indicate there might be more snowfall at night which would help in increasing tourist influx to the town," said Manay Vaish, a local hotelier.

In Nainital, it started snowing in China Peak, the highest point of the hill town on Thursday, and continued to rain in oth-

महाराष्ट्र शास



Tarabai Park, Opp.Residency Club, Kolhapur - 416 003 Outward No. AB/G-34/ 512/2024 Phone No. 0231-2650042, Fax -0231-2650140 Date: 25/01/2024. E-mail:- southkolhapur.ee@mahapwd.gov.ir

सा.वा. विभाग शासन निर्णय क्र. सीएटी 2017/ प्र.क. 8/ इमारती-2, दि. 12 एप्रिल, 2017

E - TENDER NOTICE NO. - 79 for 2023-24

Executive Engineer, P. W. (South) Division, Kolhapur, on behalf of Public Works Department., Govt of Maharashtra, invites offers from the contractors fulfilling the eligibility criteria mentioned in the Tender Document for the following works on e-tender platform The tender forms (B-1Type) can be downloaded from Govt. of Maharashtra, website http://mahatenders.gov.in The Executive Engineer, P.W. (South) Division, Kolhapur reserves right to accept or reject any offer. Any Conditional offers will not be accepted.

Sr. No	Name Of Works	From of Tender	Estimated cost. Rs. in lakhs.	Earnest Money Rs. Rs.		for Complation	Class of contractor (PWD Registration)
1.	Construction of 50 Bedded Sub District Hospital at Ajara, Taluka-Ajara, Dist. Kolhapur	B-1	1216.55	6,08,000/-	6000/-	24 Months	PWD Registration Not Required

			lakhs.	, , , ,	Fee Rs.	Completion	Registration)
1.	Construction of 50 Bedded Sub District Hospital at Ajara, Taluka-Ajara, Dist. Kolhapur		1216.55	6,08,000/-	6000/-	24 Months	PWD Registration Not Required
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Pe	riod of download of Tenders	1	from :- d	t 02/02/2024	4 to 16/0	2/2024 at 17	7.55 pm.
Prebid Conference (On line)			In the office of the Chief Engineer, P.W. Region, Pune on 06/02/2024 at 12.00 Hrs. (Online)				

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Prebid Conference (On line)	In the office of the Chief Engineer, P.W. Region Pune on 06/02/2024 at 12.00 Hrs. (Online)		
Bid Submission Closing Date of Tenders	Date :- 16/02/2024 at 17.55 hrs.		
Submssion of Hard Copy (Office Addresses) as on dt 20/02/2024 at 10.00 am	Bid Submission Closin 1. Superintending Eng Kolhapur. 2. Executive Engineer Kolhapur,	places within 72 Hrs. after ng at office of the gineer, Public Works Circle, r, Public Work Division, , Public Work (South) Division	
Place, Time and Date of Bid Opening Date (if possible.).	Date :- 20/02/2024	Executive Engineer, Public Work (South) Division Kolhapur. at 10.05 Hrs (Online)	

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 notice board of Executive Engineer, P.W. (South) Division, Kolhapur.

DGIPR 2023-2024/7524

(P. R. Jadhav), Executive Engineer, Public Works (South) Division, Kolhapur

If possible.

Cabinet extends by 2 yrs sugar subsidy for 1.9cr poor families

New Delhi: The Cabinet on Thursday approved a two-year extension till March 2026 for Antvodya Anna Yojna (AAY) families distributed through the Public Distribution Scheme (PDS).

With this, the govt will continue to give subsidy of Rs18.5 per kg per month of sugar to AAY families of participating states.

The scheme is expected to benefit about 1.89 crore AAY families. "The approval is expected to extend benefits of more than Rs 1,850 crore during period of 15th Finance Commission (2020-21 to 2025-26)," govt said.

It added that while Centre is providing free ration under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojna, the measures have been supplemented with the sale of 'Bharat Atta', 'Bharat Dal', tomatoes and onions at affordable prices through govt-backed cooperatives.

So far, about 3 lakh tonnes of Bharat Dal and about 2.4 lakh tonne of Bharat Atta have been sold to benefit consumers.

In Manipur, skeletal remains of youth missing since May 2023 found

Imphal: Skeletal remains of a 19-year-old youth, who went missing and was presumed to be killed last May, when ethnic clashes broke out in Manipur, were found in a village in Chandel district, bordering Myanmar, on Wednesday, reports K Sarojkumar Sharma.

The family of the victim, Ngangom Nevy of Sugnu Awang Leikai in the valley district of Kakching, had filed a missing complaint at Sugnu police station on May 31, 2023. On June 28, the bereaved family, assuming the youth was dead, had performed his last rites.

On Tuesday, a video of Ngangom's killing went viral on social media, after which Kakching police carried out a massive search operation, and found his skeletal remains near a primary school at Sokom village on Wednesday afternoon.

Coal mine accident due to fire and methane gas explosion: Nagaland govt

Dimapur: A fire and explosion of methane gas caused the accident in a rat-hole mine in Ruchayan village of Wokha district in Nagaland on Jan 25, leading to the death of six labourers and injuries to five others, the Nagaland geology and mining department said on Thursday, reports Bhadra Gogoi.

Kenyelo Rengma, director of the department, said that the fire and methane gas explosion could have occurred due to a frictional spark when a portable handheld drilling machine was used by the miners. A team of officials from the department visited the site to assess the cause of the accident, Rengma stated.

On inspection and as per records, the accident site was an illegal rat-hole coal mine measuring 4 feet by 4.5 feet, Rengma said.





Patna Municipal Corporation NIT No. 10/CME/PMC/2024 SHORT TENDER

Patna Municipal Corporation invites online bids through www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in for following works from the bidders fulfilling eligibility criteria's.

SL. No.	Name of Work	Cost of Tender (Non-Refundable) (Paid Through www.eproc2.bihar.gov. in)	EMD (Paid Through www.eproc2.bihar.gov. ir
1	RFP for Selection of agency for Supply, commissioning and comprehensive maintenance of 12 Nos. Mobile water purification ATM with Iron, Arsenic & Bacteriological treatment Unit fitted on Tata YODHA pick up van (four-wheeler) or similar vehicle of reputed manufacturer. Treated water tank should be of capacity 1000 lit., made of SS304 with water, dispensing system and water quality analysis equipment of standard quality and treatment capacity 1000 lit/hr. with 5 years comprehensive maintenance of the units to Patna Municipal Corporation.	Rs. 10,000/-	Rs.10,00,000/-

In case of Bank Guarantee, EMD shall be payable in favour of "Municipal Commissioner, Patna Municipal Corporation" payable at Patna.

Start of online bid/downloading of biddocuments : From 08.02.2024(15:00 Hrs.) Pre-bid Meeting : 12.02.2024 at 16:00 Hrs.(As per RFP) Last date of Online Bid Submission : 27.02.2024 till 16:00 Hrs.

The preferred Company/ agency would be selectedthrough a single-stage two-part competitive bidding process based on evaluation of technical proposal and financial proposal. The bidders are expected to submit their proposal in accordance with the instruction provided in the RFP. Detailed Request for Proposal (RFP) incorporating instructions for submission of bid and other relevant information's will be available on www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in and www.pmc.bihar.gov.in from bid

: 28.02.2024 at 16:00 Hrs.

Amendment/Corrigendum/ any information to NIT, if any would be published on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in only.

Patna Municipal Corporation

Technical Bid Opening date

MauryaLok Complex, Buddha Marg, Patna, Bihar, 800 001

Email id-pmcprda@gmail.com/cmepmcprda01@gmail.com

W:www.pmc.bihar.gov.in

M:+919199619166

PR. No. 016484 (B & C) 2023-24

This information is available on www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar also

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Chief Municipal Engineer नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार। Patna Municipal Corporation

Govt. 👫 of Bihar

Patna Municipal Corporation NIT No. 09/CME/PMC/2024

SHORT TENDER

Patna Municipal Corporation invites online bids through www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in for following works from the bidders fulfilling eligibility criteria's.

SL. No.	Name of Work	Cost of Tender (Non-Refundable) (Paid Through www.eproc2.bihar.gov. in)	EMD (Paid Through www.eproc2.bihar.gov. in)
1	RFP forSelectionof agency for installation of "20 Toilet on wheels" with 5 years maintenance to Patna Municipal Corporation.	Rs. 10,000/-	Rs.10,00,000/-

In case of Bank Guarantee, EMD shall be payable in favour of "Municipal Commissioner, Patna Municipal Corporation" payable at Patna.

Key Dates:

Start of online bid/downloading of biddocuments: From 07.02.2024(10:00 Hrs.) Pre-bid Meeting : 09.02.2024 at 16:00 Hrs.(As per RFP)

Last date of Online Bid Submission Technical Bid Opening date

: 28.02.2024 till 15:00 Hrs. : 28.02.2024 at 16:00 Hrs. The preferred Company/ agency would be selectedthrough a single-stage two-part competitive bidding process based on evaluation of technical proposal and financial proposal. The bidders are expected to submit their proposal in accordance with the instruction provided in the RFP. Detailed Request for Proposal (RFP) incorporating instructions for submission of bid and other relevant

information's will be available on www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in and www.pmc.bihar.gov.in from bid Amendment/Corrigendum/ any information to NIT, if any would be published on website

www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in only. Patna Municipal Corporation

MauryaLok Complex,

Buddha Marg, Patna, Bihar, 800 001 W:www.pmc.bihar.gov.in

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PR. No. 016485 (B & C) 2023-24

Chief Municipal Engineer Patna Municipal Corporation

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Tender No. MLDB/Tech-1/Contr.Manpower/474 /2024, Nagpur, Dated: 29.01.2024 Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Maharashtra Livestock Development Board, Nagpur

Contact No. 0712-2999936

e-mail ID: ceomldbnagpur@gmail.com

Notice for e-tender for supply of Contractual Manpower Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Maharashtra Livestock Development Board, Nagpur, invites e-tender from the registered manpower suppliers to supply Contractual

The tender form along with terms and conditions can be downloaded & the tender can be prepared & submitted online from 30.01.2024 (11.05Hrs) to 20.02.2024 (17.00Hrs.) on the Govt. of Maharashtra e-tendering portal https://mahatenders. gov.in

Sd/-Chief Executive Officer

Nagpur DGIPR/2023-2024/7530

Maharashtra Livestock Development Board

NORTHERN RAILWAY 7/--Azadi _{Ka} Amrit Mahotsav TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of the President of India, the Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer (Train Set), Northern Railway, Charbagh Workshop, Lucknow invites following e-tender from reputed firms for works as given below:-

Tender No. W-CB-19-BufferCoupler-24 Provision of fitment/stripping of Buffer & Stripping of Schaku Coupler in of work DEMU/MEMU Coaches as per scope of work for two years. Estimated Cost of Work ₹30,44,400/- Cost of Tender form Earnest Money/Bid Security | ₹60,900/- Only | Period of Contract | 24 Months

From 09.02.2024 to 23.02.2024 upto 15:00 hrs. Submission of Tender Date & Time for Opening of Tender | After 15:15 hrs. on 23.02.2024

 The tender form may be submitted on the website www.ireps.gov.in from 09.02.2024 to 23.02.2024 (upto 15:00 hrs.) . Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, any such manual offer received shall be ignored. • Contractors are allowed to make payment against this tender towards tender document cost and Earnest Money/Bid Security only cash through e-payment gateway or submitted as Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India or as mentioned in tender documents. • The tender will be opened on specified date and time as above. In case the above date is a holiday the tender opening would be conducted at the same times on the next working day. • No post tender correspondence for submission of additional documents shall be entertained after opening of the technical & commercial offers. Even suo-moto post letter of the tender shall be treated as

Tender Notice No.: NR/CB/Workshop/February/BufferCoupler/2024 Date: 01.02.2024 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C. Where as complaint has been made before me that accused (1) Sanjesh

Kumar S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar (2) Raki Divi W/o Sh. Sanjesh Kumar, all R/o-S-2/74, Old Mahavir Nagar, New Delhi has committed (or suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide FIR No. 280/2014 U/s 420/468/471IPC & 12 PP Act r/w 14 Foreigners Act P.S. IGI Airport, New Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused Sanjesh Kumar and Raki Divi can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Sanjesh Kumar and Raki Divi has absconded (or is concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Sanjesh Kumar and Raki Divi of case FIR No. 280/2014 U/s 420/468/471IPC & 12 PP Act r/w 14 Foreigners Act P.S. IGI Airport, New Delhi is required to appear before this court (or before me) to answer the complaint on or before the day of 04.03.2024.

DP/1279/IGIA/2024 (Court Matter)

By Order, Sh. Abhishek Kumar Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate-01 Patiala House Court, New Delhi

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Poor weather derails plans to shift Jharkhand MLAs to Hyd

43 Coalition MLAs In Ranchi Now, 4 Absent

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¬arlier, Champai sent a → letter to the governor asserting his support from 47 MLAs and seeking two meeting slots at 3pm and 5.30pm. Raj Bhavan summoned the Champai-led fivemember delegation in the evening, and the governor is said to have informed them that he awaits legal and constitutional opinions on the matter and will communicate his decision Friday.

"We informed the governor that we have the numbers and there is no point in delaying the govt formation if constitutional norms are to be followed," Champai said.



JMM MLAs, including Hemant Soren's brother Basant Soren (second from right), onboard a flight to Hyderabad from Ranchi on Thursday. The aircraft was delayed due to adverse weather conditions, forcing the leaders to disembark and return to the circuit house

The delay in forming a new govt prompted a plan by the coalition to relocate the majority of its 47 MLAs to Hyderabad to thwart potential poaching attempts by BJP. But it was delayed due to adverse weather conditions and the MLAs. who had boarded a chartered flight, had to disembark and return to Circuit House in Ranchi Thursday evening.

Currently, the effective strength is 80 in the 82-member assembly, with the majority threshold at 41. BJP has 28 MLAs. Despite having a total strength of 48 MLAs, including Hemant, Champai claimed the support of 47 lawmakers. Only 43 MLAs are in Ranchi, with four absentees, including JMM's Sita Soren, Lobin Hembrom, Chamra Linda, and

Ramdas Soren. State Congress president Rajesh Thakur explained: "Ramdas-ji underwent a kidney transplant, while two lawmakers have personal engagements like marriages at home."

Talks of relocating the MLAs began Thursday morning after a bus was spotted outside Circuit House, where 43 lawmakers were stationed overnight. State Congress chief Thakur said: "We have been waiting to hear from Raj Bhavan since morning for an invitation to form the govt."

The move echoes a similar action taken two years ago when the Hemant Soren-led govt moved its MLAs to Raipur in Congress-governed Chhattisgarh amid fears of horse-trading bids. The decision followed the arrest of three Congress MLAs with Rs 49 lakh in cash and EC's hearing of an office-of-profit case against the CM.

Soren sent to judicial custody till Feb 13 in land scam case

Ranchi: Former Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren was remanded in judicial custody on Thursday till Feb 13 in the land scam case, but the PMLA (Prevention of Money Laundering Act) court said it would hear on Friday ED's plea to secure 10-day custody of Soren, reports Sanjay Sahay.

During the hearing, assistant solicitor general Anil Kumar requested 10 days' ED remand for interrogation.

ED claimed Soren knows the Ranchi land scam accused and former Bargai circle inspector Bhanu Pratap Prasad, who is incarcerated in Birsa Munda Central Jail. ED accused Soren of concealing land records and illegally declaring the properties acquired as clean. Custody was needed to confront the accused with available evidence, it added.

Representing Soren, advocate general Rajiv Ranjan opposed ED's request for custody, arguing that ED has not produced any document to allegations support its against Soren.

said of Champai in Jilinggora, 22km from Jamshedpur. Bhagat echoed the swelling tide of expectations in the village, in Seraikela-Kharsawan district, about better amenities once local JMM MLA Champai takes over as CM after the arrest of Hemant Soren.

Champai waits

for CM's chair,

his village for

better days

Jilinggora (Seraikela): Idli

vendor Shambhu Bhagat has

long served Champai Soren's

family in this Jharkhand vil-

lage. On Thursday, Bhagat and

scores of others were relishing the thought of the changes

that the putative CM could

bring to their nondescript

of the poor as he has done a lot

for them," an elated Bhagat, 58,

"He is a true representative

hamlet, reports B Sridhar.

Champai's relatives are camping in Ranchi for the oath ceremony. "Let us see when the governor invites 'Dada (Champai)' to form the govt," said Pradip Padi, an aide of Champai.

Struggle in my blood, will fight on: Soren in pre-arrest message

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Ranchi: Hemant Soren recorded and released a video message minutes before his arrest by ED in a land scam case late Wednesday, terming the action "only a pause in the struggle called life" and vowing to "fight on". The former Jharkhand CM quoted Hindi poet Shiv Mangal Singh Suman to articulate his resolve to keep fighting against the "oppression" by the Narendra Modi govt through central agencies.

"Yah ek veeram hai, jeevan mahasangram hai, har pal lada hoon, har pal ladunga, par samjhaute ki bheekh main loonga nahi (This is only a pause in the struggle called life, have fought each moment and will fight on. But will never beg for compromise... I will not accept defeat. Jai Jharkhand!)," the JMM leader said in his message.

According to Soren, "feudal powers" unable to tolerate a tribal CM are working against him. "Under a conspiracy, ED is going to arrest me. They spent the entire day in the name of questioning and accused me of owning a plot of land that cannot be sold or purchased as it is a bhuinhari (plot owned by tribal priest family) plot and took me into custody when courts have closed for the day."

Soren stressed that being the son of tribal activist and JMM patriarch Shi-



JMM workers protest outside a PMLA court. where former Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren was produced by ED officials, in Ranchi on Thursday

bu Soren, "struggle was in his blood".

Meanwhile, a bandh called by several tribal organisations was called off on Thursday after an appeal from JMM leadership. JMM workers stayed off the streets in Ranchi.

> (Inputs from Dhritiman Ray & Sanjay Sahay in Ranchi)

	PARTY CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY.	NOTICE - GT10/2023-24Date:02	
S.No	Tender Ref. No.	Tender Description	Due Date
01	TIFR/PD/GT/ CA23-09/ 23-24/M/09	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of High performance Liquid Chromatography(HPLC) System with UV detector for TIFR Hyderabad	05-03-2024

Can a CM be arrested in such a manner, asks Sibal in SC

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New Delhi: In his petition to Supreme Court, Jharkhand ex-CM Hemant Soren said on Thursday that the Centre started a witch-hunt against him after JMM-Congress alliance had defeated BJP in 2019 assembly elections. CJI ordinarily refuses

oral requests for listing, especially when he is heading a Constitution bench. At present, he is leading a sevenjudge bench hearing the contentious issue relating to determination of Aligarh Muslim University's denominational status. However, given the unprecedented nature of the case — arrest of a CM within an hour of his resignation — CJI Chandrachud agreed to delay sitting of the 7-judge bench and assembled a three-judge bench to hear senior advocates Kapil Sibal and A M Singhvi, who represented Soren.

Soren's petition is listed before a special bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna, M M Sundresh and Bela M Triv-



Given the unprecedented nature of the case, the CJI delayed the sitting of a 7-judge bench and assembled a 3-judge bench to hear Soren's counsels on Thursday. Soren's plea will be heard on Friday at 10.30 am

edi at 10.30 am on Friday.

Both Sibal and Singhvi argued that misuse of central agencies to hound political opponents and opposition leaders vitiated the polity of the country, and had a deleterious impact when the general elections were round the corner. "Can a CM be arrested in such a manner," Sibal asked SC.

Solicitor general Tushar Mehta and ASG S V Raju pointed out that an identical petition was filed by Soren on Wednesday in Jharkhand HC, which had listed it for hearing on Thursday. Sibal said he had advised his client to withdraw the petition from HC. "The Supreme Court should decide this sensitive issue which has national ramifications," Sibal said.

Soren was arrested at 10pm on Wednesday night by ED, within an hour of his resignation from CM's post, even after his counsel Pragya Baghel wrote an email at 9 pm to ED and its assistant director Deovrat Jha, who effected the arrest, to await the outcome of Soren's petition, listed for hearing before SC on Thursday.

PMLA, ED claimed Soren illegally acquired adjacently located 12 landed properties measuring over 8.5 acres and that it recovered Rs 36 lakh from his residences. Terming ED's investiga-

In its arrest memo under

tion as a "fishing and roving inquiry", Soren sought quashing of summons issued by the agency on Jan 22 and 25 and his subsequent arrest.

Cong slams BJP, says it's treating J'khand, C'garh as land banks

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New Delhi: Congress accused BJP of plotting against the tribals and their political power, and treating states like Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh as land banks. as it slammed the use of probe agencies to

"force" ex-Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren to resign and alleged delay in swearing in his replacement in Ranchi, reminding that

Nitish Kumar was sworn in within two minutes in Bihar four days ago. The party said Soren would have been a clean man for BJP if he had joined the NDA.

Congress MP and senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi asked if the Jharkhand governor is waiting for directions from the PM and home minister on the next step, pointing out that the delay comes despite a comfortable majority with the

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कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय

स्थानीय क्षेत्र अभियंत्रण संगठन, कार्य प्रमंडल- 02, झंझारपुर

निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या - 05(SBD)/2023-24

(केवल ई-टेन्डर पद्धति के अनुसार वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)

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ruling alliance comprising JMM, Congress and RJD.

"Or, are you waiting to get MLAs, by hook or by crook, to change sides through inducements and horse trading. That's your vision of 'amrit kaal'. Or, are you waiting to impose President's Rule to remove a democratically-elect-

govt. raises fundamental issues," he said. Party MP Saptgiri

Ulaka, who is a tribal

from Odisha, said the real dispute is about the "jal, jungle, zameen" of tribals. Ulaka, who addressed a press conference with Singhvi, said BJP's actions reveal a mindset to denigrate the tribals and remove them from power.

Singhvi said there is no sign of appointment of new CM despite the passage of more than 24 hours, while "Paltu ram", who crossed over to the BJP camp, became the CM in no time.

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https://www.tifrh.res.in/index.php/commercial-tenders.j RAIL COACH FACTORY, **KAPURTHALA** On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

S. Tender No. Description Quantity No. and Due Date (Nos./Sets) 16231210 MIG/MAG Air Cooled Welding 69,940 Nos. 23.02.2024 Torch 350 AMP 17221168F | Set of Spare Interior Fittings for 07.03.2024 LHB AC Economy Coaches Set Set of FRP Side Wall Panels 17231560 25 1,75,750 19.02.2024 for LHB AC Hot Buffet Coache Set 25 Set of FRP Ceiling Sheet Assemblies for Set LHB AC Hot Buffet Coaches 17241037 Set of Seats & Berths with M.S. 24 76,990/ 22.02.2024 Corrugated Sheet for LHB AC Hot Buffet Coaches Compreg Plywood (03 Types) 1465 Nos. 3,95,080 14241014 23.02.2024 3996 Nos 2493 Nos 1,15,850 14231227A Fire Retardant Rubber Based 1275 21.02.2024 Adhesive 12241009A Aluminium Floor Skirting Plate fo 1799 51,970/ Nos. 29.02.2024 MEMU/3PH Length 3.7 Meters 01241026 Centring Disc. 17000 2,80,840/ 29.02.2024 01241025 | Set of Lever for MEMU Bogies 227 1,57,500 26.02.2024 02241052 Cable Marking System 781 1,41,410/ Set 23.02.2024

1. For details and making on-line bids, visit website http://ireps.gov.in. Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF website http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in. Class III-b digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at http://www.cce.gov.in. 2. Tenders will close at 14.25 Hrs. on due date and tenders will be opened at 14.30 hrs. Tender at Sl. No. 1 to 7 will be opened at RCF Kapurthala and Sl. No. 8 to 11 will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi. 3. For gueries, contact IREPS Helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23378658. Note: GST Number of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers

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11. 02231011A CCTV Surveillance System

26.02.2024 with Networking System for

3 Phase MEMU

are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them.

CORRIGENDUM Tenderers may please note the following changes in 1. Tender

No. 02231462 for PA System, Due Date to be read as 08.02.2024 instead of 25.01.2024. **2.** Tender No. 13235423 for procurement of EOT Crane Cap. 20 Ton as per Spec. No. Mech/M&P/3800/03 Rev. 03, Due Date to be read as 08.02.2024 instead of 29.01.2024. 3. Tender No. 13235109A for procurement of EOT Crane Cap. 10 T as per Spec. No. Mech/M&P/3700/GM/07 Rev. 04, Due Date to be read as 08.02.2024 instead of 29.01.2024. 4. Tender No. 14231255, Due Date to be read as 12.02.2024 instead of 31.01.2024. 5. Tender No. 12231399 for procurement of Non AC Area Ceiling Arrgt. for LHB AC 3 Tier Coaches, Due Date to be read as 08.02.2024 instead of 29.01.2024. 6. Tender No. 17231475A for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Automatic Smoke/Fire Detection with Alarm System on Retro Fitment basis in existing 3 Phase EMU/MEMU Rakes over Indian Railways, Due Date to be read as 15.02.2024 instead of 31.01.2024. 7. Tender No. 14231266 (i) Due Date to be read as 08.02.2024 instead of 29.01.2024. (ii) Eligibility Criteria has been revised. 8. Tender No. 13235365 for Design, Supply, Manufacture, Installation, Commissioning and Prove Out of Direct Part Marking Machine (i) Due Date to be read as 15.02.2024 instead of 05.02.2024. (ii) Pre Bid Conference to be read as 31.01.2024 11:00 AM instead of 'No'. All other terms & conditions will remain the same.

R.O. No. 150-S/2023-24

Dated 01.02.2024

Welfare of tribals not oppn's concern: BJP

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Citing several measures taken by the Narendra Modi govt for empowerment of the tribal community, BJP on Thursday rejected the allegation that ED action against JMM leader Hemant Soren was "anti tribal" as it asserted that be it Soren or other opposition parties, their concern was not about the welfare of tribals, but plunder of public money.

At a press conference, senior

BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad said BJP is committed to the welfare of the tribal community



for the community, besides the celebrations that have been initiated to celebrate tribal icon Birsa Munda's anniversary as "Adivasi Samman Diwas".

"Hemant Soren is completely immersed in corruption. They took over Army land by making fake documents. After the arrest of Hemant Soren, the allegations being made against the govt by his supporters are completely baseless," Prasad said.

The former Union minister said that the Modi govt has played a big role bringing to the fore contributions of the tribal society by establishing the Birsa Munda Museum.



Ref No:- BSCL/2023-24/4136

Smart City

License Fee Basis

BAREILLY (UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA)



Date: - 01/02/2024

Bareilly Smart City Limited, Bareilly invites e-tender for the following projects:-

RFP **EMD** Work Bid Tender Project Name Completion Cost Fees Start Amount Period Date Request for Proposal for Selection of Agency for Rs. 5,900/ 02.02.24 24,000.00 10 Years Operation and maintenance services of Multi Invited 11:00 AM Media Laser Fountain Show at Akshar Vihar in Bareilly for 10 (Ten) years on Yearly License Fee Basis. 10 Years 3,35,000.00 Rs. 11,800/ 02.02.24 Request for Proposal for selection of Agency for Operation and Maintenance services of Mirror 11:00 AM Maze, Musical Fountain, Café vending zone and MLCP in Gandhi Udhyan, Bareilly for 10 (Ten) years on Yearly License Fee Basis. Request for proposal for selection of Agency for 1,90,000.00 Rs. 11,800/ 02.02.24 3 Years Operation, Maintenance & parking management Invited 11:00 AM services of MLCP parking at Ghantaghar in Bareilly for three years on yearly License Fee 4,25,000.00 Rs. 11.800/ 02.02.24 Request for Proposal for selection of Agency for 15 Years Operation & Maintenance & comprehensive man-11:00 AM agement services of Multi Level Car Parking, 16 Food Kiosks, Canteen Space, Recreational Facilities & Other Infrastructure at Sanjay Community Pond Complex in Bareilly for 15 (Fifteen) years on Yearly License Fee Basis 3,00,000.00 Rs. 11,800/-Request for Proposal for selection of Agency for 15 Years 02.02.24 Operation & Maintenance & comprehensive man-11:00 AM agement services of Multi Level Car Parking (33 car spaces) and Food Court Complex at DD-Puram in Bareilly for 15 (Fifteen) years on Yearly

- Detailed NIT and Bid Document shall be available on: https://etender.up.nic.in and http://www.bareillysmartcity.in
- Tender call notice in two Bid systems (Part-I: General & Technical Bid and Part-II: financial Bid/Price Bid/BOQ) from intending bidders fulfilling the eligibility criteria mentioned in this Notice and other qualifying requirements mentioned in this RFP.
- Amendment to NIT if any would be published on website only.
- In case of any queries on this RFP, intending bidders may contact THE SENIOR GENERAL MANAGER, BAREILLY SMART CITY LIMITED, Bareilly (Tel. No:- 0581-25510074, 7055519602) or send an email to: ceo.bscl01@gmail.com

Chief Executive Officer, Bareilly Smart City Limited, Bareilly नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार। कार्य प्रमंडल- 02, झंझारपुर

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3	मधुबनी जिला अन्तर्गत मधेपुर प्रखंड के भरगाग पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	312.59131	6.25200	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वैब पेज के अनुसार	14 माह
4	मधुबनी जिला अन्तर्गत मधेपुर प्रखंड के पचही पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार मवन का निर्माण कार्य।	312.06150	6.24200	10000,00	e-proc 2 के वैस पेज के अनुसार	14 माह
5	मधुबनी जिला अन्तर्गत लखनौर प्रखंड के दीप पश्चिम पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	310.56675	6.21200	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वैब पेज के अनुसार	14 माह
6	मधुबनी जिला अन्तर्गत झंझारपुर प्रखंड के रैयाम पूर्वी पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	308.61546	6.17300	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	14 माह
7	मधुबनी जिला अन्तर्गत राजनगर प्रखंड के भटसिमर पूर्वी पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	306.47041	6.13000	10000.00	e-proc 2 के वैस पेज के अनुसार	14 माह

- विज्ञापन निर्गत करने की तिथि निविदा कागजात अपलोड करने की प्रारम्भिक की तिथि एवं समय
- प्री-बीड मीटिंग का समय, स्थान एवं
- निविदा अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय
- वित्तीय बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं

तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं

- निविदा खोलने का स्थान
- निविदा की वैधता अवधि विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता

PR. No. 016473 (Planning) 2023-24

- : दिनांक 30.01.2024 : दिनांक 22.02.2024 को 10.00 बजे पूर्वाहन से
- (सिर्फ वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर) दिनांक 23.02.2024 समय 3.30 बजे अपराहन बजे. मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय. स्थानीय क्षेत्र अभियंत्रण संगठन, विरवेष्वरैया भवन,

चतुर्थ तल, कमरा नं0-423, बेली रोड, पटना-800015 दिनांक 28.02.2024 समय 3.00 बजे अपराहन तक। (सिर्फ वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)

दिनांक 02.03.2024 समय 3.30 बजे अपराहन से। (कंडिका 5 में उल्लेखित अंतिम तिथि से दो कार्य दिवस के पश्चात की तिथि)।

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विस्तृत जानकारी www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar से प्राप्त की जा सकती है। कार्यपालक अभियंता.

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DELHI-ROHINI | NEW DELHI-NOIDA | DEHRADUN | JAMMU | LUDHIANA JALANDHAR | AMRITSAR | CHANDIGARH | HISAR | SHIMLA Date & Time: Feb 04, 2024 (Sunday), 09:30 AM

For detailed address of Walk-in Interviews and access to application portal, please visit www.paruluniversity.ac.in/interview-schedules

Qualification & experience as per AICTF norms. Interested candidates also apply through www.paruluniversity.ac.in/careers

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RFQ cum RFP for Supply of RFID Tags for Logistics Data Bank (LDB) Project in India (TENDER No: GEM/2024/B/4557404)

NLDSL invites "Request for Qualification cum Request for Proposal" from interested pidders for supply of RFID Tags for LDB project. The details are uploaded on the website: www.gem.gov.in, www.nldsl.in and www.nicdc.in. interested applicants are requested to submit their responses to the RFQ cum RFP online at Government e-Market Place (GeM) on or before 11th March, 2024 at 07:00 PM.

NICDC LOGISTICS DATA SERVICES LIMITED (NLDSL) Unit No. 302C, 03rd Floor, World Trade Centre. Babar Road, New Delhi-110001 Email: tenders@dldsl.in CIN: U74999DL2015PLC418260

Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Authority A-1/4, UPSIDA Complex, Lakhanpur, Kanpur 208024

INVITING BIDS FOR E-AUCTION Ref. No. UPSIDA/2023/07/Rollover-1 Plots Available on E-Auction Portal: https://eauction.etender.sbi/SBI

 Rules & Regulation displayed on www.onlineupsida.com & https://eauction.etender.sbi/SBI

Beginning Date - 02.02.2024 • E-Auction Date- 21.02.2024, 10:00 AM to 01:00 PM

CEO, UPSIDA

For Further Details Contact: Dial Help desk no. 022-22811110 or Mail to etender.support@sbi.in & eauction@upsida.co.in

G2 **NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY** TENDER NOTICE No. AGC-ELG-T-37-2023-24 Date: 31-01-2024 E-Tender Notice

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (General) N.C. Railway, Agra for and behalf of President of India invites "Open Tender" through on line only (E-Tendering) for the following works.

Tender No.: AGC-ELG-T-37-2023-24 Sr. No.:1. Name of work with its location & Completion Period: Agra Division: Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) of 04 nos. Escalator (make-

Autometer Alliance limited) installed at PF No. 1 & PF No. 2/3 of Agra Cantt Railway Station for 36 months. Completion period-36 months, Approx. Cost of the work: ₹ 6007066.53/-

(including GST) For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in Tenders can only be submitted through web portal www.ireps.gov.in up to 15:00 hrs. on 21-02-2024 202/24(DG) 🛐 North central railways 🔀 @CPRONCR 🌢 @north central railway 🌐 www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

Government Of Maharashtra Public Works Department **Executive Engineer,**

Public Works Division, Degloor Dist.Nanded E- TENDER NOTICE NO (37) 2023-2024

Online Tender (E-Tender) in B-1 Form for the in Nanded District Total (20) Works are invited by the Executive Engineer. Public Work Division Degloor, Dist.Nanded (Phone No 02463-255111)on Government of Maharashtra Electronic Tender Management System https://mahatenders.gov.in/nicgep/app From the registered Contractors in appropriate class of Public Works Department of Maharashtra State The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Maharashtra e-tender portal https://mahatenders.gov.in/ nicqep/app on sub portal https://pwd.maharashtra.etenders in as under. Note -

- Details of the tender documents are availale on e-tendering https://mahatenders.gov.in/nicgep/app and
- If there are changes in the tender notice, then the information will be display on the website
- 3. Executive Engineer, Public Work Division Degloor, Dist. Nanded has reserved the right to accept or reject tenders.

Executive Engineer Public Work Division, Degloor Dist.Nanded

DGIPR/2023-2024/7444

GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH. WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER MAHANADI GODAWARI BASIN RAIPUR (C.G.)

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE e-Procurement Portal: https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in

(2nd Call)

System Tender No.: 152186 /NIT No.: 26/SAC/2023-24, Raipur, Dated: 30.01.2024

Online Tenders are Invited for The Following Works up

to 16.02.2024 at 17:30 Hour (IST) :-Name of Work : CONSTRUCTION OF BARATNARA

ANICUT CUM CAUSEWAY ON

KHARUN RIVER OF DHARSIWA

BLOCK OF RAIPUR DISTRICT.

Rs. 2094.31 Lakhs Probable Amount: of Contract

(As per S.O.R Dated 01.08.2010 (As amended dated 22.08.2022)

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in) from Date 06.02.2024, at 17:31 Hours (IST) onwards.

NOTE :- All eligible/ interested contractors/ bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the Integrated e-procurement portal (https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized Contractor/Supplier Registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process. Sd/-

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER Water Resources Division, Raipur for, Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Godawari Basin G-07401/5

Water Resources Department, Raipur (C.G.) छत्तीसगढ़ शासन जल संसाधन विभाग

कार्यालय मुख्य अभियंता, महानदी परियोजना, जल सँसाधन विभाग, रायपुर, (छ.ग)

ई.प्रोक्य्रमेंट निविदा सूचना

e-Procurement Portal: https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in निआस् क्रमांक 24,25,26,27,28/ वलेलि/2023-24 जगदलप्र, दिनांक 23/01/2024 एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली अन्तर्गत सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से निम्नलिखित निर्माण कार्य हेतु (Online निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है

д ь.	सिस्टम निविदा क्रमांक	कार्य का नाम	अनुमानित लागत(रु. लाख में)	अमानत राशि (रुपयें)	निर्धारित समयावधि
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01	151870	बस्तर जिले के विकासखंड बस्तर को कोसारटेडा मध्यम सिंचाई जलाशय परियोजना के अंतर्गत भानपुरी सिंचाई कालोनों में स्थित कार्यालय भवन, रहवासी भवन, निरीक्षण गृह सहित का पुनर्निमांण कार्य। (द्वितीय आमंत्रण)	257.67 लाख	1.50 लाख	08 माह वर्षांकाल सहित
02	151873	बस्तर जिले के विकासखण्ड बकावण्ड की उलनार जलाशय का शीर्ष एवं मुख्य नहर व लघु नहर का मरम्मत कार्य एवं लाईनिंग कार्य।(पाँचवा आमंत्रण)	227.44 लाख	1.50 लाख	08 माह वर्षांकाल सहित
03	151893	बस्तर जिले के विकासखण्ड बकावण्ड को पीटापुर तालाब का शीर्ष बांध मरम्मत कार्य एवं नहर लाईनिंग कार्य । (पाँचवा आमंत्रण)	237.92 लाख	1.50 लाख	07 माह वर्षांकाल सहित
04	151894	बस्तर जिले के विकासखण्ड जगदलपुर की कुम्हरावण्ड उद्वहन सिंचाई योजना के नहर लाईनिंग कार्य। (द्वितीय आमंत्रण)	319.49 लाख	1.60 लाख	08 माह वर्षांकाल सहित
05	151895	बस्तर जिले के विकासखण्ड बस्तर की नारंगी नदी पर सांवरापाल एनीकट कम काजवे का निर्माण कार्य । (चौथा आमंत्रण)	572.09 लाख	2.865 लाख	12 माह वर्षाकाल सहित

- बिड प्रारंभ की तिथि 2. बिड सबमिशन की अंतिम तिथि
- 30.01.2024 17:31 Hours - 09.02.2024 17:30 Hours
- रिमार्क:- उपरोक्त निर्माण कार्यों को निविदा को सामान्य शर्ते, विस्तृत निविदा, निविदा विज्ञप्ति, निविदा दस्तावेज ए अन्य जानकारी छत्तीसगढ़ शासन की ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट वेब पोर्टल https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in में दिनांब 09.02.2024 समय 17:31 बजे से देखे एवं डाउनलोड किये जा सकते है।

Sd/-कार्यपालन अभियन्ता

टी०डी०पी०पी० जलसंसाधन संभाग, जगदलपुर G-07417/7 कृते मुख्य अभियंता महानदी परियोजना, जल संसाधन विमाग, रायप्र, छ.ग.

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA EXECUITIVE ENGINEER. PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION, BEED E-TENDER NOTICE NO BEED/ 14 OF 2023-24

E-Tenders for (20) Works in B-1 form is invited by the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Beed (Phone No. 02442-222474) from the registered Contractors in appropriate class of Public Works Department of Govt. of Maharashtra for the improvement roads/repair of buildings/construction of new buildings in Tal. Beed/Georai/Wadwani Dist. Beed. Right is reserved to reject any or all tenders without any reason thereof The details can be viewed and downloaded from following website. www.mahapwd.com / https://mahatenders.gov.in

> Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Beed

DGIPR/2023-2024/7453

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Procurement Tender Notice No. 24/06 Dated: 30.01.2024

E-Procurement Tender Notice On behalf of the President of India, The Principal Chief Materials Manager, North Central Railway, Prayagraj, (An ISO 9001:2015 certified unit) invites the following E-Procurement Tenders.

S. N.	Tender No.	Short Description	Qty.	Tender Opening Date
1	20233760B	AXLE DAMPER FOR P-7 LOCO	18 NOS	19.02.2024
2	6424RGC01	RUNNING CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY OF PLASSAR MAKE SPARES FOR TRACK MACHINES FOR THE YEARS 2023-24 AND 2024-25.	01 SET	15.02.2024
3	38231891	BOLSTER SPRING OUTER	1130 Nos.	22.02.2024
4	38242000	PRESSURE TRANSFORMER DU-111A	271 Nos.	26.02.2024
5	60235058	Pit less Electronic In Motion Weighbridge	06 Nos	28.02.2024
6	60235057A	Weld Trimmer Power Pack	29 Nos	11.03.2024
7	20233537C	BEARING 6205 ZRC3	420 NOS.	23.02.2024
8	64235107B	Hydraulic Hose	2170 MTR	12.03.2024
9	64235103B	Adopter	3293 Nos.	26.02.2024
10	64245022	Drive Motor For FRM	10 Nos.	07.03.2024
11	64235162	Feeler Rod, Connecting Pin	142 Nos.	04.03.2024
12	64245052	Tungsten Carbide Tamping Tool	4 Set	28.02.2024
13	64235163	Module Tilt Cylinder	24 Nos.	29.02.2024
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Note: The complete information of above tenders can be seen and downloaded from IREPS website i.e. https://www.ireps.gov.in. Fory any change/corrigendum in tender, please visit this website regularly. No separate corrigendum/change will be published n news paper. 181/24(K)

Morth central railways www.ner.indianrailways.gov.in

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section U/S 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Krishan S/o Sh. Naresh R/o H.No. 113/371, Harijan Basti Old Chandrawal, Civil Lines, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 30/2021 U/S 356/379/411 IPC, P.S. Civil Lines, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Krishan cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Krishan has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Krishan of case FIR No. 30/2021 U/S 356/379/411 IPC, P.S. Civil Lines, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 06.03.2024.

By Order Sh. Gaurav Goyal Metropolitan Magistrate Room No. 247, IInd Floor Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/1070/N/2024(Court Matter)

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD Office of the Chief Engineer (Waste Water Management)-WEST 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bangalore - 560009

No.BWSSB/CE(WWM-West)/ACE(WWM-P-W)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-2/828/2023-24 Date: 31.01.2024

INVITATION FOR TENDER (Only through kpp portal)

BWSSB invites tender in Two Cover system from eligible contractors for the Work of Design and Up-gradation of Existing 10MLD Capacity Tertiary Treatment Plant at Yelahanka based on IFAS Process and with Operation and Maintenance for a period of seven years (5+2) including Two years of O&M during works contract on Turnkey Basis.

Amount put to Tender: Rs.24.66 crore. EMD: Rs.29.10 Lakhs.

The last date for submission of completed tender document is on 21.02.2024 up to 17.00 hrs. and The technical bids will be opened on 22.02.2024 at 17.00 hrs. The details regarding participation in the tendering process and tender can be obtained by logging on to https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in For further details contact the below signed office during working hours.

DIPR/CP/3335/AKAR/2023-24

Chief Engineer (WWM-West)

KARNATAKA STATE MEDICAL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED Phone: +91-80-29619801 Email: md.ksmscl@gmail.com

No:HFW/KSMSCL/EQPT/NCD/D-MAMMOGRPHY/TND/59/2023-24 Date: 31-01-2024

No.1, Dr. Siddaiah Puranik Road, KHB Colony, Magadi Road, Bengaluru - 560079.

TENDER NOTIFICATION

- Ref: 1) Tender Notification No: HFW/KSMSCL/EQPT/NCD/D-MAMMOGRPHY/ TND/59/2023-24 (IND-0084), Date: 30.01.2024. Tender Notification No: HFW/KSMSCL/EQPT/NTEP/H-RAY/TND/58/
 - 2023-24 (IND-0083), Date: 30.01.2024. Tender Notification No: HFW/KSMSCL/EQPT/TND/NVBDCP/ PBM/38/2023-24 (IND-0046) CALL-2, Date: 30.01.2024.
- Nationwide Tender is invited through e-Tendering system under KTPP Act 1999 and Rules 2000 for the following tenders:
- Tender for Supply of Digital Mammography under NCD Programme. Tender for Supply of Handheld X-ray under NTEP Programme. 3) Tender for Supply of Pathological Binocular Microscope under
- NVBDCP Programme. The tenderers who have registered under e-Procurement department may

participate through e-tendering system Details regarding EMD. Terms and Conditions and other information are available in the Tender Document, which can be downloaded from the website:

https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 30-01-2024. The eligible tenderers shall submit their e-tenders under e-procurement platform for above mentioned tenders. Further information if any may be obtained from this office. Sd/- Managing Director KSMSCL, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/3312/Adverto/2023-24

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE Office of the Executive Engineer, Mahadevapura Division, Bengaluru-560 048 No:EE/MDP/TN/11/2023-24 Date: 31.01.2024 CORRIGENDUM TENDER NOTIFICATION This is to inform to the tenderers that, this office tender

notification no: EE/MDP/TN/11/2023-24 Date: 20.01.2024 is modified as mentioned below. 1. For the works of SI No. 1, 2 & 3 which were invited

under Two Cover System are cancelled due to technical reasons.

For the works of SI No. 1 to 27 which were invited under Single Cover System, presently they are invited under Two Cover System.

The calendar of events is postponed as below.

Calendar of Events: (1) The Last date for submission of queries is upto 05.02.2024 before 3:00 pm. (2) Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting is on 06.02.2024 at 11:00 am. (3) Last date and Time for Receipt of Tenders is 08.02.2024 upto 4:00 pm. (4) Date and Time for Opening of Technical bid is 09.02.2024 at 4:30 pm. (5) Date and Time for Opening of Financial Bid for Two Cover is on 15.02.2024 at 4:00 pm.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Mahadevapura Division

Directorate of Women & Child Development, Himachal Pradesh, Cedar Home, Brent Wood Estate, Near Himland Hotel, Shimla-171001.

Corrigendum No. 2 /2024

Dated: 29th of January, 2024

Apropos this Directorate;s Advertisement No. 1/2023 of dated: 16th of December, 2023, whereby the applications were invited for filling the posts of Chairperson & Members of Child Welfare Committees (CWCs) and Members of Juvenile Justice Boards (JJBs) in different districts of Himachal Pradesh and earlier the last date for applying for these posts was extended to 29.01.2024 and now the last date for applying to these posts is hereby extended to 05.02.2024 (05.00 PM)

Director (WCD)-cum-Member Secretary, (Selection Committee), Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001. Phone No. 0177-2629731 & 2628730

Advt.No. 1173/01/02/2024

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT Executive Engineer, Public Works Division Bhokar, Dist Nanded **E-TENDER NOTICE NO.43/2023-24**

Online Tender (e-tender) in B-1 form for the in Nanded District total 31 (Thirty One) works are invited by the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division Bhokar, Dist Nanded (Phone No.02467-222658) on Government of Maharashtra Electronic Tender Management System. From the registered contractor in appropriate class of Public works Department of Maharashtra State. The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Maharashtra e-tender portal https:// mahatenders.gov.in/ on sub portal www.mahapwd.gov.in as under. Note:

1 Details of the tender documents are available on e-tendering https://mahatenders.gov.in/ and www.mahapwd.gov.in website of the Government of Maharashtra.

2 If there are any changes in the tender notice, then the information will

be display on the website Executive Engineer, Public Works Division Bhokar, Dist Nanded has reserved the right to accept or reject tenders.

> PRASHANT NILKANTH KORE Executive Engineer, Public Works Division Bhokar Dist. Nanded

DGIPR/2023-2024/7445

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA. Public Works Department. Executive Engineer, Public Works (North) Division, Jalgaon-425001 Phone No. 0257-2239408

email- northjalgaon.ee@mahapwd.gov.in E-Tender Notice No. 49 FOR-2023-2024

Online Tenders (e-tender) in "B-1" form for 5 (Five) Building and Road Works are invited by the Executive Engineer, P.W. (North) Division, Jalgaon for and behalf of Government of Maharashtra, Electronic Tender Management System http://mahatenders.gov.in from Reputed and experienced firms / Contractors who fulfil the terms and condition of tender and having experience of similar type of work. The rights are reserve to reject all or any tender by Superitending Engineer/ Executive Engineer. Conditional tenders are not acceptable.

The details can be viewed and downloaded online from 01/02/2024 to 15/02/2024 at 17.00 Hrs. directly from the Government of Maharashtra e-tendering Portal http://mahatenders.gov.in and Pre-bid meeting for will be held on dated 08/02/2024 at 12.00 Hrs. in the Office of Chief Engineer, P.W. Region, Nashik. This detailed tender notice is available on portal http://mahatenders.gov.in, also available on Notice Board of the Office of Executive Engineer, Public Works (North) Division, Jalgaon. Sd/-

(Y.S. Korake) Executive Engineer, Public Works (North) Division, Jalgaon. DGIPR/2023-2024/7468

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General is Public hereby informed that one Female Namely: Laxmi Devi, W/o: Baccha Puri, R/o: Beat No. 04 NGO Wali Gali, A Block, H.No. 846, A Block Lal Flat, Bawana, Delhi has Laxmi Devi Rohit & Rahul been missing/kidnapped (with 2

children namely Rohit and Rahul) since 19.07.2022 from her house from the area of P.S. Bawana, Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD No. 76A dated 19.07.2022 has been lodged at PS. Bawana, Delhi. The description of the missing person are as under: Age: 40 years, Sex: Female, Height: 5', Face: Round, Complexion: Shallow, Built: Medium, Wearing: Green colour suit & white colour salwar and slipper in her feet. The description of missing children are as under Age: 14 & 12years, Height: 5'6" & 4'6", Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Built: Thin & Medium, Wearing: (Rohit) Yellow T-shirt & Blue Jeans, (Rahul) Sky Blue T-shirt & Blue Jeans. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing female and her children but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this missing female and her children kindly inform to the following.

Website: http//cbi.nic.in E-mail ld - cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Bawana, Delhi Fax No. 011-24368639 DP/1042/ON/2024 Ph.: 011-27751949, 7065036321

OFFICE OF GENERAL MANAGER CONSTRUCTION CIRCLE (GANGA) UTTARAKHAND PEYJAL NIGAM JAGJEETPUR

Post-Kankhal, Haridwar- 249408, Email: gmgangahw@gmail.com Date: 01-02-2024

Letter No. 304/लेखा-6/15 E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE: NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING On behalf of the Chairman, Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, e-Tenders/Bids are invited for the following work from technically and financially capable bidders up to prescribed time & date and as per provision of bid document.

Bid Security Tender/Bid Time for Name of Work {Earnest completion Document {Contract package} Money) Cost of work Design Build Operate & Transfer (DBOT) of Pollution Abatement Design, Build, Test works for Khoh River consisting and Commissioning of Interception and Diversion period of 24 (I&D) and STP (21.00 mld), 11.75 Rs. 5900/ Months including km Carrier line, 0.48 km Rising Rs. 148.00 Main, 02 no. Sewage pumping 3 Months trial Including station (0.13mld+23.21mld) and run, testing period, appurtenant works including 15 thereafter Operation years O&M of all the works at and Maintenance Kotdwar, in the state of for 15 years Uttarakhand, India under Namami Gange Mission-II.

Bid document of this work shall be uploaded on the e-Government Procurement System (e-GPS) portal i.e., http://www.uktenders.gov.in on or before dated 08.02.2024. (R.K. Jain) General Manager

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F:No. NRC(0)/S/06/2023-24/69 Dated: 27.01.2024 NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER The Director, ICAR-National Research Centre for Orchids, Pakyong, Sikkim, invites online open tenders under two bid system(Technical Bid & Financial Bid) through GeM as detailed below GeM Bid No. | Bid end date/ time Name of Items Phalaenopsis Hybrid (Hardened Plants GEM/2024/B/4520942 3-02-2024 / 16.00 Quantity - 15000 Plants Dated: 23-01-2024 Fiber Glass Sheet GEM/2024/B/4521915 15-02-2024 / 15.00 Quantity - 500 kgs. Dated: 23-01-2024 Netted Hardening tray for orchids GEM/2024/B/4523343 17-02-2024 / 15.00 Dated: 23-01-2024 Quantity - 2000 nos. Weed mat for polyhouse GEM/2024/B/4528756 19-02-2024 / 15.00 Dated: 25-01-2024 Quantity - 100 nos. Customized Grow Lights GEM/2024/B/4529771 20 02 2024 / 15 00 Quantity - 450 nos. Dated: 25-01-2024 Customized NFT Channel Quantity - 40 nos. GEM/2024/B/4535055 22-02-2024 / 15.00 Dated: 25-01-2024 For more details Interested Bidders may visit - GeM portal

htttps://gem.gov.in or NRCO website: https://nrco.icar.gov.in.

Kalyan Singh Super Specialty Cancer Institute C.G. City, Sultanpur Road, Lucknow-226002 (An Autonomous Institute of the Govt. of Uttar Pradesh) Email: jdmm.sscih@gmail.com

Dated: 31.01.2024 **Custom GeM Bid Notice**

Assistant Administrative Office

It is hereby informed that a Custom GeM bid No. GEM/2024/ B/4476812 dated 31/01/2024 has been uploaded on GeM Portal for Procurement of Bid for Services-Bio Medical waste Management Treatment Facility Services for KSSSCI. All interested service providers/bidders are required to submit their bids on GeM Portal in accordance with the terms and conditions of the GeM bid documents. The Director reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids at any stage without assigning any reason thereof.

Note: 1. A pre Bid Meeting will be conducted on Zoom Platform on 16.01.2024 at 3:00 PM hrs, all interested bidders are requested to forward their email ids on above mail for forwarding the Zoom link

The Tender documents are available on the website of the Institute www.cancerinstitute.edu.in

Adv.No: KSSSCI/PRO-40/2023-24

Office of the Director General, Medical Health & F.W. Danda Lakhound, Sahastradhara Road, P.O. Gujrada, Dehradun Uttarakhand

E-mail - dghealth.uttarakhand@gmail.com, cmsd.uk@gmail.com, Telephone No. 0135-2608763

Letter No: 15P/Store/10/2024/4640 Government of Uttarakhand "e" Procurement e-tender Notice

 Name of the Work: (1) Supply of consumables/items (Peritoneal dialysis) under Rate Contract for F.O.R. destination in Uttarakhand [2] Supply of EPO 4000 IU Injection under Rate contract for F.O.R. destination in Uttarakhand as per details given in tender notice on https://uktenders.gov.in

Date & time of availability of bid documents in the portal: 31.01.2024 at 2:00 PM

- Last Date and Time for receipt of bids in the portal: 20.02.2024 at 3:00 PM.
- Name and Address of the Officer Inviting the Bid: Director General. MH & FW Uttarakhand, Dehradun, Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc.
- may be obtained from the website https://uktenders.gov.in 6. Portal Registration: The contractor/bidder intending to participate in the bid is required to register in the portal using his/her active personal/ official email id as his/her Login id and attach his/her

valid digital signature certificate (DSC) to his/her unique login id. For any other queries the bidders are asked to contact through e-mail cmsd.uk@gmail.com Director General

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HPGCL	ANNUAL RUNNING CONTRACT WORK FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND 11 KV SWITCHING STATION IN PTPS COLONY/PLANT, PANIPAT	23.01.2024 13.02.2024	81.85 LACS	www.hpgcl.org.in	0180-2566015 serentcplg1@gmail.com
2	HPGCL.	'ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENTS UNDER 220 KV SWITCHYARD #(S-6) AND # (7-8) AND REMOVAL/CUTTING OF GRASS AND WILD GROWTH IN AREA UNDER 220 KV SWITCHYARD #(S-6) AND # (7-8), AND ITS DISPOSAL OUTSIDE THE PLANT AREA, FOR A PERIOD OF 02 YEARS (2024-2026)' PANIPAT	18.01.2024 19.02.2024	B1 LACS	www.hpgcl.org.in	0180-2566015 xenmtcplg1@gmail.com
3	HPGCL.	ARC FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF DM PLANT, PT PLANT, ET PLANT, CHLORINATION SYSTEM (CW, PW AND RW), OPERATION OF CONDENSATE POLISHING UNIT AND MTC. OF CPU REGENERATION SYSTEM, CW TREATMENT PLANT AND SIDE STREAM FILTRATION SYSTEM AND TESTING OF COAL, WATER, GAS AND OIL SAMPLES ETC. FOR 2X600 MW, RGTPP, KHEDAR, HISSA.	29.01.2024 26.02.2024	6.48 CRORES	www.hpgcl.org.lin	8222022077 xenchemical.rgtpp@hpgcl.org.is



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(Through e-procurement mode only -www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) Short Tender Inviting Notice



Online tender is being invited by Chief Engineer(O&M) SBPDCL for Execution for Erection of Double Circuit dedicated 33 KV Line from 132/33 KV GSS, Shahri(Barh) to 400/220/132 KV GIS, Sub- station, Bakhtiarpur, Patna At Patna District of SBPDDCL Under Deposit Head Scheme, on turnkey basis. Details are as below:-Cost of

Estimated Cost

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BOQ/Tender

NO	NIT NO.	Name of Work	(In INR)	INR)	Document (In INR)	Fee (In INR)
1	20/PR/ SBPDC L/2024	Execution for Erection of Double Circuit dedicated 33 KV Line from 132/33 KV GSS, Shahri(Barh) to 400/220/132 KV GIS, Sub- station, Bakhtiarpur,Patna At Patna District of SBPDDCL Under Deposit Head Scheme	5,27,16,001.00	10,54,320.02	17700.00 (15000 + GST @ 18%)	As per eproc2

Bid submission start date : From 07/02/2024, 11:00Hrs Bid submission due date (Last Date): Up to 22/02/2024, 15:00Hrs On 23/02/2024, 15:00Hrs onwards Date of Opening of Technical & Commercial Part (Part -I) Date of Pre Bid Meeting: On 12/02/2024, 12:00Hrs 3rd floor Conference Hall, UrjaBhawan, SBPDCL, Patna Venue of Pre Bid Meeting:

Email Id: eproc2support@bihar.gov.in

Working Hours: 8AM to 7PM (All days in week except few selected state holidays)

Chief Engineer (O&M) SBPDCL

PR. No. 016403 (B&C) 2023-24 (For further details please visit: www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar)

The details are available at the website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in. Date of opening of price part: To be notified after Technical Bid Evaluation Toll Free Number: 1800 572 6571

Note- (1) Subsequent information / notification/ corrigendum will be available only on website of EPROC and/or SBPDCL i.ewww.eproc2.bihar.gov.in and/or www.sbpdcl.co.in.

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ar, said Malhotra, adding

that they will go a long way in

empowering rural women

and enhancing the quality of

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lysts expect the measures to

boost development of the ru-

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Bond St Lights Up On Lower Govt Borrowing

G-sec prices jump as govt trims fiscal deficit, sticks to glide path

TEAM TOI

The finance minister's decision to prefer fiscal prudence over populist measures, which include lower fiscal deficit and market borrowing targets for FY25, were considered anti-inflationary by bond market players, leading to a rally in govt bond prices on Thursday that softened yields.

The benchmark yield on 10-year gilts that had closed at 7.15% on Wednesday and was hovering around the same level in early trades on the day of the interim Budget, dropped to the 7.05% level after the FM's announcements about fiscal deficit and market borrowings for FY25. At the close of the day's session, the yield on 10-year gilts was at 7.06%, official data showed. The day's change in yield was the sharpest in nearly 4 months.

In her post-Budget press conference, FM said that govt is on track to meet glide path of below 4.5% fiscal de-

No silver lining for

↑ mid high gold and silver

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BudWiser

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Budget. However, the only

silver lining jewellers see

are other measures that

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Testing times

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and taxes,

the textiles

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continue to

remain under

price pressures amid

volatile rates of domestic

be no reduction in cotton

apparel prices, which were

cotton. As a result, there will

for textiles biz

With no clear policy announcement or

may help indirectly increase

is expected to remain costly.

WHEN DEBT DOESN'T DENT

Sovereign Bonds | Debt instruments issued by govt that promise to pay buyer interest and repay face value on maturity Expenditure | To meet expenses, govts either raise taxes or issue bonds. Tax hikes are mostly avoided during an election year. Sovereign bonds are preferred Bond Yield refers to return on capital invested. Yields and prices have inverse relationship as govt decided to reduce its

> If there is abundant supply of sovereign bonds, prices fall (and yields go up), and vice versa

ficit target for FY26.

"This is an anti-inflationary Budget in an election year as the fiscal deficit is reduced from 5.8% to 5.1% (for FY25)," said Murthy Nagarajan of Tata Mutual Fund. "The 10-year yield has come down to 7.05-7.08% levels from 7.15% (on Wednesday). Further drop in yields is expected due to flows from FPIs and expectation of India's rating upgrade."

Some of the bond market

How Bond Yield Moved On Thursday (%) Source: Refinitiv; 10-year govt bond Bond yields fell on Thursday

lead to a lower supply of gilts players and fixed income fund managers expect RBI to cut rates soon. Along with reduced fiscal deficit numbers and lower market borrowing for the next fiscal, govt has pegged only a moderate growth in the non-capex expenditure, said Pankaj Pathak of Quantum AMC. "This should keep inflation under check and provide enough headroom for RBI to cut in-

terest rates," Pathak said.

borrowing in FY25, which would

According to a bond fund manager, the rationale behind govt's fiscal prudence was to rein in the country's debt-to-GDP ratio, which is now around the 83% level from about 75% in the pre-Covid era. During the pandemic years, running a high level of borrowing was a necessity to cushion the economy from any unwarranted shock. And hence the spike in the debt-GDP reading, the fund manager said.

With the economy now on a relatively stronger footing that is, among other positives, being supported by a high rate of growth of revenue collection, govt could now tighten its purse a bit and channelise its investments to the most productive segments of the economy. Also, with the states continuing to run a higher deficit on an aggregate basis, the reduction in central deficit would create some room for them as well, the fund manager said. All these could combine to bring down benchmark yield to the 6.9%-6.85% level by end-FY24, the fund manager said.

No hurry: Startups get interim tax breather

TEAM TOI

The interim Budget brought very few surprises on the taxation front but provided continuity around tax exemptions for startups and foreign investors, and took steps to grow the international financial services centre model as a gateway for global capital.

Any eligible startup incorporated upto March 31, 2025 is now eligible for tax exemptions on profits. Earlier, companies/ LLPs would qualify as 'eligible startups' for tax exemptions under section 80-IAC only if they were incorporated before March 31, 2024. The Budget extended this by a year.

Similarly, in case of sovereign wealth funds, the timeline to make investments qualifying for exemptions has also been extended by a year. The income of SWFs in the nature of dividend, interest, and long term capital gains for the investments made in India will continue if the investment is made on or before March 31, 2025.

With an eye to bring in more foreign capital and nudge more offshore units of global banks to set up shop in IFSC, the Budget has extended the timeline for tax exemptions for such units. The cut-off date for setting up offshore banking units or other units in IFSC to qualify for tax exemptions now stands at March 31, 2025.

cos bet on rural revival ndia's fast moving consumer goods companies Lare banking on the interim Budget's proposals to boost agricultural growth, rural economy, step up farmers' income and support development to give a leg up to con-

Kisan to kirana: FMCG

BITE THE CONSUMPTION BULLET up of integrated aqua parks, support to dairy farmers, together with the far-sighted schemes for agriculture and rural development... will trigger a virtuous cycle of productivity, incomes, consumption, investment and li-

chairman and MD at ITC. The focus on enhancing connectivity and infrastructure also bodes well for India Inc, including the FMCG sector, added Aasif Malbari, chief financial officer at Godrej Consumer Products.

velihoods," said Sanjiv Puri,

Besides, the comprehensive programme for supporting dairy farmers, coupled with efforts to combat foot and mouth disease, is expected to enhance productivity in the dairy sector, presenting a significant opportunity for the FMCG industry, said Manish Aggarwal, director, Bikano at Bikanervala Foods.

"This year's Budget crea-

tes opportunities for the FMCG sector to enhance infrastructure and improve distribution, facilitating a more extensive reach into the rural market. The PM Gramin Awas Yojana achieving a target of almost about 3 crore houses and govt targeting additional two crore in the next five years will go a long way in improving potential in rural India," said Mayank Shah, vice-president at Parle Products.

Anand Ramanathan, partner and consumer, products and retail sector leader at Deloitte India expects prioritising rooftop solar investments to put more money into the hands of rural consumers. "Boosting dairy productivity and supporting sea food exports are some of the big areas of focus. These announcements will provide employment opportunities for the rural economy," added Ramanathan.

All quiet on D-St front, but investors see long-term gain

TEAM TOI

▼nlike most Budget-day trading sessions on Dalal Street, this year was quieter. As the finance minister refrained from making any specific, big-ticket announcement in the interim Budget, there was less scope for investors to swing their trades with the announcements. And so, at close, the sensex was barely changed — down 107 points or 0.2% — at 71,645 points.

Fund managers and analysts, however, are bullish on the market from long-term implications of the Budget and the direction at which the economy is expected to move.

"Govt's commitment on fiscal consolidation and focus on supply augmentation (would) bolster macro-eco-

BULLS LIE LOW: WAIT FOR NEXT ACT

sense	x on interin	i Budget days (% cha	nge)	(in pts)
NDA 1	Feb 3, 2004°	-1.3		5,621
UPA 1	Feb 17, 2009	-2.9		9,035
UPA 2	Feb 17, 2014		0.5	20,464
NDA 2	Feb 1, 2019		0.6	36,469
NDA 3	Feb 1, 2024		-0.2	71,645

nomic stability and spell good news for bond markets and debt mutual funds," said Navneet Munot, MD & CEO. HDFC Mutual Fund. "In the equity market, long-term investors will take the Budget positively while the nearterm direction will depend on global cues, incoming da-

ta and earnings trajectory." In Thursday's market, as the FM said she would target a fiscal deficit of 5.1%

next fiscal and also cut govt borrowing from the FY24 level, most bank stocks rallied. This was on the back of expectations of a lower interest rate in the economy that would boost loan growth, leading to higher revenue for lenders. Analysts feel that Budget decisions could lead to better fiscal stability, something that several of large economies

are finding hard to achieve.

PVs see record wholesale deliveries

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The country's leading carmakers reported their best-ever monthly sales in the local market as wholesale volumes were up by more than 13% to 3,94,571 units in Jan, with dealers pushing inventory after clearing stocks in year-end sales.

Prior to this, passenger vehicle sales had hit an all-time high of 391,811 units in Oct 2023. Top players such as Maruti Suzuki, Hyundai India and Tata Motors reported strong sales in the month, indicating that demand continues to remain healthy.

Maruti sold 1.6 lakh vehicles in the domestic market against 1.5 lakh units in the same month last year, senior executive officer (sales & marketing) Shashank Srivastava said. Hyundai had a 14% growth with sales of 57,115 units. Hyundai India COO Tarun Garg said that demand remains strong for the company's SUVs such as Creta and Exter. "Goingforward, we continue to be cautiously optimistic about the momentum of the auto industry in 2024." Mahindra's sales were up 30 % at 43,068 units.

Electrics take charge at **Bharat Mobility Expo**

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New Delhi: It's green all around as one enters Bharat Mobility Global Expo at reworked Pragati Maidan in the national capital. The auto extravaganza returns here after more than a decade. And, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit the expo on Friday to take stock of technological leaps in the world of automobiles.

As companies display some of their products at the show, a hurriedly-called affair after commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal nudged them to stitch up an event around Oct last year, the dominating theme is electric.

If grandstanding is anything to go by, nothing comes close to Mercedes EQG, an electric concept version of one of the world's most-iconic and powerful SUV range — G Class. "Unveiled in 2021 as a concept at Munich Motor Show, EQG is all set to enthral attendees at Bharat Mobility with iconic design and futuristic elements. The SUV, which has remained true to itself for more than 40 years, will now step into future of electric mobility," Santosh Iyer, MD & CEO of Mercedes-Benz India, told TOI.

The 4x4 qualities of G Class now find way into age of electric mobility, with eversion promising a lot of bling with shades of lighting and style elements, that come as a package across most of the new-age greens. Among the biggest sha-

kers is Suzuki eVX, a car that will finally see Maruti offer an electric car in Indian market. Maruti and parent Suzuki took their own time (at their own peril) to develop an electric, even as

Mahindra & Mahindra stole a march over the country's biggest carmaker. Inspired by the concept of an 'Emotional Versatile Cruiser', eVX's progressive SUV silhouette is distinct from that of a conventional SUV. With a battery capacity of 60 kwh, it promises a singlecharge range of 550 kms.

has a single charge range between 401 kms and 481 kms. The car is being sold in India since September 2021 and can be charged from 5% to 80% in around 22 minutes, Audi India head Balbir Singh Dhillon said. Among other companies

displaying EVs, sports carmaker Porsche has brought

hiked a year ago. Shot in arm for biotech sector

The formulation of a Rs 1-lakh crore corpus with a 50-year interest-free loan to spur private sector research & innovation comes as a booster shot for the researchintensive biotech sector, "This allocation will help vaccine cos get access to modern tech," said Indian Immunologicals MD Dr K Anand Kumar.

'Boeing, Airbus will have to set up final assembly lines' Meanwhile, Goyal said

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Boeing and Airbus will "at some stage have to consider" setting up final assembly lines in India, given the potential for air traffic growth in India, commerce minister Piyush Goyal said on Thursday. And, it is not due to the order for over 1,100 planes worth \$140 billion at list price the two ma-

jors have won from Tata's

Air India, IndiGo and Aka-

sa in last 11 months. But because India will continue to be the largest market for aircraft for the next 20-25 years. "This 1,100 plus order is just the be-

ginning (of aircraft orders from India). We will be talking to Airbus and Boeing (for setting up final assembly lines). A third original equipment manufacturer (OEM) that makes smaller planes has shown

Goyal said.

talks are going on with many countries for bilateral investment treaties (BIT). Many BITs were cancelled in 2016 and those places are talking to India. Some don't want this treaty now as it's become "passe". "India is a large investor now. As much as is invested from UK into India, is invested by India into the UK. The difference is that India no longer negotiates from a position of weakinterest to make in India," ness but from a position of strength," the minister said.

Byju's parent co gets EGM notice

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hey said, "The request shareholders and follows earlier notices of requisition sent to the T&L Board of Directors in July and Dec 2023, which were disregarded." Prosus, Peak XV Partners, Sofina and Chan Zuckerberg Initiative are among investors who have signed this notice, sources said.

Following instances of severe corporate governance lapses at the Bengaluru-based startup, the relationship between the company and its invesgarner more than \$5 billion.

tors have been strained with its investor Prosus earlier accusing the startup's leadership of regularly disregarding its advice relating to various business matters. Last June, Prosus representatives, Peak XV Partners and Chan Zuckerberg Initiative had stepped down from the company's board and sources said that Byju'sinvestors have for long been wanting Raveendran to loosen his grip over the firm and step aside from day-to-day operations.

Once a celebrated startup, Byju's which initially set out to transform the way school kids learn has managed to

REVVING UP GREEN DRIVE



Maruti's rival Hyundai has showcased Nexo, which promises next-gen clean mobility with a hydrogen powertrain. Nexo, the Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (FCEV), marks Hyundai's advancement towards achieving a cleaner environment through eco-friendly vehicles. Its hydrogen fuel cell engine generates electricity by combining oxygen with compressed hydrogen, emitting only water, said COO Tarun Garg.

Audi has displayed RS etron. The German giant touts this as the country's first electric supercar and most powerful series production ever made. It goes from 0others like Tata Motors and 100/kmh in 3.3 seconds and petrol engines.

in Taycan, Skoda has displayed Enyaq. While Kia is highlighting EV6, Tata Motors showing Curvy. In two-wheelers, Hero

Moto has showcased its erange with Vida, while TVS is displaying greens like iQube and premium X.

Companies are hoping that govt will maintain the special tax regime of 5% GST stipulated for electrics.

There has, however, been a demand made by certain companies, such as, Maruti Suzuki, Toyota and Honda that govt should give some relaxation to hybrids, which they say are also relatively green, even though they come with

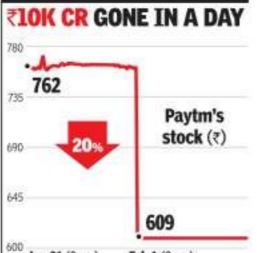
Rivals will seize moment, gain market share: Paytm investors

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\uch a migration occurred in 2020 when Phone-Pe had to switch banks overnight after Yes Bank was placed under a moratorium. "The QR code has a VPA

(virtual payment address) of Paytm Payments Bank. We have to change to another bank. This will be a large exercise," said Gupta, adding that the firm is in discussions with several banks and the regulator. He said the app would sell Fastag of other banks.

circuit of Rs 609 on Thursday, down 72% from the IPO price. due to the measures would be market share.



Feb 1 (9am) The company said PPBL is taking steps to comply with RBI's directions and is working with the banking regu-OCL stock hit the lower lator to address concerns. The firm's worst-case impact

Rs 300-500 crore on its ebitda. it said. "There would be 10-15% odd merchants with loans who would have their repayment through Paytm Payments Bank account. We have to move their settlement account to other banks there," Gupta said.

On the order to terminate the nodal account of OCL and Paytm Payments Services (PPSL) by February 29, OCL and PPSL will move the account to other banks during this period.

Startup investors said rivals will leverage this opportunity to increase their

for an EGM is supported by a consortium of T&L



A thought for today

We never reflect how pleasant it is to ask for nothing

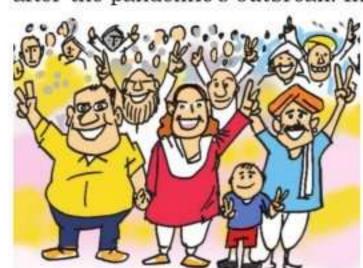
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Not On Account Of Vote

Politically savvy and fiscally prudent, budget bets on India Inc investing more. Will that happen?

the Lok Sabha election is unmistakable. They are confident. her sixth budget. It was a vote-on-account, which is what an interim budget is meant to be. In a similar situation in 2019, the interim budget not only introduced an income support scheme for farmers, income tax benefits were also announced. The 2024 vote-on-account

avoided change, signalling Modi is confident of returning to power. But surprise in store | Tucked in the budget speech was the announcement that a high-powered committee would be set up to conduct a detailed study on the challenges arising from demographic changes. The uneven pace of a fall in fertility rates across states is a potential stress point on the federal architecture. Whether this is the only objective or there are other considerations



began to pull back from the high levels of debt and deficit. In revised estimate (RE) of 2023-24, led by both a scaledown in expenditure and tax revenue that beat expectations, fiscal deficit was brought down. It was 5.8% of GDP, 0.10 percentage point lower than the budget estimate (BE) last year.

RE 2023-24, lower by almost ₹1 lakh crore than BE.

Tax buoyancy | Tax revenue trend over the last three years has been positive. Gross tax revenue as a proportion of GDP in Importantly, the level has been stable over three years and has been driven mainly by income tax collections. Among taxes, income tax has emerged as the single largest source of tax, which signifies the

bank on tax buoyancy, slash subsidies but keep up capital spending in order to lower gross borrowing in BE 2024-25 by 8% to ₹14.1 lakh crore. This is a necessary condition to encourage private sector investment. The big question is – will private sector respond? Interim budget has done all it could to roll out the red carpet. The

How Sitharaman Won The Fiscal Game

Yuvika Singhal

of new schemes that could be inflatio-

nary. Successful policy outcomes of

last decade were reinforced with pro-

mise of continuity via rural housing,

extension of tax benefits to start-ups,

and ₹750 bn to states as long-term

Hello world | GOI seeks to lower gross

borrowing to ₹14.13 tn in FY25, from

₹15.43 tn in FY24. Comfort on supply,

tor. Global investor concerns were

In FY25, one can expect total debt

ratio to nudge lower, given expecta-

tions of smaller primary deficit (BE

of 1.5% of GDP in FY25 vs 2.3% in

FY24) and resilience in GDP growth.

In the medium term, strategic invest-

ments, inclusive growth and commit-

ment to reforms must accompany

fiscal prudence to reduce debt.

Interim budget delivered on being mi-

nimalist, keeping fiscal machinery

rolling until full budget. It did

however more than ace fiscal KRAs.

juxtaposed

against poten-

tial increase in demand from

global investors

given India's

Markets (EM)

Bond Indices,

is right mix to

free resources

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interest-free loans.



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downwards deficit

Sound math 70 bps of fiscal consolidation envisaged between FY24 and

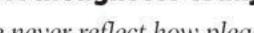
laid out on realistic revenue assumptions (revenue receipts to grow by 11.2% FY25), subdued increase in revenue expenditure (3.2% Y-o-Y) accompanied by modest increase in capex (16.9% Y-o-Y) compared to recent past (30% avg growth over past 4 years). Two potential deviants could be:

pegged at ₹500 bn, given FY24's poor

prices remain high. Notwithstanding risks, fiscal

math appears reasonable, along with 10.5% assumption of nominal GDP growth in FY25.

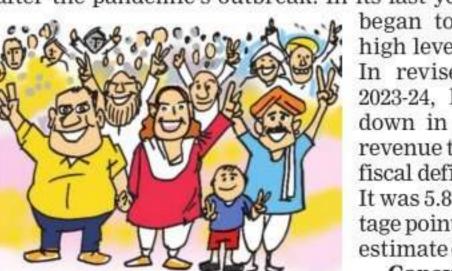
set to moderate, GOI's capex thrust remains intact with capex to GDP ratio expected to rise from 3.2% in FY24 to 3.4% in FY25. While meaningful fiscal compression did warrant government to take its foot off capex accelerator partially in FY25, it was also somewhat more necessary to not 'crowd-out'



udgets are embedded in a political context. The salient A political message in Modi's government's last budget before Confidence in vote | FM stuck to convention while presenting

in play will be clearer once the committee is set up.

Fiscal pullback | Modi's second term saw deficits and debt surge after the pandemic's outbreak. In its last year, Modi government

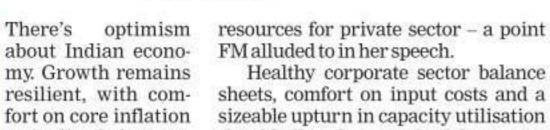


Capex questions | A highlight of budgets since 2020-21 was a huge ramp up in public investment. Effective capital expenditure increased from ₹6.4 lakh crore that year to ₹12.7 lakh crore in 2023-24. Revised estimates raise the question if there's sufficient capacity to absorb capital expenditure at this pace. The fiscal pullback in 2023-24 was helped by reduction in capital expenditure. It was ₹12.7 lakh crore in

RE 2023-24 was 11.6%, almost at the level it reached in 2007-08. tax system has become fairer.

Disputes remain unresolved The missing reform in tax system is a measure to cap rising amounts under dispute. In 2022-23 it was ₹12.21 lakh crore, almost 40% of gross tax revenues. This budget proposed to withdraw tax demand on small sums. There needs to be a solution for larger amounts.

Pointers for the future | Modi government's fiscal plan is to ball is in India Inc's court.



as it slips below 4%. should allow for meaningful turnaro-External account remains manageund in private sector capex in FY25, able with likely CAD at 1.3% of GDP once poll-related uncertainty subsides. and Rupee putting up an orderly This, with household investment in performance. This comes against capex remaining healthy - nearly 40% of total capex - should allow for a global risks of war and elevated, though correcting, inflation. Interim broad-based upturn in capex cycle. budget delivered on balancing fiscal austerity with growth. Six takes. Same's the game | Budget was devoid

Goodbye Keynes | Pandemic years saw a global return of Keynesian flexibility in fiscal policy. It's wise now to undo this flexibility gradually. Towards this, GOI pegged FY25 fiscal deficit to GDP ratio at 5.1%, and overdelivered on its FY24 target of 5.9% by 10 bps. Marking a consolidation of 410 bps from fiscal deficit peak of 9.2% in FY21, target for FY25 also allows a

move towards a 4.5% fiscal aim for FY26 well within reach.



put to rest by GOI's fiscal rectitude. Don't bet on debt | India doesn't face a 'fiscal problem', but may seem to have a 'debt problem'. While GOI's been fiscally conservative in last 3 years, total general government debt conti-FY25 disinvestment proceeds nues to remain northwards of 80% of GDP. This indeed is higher when compared to average debt level of about

track record, and a shorter timeline of 9 months after Lok Sabha election. 55-60% for other similar-rated EM Downside in subsidy burden peers. One could argue India's debt that may be at risk if global fertiliser level poses low risk, given it is domestically financed and of longer tenure.

More pvt play While pace of capex is



Modi govt confident it's coming back. So, FM fixed the fisc, said no to freebies & told voters, have faith



'interim budget' surprised everyone by announcing significant tax concessions and fiscal handouts in an election

year, 2024-25 budget of Nirmala Sitharaman surprised even more by containing no surprises. It was just a vote-on-account. It reiterated government's achievements over past 10 years, and focused on long-term measures that will make India a developed nation by 2047 (Viksit Bharat).

R Jagannathan

If 2019 interim budget signalled a degree of political uncertainty about election outcome, message coming loud and clear this time is 'we are coming back'. We don't need to bribe the voter. There's no need for revdis, freebies, and excessive political grandstanding. Whether this is after-glow of successful inauguration of Ayodhya Ram Mandir, or just a comment on state of opposition unity, interim budget sends out all the right political and economic signals.

However, one cannot rule out possibility of the full budget, to be presented in July after elections, containing surprises that were lacking

So what really is the message for average voter?

Empowerment instead of spoon-feeding First, Narendra Modi is telling her that his social guarantees are better than promises of free power or free bus rides. If you want free power, he has effectively said, get it from rooftop solar equipment. He's reverting to his old belief in empowerment instead of entitlement. He's betting that if government lends a helping hand, citizens will do the rest. Voter does not need to be spoon-fed.

Modi guarantee | Second, finance minister has re-emphasised Modi government's focal areas for empowerment: women, youth, farmers and poor. But why didn't budget announce anything for them? Sitharaman asked them to look back at what has already been done (or is about to be done): free food under Food Security Act, universal

- Want free power? Get it from rooftop solar equipment
- Sensible economics. Thanks to good delivery and Ram Mandir
- A new committee for Viksit Bharat. Big political legs?

delivery of power, gas and water in homes; near-total financial inclusion and ability to access credit; housing for all, and universal medical insurance coverage.

Modi is effectively telling voters: vou know what I have already delivered. Trust me, I will not let you down. This budget confidently asserts that 'Modi Guarantee' is superior to freebies.

Infra story Three, economic philosophy is simple: government will do what it has to in terms of investing in infra and protecting those who need safety nets, but real growth and jobs will come from private enterprises and start-ups. Hence infra will get ₹11.11 lakh crore, or 3.4% of GDP, in 2024-25. There is a ₹1 lakh crore pot for offering up to 50-year loans at nil or low interest rates for innovation and R&D. Railways will set up high-speed corridors for energy, mineral and cement movement, port connectivity, and high traffic density segments.

Middle class trust | Four, taxpayers, especially those in middle class, may be disappointed that there's nothing in budget for them. But FM has pointed out

that she has already taken away pain in compliance, and new tax regime gives you a tax-free income of ₹7 lakh. No one earning up to ₹58,300 per month will be taxed. As for delays in refunds, average waiting period has come down from 93 days to just 10. Old tax demands up to ₹25,000 will be written off till 2009-10; up to ₹10,000 will be waived for period 2010-11 to 2014-15. This will reduce taxpayer tensions.

When will RBI join the party? | Five, decision to borrow less in fiscal 2024-25 (net government borrowings of ₹11.75 lakh crore) than in 2023-24 indicates that even FMs can indirectly deliver interest rate cuts. Bond yields started falling soon after Sitharaman's speech, and this implies home loan borrowers will benefit later this year. If inflation rates stay around 4% or lower later this year, RBI



Viksit Bharat | Most intriguing paragraph in interim budget is one about setting up a high-powered panel to study "challenges arising from fast population growth and demographic changes". "The committee will be mandated to make recommendations for addressing these challenges comprehensively in relation to the goal of Viksit Bharat."

Delimitation ahead Is this panel a precursor to politically-challenging delimitation exercise that may end up giving more Lok Sabha seats to populous Hindi belt states at the cost of southern states?

And will it feed into final recommendations of 16th Finance Commission headed by Arvind Panagariya? Which states will lose or gain political and economic clout? This innocuous paragraph may well be a pointer to something less interim than budget

Ram Mandir behind | Clearly, the assembly results of last December, where BJP won three major Hindi-belt states, and exuberant popular response to Ayodhya Ram Mandir, have enabled Modi government to go back to fiscal conservatism and sensible economics. This is evident from sharp reduction in fiscal deficit target to 5.1% in 2024-25 from 5.8% projected for the current fiscal.

In an election year, when most observers were expecting large announcements to lure voters, Modi government is telling them that my track record is my promise. He can afford to do so, possibly because he believes that Lord Ram too will be on his side this time.

Narendar Pani



BJP Budgets For Third Term

Convention has it that FM does not introduce any substantial measures in an interim budget, and if she were to do so a new govern-

ment could easily change course. A conventional FM would be expected to treat it as no more than a vote-onaccount, though budget, interim or otherwise, remains a politically potent weapon. FM Sitharaman has got around this dilemma with two steps, one predictable and the other less so.

Poll bugle | First predictable step was to convert the budget speech into an election manifesto. In her speech she promised to take several steps towards

allocations for next year that would

reflect any new direction. She got over

the problem by simply making promises

for a five-year period, which no annual

budget could provide for. By promising

to take up two crore more houses under

PMGAY over next five years, she gave

the impression that return of NDA to

Expenditure management | Second step

to avoid the powerlessness of an interim budget was to simply make changes in

expenditure before budget, so that

interim budget itself did not need to

do anything new. Revised estimates of

expenditure in seven areas were

power was a done deal.

the goal of a 'Viksit Bharat', though interim

increased by as much as ₹1,35,307 crore over budget estimates and this was financed primarily by cutting expenditure in two areas by ₹1.04.673 crore. And choice of areas to increase or to cut expenditure provides us some insights into BJP's political strategy for 2024, who BJP believes it should woo, who it can take for granted, who it can do without.

Focus on poor | High on list of who it needs to woo are poor. In budget 2023-24, FM had hoped to substantially cut expenditure on Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. Revised estimates tell us these expectations were soon given up, with the expenditure being 43% higher than what was budgeted. Cost of promise of free food has also increased in revised estimates by ₹14,099 crore.

Farmers in mind | There are also signs that political messaging of farmers' agitation is still being heard. There has been a significant increase in provision for fertiliser subsidy. Revised estimates of crop husbandry are nearly 20% higher than budget estimates for 2023-24. There has also been an increase of 143% in revised estimates of transfers to Agriculture Infrastructure Development Fund to finance PM's scheme for village roads.

Overlooking local bodies | What is equally interesting is who government believes can be made to pay for these increases in expenditure during an election year. BJP's centralised election strategy

is evident from reduction below budget estimates of expenditure on grants to local bodies. In a campaign that is expected to be centred around PM, BJP clearly does not believe what panchayat leaders think matters. And since it has won state elections at the time when this expenditure was being reduced, it probably feels this assessment is justified.

Wider net | A less likely target for a reduction in expenditure has been PM's much publicised housing scheme. Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana has also contributed to a decline in revised estimates of expenditure on grants in aid to state governments by ₹69,205 crore from budget estimates. Arguably, relatively fewer beneficiaries per unit

- For rural India, 2 crore more PMGAY houses, more MGNREGS, more fertiliser subsidy
- Who gets less money? **Panchayats**
- Oil cos get to keep higher prices

of expenditure on housing makes it a less welcome expenditure in an election year than expenditure that has a wider spread of beneficiaries like free food or employment for poor.

Captive middle class? | BJP apparently believes middle class has nowhere else

ing companies to keep charging much higher prices for petroleum products than was warranted by international prices. This has allowed government to virtually abandon capital support for oil companies. Budget for 2023-24 expected to have a capital outlay of ₹35,468 crore on petroleum, but revised estimates have shown an expenditure of a miserly ₹40 crore.

to go. It has allowed oil market-

Government's expenditure pattern leading up to 2024 elections suggests that for all the rhetoric about emergence of a new India, BJP remains wary of what poor think. Its emphasis on food and employment for poor suggests this is a constituency the party believes it needs to work on. At the other end of the spectrum, it does not really care what those in power in panchayats think, even as it is convinced that its support among vehicleusing middle class is unshakeable.

Calvin & Hobbes









Sacredspace



Riches ruin the foolish, not those in quest of the Beyond. By craving for riches the ignorant man ruins himself...Weeds are

the bane of fields, lust is the bane of mankind...what is offered to those free of lust yields abundant fruit.

Dhammapada

sacred swan has a sensitive beak that

enables it to distinguish milk from a

mixture of milk and water. Swan, thus,

In Knowledge Economy, Lakshmi Chases Saraswati

Ram Krishna Sinha

wenty-first century is the age of knowledge economy that relies on intellectual capital. Its main features are education and skills, information and technology infrastructure, research, and innovation system. This economic model produces intangibles like patents, copyrights, proprietary software and knowledge processing, all pointing to the importance of their source-education and knowledge. In this realm, the power of new ideas and innovation is greater than money.

In knowledge economy, Saraswati, goddess of knowledge, creativity, learning and wisdom, rules. Saraswati helps us generate Lakshmi, wealth

and prosperity. Modern knowledge of artificial intelligence, quantum computing, internet of things is transformative, creating enormous value and boosting economic growth. Such knowledge-based activities increase our living standards by augmenting the quantity and quality of output and supplying innovative products and services. Though

money is needed to fund some capital-intensive industries, and research and development, it is subservient to ideas, creativity and innovation, which primarily drive business and research.

Yet, to sustain this knowledge economy, and make it a model for

serving the larger social good and humanity, we need not only knowledge but wisdom as well. Even the standard and purpose of knowledge should elevate, so that it does not become simp-

ly an information-gathering exercise or a job-seeking pursuit. In an age swamped by information from multiple sources, our ability to

distinguish between noise and signal, real and false, right and wrong, is a critical THE SPEAKING TREE life-skill, particularly for youth. Here again, guidance and blessings of Saraswati to develop critical thinking and wisdom are of

paramount value.

symbolises the power to discriminate between good and bad, valuable and useless. Further, a swan can also stay drenched by it. The use of swan as her vehicle demonstrates the critical need discrimination for the good of self and society, and to swim across the waters of life, detached, to realise the ultimate deserving of Goddess Saraswati's blessings. And as they say, where Saraswati resides, Goddess Lakshmi

Goddess Saraswati uses a swan as her vahana, vehicle. It is said that the

and swim in water without getting for a strong power of judgment, and that we must apply knowledge with truth. This is how we can develop critical thinking and wisdom and be

CAREER LADDER FOR WOMEN

Breaking stereotypes: Grit, perseverance & self-belief

s a young girl growing up in a tier 2/3 city in India, one is constantly subjected to stereotypes. Every time I outperformed in my school, nay-sayers questioned the need as I'd be married off anyway. My relatives were worried that if I earned more, it would be challenging to find the right match for me.

I thought the world of startups would be different, but my first startup experience was an eye-opener. Despite being a founding member, everyone would look to my male counterparts for validation of my ideas. Customers would ask for the presence of someone who called the shots. I broke down in one such meeting but did not give up. I stood up and declared, "I am the decision maker, and if you intend to make a purchase, I am the only person who can make that happen." I did not let this incident define me in my long career of working for startups. My experiences have taught me to grow beyond the stereotypes and believe in myself - consistently, consciously, and ruthlessly. Because if you don't, nobody else will!

HERE ARE SOME OF THE LEARNINGS I HAVE PICKED UP FROM MY STINT AS A WOMAN LEADER:

milestones, don't settle. Push the boundaries of what's possible, and accelerate your career growth by asking the firm about their plans to get you there.

Surround yourself with an objective and unbiased leadership environment | I moved and left behind any toxic work environment I found myself in. This pattern persisted until I joined MoEngage, where I couldn't believe the support and reinforcement I felt in my surroundings, which was refreshing and helped me unlock my full potential as a leader.

2023, unfortunately, not every woman was lucky enough to have the privilege of opportunities to grow and be encouraged to achieve remarkable milestones. Give back

to your sisterhood, one at a time. seated at the table, sharing your ideas confidently, and leading from the front. Real change begins by taking small steps in the right direction. Use the EQ-superiority to your advantage | Women have been proven to have a relatively higher EQ than their male counterparts and are more empathetic in the workplace. It enables us to have significantly transformational

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Negotiate for what you deserve In sales, numbers say it all; you either hit your targets or don't. And when you do hit the

Recruit and elevate talented women professionals | Even in



Around 40% of the French company's global R&D is being done from India by 4,000 engineers; they design and test signalling solutions for rail systems

Alstom's India engrs ensure trains globally run on time

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ituated in a tech park like any of the countless others dotted around India's Silicon Valley is an office housing a few thousand engineers of the French company Alstom. What is remarkable is that these engineers, along with a few hundred counterparts in Gurgaon and Hyderabad, totalling 4,000, are responsible for the efficient functioning of around 80 railway transit systems (like urban metro lines and mainline trains) around the world.



United States and Europe to Israel and Australia, Alstom's India engineers are deeply involved in making sure the brains of the rail system - called signalling solutions - are designed and run properly.

Thameem Kamaldeen, MD for signalling and infrastructure at Alstom India, says the company started its India operations ten years ago with just over 100 engineers. "We were more into verification and validation kind of activities. Then we made a conscious effort to start delivering for the world from India."

That journey began with the Kochi metro project (which started operations in 2017), which Thameem says was Alstom's first CBTC signalling system project in India.

"We call it CBTC - communication based train control - because the train is always communicating, via equipment on the track and around the track, with the central control."

The team then started participating in international projects, and in no time, they were even leading them. "We are now doing turnkey design from India. Starting right from Sydney, all the way to Canada, we are leading projects from here."



10 years back, we started with I joined Alstom in May 2020 100 plus engineers who were more into verification and validation kind of work. Today we participate in upwards of 80 projects around the world from our India offices, 40 of those projects are even led from here. No other OEM has that kind of footprint in India. 90 trains running at

Starting from Sydney, all the way to Canada, we are leading projects from here. Thameem Kamaldeen MD, SIGNALLING AND

In the last few months, the team

has even designed and helped

launch one of the first projects with

a cybersecure CBTC. "This was for

a metro project in Tel Aviv, Israel,"

Signalling solutions for rail systems

are composed of several subsys-

tems. Designing and testing each of

these systems, Thameem says, in-

volves a lot of software work. "We

don't have too much metal here. It's

pretty much software driven. We use

algorithms to determine at what

speed the train should run, how to

achieve optimal energy savings, etc.

All of these are determined by mod-

INFRASTRUCTURE,

says Thameem.

Software runs trains

el-based algorithms."

ALSTOM INDIA

and within months of joining, I was assigned to lead a Singapore project as project engineering manager. It is one of the most complex projects with fully driverless operations, more than

> very close proximity of 85 sec headway on a line stretching for 32 stations. Mayursing Hajare PROJECT ENGINEERING

MANAGER One of the most basic subsystems the team works on is called interlocking. "It is the first level of safety. It basically ensures that two trains don't come too close to each other. This is the least level of safety that can be

sent in Indian Railways today." Another subsystem, called automatic train control, provides even more safety features.

provided in a signalling system. Inter-

locking is what is predominantly pre-

"This system has two portions. The first is automatic train protection, which makes sure two trains don't catch up with each other. The second is automatic train operations, which determines where the train can accelerate and where it can decelerate, and it can even take control from

SYSTEM ENGINEERING My team played a crucial role in delivering an advanced signalling and train control solution for a large size light rail project in Israel, which consisted of tram-metro context and sophisticated

cybersecurity. The team here were fully

I am a member of the

technology group

responsible for the

involved in the project's complete system engineering life cycle management including its design, development, and validation. The experience of collaborating with diverse teams and stakeholders across France and Israel was an incredible journey. Kiran Srinivasan

PROJECT ENGINEERING MANAGER

the driver if rules are disobeved." Thameem says they follow two industries to stay ahead of the competition. "We follow the airline industry to understand safety levels, and we follow the automobile industry to understand innovation and how to provide a great experience."

India, he says, stands out when it comes to innovating for new age technological solutions. "When it comes to innovating mechanical elements, Europe has a bit of an edge because they've been doing it for a longer period of time. But when we are moving our products and our technologies to new-age technologies, India is seen as a good hub. Today, around 40% of Alstom's global R&D is being done from India."

OnePlus to operate with approximately

Samsung works on new Al features

In a recent interview with journalists, TM Roh, CEO of Samsung Southeast Asia announced the development of advanced Al features for Galaxy devices, expected to be accessible to consumers from 2025 onwards. He also mentioned that the AI functionalities introduced with the Galaxy S24 series would be available at no cost until at least 2025. However, details about the additional AI capabilities in development remain undisclosed. Roh emphasized that future AI features on Galaxy products will be significantly more sophisticated, catering to users willing to invest in premium experiences. This strategy mirrors the approach taken by OpenAI and Microsoft.

Japan lets go of floppy disks

apan is renowned for its J pioneering role in technology, yet its administrative processes can be remarkably sluggish. This is evident in the government's insistence on using floppy disks and CD-ROMs for the

submission of certain official

documents by businesses. However, a shift is underway. In 2022, Taro Kono, the minister of digital affairs, called on government agencies to abandon the demand for outdated physical media formats. Leading the change, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) has announced that, following the current year, it will eliminate the requirement for businesses to provide data on floppy disks for 34 specific regulations.

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GLOSSARY OF IN-GROUP TERMS USED ON THIS PAGE

Signalling software

Cignalling software in railways refers to the digital systems used to control The safe movement of trains by managing rail traffic signals and track switches. This software plays a crucial role in ensuring safety, efficiency, and coordination across the rail network. It operates by processing real-time data related to train positions, speeds, and routes, and uses this information to control signals and track configurations. This helps prevent collisions, allows for the smooth flow of train traffic, and optimizes train scheduling and route planning. The signalling software is part of a larger railway signalling system which includes hardware components like signals, track circuits, and point machines. Together, these elements work to provide a safe and efficient way to manage the railway by communicating vital information to train operators and automatically enforcing rules and protocols.

Analog computer

A n analog computer is a type of Acomputing device that uses the continuously variable aspects of physical phenomena to represent and solve problems. Unlike digital computers, which process data in binary form (discrete values of 0s and 1s), analog computers manipulate data represented in continuous forms. This means they use physical quantities such as electrical voltage, mechanical motion, or hydraulic pressure to model the problem being solved.

Dhanbad basement to \$4 billion

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ipul Sinha's story might remind you of Manoj Kumar's in 12th Fail, Vidhu Vinod Chopra's inspiring and endearing film that's topping most Bollywood rating charts.

Bipul was born and brought up in Bihar. His father started his professional life as a sales manager for pharma company Alembic in Mumbai. But then he left that to try his hand at entrepreneurship back home in Bihar, in Darbhanga and Madhepura. He tried a venture. Didn't succeed. He tried another. That too failed. "It was economically very, very hard for us," Bipul recollects. "We (he and his brother) studied in Bihar government schools, which are really no schools. So we didn't have any proper education."

His father then took up a job in Dhanbad. The family stayed in a place near Dhanbad called Govindpur, in a basement without a bathroom or water. Bipul did Plus-2 from PK Roy Memorial College in Dhanbad. His marks weren't good. His father told him that, given his marks, he is unlikely to get admission to a BSc programme. So instead of trying for that, he suggested that Bipul stay at home and prepare for IIT-JEE. "Everybody thought that was crazy, because I hadn't had any good education, any good marks," Bipul says. Still, he followed his father's suggestion. He studied, sat for JEE. But he didn't qualify. He did not even qualify for the local Bihar engi-

neering colleges.



again. "He was very ambitious. He actually told me that it's good I had not got into Bihar engineering, because if I had. I would not have tried again for IIT. My uncles and aunts and everyone around thought that this father-son duo had totally lost it."

Bipul got back to preparing again. "When you sit at home and nobody is telling you what to study, then ignorance becomes bliss. In that environment. you sometimes

over-prepare on things, sometimes you go deeper into things that interest you," he says.

Whatever be the reason, the effort actually paid off. Bipul got into the electrical engineering programme at IIT Kharagpur. He'd achieved what most thought was impossible.

Once he graduated, he was clear he needed to earn money fast - his family's economic condition made it imperative. He saw the US as the answer to that. So, after a

joint venture), Bipul moved to Atlanta, US, to take up a software engineering job with American Megatrends, a company specialising in PC hardware and firmware. About two years later, he joined Oracle in Silicon Valley, where he spent nine years and rose to be a director.

"I had more than 30 patents in distributed computing. I had risen through management. During this period, I got the confi-

dence that I'm not going to slip back into

poverty," he says.

With that confidence, he decided to switch from software engineering to venture capital – first in Blumberg Capital and then Lightspeed Venture Partners. He backed a number of successful com-

panies, including Nutanix,

Pulse, Bromium, and Braze. That experience helped him learn about how to identify market gaps, how to take a product to market, how to create demand for a product. That evoked a desire to do His father did not give up, brief stint with Tata Informa- something of his own. So, in basement!

friends - Arvind Nithrakashvap, Arvind Jain, Soham Mazumdar - Bipul founded a company called Rubrik, with the idea of helping companies recover from a cyberattack quickly. Rubrik's platform combines cybersecurity principles with backup & recovery principles - it keeps versions of a customer's data securely, it understands how far attacks have gone, what data has been attacked, whether there's malware that could reinfect upon recovery, and thus solves for the entire recovery process.

Bipul's was a pioneering solution in the cybersecurity industry, and won clients across industries, including large banks like Goldman Sachs and Citibank. He also won the financial backing of Microsoft, Bain Capital Ventures, Lightspeed Ventures, Greylock Partners, and Khosla Ventures. Rubrik was last valued at \$4 billion.

And to think this story started in a Dhanbad

50,000 mainline retail stores in 2024 ONEPLUS WILL CONTINUE TO INVEST, INTRODUCE

HIGH-QUALITY TECHNOLOGIES, AND DIVERSIFY ITS PRODUCT PORTFOLIO IN INDIA, SAYS RANJEET SINGH, DIRECTOR OF SALES, ONEPLUS INDIA

>>What are the key strate- our community as did our nity and their feedback on our gies of OnePlus for 2024 new audio products, alongespecially for the Indian side our already existing aumarket?

2024. This year, we are excited to bring in a renewed focus on our retail strategy. We are looking to increase investments across the mainline channel by twofold in 2024.

We are excited to share that we will be expanding our mainline presence by opening 200+ new OnePlus experience stores across India this year. We look forward to opening these stores across 150+ cities in India along with boosting our service centre network coverage. In line with this and staying true to our earlier commitment, we are also looking forward to increasing our market penetration into Tier 2 and Tier 3 markets

With our retail expansion plans, we want to give our growing community across India a chance to personally connect to the brand by gaining first-hand premium experience of our products as well as the OnePlus connected ecosystem.

>> Beyond mobile phones, OnePlus offers a diverse range of products such as watches, earphones, and various IoT devices. Is the company currently planning to broaden its product portfolio, and if so, what specific areas or categories is OnePlus considering for expansion?

We continue to launch an ar-

ray of innovative products as part of our OnePlus connected ecosystem offerings and have successfully done so in 2023 as well. We ventured into the tablets segment in 2023 with our OnePlus Pad and Pad Go and witnessed an overwhelmingly positive response. Similarly, our Keyboard 81 Pro also saw an exceptional response from

will continue to remain so in our growing India user base while making them an integral part of the OnePlus connected ecosystem.

Similarly, we broadened our product offerings with an exciting first stint in the foldable segment, bringing in the OnePlus Open, The OnePlus Open also emerged as the highest sold foldable smartphone on Amazon.in on its open sale day in > INR 1Lakh price segment in 2023 (Period: Jan 2023-27th Oct 2023).

As a user-centric brand, we will continue to invest in bringing the best of high-quality technology to our consumers in India. And we will continue diversifying our product portfolio across price points to meet the diverse needs of our wide user community.

>> What strategies has OnePlus employed to distinguish itself from competitors and establish a superior position in the market, and what measures does the company take to maintain its leading position in that specific category? How would you assess the overall product supremacy of OnePlus, and in which product category do they excel the most? As a brand, OnePlus has al-

ways listened to its commu-

products. This year will be no different as we will continue dio and wearables range. We to keep our community's in-India has always been an im- have created products cater- terest at the heart of our efportant market for us, and it ing to the diverse needs of forts. We will continue to deliver on our promise to provide high-quality products with superior performance and a burdenless user experience. Our overall product perfor-

> mance has been nothing short of remarkable in 2023. In fact, we are thrilled to share that OnePlus emerged as the no.1 brand in India within the price segment of \$400-\$600 (mid to high-end range) (Source: IDC India Monthly tracker Nov'23, for the period of Jan-Nov 2023). Additionally, our flagship devices. OnePlus 11/11R, led the mid to high-end price segment (\$400-\$600) in Jan-Nov '23 period in terms of shipments (Source: IDC India Monthly tracker Nov 23).

> Furthermore, we emerged as the fastest-growing brand among the top ten smartphone brands in Jan-Nov 2023 with YoY growth of over 50% (Source: IDC). Additionally, a recent CMR survey on the current state of smartphone OS user experience highlighted that OxygenOS secured the top spot in terms of user satisfaction and stands out as the preferred choice for smartphone users seeking a performance-driven, and user-centric operating system that enhances their overall digital well-being. Now with the launch of the



er Settle" mantra once again, redefining flagship technology. And we are confident that our community is going to love what's in store for them

>> What features of the highly anticipated OnePlus 12 do you believe will make it particularly appealing to tech enthusiasts

We have had a wonderful start to 2024 with the launch of our OnePlus 12 series. The One-Plus 12 5G marks a significant advancement and is an improvement from its predecessor, the OnePlus 11 5G, across performance, display innovation, charging capabilities, camera technology, and design aesthetics is something that we're extremely excited for our community to try.

At its core is the powerful Snapdragon® 8 Gen 3 Mobile Platform, supported by our proprietary Trinity Engine, and up to 16GB of LPDDR5X RAM with 512GB UFS 4.0 ROM. The design, inspired by luxurious timepieces and the beauty of nature that surrounds us, reflects a harmonious blend of technology and aesthetic appeal. The 4th Gen Hasselblad camera system has something for just about everyone; we have also enhanced our Pro Mode to create Master Mode for our users who want to pursue their creative ambitions in photography.

Indian-American

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New York: Police is investi-

gating the death of an Indian-American student in Ohio.

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US approves strikes against Iran targets in Iraq and Syria: Report

Blames Tehran-Backed Militias For Jordan Base Hit, Drone Said To Be 'Iran-Made'

Washington: US plans have been approved for multi-day strikes in Iraq and Syria against multiple targets, including Iranian personnel and facilities, CBS News reported on Thursday, citing US officials.

The report follows days of conjecture about how Washington plans to retaliate after three US service members were killed on Saturday by a drone strike in Jordan, the first US deaths in an escalation of violence across West Asia flashpoints since Israel's war in Gaza began in Oct. President Joe Biden, under pressure to take firm action, has said he has decided how to respond, but has not publicly revealed the plans.

In its report, CBS did not provide details on what a US approval meant in terms of a timeline for the strikes. But it quoted US officials as saying weather was a factor in the timing of the planned strikes, as Washington prefers to carry out strikes when visibility is good over its targets to safeguard against hitting civilians.

ters the drone used in the attack on Jordan base was believed to have been made in Iran. They did not disclose details of the model of the drone. While the initial indications

Four US officials told Reu-



A protester in Tel Aviv demands that Israel strike a hostage deal with Hamas

'Iran's Guards pull officers from Syria amid Israeli strikes and spectre of a broader war'

I ran's Revolutionary Guards have scaled back deployment of their senior officers in Syria due to a spate of deadly Israeli strikes and will rely more on allied Shia militia to preserve their sway there, five sources said. The Guards have suffered one of their most bruising spells in Syria since arriving a decade ago to aid President al-Assad in the Syrian war. Since Dec, Israeli strikes have killed more than half a dozen of their members, among them a top intelligence general. Iran's decision to pull out senior officers is driven partly by its aversion to being sucked directly into a conflict bubbling across West Asia, three of the sources said. They, however, said Iran has no intention of quitting Syria — a key part of its sphere of influence One of the sources - a senior regional security official - said senior commanders had left Syria along with dozens of mid-ranking officers, describing it as a downsizing of the presence. The source did not say how many had left. The sources said the Guards would manage Syrian operations remotely, with help from ally Hezbollah. REUTERS

was made recently after recovering fragments of the drone.

On Wednesday, US national security council spokesman John Kirby said the US believes the attack was planned, resourced and facilitated by the Iran-backed Islamic Resistance in Iraq, an umbrella group that includes the militia Kataib Hezbollah. He said Biden "believes it is important to respond in an appropriate way".

Kirby dismissed the statement by Kataib Hezbollah announcing "the suspension of military and security operations against the occupation forces in bid to prevent embarrassment to the Iraqi government." He said the group can't be taken at face value, and added "they're not the only group".

As of Wednesday, Kataib Hezbollah and other Iran-aligned militias have launched 166 attacks on US military installations since Oct 18, including 67 in Iraq, 98 in Syria and the one in Jordan, according to the US military. The US has already retaliated in Iraq, Syria and Yemen. Experts have cautioned that any strikes against Iranian forces inside Iran could force Tehran to respond, escalating the situation in a way that could drag the US into a major West Asia war. Reuters & AP

for concealing hospitalisation Washington: US secretary

play is being suspected in the

case after a forensic test fo-

und no trauma on his body. PTI

US def secy sorry

of defence Lloyd Austin on Thursday apologised for concealing his prostate cancer diagnosis and hospitalisation from President Biden and the rest of the government. "I should have told the president about my cancer diagnosis," he told a presser. "I have apologised directly to President Biden." Austin said that he did not direct his "staff to conceal my hospitalisation" and that he had not considered resigning. However, he admitted: "We did not get this right." He revealed he is still recovering and has limited use of one leg, using a golf cart to get around the

Pentagon building. AFP

EU agrees to \$54bn in new aid for Ukraine as Hungary falls in line

Brussels: European Union leaders unanimously agreed on Thursday to extend €50 billion (\$54 billion) in new aid to Ukraine, overcoming weeks of resistance from Hungary and winning praise from Kyiv.

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ess, Cincinnati. The consulate continues to remain in touseveral saw as an existential challenge posed by Russia's ch with the family and is extending all possible assistance war in Ukraine, the biggest conflict in Europe since to them, it said. The incident comes just days after an Indi-WWII. "We have a deal. Unity," an student, Vivek Saini, was said European Council Presifatally attacked in Georgia. dent Charles Michel in a post Also, over the weekend, Neel on X. "All 27 leaders agreed on Acharya, an Indian-origin stan additional 50-billion-euro udent of Purdue University, support package for Ukraine within the EU budget." was found dead inside the Indiana-based campus. No foul Ukrainian President Volo-

dymyr Zelensky welcomed the agreement, saying the aid economic and financial stability of his country. The agreement comes after weeks of wrangling with Orban, who vetoed the aid package last December. There was no comment from Hungary. Diplomats light from Hungary, the bloc did not commit to releasing any of the billions of euros of EU funds intended for Hunga-

Have proof Kyiv used US missiles to down iet with 'PoWs': Russia

ussian investigators said on

Thursday they have eviden-

ce showing that Ukraine's milit-

WHILE YOU ARE BUSY

MAKING OTHER PLANS

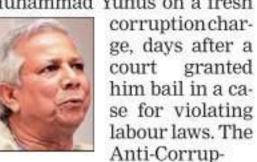
- JOHN LENNON

ary shot down a Russian II-76 military transport plane last week with US-made Patriot surface-to-air missiles. Russia said all 74 people on board, including 65 captured Ukrainian soldiers en route to be swapped for Russian prisoners of war, were killed. Russia's State Investigative Committee said in a statement that Ukrainian soldiers in the area of Lyptsi in the Kharkiv region had fired two missiles at the plane. "The fragments seized from the scene, according to their design features, geometric characteristics and available markings, are structural elements of the MIM-104A anti-aircraft guided missile of would strengthen long-term the Patriot complex of the US.' the committee said. REUTERS

ry but frozen by Brussels over widespread concerns about human rights and the rule of law in the country. With an agreement on budget support dosaid in exchange for the green ne, the leaders were next discussing military aid for Kyiv. The bloc is seen falling short of its target of sending artillery shells to Ukraine. REUTERS

Muhammad Yunus charge-sheeted in fresh corruption case days after bail

Dhaka: Bangladesh's antigraft agency on Thursday submitted a charge sheet against Nobel laureate economist Muhammad Yunus on a fresh



tion Commission accused the 83-year-old economist and 13 others of misappropriating around Tk 25.22 crore (\$2.29m) of Grameen Telecom Workers' Profit Participation Fund.

Yunus is the chairman of Grameen Telecom — which he founded as a non-profit organisation — while the co-defendants include its directors, managing director and employees' trade union leaders, "We have filed the charge sheet against him (Yunus) and 13 others before the Metropolitan Senior Special Judge's Court of Dhaka," an ACC spokesman told reporters. The court has set March 3 for an indictment hearing of the case.

Law minister Anisul Huq rejected allegations of harassing Yunus, saying the government did not fabricate any false cases against him. "Yunus was warned and advised to prevent these violations, but he ignored them. So, the labour department filed a lawsuit," Huq said. Yunus won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006 for his anti-poverty campaign. PTI

was seen as a move to secure

his pay. The ruling is not the

first time that Musk has suffe-

red a setback in Delaware.

McCormick was the same jud-

ge who also oversaw Twitter's

Biden sanctions 4 Israeli settlers over West Bank violence

Washington: President Biden issued an executive order on Thursday that aims to punish Jewish settlers who attack Palestinians in the occupied West Bank following the Oct 7 Hamas attack on southern Israel.

Biden's order establishes a system for imposing financial sanctions and visa restrictions against individuals who are found to have attacked or intimidated Palestinians or seized their property, national securi-

ty adviser Jake Sullivan said.

order, which cuts them off from the American financial system along with any assets or property in the US, and prevents them travelling to the US. They said more people would be sanc-

tioned in the future. Violence by Israeli settlers against Palestinians "pose a grave threat

to peace, security, stability in USofficials said four people the Middle East region, and are being sanctioned under the they also obstruct the realisation of ultimately an in-

> state," an official said. In response to the order, Israeli finance minister Bezalel Smotrich, head of the farright pro-settlement party Rel-

igious Zionism, said: "The

'settler violence' campaign is

an antisemitic lie that enemies

goal of smearing the pioneering settlers and settlement enterprise, and to harm them and dependent Palestinian thus smear the State of Israel."

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The announcement of the sanctions came just hours before Biden was set to hold a campaign event in Michigan, a key battleground state that has a large Arab American population and has been the site of numerous protests about the president's actions. REUTERS & NYT

Musk seeks Tesla shareholder vote on shifting incorporation to Texas

esla CEO Elon Musk said found it was negotiated by diwill hold a shareholder

corporation to Texas from Delaware, days after a judge invalidated his \$56 billion pay package. On Tuesday, Delaware judge Kathaleen McCormick called the

2018 share-based pay package sued by investors if he tried to "an unfathomable sum" that was unfair to shareholders and

Thursday the company rectors who appeared beholden to Musk. "Never incorpovote to transfer its state of in- rate your company in the state of Delaware," Musk po-

> sted on X shortly after. Musk's idea, should he actually go through with the vote, is not wit-Musk would likely be

hout risk. Experts said form for \$44 billion.

tion to Texas, particularly if it buy the company, reuters

July 2022 lawsuit against Musk after he tried to back out of his contract to buy the online plat-The judge rejected his delaying tactics and Musk finally move the state of incorporawent through with the deal to



KARNATAKA STATE MEDICAL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED No.1, Dr. Siddaiah Puranik Road, KHB Colony, Magadi Road,

No: KSMSCL/DRUGS/TND/CH/ORS&ZINC/195/2023-24 Dated: 31.01.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION Ref: 1. Tender Notification No: KSMSCL/DRUGS/TND/CH/ORS&ZINC/

195/2023-24, Dated: 31.01.2024. (IND-0087). Nationwide Tender is invited through e-Tendering system under KTPP Act 1999 and

Rules 2000 for the following tender 1. Tender for the supply of ORS & Zinc tablets under Child Health

Programme 2023-24 (IND-0087). Details regarding EMD, Terms and Conditions and other information are available in the Tender Document, which can be downloaded from the website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 31.01.2024. The eligible tenderers shall submit their e-tenders under e-procurement platform for above mentioned tenders. Further information if any may be obtained Sd/- Managing Director,

DIPR/CP/AAPL/RO3346/23-24

MADTU CENTRAL BALLWAY NURTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice No: - 13620232024

TENDER NOTICE

Date: 30.01.2024

KSMSCL, Bengaluru.

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering) / North Central Railway / Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites the following E-Tenders on prescribed form for the following works up to 13:30 hrs. on 23.02.2024. The details of the tenders are as under:

S.N.:1 Tender No.: 347, Name of Work: Muck disposal, cess repair and drain work under ADEN/ETW.

Approx Cost of Work (Rs): 23083665.72 | Bid security (Rs): 265400.00 Completion Period: 08 months, Similar work for Eligibility Criteria: P.Way work.

S.N.:2 Tender No.: 348, Name of Work: Provision of overrun at Pata, Balrai. Sarai Bhopat, Firozabad and Jalesar Road stations.

Approx Cost of Work (Rs): 24046044.05 | Bid security (Rs): 270200.00 Completion Period: 10 months, Similar work for Eligibility Criteria: P.Way work.

S.N.:3 Tender No.: 349, Name of Work: Upgradation of goods shed at Nibkarori (NBUE) station under ADEN/FZD.

Approx Cost of Work (Rs): 55342236.79 | Bid security (Rs): 426700.00 Completion Period: 10 months, Similar work for Eligibility Criteria: Any Civil Engineering work.

S.N.:4 Tender No.: 350, Name of Work: Combined Tender: (A) Turnout Sleeper renewal in RRH-TDL section under Sr.DEN/III/PRYJ. (B) NI work at ETW under ADEN/ETW. (C) CTR (S) under ADEN/FZD.

Approx Cost of Work (Rs): 18297958.08 Bid security (Rs): 241500.00 Completion Period: 12 months, Similar work for Eligibility Criteria: P. Way work. Date of Opening of Tender: 23.02.2024, Note: - (1) The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders is available on website www.ireps.gov.in up to 13:30 hrs on the due date of tender opening ie 23.02.2024. The tender shall be opened at or after 15:00 hrs on due date. (2) Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificates 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 shall be straightaway ignored and shall not be considered. (4) Tender No. 347 to 350 is having advertised value more than 50 Lakhs, therefore, Annexure-V & V (A) (Document Verification Certificate) are required. The supplier / contractor of goods and/or services would be subject to GST Act and Rules as applicable from time to time. (5) Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. (6) This tender notice has also been uploaded on www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in. (7) Cost of Tender document and Bid Security can be deposited Online through Internet Banking or Payment Gateway or Bank Guarantee Bond as detailed in para 12 of tender document. (8) In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. (9) Tender on line can be submitted up to 13:30 hrs. on 23.02.2024. (10) Along with other instructions given to Tenderers, Tenderers are required to Pay special attention on Para 12.0 of Tender Document for Bid Security Deposit. (11) E-Tender Forms shall be issued free of cost to all Tenderers. (12) For tender no. 347 to 350: The tenderer has to submit necessary documents in compliance of clause 10 to 18 (Part-1) of IRGCC. 2022 (Works matter) mandatorily, otherwise their offer will be considered as

188/24 (P) incomplete Offer and accordingly shall not be considered. ■ North central railways
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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused persons Namely (1) Yuvraj @ Raj S/o Ishwar R/o 2338, Transit Camp, Anand Parbat, Delhi and (2) Naveen S/o Ganesh R/o 2610, suspected to have committed) the offence in a case vide FIR No. 17/2021 U/s 308/323/34 IPC Dated 29.01.2021 registered at P.S. could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused (1) Yuvraj @ Raj and (2) Naveen have absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused (1) Yuvraj

DP/1181/CD/2024

(Court Notice)

By Order

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 India) RC-DST/2017A/0016 P.S. CBI/STB/N.D.

U/s. 120B IPC R/w 420\468\471 IPC & S. 13(2) r/w 13(1)(d) of PC ACT CBI v/s Sahib Singh & Ors.

WHEREAS complaint has been made before me that Sh. Surinder Singh R/o F 73, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence punishable u/s 120B IPC R/w 420\468\471 IPC & Sec. 13(2) r/w 13(1)(d) of PC ACT and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Sh. Surinder Singh cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Sh. Surinder Singh has absconded (or is concealing himself

to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said Sh. Surinder Singh is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on the day of 05.02.2024.

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

Dated this 23rd day of November 2023

Name of the Court Naresh Kumar Laka Special Judge (PC Act), CBI, -20, Rouse Avenue Court Complex, New Delhi

General public is hereby informed that this

Girl (depicted in the photo) namely Kiran D/o

Government of Kerala Published Tenders from 29-01-2024 to 31-01-2024

Transit Camp, Anand Parbat, Delhi have committed (or are Anand Parbat, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued stating that the said (1) Yuvraj @ Raj and (2) Naveen @ Raj and (2) Naveen are required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 05.03.2024.

Sh. Shubham Devadiya. Metropolitan Magistrate, Room No. 336A, 3rd Floor, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

Type, Time for completion 36 months.

Note: For full details log on to the website https://www.tirumala.org. ROC. NO. PR4 / 13963/ Adv. No. 360/ PRO / 2024, Dated: 01.02.2024 Sd/- Executive Officer

E-TENDER NOTICE MAHAGENCO Chandrapur Super Thermal Power Station MAHAGENCO, invites Proposals from reputed and experienced Companies to Participate in the Competitive

Department of Electrical Inspectorate

Tender ID: 2023 CEI 613082 2 * Chief Electrical Inspector *

20-point Energy meter test bench with 0.02 accuracy or bette *

https://etenders.kerala.gov.in for more details.

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS, TIRUPATI OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, TTD, TIRUPATI DIST, A.P.

TENDER NOTICE

ADV No.93/D3/CE/TTD/2023-24 & NIT No.381/SE-II/TTD/2023-24, Dt: 01/02/2024

Name of Works: (1) Facility Management Services for housekeeping, sanitation and maintenance of PAC-I, PAC-II, Sudarshan Choultry, Govardhan Choultry

& Kalyan Choultry at Tirumala for the years 2024-27 (3 years), Open Tender

Closing Date: 13-Feb-2024 * PAC: Rs15572131

Ro.No:29-31/Jan/2024/PRD/(N)13

bidding Process to following Tenders. Tender No. (Rfx No.) / Description / Estimated Cost in Rs. 3000045110 / Design, Supply, Erection, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of New Lifts in place of the Existing Old Lifts installed at Unit#5, 6 & 7, 3 X 500 MW, Stage-III, CSTPS, Chandrapur/Rs.82127708.56 Above floated tender published in MAHAGENCO online Portal. For the detailed Tender document, interested bidders should visit SRM Website

https://eprocurement.mahagenco.in for (Sr. No. 01) For any query Contact No.8554991818. CHIEF ENGINEER (O&M) CSTPS, CHANDRAPUR



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA India Meteorological Department (Ministry of Earth Sciences) Office of the Director General of Meteorology Mausam Bhawan, Lodi Road, New Delhi - 110 003

Dated: 31st January, 2024. Online applications are invited from eligible Indian Nationals for filling up the following temporary post on contractual basis:

S. No.	Name of Post	No. of posts	Emoluments	Upper age limit	
1	Project Scientist-I	38	₹ 56,000/- + HRA	35 years	
2	Project Scientist-II	34	₹ 67,000/- + HRA	40 years	

available in IMD Website https://mausam.imd.gov.in/ Last date for submission of online application is 21 days from publication of advertisement in Employment Newspaper. Sd/- (MIANSARI)

CBC 12102/12/0001/2324

Scientist-E (Establishment) for Director General of Meteorology

Central Electricity Regulatory Commission 3rd & 4th Floor, Chanderlok Building, 36 Janpath, New Delhi-110001 Tele No.: 011-23353503/23753918, Fax: 011-23753923

(For Public Hearing on 15th February, 2024) Draft notification of Central Electricity Regulatory

Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2024 for the tariff period commencing from 01.04.2024 was published on the website of the Commission, www.cercind.gov.in, inviting comments/ suggestions/objections from the stakeholders. The public hearing on the above draft Notification will be held on 15th February, 2024 at Auditorium, SCOPE Complex, Core 8, 7, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110003 from 10:00 AM onwards (registration from 9.00 AM onwards). All interested person and stakeholders who wish to participate and/or submit their objections/ suggestions/ views before the Commission, may attend the hearing on above said date and venue. Details of Public hearing is also available on the website, www.cercind.gov.in.

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Short Term Tender Inviting Notice Office of the Executive Engineer, PCM(GV), Mayapur, Haridwar invites sealed & separate tender from interested bidders. Brief summary of tender is given below:-

1. Tender Notice Reference:

NIT No.- 16/2023-24/EE/PCM(GV)/Mayapur:- Leakage Treatment work of Machine No. 2 & Water Cooling Line Duct at Mohammadpur Power

Estimated Value of Tender: - Rs. 14,99,957.23 only, excluding GST. 3. Date of availability of bid document on website: - 31.01.2024 from

4. Last Date for Submission of Tender: - 07.02.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs. For eligibility criteria and full and further details kindly visit our website.

The tender can be downloaded from our website i.e. http://ujvnl.com and tender cost shall be paid at the time of submission of the tender. Executive Engineer, PCM (GV), Mayapur, Haridwar

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY E-Tender Notice No.: Sr.DEE/RS/ELS/CNB/2023-24/ RRRET-04. Dated: 31.01.2024

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/RS/N.C. Rly. /Kanpur, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite the following open E-Tender for the following work up to Tender Opening Date & Time. The details of the tenders are as under: Approximate Value (In Rs.)

E- Tender Notice

Tender No: ELS-CNB-2023-24-RRRET-04 Name of work: Repair/Reconditioning/ 1,93,91,795.77 (Rs. One Crore Overhauling of M/s ELGI make 1750 LPM oil Ninety-Three Lakh Ninety One lubricated Compressors of Model no. RR20100 Thousand Seven Hundred CG(M) of WAG-9/WAP-7 locomotives at Electric Ninety Five and Seventy Seven Loco shed, N.C.Railway, Kanpur.Qty.120 Nos. -

Bid Security 2,47,000.00 (Rs. Two Lakh Forty Completion 12 Months period of Work (In Rs.) Seven Thousand Only) Tender Document **Tender Opening** 23.02.2024 & 15:30 hrs. Date & Time

Cost (In Rs.) Note:-1. The complete information along with tender document of above e Tenders is available on website www.ireps.gov.in up to due date & time of tender opening. 2. Bids, other than in the form of E-Bids, shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, venders are required to ge themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. 3. Offer rates quoted in the form of e-tender schedule & duly signed digitally shall be final. No other documents related to offer rates shall be entertained. Tenderers are advised not to attach any document related to offer rates (except undertaking(s) asked). These documents shall be treated as NULL and void and shall not be considered for evaluation of offer. 4. Documents being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. 5. This tender notice has also been uploaded on www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in. 6. In case of any difficulty nelpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. 200/24 (ADM)

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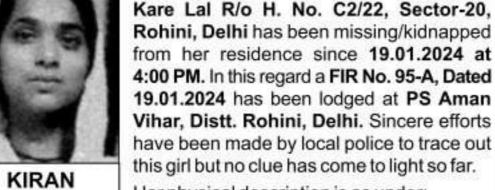
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Salwar and Chappal in feet.

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Vihar, Distt. Rohini, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this girl but no clue has come to light so far. Her physical description is as under:-Sex: Female, Age: 20 years, Height: 5' 2" ft., Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: Maroon Suit &

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Any person is having information or clue about this missing girl may kindly inform to the following address:-PS: Aman Vihar, Delhi Website: http://cbi.nic.in Ph.: 011-27581223, 25961600 E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Mob. No: 8750870321 PUBLIC NOTICE



TIMES SPORT

ITALY STRIKER ANDREA BELOTTI JOINS FIORENTINA ON LOAN FROM AS ROMA

BASKETBALL STAR MARC GASOL RETIRES AFTER A CAREER SPANNING 20 PROFESSIONAL SEASONS





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Vizag: In a sense, the real test begins now. Rohit Sharma's India are under the cosh after their below-par show in the first Test and will need to do something special to upstage England here. In the four days between the 28-run capitulation in Hyderabad and the second Test at the ACA-VDCA Stadium, there's been much talk about India's ability to counter England's strategy of

playing an attacking style of cricket. That strategy will be under scrutiny once again on what is expected to be a slow turner, which the spinners — there could be nearly eight

combined from

batters should

ENGLAND IN INDIA

equally relish. The way England succeeded with the conventional and reverse sweeps in Hyderabad is no guarantee of sustained success.

It will also be interesting to see if India play to their strengths and trust the game plan that has fetched them so much success over the years. If Shubman Gill practising

The pitch might play a little bit better initially than it did last week in Hyderabad, but we don't like to go in with too many preconceived ideas. We like to have some kind of idea because obviously that's how we pick the team, then we just play what's in front of us. It might be a good wicket for maybe a day or two." -Ben Stokes | ENG CAPTAIN

lofted shots in the optional nets session on Thursday is any indication, the conventional methodology of countering spin in Indian conditions should hold the hosts in good stead. India will be under pressure in the absence of Virat Kohli, KL Rahul and Ravindra Jadeja and must trust their instincts.

Patidar had joined the squad ahead of the first Test and with Sarfaraz Khan also available, Friday should see one of them getting their India cap.

The two centuries he scored for India 'A' in his last three innings against England Lions gives Patidar

WE PLAY A LOT OF CRICKET ON THESE TRACKS. IT'S NOT THAT WE DON'T KNOW HOW TO SWEEP OR REVERSE SWEEP. DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION, WE AS BATTERS TAKE OUR CALL IT IS VERY CLEAR TO US... BAT WITH FREEDOM. IF THE TEAM DEMANDS US TO PLAY IN A CERTAIN WAY, THEN WE ARE UP TO IT."

-KS Bharat | INDIA 'KEEPER

an edge over Sarfaraz. An India cap will be a step forward for the Madhya Pradesh right-hander after his ODI debut in South Africa last year.

With 4,000 runs under his belt for Madhya Pradesh in the Ranji Trophy and for India 'A', Patidar, who also had a long stint in the nets on Thursday, will face stiff competition from Madhya Pradesh batter Rajat Sarfaraz, who scored nearly a thousand runs each in 2019-20 and 2020-21 and 556 in nine innings in 2023.

The predicament of losing the first match of the series is not a first for India — they also surrendered the first Test to England three years back. But skipper Rohit Sharma will

have fond memories of his twin centuries against South Africa at this venue in a match that saw him in a new avatar as opener. Rohit will have a lot riding on his shoulders, as will Gill and Shreyas Iyer. Ace spinner R Ashwin too will look to better his performance.

It remains to be seen if India go

Bashir To Debut, Anderson In

the way England have in naming four spinners in the XI. England have replaced the lone pacer in Hyderabad — Mark Wood — with the 41-year-old legend James Anderson. Off-spinner Shoaib Bashir will make his Test debut in place of left-arm spinner Jack Leach, who suffered a knee injury and has not recovered enough.

To succeed against Indian batters in their home conditions is any spinner's delight and Tom Hartley has raised expectations. A certain Steve O'Keefe had done something similar in Pune when Australia toured India for the four-Test series in 2017. The 'brain fade' series, as it is remembered, saw the hosts triumph 2-1, despite the left-arm spinner's 12/70 in the first Test.

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DRAW

HEAD TO HEAD

Initially good to bat on before it takes turn

and brings the spinners into the mix. India

have won both Tests here.

WEATHER

all five days will be between 30 and 32 degrees. Not much chance of

rain this time of the year.

ODDS: INDIA 7/10;

ENG 5/4; DRAW 5/1

28) out of 65

most by any team vs India

in India. Australia and the

West Indies have won 14

Indian soil.

Tests each against India on

India have won

vs England in Nov

2016 and by 203 runs vs

South Africa in Oct 2019.

both Tests played in

Vizag - by 246 runs

wickets needed by R Ashwin (496 at

23.79 in 96 Tests) to

become the fifth

spinner and the second

Indian to complete 500

wickets or more in Tests.

Overall, he is set to become

the ninth bowler to achieve

the feat. The four spinners

to get to the mark before

him are Muralitharan (800

wickets), Shane Warne

(708), Anil Kumble (619)

-Stats: Rajesh Kumar

and Nathan Lyon (517).

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get over his rough patch in Tests



ONE FOR THE OLD BOYS' CLUB! Pace great James Anderson (right) with England captain Ben Stokes

Stokes hopes 'Jimmy's skillset' will help Eng exploit conditions

Captain Explains Why 41-Year-Old Anderson **Is Preferred Choice Over Wood In 2nd Test**

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James Anderson's enthusiasm for people who don't really care about the game. For the second Test, the stuff like that," said Stokes. pace great will return to the England fold at the expense of Mark Wood. Skipper Ben Stokes said on Thursday that though England will miss the express speed of Wood, Anderson's versatility and ability to reverse swing can come in handy. For the record, Anderson has taken 34 wickets in 13 Tests in India.

"Bringing Jimmy's experience, camp before the tour of India. the class that he has, is great. I how good his record in India is. Considering what Jimmy is known as — 'the swing king' and all that — it just proves how good a bowler he is. He has different skillsets that I will be able to exploit in Indian conditions," said Stokes.

"It's not just picking Jimmy for the new ball, it's the other Stokes said when asked how Bastuff he possesses as well. It's shir coped with his visa woes. great that Jimmy is doing good things for the old boys out there. derabad), then seeing what had It's huge credit and lots of people should look up to Jimmy considering he is where he is at 41."

48 overs in Hyderabad and picked

up five wickets. Stokes said the former captain under-bowled himself as captain. With left-arm spinner Jack Leach out, England will again bank of Root for his off-spin.

"To also have the benefit of Joe's bowling is massive. I'm surprised he's not actually mentioned he's nipped above me (in the allround-Vizag: It's hard to match 41-year-old ers' list), but I think we're just two

'Bashir enjoyed dressing room, hasn't forgotten how to bowl!'

It's been a hectic week for England's Shoaib Bashir, who is set for his Test debut on Friday. The 20-yearold off-spinner from Somerset had to go back home from the UAE, where England had their training

A British Muslim of Pakistani think it also goes under the radar heritage, Bashir was the only member of the England team to face visa issues. While the team arrived in Hyderabad for the first Test, Bashir had to return to London before he was cleared to travel. He arrived in time to see England go 1-0 up in the series.

"He was just taking it all in," "Landing that early (in Hygone on, he really enjoyed being in that dressing room. There are no issues for me that he's been away Former captain Joe Root bowled for a period of time. It's not like he's forgotten how to bowl!'

For Sarfaraz, watching the greats is a learning curve

Vizag: The mountain of runs that he I am watching them to see how they scored in domestic circuit might have opened the doors of Indian cricket to him, but for Sarfaraz Khan, the learning never stops. The Mumbai batter has been drafted into the India squad for the second Test against England but it is not clear whether he will get the nod ahead of Rajat Patidar.

The prolific Mumbai batter, however, turned into a fan boy while discussing his learning process. "I like to watch Virat Kohli, AB de Villiers, Vivian Richards, and even Javed Miandad because my dad has told me I play like him. I watch Joe Root's bat-

are doing it, so I can learn and apply it. I want to continue doing this, whether it's in the Ranji Trophy or playing for India in the future," Sarfaraz told JioCinema.

"My strength is that I am not easily satisfied. I play 500-600 balls every day. If I don't play at least 200-300 balls in a match, I feel like I haven't done much. It's a habit now. If you want to play five-day cricket, you have to stay patient and practice every day," Sarfaraz said. But then there is a real-life hero for Sarfaraz — his father Nauting also. Anyone who is succeeding, less hours to make his son a cricketer. see others succeed while I wouldn't those efforts," he added. PTI



"My father introduced me to cricket, and I always wondered why I'm even playing. I'm an attacking batsman and I used to get out sooner than others and scoring big runs was getbe among the runs. But my dad always believed in hard work. Everything I have is a result of that work,' said Sarfaraz. In the 2015-2016 domestic season, Sarfaraz opted to play for Uttar Pradesh after he ran into trouble with Mumbai selectors during an under-19 game. Sarfaraz said his dad would travel to UP or wherever the team played to watch him bat.

"Even when I moved from Mumbai to UP, he would take flights to come and see me. He would start bowling to me on the terrace or the road itself before selection trials. Now I shad Ahmed — who dedicated count- ting difficult. It was disheartening to realise the impact and importance of

India hope to seal semis berth today vs Nepal

Bloemfontein: India's under-19 team will be eager to make its semifinal entry in the World Cup by beating a struggling Nepal in their final

Group 1 Super Six match here on Friday. The top two sides from the two Super Six groups will progress to the semifinals.

Pakistan (+1.06) are close on India's heels with six points but India (+3.32) occupy the Super Six engagements on a high and travel to top slot because of better net run rate. The tournament favourites under Uday Saharan are yet to taste defeat and Nepal are unlikely to stretch this thrilling win over Afghanistan in the prelimiside. India's dominance is visible in the stats as well. They are on top of Group 1 with an all-win Thursday's match: Scotland U-19 251/6 beat Namibia record and six points, while Nepal are yet to win. U-19 248/6 by 3 runs.

leads the batting chart with 325 runs averaging over 81, with two hundreds. Musheer's 131 off 126 balls was instrumental in India's thumping 214run win over the Kiwis in their first Super Six match. Saumy Kumar Pandey then wreaked havoc on the NZ lineup with a four-wicket haul. The left-arm spinner (12 wickets) now shares the top spot in the bowling charts with Pakistan's Ubaid Shah and South Africa's Kwena Maphaka. India have more depth in their squad beyond

Musheer Khan, younger brother of Sarfaraz,

those two stars. Captain Saharan, wicketkeeper-batter Aravalli Avanish and U-19 WC allrounder Arshin Kulkarni too have **SUPER SIX** made their presence felt. The young stars will be eager to finish off their

Benoni for the last-four match high on confidence. However, writing off Nepal, who scored a

nary stages, will be naive. PTI

GALLERY

Hamilton may move from Mercedes to Ferrari in 2025: Reports

London: Seven-time F1 champion Lewis Hamilton has been linked with a shock move from Mercedes to Ferrari next year according to reports on Thursday. Sky Sports News said Hamilton would leave Mercedes after the 2024 season and replace Carlos Sainz Jr. at Ferrari. It didn't cite any sources. The Daily Mail also said the deal would go through while motorsport.com said it wasn't a done deal yet but negotiations were at an advanced stage and could be concluded this week.

declined to comment on if he will join Ferrari. The move would surprise many F1

When contacted, Mercedes and Ferrari

observers because the 39-year-old British driver signed a new two-year deal last summer until 2025, although it remains unclear whether the deal contained an escape clause. After signing the new contract, Hamilton spoke of having "unfinished business" at the team and of having faith that Mercedes could get back to the front.

Hamilton won six titles with Mercedes in seven years from 2014-20 and lost the 2021 championship to Red Bull's Max Verstappen on the final lap of the last race. He has not won a race since 2021 and remains stuck on a record 103 wins. AGENCIES

ACTION TODAY

BASKETBALL: NBA, 6 am (Jiocinema) CRICKET: India vs England, 2nd Test, Day 1 9.30 am (Jiocinema); Ranji Trophy, 9.30 am (Jiocinema); U-19 WC, India vs Nepal, 1.30 pm (Star Sports); Australia v WI, 1st ODI, 9 am (Star Sports); Sri Lanka vs Afghanistan, Only Test, Day 1, 10 am (Sony Sports) FOOTBALL: ISL, Odisha FC vs Kerala Blasters FC, 7.30 pm (Jiocinema); Asian Cup, QFs, 5 pm & 9 pm (Jiocinema) TENNIS: Davis Cup 2024 (Qualifying Round), Day 2, 10.30 am (Sony Sports)

Ishant back, Delhi eye KO berth

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New Delhi: All of a sudden, there's optimism in the Delhi camp, ahead of their Ranji Trophy match against table-toppers Baroda which begins on Friday. The dramatic win against Uttarakhand in their last match has instilled belief in the setup that they could still have a shot at qualification even though they got off to a horrendous start in the tournament.

Going into the match, the first thing that they want to fix is their playing XI. After all the criticism around dropping star batter Ayush Badoni for the last game, it will be interesting to see if the management goes in with him.

The spotlight will also be on remainder of the tournament. Yash Dhull who has not managed to score a single half century across the team is positioned very deliformats this season even as the team has decided to back the young-

RANJI TROPHY



ster to the hilt. Captain Himmat Singh has won back the trust of the management with a match-winning 194 in the last match. However, Badoni, Dhull and Himmat must be thinking about their careers getting unravelled if they implode in the "The association realizes that

cately in the group. The coach has been given his preferred players.

Ishant Sharma will be back and so will seam-bowling allrounder Pranshu Vijayran," a DDCA official told TOI on Thursday.

There's has been much criticism about playing Kshitiz Sharma, someone who has looked completely out of place at this level, ahead of Badoni who has been Delhi's highest scorer in the white-ball phase. This was because the Delhi and District Cricket Association didn't like how Badoni was 'losing focus.' Sources told TOI that coach Devang Gandhi has been given a free hand to pick the strongest possible XI for the match to be played at the Air Force ground at Palam.

Sitting at just seven points from four matches, coach Gandhi insists that his team can still qualify for the knockout stage if they manage to win their two remaining home matches and one away game in Himachal.

'Now administrators take decisions, not captains'

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Jaipur: A large coaching setup is restricting the role of the captain, feels former India batsman and commentator Ajay Jadeja.

"I think it's unfortunate. coaches that Because when we grew up the captain was the one who led the side and he was responsible, he was the guide, he was the one who thought how you are going to play, how you will approach the game. Unfortunately now it's not the boys, it's the administrators who are running the game," said Jadeja, who never looked at the pitch and was one of the speakers at said whether we should bat 'Cricket: Spirit of the game'

session at the Jaipur Litera ture Festival on Thursday.

"At Under-15, you have these rules that the boys can't go and see the pitch, you have five you have been given — bat-

ting, bowling, fielding and a head coach. And when you have people employed, you know how it is. They do what they are supposed to do. So a kid at 15 when he starts playing at school, he has never made a decision. first or bowl first."

DRAG-FLICKER **HARMAN TO LEAD TEAM AT HOME** New Delhi: Drag-flicker Har-

manpreet Singh will lead the Indian men's hockey team at the upcoming FIH Pro League matches in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela, which are key to the side's preparation for this year's Paris Olympics.

Hockey India on Thursday named a 24-member squad for the double-leg fixtures. The Bhubaneswar-leg will begin on Feb 10 and end on Feb 16 while the Rourkela leg will start on Feb 19 and conclude on Feb 25.

FIH PRO LEAGUE

India will play against Ireland, the Netherlands, Spain, and Australia twice each across



paign against Spain on Feb 10. The squad was on the expected lines with striker Boby Dhami and goalkeeper

The hosts

Pawan missing out from the 26-member Indian team that toured South Africa last month. SQUAD: Goalkeepers: PR Sreejesh, Krishan Bahadur Pathak. **Defenders:** Jarmanpreet

Singh, Sumit, Jugraj Singh, Amit Rohidas, Harmanpreet Singh (C), Varun Kumar, Sanjay, Vishnukant Singh. Midfielders: Hardik Singh (VC), Vivek Sagar Prasad, Manpreet Singh, Nilakanta Sharma, Shamsher Singh, Rajkumar Pal, Rabichandra Singh Moirangthem. Forwards: Lalit Kumar Upadhyay, Mandeep Singh, Guriant Singh, Sukhjeet Singh, Abhishek, Akashdeep Singh, Araijeet Singh Hundal. PTI

AITA gags Team India players

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Pune: It might be touted as a historical tie, but for the All India Tennis Association, gagging its players from speaking to the media is the best way to celebrate the team's first visit in 60 years to Pakistan. "Not possible. No players (sic) is allowed to speak with press," AITA secretary general Anil Dhupar responded via text message when TOI reached out to him in Islamabad on Thursday.

Player-media interaction ahead of Davis Cup ties is customary and had been facili- to be off limits for the media. tated by the Indian team managers in the past

ring the players from interacting with the media. However, it is understood that the AITA had introduced a code of conduct for players in November following a controversy during sanction over a player should have been made the tie against Morocco in Lucknow in Sep- by the executive committee after due process.

tember when Mukund Sasikumar wore a jer-

sey sporting his personal sponsor's name. As per the code, players and officials part of the Indian team are barred from interacting with the media a week before, during, and a week after the tie. The moot question is, how is a player in violation of the code if the interaction is official and facilitated by the team manager?

With the players set to compete in an ATP Challenger in Chennai the week immediately after the tie, it remains to be seen whether they would continue

Dhupar is not new to controversies. He re-Dhupar did not explain the reason for bar- fused to nominate Sumit Nagal for the Asian wildcard for this year's Australian Open citing the player's decision to make himself unavailable for the Pakistan clash. Any disciplinary

Hockey legend Uthaiah no more

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Metal ndian hockey is replete with stories of unfulfilled dreams and underutilised potential. The journey of Karnataka's Ammanda Vasu Uthaiah is one such allegory. The former India half-back passed away in Bengaluru on Thursday following a brief illness. He was 82.

in Virajpet taluk in Kodagu, the genial craftsman of classic Indian hockey was known for his skill and discipline. The left-half spent 16 years with Madras Engineer Group & Centre, during which time he donned the Indian colours against

member of the Indian team which won a silver medal at the 1970 Asian Games in Bangkok. Although he was touted as an Olympic prospect, the rise of his contemporary Harmik Singh, ended his dreams.

and Singapore. Uthaiah was a key

Former India skipper MP Ganesh, who shared a special bond with Uthaiah for almost six decades, paid tribute to his senior and said, "When BP Govinda and I were picked for the Indian camp, Uthaiah was already there. He was a huge inspiration for us. Apart from being a hockey ge-Born in Kadanga Marur, a hamlet nius, what stood out about Uthaiah was his simplicity and discipline. As a player who played in the right-out position, I know how difficult it was to get through him. His strength was his agility and reflexes."

After his retirement from the sport, Uthaiah chose a quiet life first in his teams like Pakistan, Kenya, Britain hometown and later in Bengaluru.



before prevailing on penalties late on Tuesday, giving Klinsmann's side only two days to recover before their quarter-final.

"Rest days are what it is, you accept it and move on. Now we are ready for this huge game and we're very hungry," Klinsmann told reporters.

"If you want to go through in a knockout phase of a big tournament, you have to be ready to suffer. You have to deal with pain because we got banged up in the last game and that's normal.

"It's normal and the players play this way in their club teams. Many of them play in Europe every three or four days."

plenty of experience... But I think at this moment in the tournament, it's more about mentality than physicality," said Cho, who scored a late equaliser to take the game against Saudi Duke has great memories of play-Arabia to penalties.

ity plays a bigger role now.

"Australia is a very strong team, very solid in defence.

NOBODY LAUGHING AT TAJIKISTAN NOW, **SAYS COACH SEGRT**

Doha: Tajikistan feel like they have already won the Asian Cup twice by qualifying for the last 16 and the quarterfinals on their tournament debut, and they will continue to dream about advancing further, coach Petar Segrt said on Thursday.

Tajikistan qualified for the last 16 with a late win over Lebanon in

OF LINEUP

Tajikistan vs Jordan Australia vs South Korea Iran vs Japan Oatar vs Uzbekistan

They're very physical and they're big, but we have our strengths. We have speed up front with very quick players."

On the other hand, Australia South Korea striker Cho Gue- coach Graham Arnold said the sung said the lack of adequate four-day rest period allowed him rest could be a factor, but experi- the luxury of giving his players ence and mentality would be key. some time off. "I think one of the "A lot of my team mates have most important things in tournaments is downtime and making sure that the players keep their brain fresh and their mind clear," Arnold said.

Australia striker Mitchell ing in Al Janoub Stadium, where "The reality is I think mental- his header in a 1-0 win over Tunisia in November 2022 gave the side their first World Cup victory in 12 years, reuters

> the group stage and beat 2019 semi-finalists United Arab Emirates on penalties to set up a quarterfinal clash with Jordan.

"Everyone laughs at me but I believe in my dream. There's a 50-50 chance we will win," Segrt said.

"Tajikistan are the black horses of this tournament and the black horses are still running... Everyone was laughing when we had dreams to reach the second round and quarter-finals, but nobody is

laughing now," he said.

IRAN 'MORE UNITED' AFTER REACHING LAST 8

Doha: Iran say they will be "more united" in the quarterfinals after surviving extra time with 10 men before defeating Syria on penalties. After the match ended 1-1 after 120 minutes, Iran held their nerve to win 5-3 in the

shootout and face Japan on Saturday. Iran played the last 30 minutes with 10 men after Porto striker Mehdi Taremi was sent off. Goalkeeper Alireza Beiranvand was the hero.

Midfielder Saeid Ezatolahi said he saw being dragged through extra time and penalties as "a positive". "It is going to make us more united for Japan," he added.

Youssef during the

match in Doha

Asian Cup Round of 16

Nigeria, S. Africa among quarterfinals favourites

CRAZY AFCON: More Shocks Could Be On The Cards

Abidjan: Many fancied contenders have tumbled out of the Africa Cup of Nations early and there is every chance of further upsets in the weekend's quarterfinals, where hosts Ivory Coast will hope to continue their unlikely redemption.

The Ivorians suffered the heaviest defeat ever inflicted on a host team in finals history when Equatorial Guinea beat them 4-0 in Abidjan in their last group game and they had to wait three days before knowing they would advance as the last of the best third-placed finishers.

But they bounced back to edge past holders Senegal on penalties in a dramatic last-16 tie and now go up against neighbours Mali in a derby clash in in Abidjan on Friday. Bouake on Saturday.

The Ivory Coast are one of four previous winners left in the tournament, along with the Democratic Republic of Congo, who were still known as Zaire when they last won 50 years ago, while South Africa had their sole success in 1996. Nigeria, with three past triumphs, are now the country in the 24-team field. REUTERS

OF LINEUP

Nigeria vs Angola; DR Congo vs Guinea; Mali vs Ivory Coast; Cape Verde vs South Africa

The record number of goals scored in a 24-team Cup of Nations is 102 at the 2019 tournament in Egypt. That mark has already been overtaken in the Ivory Coast, where there have been 105 goals in 44 matches. Another 8 KO games left.

favourites, having beaten the Ivorians in the group phase and knocked out Cameroon in the second round, but to progress further they must get past tricky Angola

DR Congo will also be far from confident of success when they meet Guinea in Abidjan later the same day and South Africa will be wary of the Cape Verde Islands, who have already been giant-killers at the tournament, beating Ghana in the group phase. Cape Verde are the smallest

JAPAN'S ITO LEAVES **ASIAN CUP AFTER** SEXUAL ASSAULT ALLEGATION

Doha: Japan's FA said that 30-year-old winger Junya Ito has left the Asian Cup in Qatar following media reports that two women had accused him of sexual assault, a claim he denies. The JFA said Ito, who has played 54 games for Japan, scoring 13 goals, was leaving "out of consideration for his mental and physical wellbeing", adding that there were differing accounts of the alleged incident in Osaka last year. AFP

XAVI HAPPY WITH BARCA'S REACTION IN OSASUNA WIN

Barcelona: With coach Xavi still in charge, Barcelona got back on track with a 1-0 win over Osasuna in La Liga. Atletico Madrid stay third, ahead of the fourth-place Catalans with a 2-1 win over Rayo Vallecano. Young Brazil forward Vitor Roque scored his first goal since joining Barca. "I made my decision to get the team to react," Xavi said. "I knew if the players could give an extra 1 percent, they would win."

INJURED RONALDO TO MISS REUNION WITH MESSI

Rivadh: Cristiano Ronaldo will miss the chance of a much anticipated reunion with Lionel Messi because of an injury. Al-Nassr's Ronaldo is recovering from a reported calf injury and will not be fit in time to play in the exhibition match with Inter Miami in Riyadh on Thursday.

Young Bradley gives Chelsea the blues

League Cup Final Rehearsal: Liverpool Youngster Scores One, Sets Up Two In 4-1 Win

Liverpool: Jurgen Klopp seems to have unearthed another gem in his final season at Liverpool after 20-year-old right back Conor Bradley scored one goal and set up two more in a 4-1 win over Chelsea in the Premier League.

Bradley, an academy product, has been filling in for Trent Alexander-Arnold during the England international's recent injury layoff. He did his best impression EPL of Liverpool's first-

choice right back in the way he took his goal and assisted on others for Diogo Jota and Dominik Szoboszlai at Anfield on Wednesday.

"It just feels like I'm in a dream," said Bradley, a Northern Ireland international who joined Liverpool's youth academy in 2019. "Trent should take care of his position," Szoboszlai said in a cheeky warning to Alexander-Arnold. "What a wonderful kid he is. Outstanding finish, the contribution, involvement," said Klopp. Luis Diaz grabbed Liver-

pool's fourth goal in a relentless, dominant display by the erpool by eight points. AP

hosts that included a missed penalty by Darwin Nunez, who struck the post with his attempt and hit the goal frame three times in total in the match. Christopher Nkunku netted for Chelsea in the 71st after coming on as a substitute.

By securing the 200th Premier League win of Klopp's tenure, Liverpool maintained their five-point lead over Manchester City, who also won by beating Burnley 3-1. City have a game in hand.

Liverpool meet Chelsea in the League Cup final on Feb. 25. "It's so clear they were much better than us," Chelsea manager Mauricio Pochettino said.

Happy birthday for Alvarez as he scores brace in City win

On the day he turned 24, Julian Alvarez scored twice in the first 22 minutes to set Manchester City on their way to an easy win over Burnley. Rodri extended the lead 30 seconds after the second-half restart. Alvarez now has six goals in his last five games. City have won six straight since coming home from Jeddah and also now has Erling Haaland back in action.

Tottenham scored three goals in eight second-half minutes to beat Brentford 3-2 and rise to fourth, trailing Liv-

BEST POINTS-PER-MATCH RECORDS (PREMIERSHIP)

Manager	Р	W	D	L	Pts/match
Pep Guardiola (City)	287	211	38	38	2.34
Alex Ferguson (United)	810	528	168	114	2.16
Jurgen Klopp (Liv)	318	200	74	44	2.12
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Navy to induct survey vessel Sandhayak tomorrow

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New Delhi: The Navy will commission its latest survey vessel Sandhayak at the naval dockyard in Visakhapatnam on Saturday, with defence minister Rajnath Singh as the chief guest.

The primary role of Sandhayak, which was delivered after comprehensive trials to the Navy last Dec, will be to conduct full-scale hydrographic surveys of ports, harbours, navigational channels, coastal areas, and deep seas towards enabling safe marine navigation. In its secondary role, the ship will be capable of undertaking a range of naval operations.

Sandhayak is the first of the four survey vessel (large) ships being constructed at M/s Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers in Kolkata. "A significant addition to the naval fleet, Sandhayak is equipped with state-of-the-art hydrographic equipment," an officer said.

"They include deep and shallow water multibeam echo-sounders, autonomous underwater vehicles, remotely-operated vehicles, sidescan sonars, data acquisition and processing system, satellite-based positioning systems and terrestrial survey equipment," he said.

The 110-metre-long ship, with a displacement of 3,400tonne, is propelled by two diesel engines and is capable of achieving speeds in excess of 18 knots. "With 80% indigenous content, Sandhayak is a true testament of India's growing shipbuilding prowess," he added.

2 held for smuggling exotic birds & animals

wo wildlife smugglers were arrested and exotic birds and animals worth Rs 68.4 lakh were seized in Champhai district bordering Myanmar in a joint operation by Assam Rifles personnel and officials of Mizoram forest department on Wednesday, reports HC Vanialruata.

Ex-BJP MP Chinmayanand acquitted in '11 rape case

Court: Didn't Find Enough Evidence

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Bareilly: A special MP/ MLA court in Shahjahanpur on Thursday acquitted former Union minister of state Chinmayanand in a 2011 rape case, observing that it didn't find enough evidence against the accused and the main complainant had also turned hostile.

The court has ordered initiation of proceedings against the survivor the under CrPC section 344 (trial for giving false evidence).

A disciple of Chinmayanand had filed a complaint at Shahjahanpur Kotwali police station accusing him of raping her in 2011. A chargesheet was subsequently filed in the court in Oct 2012 in which sections 376 (rape) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian



Former Union minister of state Swami Chinmayanand after his acquittal on Thursday. He was accused of rape by a disciple

Penal Code were slapped judge (ADJ) Ahasan Husain against him.

In 2018, UP govt decided to withdraw the case against Chinmayanand and filed an application before the court of chief judicial magistrate (CJM) under section 321 of the CrPC which was rejected by the CJM after the rape survivor filed an "objection".

The trial proceedings in this case started in 2022. Later, the survivor moved an application in the high court mentioning that "she doesn't have any objection, if the case is withdrawn".

The court of special additional district and sessions

in UP's Shahjahanpur acquitted the former minister. It stated that there was a lack of evidence against Chinmayanand, besides the main complainant had also turned hostile and given a statement in his favour which led

Om Singh, Chinmayanand's counsel told TOI. "We are happy with the judgment as justice has been served. He was innocent. The complainant had clearly mentioned in her application that she had lodged a fake complaint after she being pressured by her family."

to his acquittal.

Parents held at gunpoint, tribal girl gang-raped

Bhopal: A 15-year-old girl from the vulnerable Sahariya tribe was gang-raped by four men while her parents were held at gunpoint in Gwalior Monday night. Among the accused is a member of the notorious dacoit Gudda Gurjar gang.

Two suspects have been arrested while cops are on the lookout for the other two, ASP Rishikesh Meena said.

During interrogation,

one of the accused said they had gone into the village intent on raping someone when they saw the minor outside her home with her 10-year-old brother, police said. The four men accosted the siblings and began thrashing them. On hearing their screams, their parents rushed out. The accused assaulted the couple before holding them at gunpoint while they took turns to rape the minor girl. TNN

Devotees allowed to proceed till new gate to cellar for 'jharokha darshan'

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In compliance with the district judge's order, a gate has been installed after creating a passage in the steel barricading of the Gyanvapi mosque, said Varanasi district magistrate S Rajalingam, appointed receiver of the southern cellar.

commissioner Police Ashok Mutha Jain and divisional commissioner Kaushal Raj Sharma were among the official witnesses to the court-ordered resumption of worship inside the cellar a little after



A temple sticker is put up at Gyanvapi complex in Varanasi on Thursday

Shastri Dravid's presence at the inaugural puja, the DM said he was requested to su-Wednesday midnight. On pervise the rituals since the : Vedic scholar Ganeshwar cellar had been opened after Gyanvapi, all of which were rokha darshan".

scholar oversaw Ram Lalla's consecration in Ayodhya on Jan 22.

District judge Vishvesha had given the administration seven days to make arrangements for regular worship of Shringar Gauri and other "visible and invisible" deities in the southern cellar. Officials got cracking around 11pm on Wednesday, shutting gate No 4 of Kashi Vishwanath Dham and deploying a large police contingent there.

Remnants of purported Hindu idols and sculptures found during ASI's survey of

three decades. The Vedic in the DM's custody, were transferred to the cellar.

Jitendra Nath Vyas, a member of the plaintiff's family, said, "After cleaning the cellar and its pillars, a yellow cloth was hung along a wall. The idols of Ganesh, Vishnu, Hanuman, Yonipatta Makara (crocodile) and others were placed on a platform to begin the rituals of Ganesh Pujan and Shayan aarti. All rituals took place between 12.30am and 1.15am." After bhog aarti on

Thursday afternoon, the administration allowed devotees to proceed till the new gate to the cellar for a "jha-

Lt Gen Sahai named AMC's first woman commandant

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Lucknow: Lieutenant general Kavita Sahai has been appointed the first woman commandant of Army Medical Corps Centre and College, Lucknow. She has succeeded Lt Gen V Sabid Syed, who re-



Thursday. A recipient of Sena Medal and Vishisht Seva Medal, Lt Gen Sahai was posted as additional DGAFMS (HR) at the office of the Director General

vice on Jan 29.

Lt Gen Sahai

took the charge

Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS), Delhi. An alumna of the Armed Forces Medical College, Pune, she was commissioned in

An alumna of the **Armed Forces** Medical College, **Pune, Lieutenant Gen** Kavita Sahai is a recipient of Sena **Medal and Vishisht** Seva Medal

AMC in 1986. Lt Gen Sahai did MD (pathology) and DNB (pathology) from AFMC. The general officer also did a fellowship in oncopathology from AIIMS Delhi and holds a diploma in health professional education from FAIMER-Keele University, UK.

In her 37-year-long career, Lt Gen Sahai has held various important administrative and staff appointments such as HOD and professor, lab medicine at Base Hospital, Delhi; professor in department of pathology at AFMC; HOD and professor, lab medicine at Army Hospital (research and referral) Delhi.

Lt Gen Sahai has written more than 100 research papers which have been published in national and international journals. She also received Chief Of Army Staff Commendation in 2008 and 2012 for her meritorious services.

She is married to Maj Gen : (retd) Rajesh Sahai.

Ram temple gets ₹11 cr donations since Jan 22

Arshad Afzaal Khan TNN

Ayodhya: After the consecration ceremony at the Ayodhya Ram temple on Jan 22, around 25 lakh devotees visited the shrine in the past 11 days. An amount of Rs 11 crore has been received in offerings and donations since then.

According to Prakash Gupta, office in-charge of the temple trust, in the past 11 days, about Rs 8 crore was deposited in the donation boxes, while the amount received through cheque and online is around Rs 3.5 crore.

He said that in the temple's sanctum sanctorum, where the deity is seated, four big-size donation boxes have been kept near the 'darshan path', in which devotees donate the amount.

in the evening.

Besides, people also donate at 10 computerised counters. Gupta said that the temple trust employees are appointed at the donation counters, and they submit the account of the donation amount received in trust office after the counter is closed

'DARSHAN PATH'

A team of 14 people — 11 bank employees and three from the temple trust counts the offerings in the four donation boxes.

Gupta said from depositing the donation amount to counting it, everything is done under the surveillance of CCTV cameras.



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