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UPA's policy mess & scams caused lost decade, says govt white paper

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Govt on Thursday tabled a white paper in Parliament to back up its charge of economic mismanagement under UPA by listing an array of what it called failures — from public finances to external sector and banks allowing multiple frauds, that led to India "losing a decade".

The paper flagged non-transparent auctions of coal blocks and telecom spectrum, retrospective taxation, unsustainable demand stimulus (post-2008 global financial crisis), poorly targeted subsidies and reckless bank lending "with undertones of favouritism", as the defining features of UPA's "decade of governance (or its absence)" and "policy misadventures and scams".

Govt threw down the gauntlet to Congress by scheduling a full-scale debate on Friday, in a clear indication of intent to highlight its economic management during the 2024 LS poll campaign.

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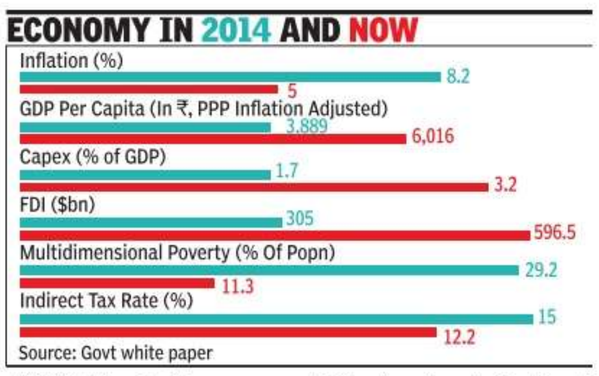

Source: Govt white paper

Cong's 'black paper' calls Modi stint 'anyay kaal'

Releasing a 54-page "black paper" on Modi govt's performance, Congress said the past decade has been "anyay kaal (period of injustice)" economically, socially and politically, while national security stands compromised on China and Pak fronts. It said India is in grip of cronyism, communalism and subversion of institutions even as joblessness, farm distress and declining wages have put the country on a regressive path. INSIDE JACKET

PM's 'Jan Sabha' remark nudge to RS seniors to enter LS fray?

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New Delhi: PM Modi's remarks in Rajya Sabha Thursday that some retiring members of the House may be headed for 'Jan Sabha' (public arena) gave a fillip to speculation about senior BJP functionaries, including Union ministers, with a few exceptions, being asked to contest upcoming Lok Sabha polls.

"Our friends... are moving towards new responsibilities... from this limited expanse. So, I believe their support and experience here... will prove to be a huge asset for country," Modi said, with party circles interpreting his remarks in the context of retiring members being fielded in elections or being given organisational responsibilities.

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A Sept 18, 2023 pic of Manmohan Singh in a wheelchair in Rajya Sabha

'Hope he keeps guiding & inspiring us': Modi lauds outgoing RS MP Manmohan

Rajya Sabha Thursday bade farewell to six-time MP Manmohan Singh and 67 other retiring members, with PM Modi praising his predecessor for his "invaluable thoughts" and commitment as a parliamentarian. Recalling that Singh had attended RS voting in a wheelchair, Modi said "this shows how alive he was towards his duties as an MP... to empower democracy... That is why I pray for his health and long life and that he keeps guiding and inspiring." Modi's praises came amid uncertainty over whether Cong will give an ailing Singh (91) another RS term. FLAP OPP

GST evasion by bogus firms was highest in Delhi

Delhi has earned the dubious distinction of having the highest amount of goods and services tax (GST) evasion by bogus firms in the third quarter of 2023-24 financial year. According to officials, between Oct and Dec 2023, 483 bogus firms were busted in the capital, which were involved in suspected GST evasion of Rs 3,028 crore. P 4

Tech staff to replace troops in Maldives

Govt said military staff in Maldives operating Indian aviation platforms will be replaced by "competent technical personnel". Sources said HAL employees are likely to be sent. P 12

Row erupts over Rahul's remark on PM's caste

Senior BJP members, including Union ministers, lashed out at Rahul Gandhi's claim that PM Modi got his caste notified as an OBC after he became Gujarat CM, terming it a blatant lie.

"PM Modi's caste was notified by govt as OBC on Oct 27, 1999, a full two years before he became Gujarat CM," BJP said while sharing the gazette notification.

Rahul on Thursday said PM Modi belongs to Modh Ghanchi caste, granted OBC status in 2000. INSIDE JACKET

1 dead, 4 injured in city Metro stn wall collapse

New Delhi: A 53-year-old man died and four people were injured after a portion of a boundary wall of Gokulpuri Metro station's platform collapsed and fell on them on the road below at 11am Thursday.

DMRC suspended a manager and junior engineer and launched a probe. Police have filed a case of negligence and booked Metro contractors for rash acts and causing death by negligence, **report Abhay & Priyangi Agarwal**.

The deceased, Vinod Kumar Pandey who lived in Karawal Nagar, hailed from UP's Sultanpur and was a rice supplier. Three of the injured were on a scooter when they were hit by the falling debris.

Anindya Chattopadhyay

Two of the injured were extracted from the rubble in Gokulpuri

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Srinagar attack: Second Punjab man succumbs

Toll in Wednesday's terror attack in Srinagar on two men from Punjab rose on Thursday after a 27-year-old succumbed to his wounds, **report Saleem Pandit & Yudhvir Rana**.

The two were headed to their rented house when gunmen of a covert arm of LeT shot them. Amritpal, a carpenter who also sold dry fruits, died instantly, marking J&K's first targeted killing of non-natives this year. Rohit, who died Thursday, was a painter. P 12

HC refuses demolition relief on Mehrauli PIL

New Delhi: There are **enough peers, dargahs and temples in the city and saving forests will be priority,** Delhi HC said Thursday to petitioners who fear demolition action by DDA on religious structures adjoining Mehrauli's Akhonji Mosque that was razed recently, **reports Abhinav Garg**.

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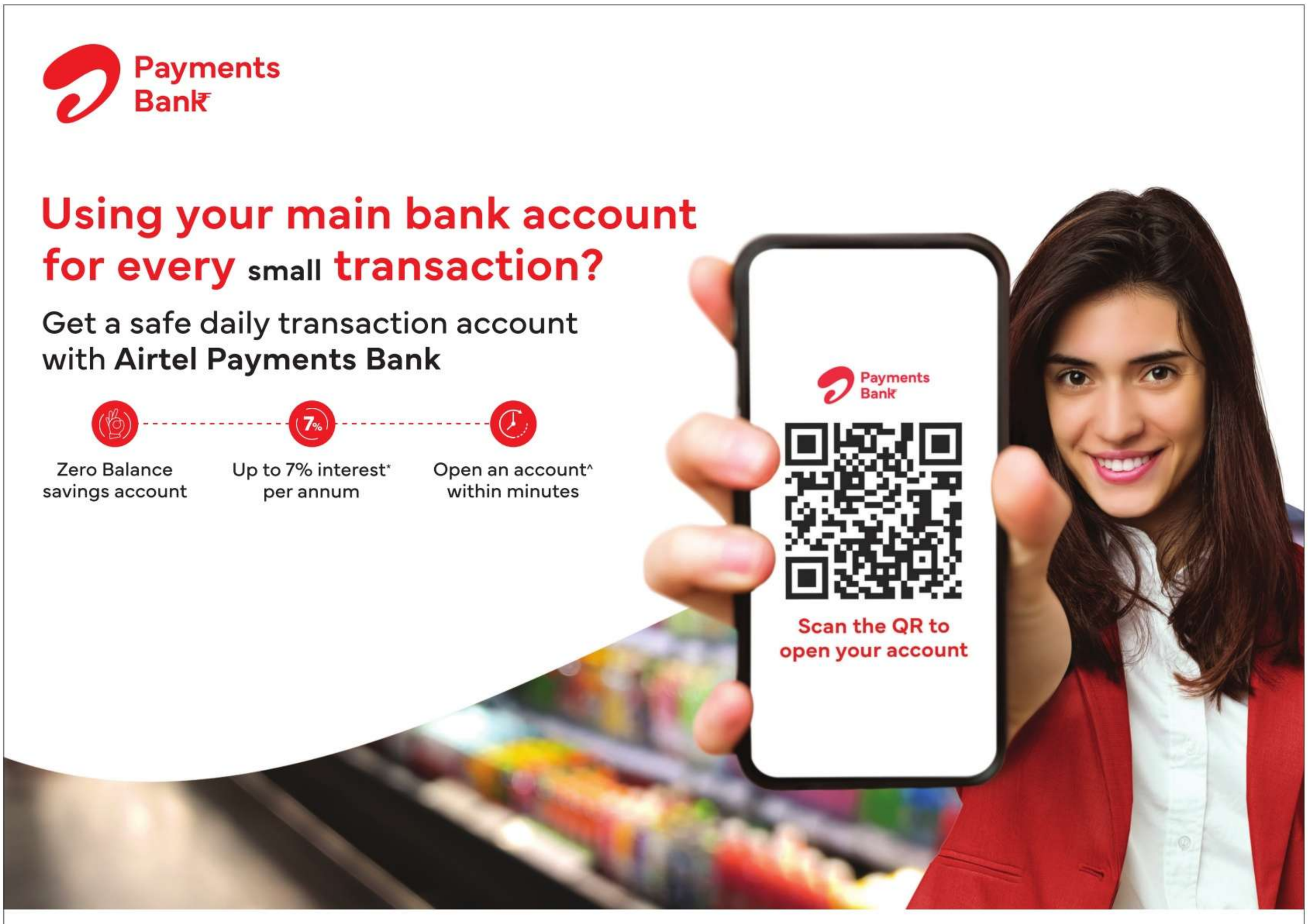
Forests are "Delhi's green lungs" and need to be preserved and "restored", HC said. The PIL had sought protection for ancient monuments, particularly Ashiq Allah Dargah, arguing that it dates back to 1317 AD and is one of the earliest Sultanate-era structures in India, and includes the chillagah of 13th-century Sufi saint Baba Farid.

▶Court on forests, P 9

'Bail is rule, jail exception' not for UAPA: SC

Rejecting the bail plea of a person accused of working for banned terror outfit 'Sikhs For Justice', Supreme Court held that the conventional idea of 'bail is the rule, jail is the exception' is not applicable when an accused is facing charges under UAPA and that delayed trial proceedings in grave offences couldn't be a ground to seek bail. P 12



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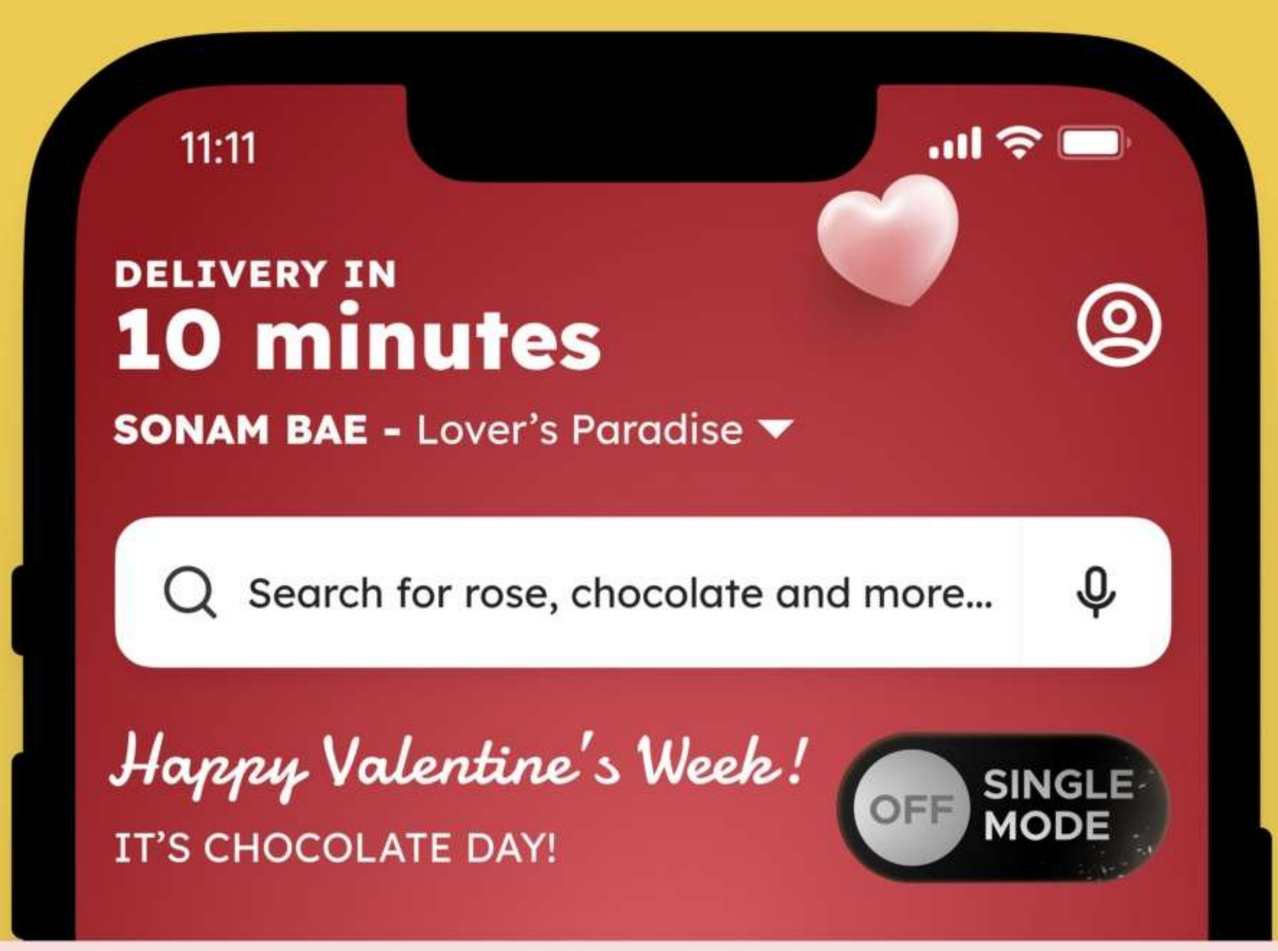

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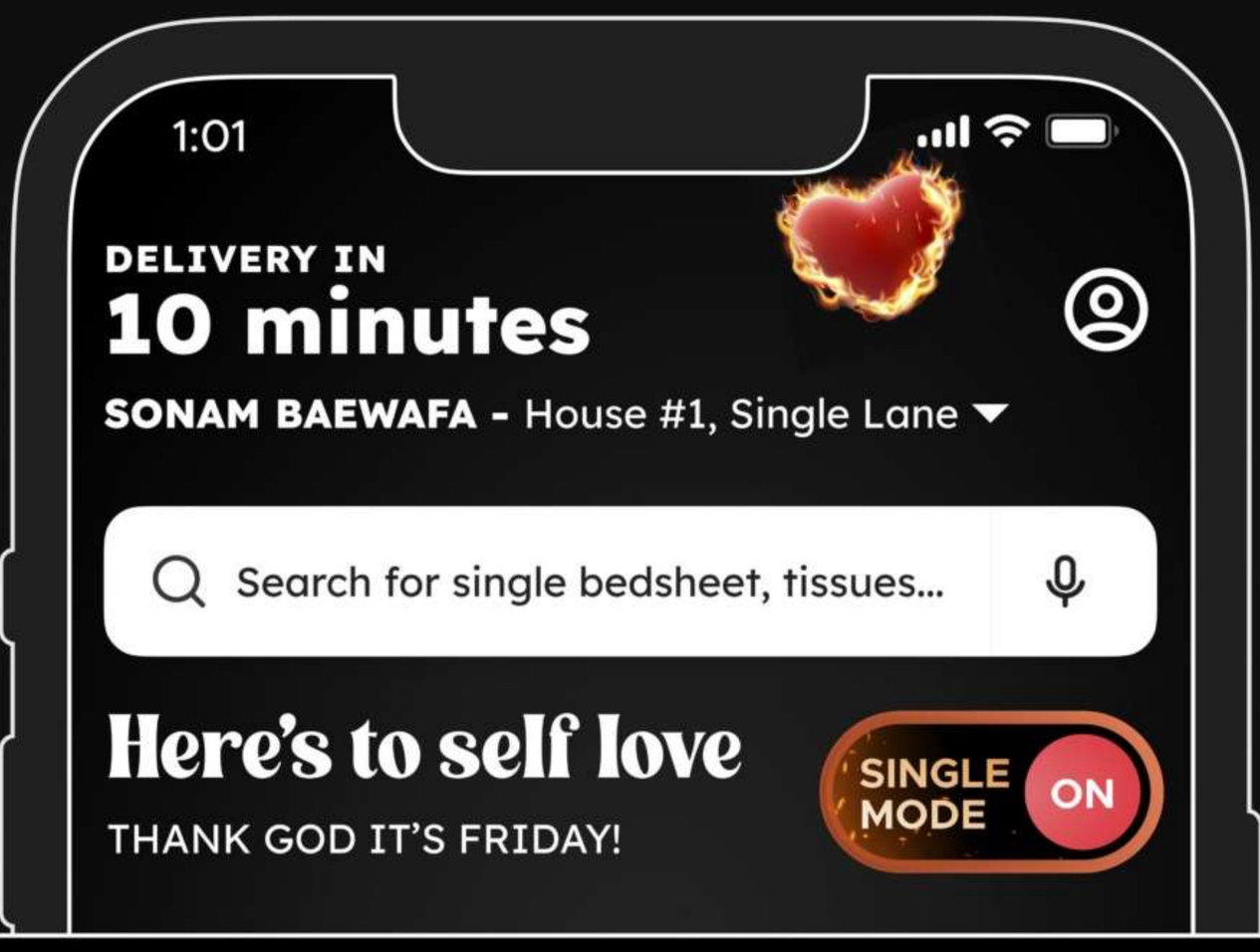

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Delhi Worst Offender In GST Evasion

Drive Reveals ₹3,000cr Evaded By 483 Bogus Firms In 3 Mnths

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New Delhi: Delhi has earned the dubious distinction of having the highest amount of goods and services tax (GST) evasion by bogus firms in the third quarter of 2023-24 financial year.

According to officials, between Oct and Dec 2023, 483 bogus firms were busted in the capital, which were involved in suspected GST evasion of Rs 3,028 crore. Delhi was third only to Maharashtra (926) and Rajasthan (507) in the number of bogus GST firms that were detected by the authorities in the third quarter of this financial year.

They, however, added that the suspected amount of GST evasion in Maharashtra and Rajasthan was estimated at Rs 2,201 crore and Rs 197 crore only, respectively.

GST formations, under the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, and respective state and union territory govts have been carrying out a drive since May 2023 to identify bogus registrations and issuance of fake invoices without any underlying supply of goods and services.

In the quarter ending Dec 2023, a total of 4,153 bogus firms that involved in suspected input tax credit evasion of around Rs 12,036 crore were detected across the country and 41 arrests were made. In Delhi, the authorities managed to block input tax credit of Rs 90 crore and made arrests of 11 people involved in the fraud.

In terms of estimated GST evasion, Delhi is followed by Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh (Rs 1,645 crore), Andhra Pradesh (Rs 765 crore) and Haryana (Rs 624 crore).

Since the initiation of the special drive, a total of 29,273 bogus firms involved in suspected ITC evasion of Rs 44,015 crore have been detected across the country.

While no reaction was available from the office of finance minister Atishi, the officials of the trade and taxes department claimed that measures were being taken to check the entry of fake firms in the GST network.

"We have set up a centralised GST registration cell to receive and process new applications. This has helped in bringing down the number of deemed registration of firms and thus restricted the entry of bogus trading firms, curbing GST evasion and subsequent revenue loss to the government," said an official, requesting anonymity.

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Of 1.46 lakh applications received from new firms for registration with the trade and taxes department in 2022-23, nearly 50,000 got "deemed approval", which, in simpler terms, mean that they managed to get the GST registration without manual scrutiny of documents, as the officials could not complete the verification process within the stipulated seven days.

Nehru Palace! Swanky skywalk makes approach to market from metro station safer and a feast for eyes

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New Delhi: Lieutenant governor VK Saxena inaugurated the Nehru Place skywalk, which links the market with the Delhi Metro station, on Thursday. With the skywalk, planned five years ago, open now, people don't need to climb down from the elevated station and cross the busy Astha Kunj Road to reach Nehru Place District Centre.

"The skywalk is appealing and it will add to the beauty of the city. In the days to come, DDA will complete many such projects," said Saxena.

The market sees heavy pedestrian movement and the congested main road is risky for them. "I am very happy that the skywalk has been opened. This will be a great help for me to reach my college," said Ramanujan College student Diya. "I now exit the metro station and use the skywalk instead of crossing the dangerous road like earlier."

The skywalk followed the revamp of the market. In December 2019, DDA, after receiving a no-objection certificate from the erstwhile South Delhi Municipal Corporation, redevelopment began to achieve uniformity in colour, better fireproofing and illumination. The complex revamp included improving the building facades and drainage and sewerage, upgrading the public plaza by installing tiles and new seating and overhauling the rickety staircases.

"The skywalk is a great step, it is completely integrated with the metro station. So, people can just exit the metro and take the skywalk to reach the market," said a happy Inder Kohli, coordinator, Nehru Place Welfare Association. "The revamp of the district centre has been carried out and it has boosted the firefighting infrastructure. The only things that still need to be better managed are the drainage system and food vendors in and around Nehru Place."

The buildings have been painted white and given proper name boards while the cables have been removed and relocated underground. For people to sit and enjoy, DDA has created an amphitheatre with a large LED screen.

Soon after its opening, the skywalk was being used by people exiting the Nehru Place metro station and going to the district centre and nearby areas. Nehru Place is one of the largest commercial centres in Asia for the sale and purchase of computers and accessories. It was also once a textile hub. Thousands of people, therefore, visit the market every day. However, since the district centre was constructed a long while ago, it required upgradation, which has now been done.

Photos: Rajesh Mehta

In plain clothes, cops at city railway stations merge with passengers to lure out snatchers

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A special drive has been started this week in the wake of ruffians targeting people standing on the doors of moving trains or those trying to get on the train or book a ticket in a crowd. As part of the drive, cops at city's railway stations have shed uniform and are posing as passengers to catch snatchers active on station premises, trains, tracks, and platforms.

The drive got its first success on Thursday morning when cops nabbed an alleged snatcher who had targeted an ITBP personnel. According to deputy commissioner of police, KPS Malhotra, a spatial pattern analysis of the crime led to identification of the hotspot where such incidents occur. "A team in plainclothes was deployed for execution of plan and it led to the arrest of the target. The entire operation was caught on a CCTV camera," DCP Malhotra added.

DCP Malhotra said that police had received a complaint from T-Samuel, an ITBP havaldar, who was boarding Hisar Express Special from Sarai Rohilla Railway station. A person suddenly pushed him inside the train and fled after snatching his mobile phone. "The location of the snatched phone was immediately obtained which showed that it was still at the station. SHO Upadhayay Balashankaran was asked to send a team to lure and trap the culprit," the DCP added.

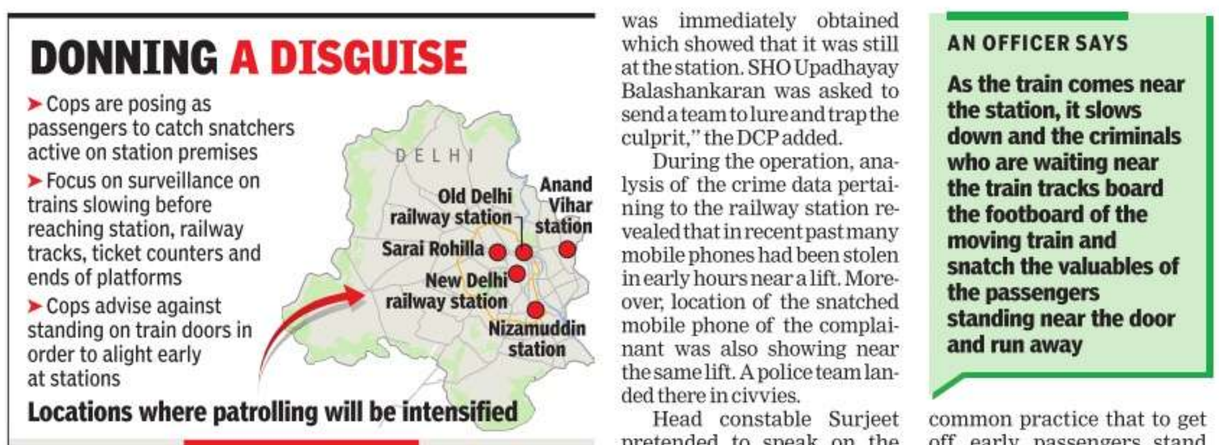
During the operation, analysis of the crime data pertaining to the railway station revealed that in recent past many mobile phones had been stolen in early hours near a lift. Moreover, location of the snatched mobile phone of the complainant was also showing near the same lift. A police team landed there in civvies.

Head constable Surjeet pretended to speak on the phone and carelessly kept it in his back trouser pocket prompting the snatcher to approach him. Constable Pritam, who was on guard at a little distance, caught hold of the snatcher when he tried to flee with the cop's phone.

The suspect, Shadab (23), was a resident of Anand Parbat and ITBP personnel's mobile phone was recovered from him, said police.

Cops advised the passengers to not stand near the train door while alighting. It is a common practice that to get off early, passengers stand next to the train door with their luggage to facilitate early deboarding, but it can lead to serious repercussions.

"As soon as the train comes near the station, it slows down and the criminals who are waiting near the train tracks board the footboard of the moving train and snatch the valuables of the passengers standing near the door and run away. It's advisable to stay within the train bogie and move out once train stops at the platform," said a senior police officer.



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'Construction tenders must include steps to curb dust'

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New Delhi: Keeping in view the significant contribution of dust in air pollution, Delhi govt has asked all agencies to include adoption of dust mitigating measures as a standard clause in their tenders.

In a recent advisory, the environment department has mentioned indicative standard clauses that can be included in tender documents.

Officials said it was necessary that dust pollution be controlled at construction and demolition sites. "The responsibility needs to be instilled on the contractors for strict adherence to the dust mitigation measures at site. Environment compliance should be a part and parcel of the principles of building, construction and demolition activity," said an official.

The suggested measures include construction of wind breaking walls, installation of anti-smog guns, tarpaulin or green net around under-construction area, cleaning of wheels of vehicles carrying construction material or debris, proper storage of construction material, leaving no loose soil or sand or any other construction material uncovered, no grinding and cutting in open and adequate sprinkling of water etc.

Govt has also suggested that every worker should be provided a mask to prevent inhalation of dust while arrangements should be made for medical help, investigation and treatment of those involved in building construction.

According to officials, the influence of dust increases to 31-34% in summers while its share during winters is 6-15%.

"Dust, be it from construction and demolition activities or roads, is a significant source contributing to generation and release of PM10 and PM2.5 in ambient air and should be controlled and managed at source," said an official.

"Non-adherence of dust mitigation measures leads to situations where dust from construction and demolition work disperse in air and mixes with vehicular and industrial polluting particles and thus making air more polluted," he added.

The commission of air quality management in its policy to curb air pollution in the NCR identified dust management from construction and demolition activities as one of the critical areas for meeting the national ambient air quality standards, said an official.

Wind speed likely to slow down from today, mercury may rise

New Delhi: Gusty winds with speeds up to 40 kmph blew in the city for the second consecutive day on Thursday. Wind speed is likely to decrease starting from Friday. The day temperature is expected to show a marginal rising trend, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

Kuldeep Srivastava, scientist and head, Regional Weather Forecasting Centre, IMD, said, "Strong winds prevailed in Delhi. Though the average wind speed recorded was 14 kmph, gusty winds of up to 40 kmph were witnessed from 12.30 pm to 3.30 pm."

The maximum temperature was 22.2 degrees Celsius on Thursday, one degree below normal. The minimum temperature settled at 8.2 degrees Celsius, one degree below normal. The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be around 23 and 8 degrees Celsius, respectively, on Friday. The maximum temperature may rise to 25 degrees Celsius by Feb 13. There is a possibility of very light rain or drizzle on Feb 14.

Meanwhile, Delhi's Air Quality Index (AQI) on Thursday continued to be in the 'moderate' category at 161. The air quality is likely to be 'very poor' on Feb 10 and 11. TNN

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Delhi Forced Into Slow-Moving Lane

Arrangements For Farmers' Protest Trigger Lengthy Jams, VVIP Areas In Focus

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Massive traffic jams plagued movement in the city on Thursday owing to security arrangements made to cope with the announced protest by some farmers' organisations.

Motorists in central Delhi were stuck in traffic jams around Bharat Mandapam. The latter led to traffic coming to a standstill on Mathura Road yet again with commuters taking 40 minutes to cover the stretch between Delhi Zoo and ITO. Elsewhere, there was heavy deployment of cops in the wake of inputs given by the Special Branch that splinter groups of 5-10 farmer protestors would try to congregate in the area near Parliament.

A traffic officer said that there was a special traffic arrangement on Mathura Road from 11am to 2pm. Also, there were multiple VVIP routes that were under scrutiny. Another officer said that the major reasons for the debilitating snarls were the security arrangements that were put in place due to the farmers' protest.

"Mathura Road near Apollo Hospital was jammed around 3pm, leaving only Kalindi Kunj road as an option," said a frustrated Sarita Vihar resident Rudra, who was driving to central Delhi. "But from Shaheen Bagh, traffic on both carriageways was stop-and-inch-forward. Frustratingly, after spending almost an hour to reach Mahamaya flyover, I found that police had barred the way to Noida Link Road. Finding a u-turn and driving back on a gridlocked road meant I spent two hours travelling a total of four kilometres."

Yogesh Kumar

HEAVY TRAFFIC AT DND FLYOVER

The Delhi-Noida border bristled with security, a heavy police presence backed by bulldozers, logistics vehicles, riot control units, and water cannons, all strategically positioned to face any untoward incidents. Heavy barricades choked Mahamaya Flyover, Chilla border and Kalindi Kunj to prevent any misadventures by the farmer protesters.

But other places were equally affected. South Delhi resident Priyanka narrated, "I started looking for an autorickshaw around 3.55pm near the Chirag Dilli flyover. One e-taxi service could not make any auto available to me despite making me wait for 25 minutes. I cancelled and tried to book three more times. Then I switched to booking a cab. I got one on my third try. By then I had already spent 35 minutes trying to book a vehicle when on a good day I reach my office in 20-22 minutes. I informed the office that I would be very late."

Another commuter said, "Traffic was crawling on Ring Road near the Indraprastha metro station during the peak evening hours. Covering the stretch between the National Crafts Museum on Bhairon Marg and WHO headquarters took much longer than usual." It took over 45 minutes for another commuter, Tanmay, to reach Delhi Secretariat from Jangpura Extension in his car, a trip that usually takes around 15 minutes.

Motorists claimed that due to the traffic chaos, there was a huge rush at a few metro stations in central Delhi. An exasperated Joba Ghosh said, "I found unusual rush at Mandi House metro station while waiting for the train to Kashmere Gate." She felt that the breakdown in traffic movement had forced people to travel by the metro.

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Repeat of Noida chaos unlikely today

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Police checks at the UP Gate border led to a tailback of more than 6km to Sector 62 in Noida.

Friday is not likely to see a repeat. After talks with Noida police commissioner Laxmi Singh that stretched into the evening, leaders of the protesting group announced they would return to their demonstration sites – outside the Greater Noida Authority office and the NTPC power plant in Noida. They warned they would return if govt ignores them.

The main protesting group of farmers, who had announced a march to Parliament to press for their demands of higher compensation for acquired land and bigger abadi pots, gathered at Mahamaya flyover. Around 1pm, a group of around 1,000 began their march towards Noida Gate. They were stopped by police near the bird feeding point of Dalit Prerna Sthal.

Since morning, police had put up barricades and parked trucks and cranes on the road to stop the farmers, keeping just one of the four lanes open for traffic to pass. But once the march began, the expressway was fully shut, as were all access points to the expressway between Mahamaya and Prerna Sthal.

This choked traffic from Kalindi Kunj and Sector 37 on the Noida-Delhi side and cars headed to the expressway from sectors 15, 16 and 18 on the Delhi-Noida side. Several commuters complained that Noida police did not post personnel to guide traffic through diversions. Some had heated arguments with cops when they finally spotted one. Afternoon traffic in the Sector 18 area was chaotic as motorists drove on the wrong side of the Film City flyover to evade the jam and look for alternative routes.

DCP Anil Kumar Yadav said traffic police had issued an advisory about traffic restrictions a day ago.

In Ghaziabad, additional DCP Veerendra Kumar said that more than 50 cops were deployed on the Delhi-Meerut Expressway and UP Gate to manage traffic. Normalcy at the Ghaziabad border was restored by 2pm. Traffic on the DND Flyway was relatively smooth.

Ram Bhajan Singh (64), a farmer from Meerut, said he came to Noida on Thursday to support the demands. "Yes, traffic got affected in Noida, but farmers have been forced to take this step," he said.

Noida joint commissioner (law and order) Shiv Hari Meena said nearly 300 police personnel, commandos and the Rapid Action Force were deployed at the protest site. "The farmers gathered at Dalit Prerna Sthal but were not allowed to march towards Delhi. It ended peacefully. In the day, there were traffic issues as some routes were shut and traffic had to be diverted, but police personnel managed to clear up the roads by evening," he said.

Tight security at Haryana borders to stop farmers

Gurgaon: Bracing for another agitation by farmers, Haryana Police is fortifying state and city borders with barricades and deploying 50 companies of paramilitary forces along with cops to ensure that protesters don't reach Delhi-NCR.

Police said they are employing lessons learnt from the year-long farmers' agitation on Delhi's borders in 2020-21. On Thursday, farmers from UP went on a sit-in demonstration on the Noida-Greater Noida Expressway as police blocked their protest march to Delhi.

Several farmer associations, mostly in Ambala, have called for another protest on February 13 to demand a law guaranteeing MSP, one of the conditions they had set when they agreed to withdraw their agitation in 2021.

Haryana police chief Shatrujeet Kapur held a meeting with top officers on Thursday to review law and order preparations. A senior police officer said they have worked with the Army, railway engineers and NHAI to come up with a barricade that "can't be breached even with armoured vehicles" or tractors. TNN

Bid to curb manual scavenging

New Delhi: Lieutenant governor V K Saxena on Thursday gave his nod to Delhi govt's proposal to set up emergency response sanitation units to prevent manual cleaning of sewers, septic tanks, and drains.

The proposal included the nomination of district magistrates as responsible sanitation authority to ensure that the agencies use modern technology for such cleaning.

Saxena expressed his displeasure over more than three years' delay in the urban development department formalising the proposal, which was received at his Secretariat only in the last week of Jan this year. TNN

Fire at cloth market, no injuries: A minor fire broke out at a cloth market in outer Delhi's Mangolpuri area in the early hours of Thursday, officials said adding no injuries were reported. TNN

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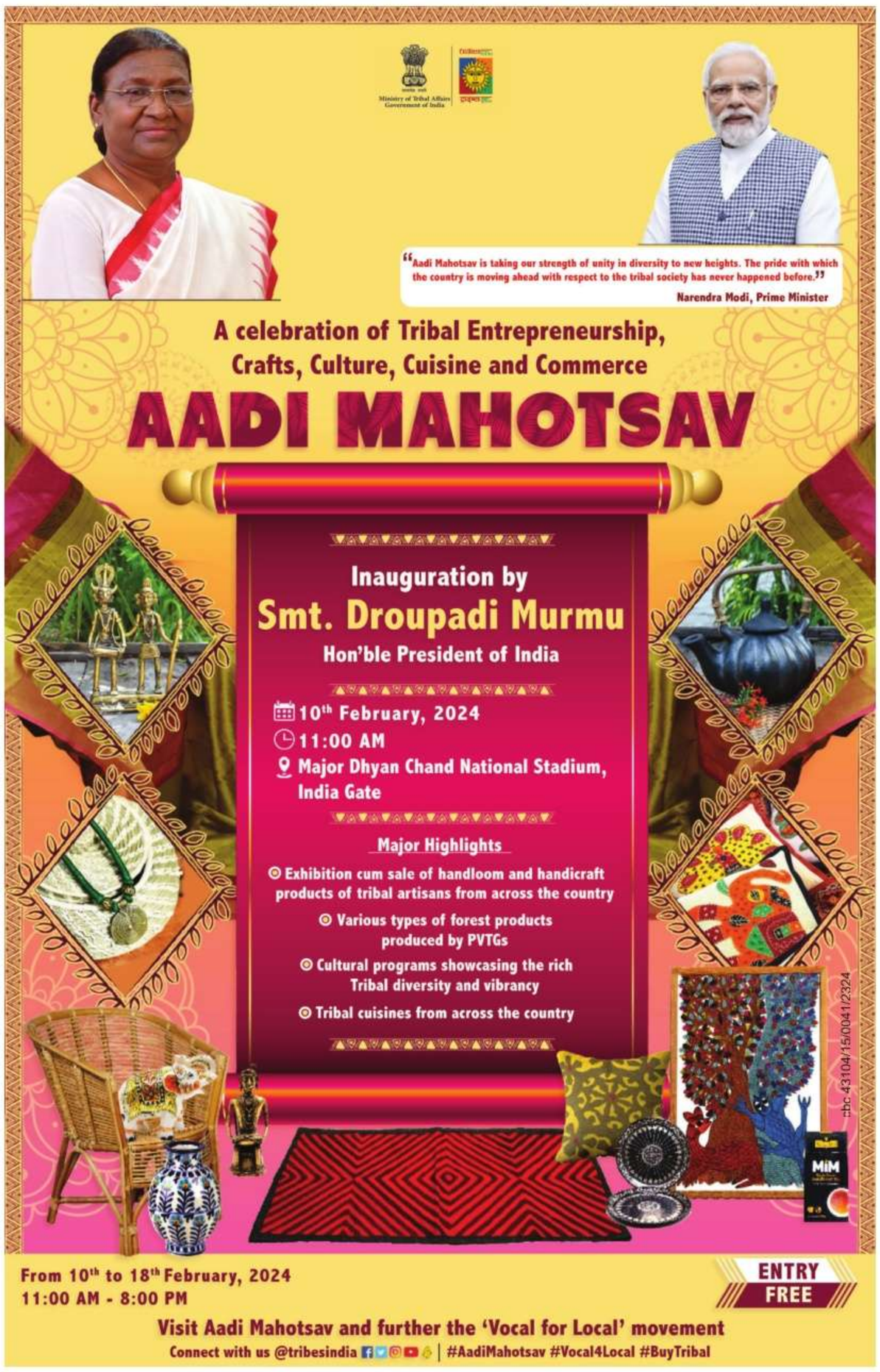

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New Delhi: A minor fire broke out near one of the runways at the Delhi airport on Thursday afternoon. Four aircraft were on hold for some time. "There was a grass fire which has been extinguished," said a senior DGCA official.

A passenger on one of those flights, Air India 801 to Trivandrum, said: "We were supposed to take off at 3.20 pm. The pilot announced that flights are being held up because there is fire on the departure runway. We are waiting to leave for the destination."

AI 801 took off just before 4 pm for Trivandrum. But the flight was diverted to Bengaluru due to a medical emergency on board. "We hope to take off for our destination now," the same passenger said later.

Cell Therapy Gives Hope To Cancer Patients

To Treat Those Over 15 Yrs Who Fail To Respond To Conventional Chemotherapy

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New Delhi: There is a ray of hope for cancer patients aged 15 years and above who don't respond to conventional chemotherapy or bone marrow transplant as the "made-in-India" CAR-T cell therapy for treatment of B-cell lymphomas and B-acute lymphoblastic leukaemia will be commercially available at a private hospital in Delhi.

Between Nov 2022 and Dec 2023, the Apollo group of hospitals successfully provided this therapy to six patients — five adults and one child — across their centres outside Delhi. Four of them received indigenous therapy as part of clinical trials, including a Delhi resident, and two patients had access to international CAR-T cells commercially.

Dinesh Madhavan, president group, oncology and international, at Apollo Hospitals Enterprises Ltd, told **TOI** that three of these patients who successfully completed the treatment had crossed one year and were doing well. "At least 10 other patients are in the process of getting the indigenous CAR-T cell therapy," he said, adding that it would now be available commercially.

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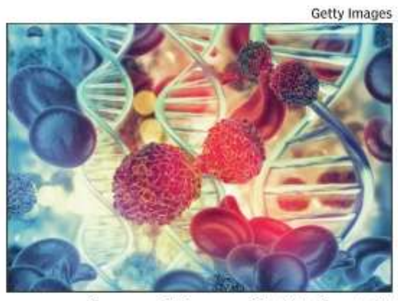

Whether indigenous or overseas therapy, "the treatment will cost between Rs 75 lakh and Rs 90 lakh at the centres," said Madhavan. The indigenous therapy has got an approval for the treatment of B-cell lymphomas and B-acute lymphoblastic leukaemia for above 15 years while the overseas one can have access to beyond B-cell, he added.

APOLLO HOSP OFFICIAL SAYS

Three patients who successfully completed the treatment had crossed one year and were doing well

A 32-year-old academic counsellor from Chennai, who received CAR-T cell therapy in Jan 2023, told **TOI** that it was difficult for her to be isolated from the family for over a month for getting treatment, but now she was absolutely fine. "Now I can do my job along with household work," she said.

Doctors said CAR-T cell therapies, often called living drugs, involve the extraction of a patient's T cells — a type of white blood cells whose function is to fight cancer cells — through a process called apheresis. These T-cells are genetically modified by a safe vehicle (viral vector) in a controlled laboratory setting so that they express modified connectors on their surface called chimeric antigen receptors (CARs). These CARs are specifically designed to recognise a protein that is abnormally expressed on certain cancer cells. They are then multiplied to a desired dose and infused directly into the patient.

Dr Shisir Seth, senior consultant of haematology at Apollo Cancer Centre, said these cases highlighted the efficacy and potential of this transformative therapy in providing new hope for such patients.

Dr Amita Mahajan, senior consultant of paediatric oncology & haematology, said the therapy was provided to those patients who failed all standard treatments. "The CAR-T cell is currently standard of care for three diseases — adult acute lymphoblastic leukemia, lymphomas and myeloma. This particular CAR-T cell, NexCAR19, is sanctioned for leukaemia and lymphomas, and the others are also about to come very shortly," she said, adding the treatment showcases the potential and efficacy of this transformative approach in addressing challenging B-cell malignancies.

Tumour weighing 14kg removed from 77-yr-old's abdomen at city hospital

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New Delhi: Doctors at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital have removed a 14-kg tumour weighing, nearly equal to the weight of five newborns, which was occupying 85% space in the abdomen of a 77-year-old man, who is a former employee of the UAE air force ground technical team in Dubai.

Doctors said the dimension of the tumour was 75cm x 45cm. It had compressed all organs in the abdomen, including the liver, kidneys, stomach, the small and large bowels, urinary bladder and spleen.

It was also putting pressure on the diaphragm causing shortness of breath and an inferior vena cava that led to swelling in both the legs of the patient.

Dr Saumitra Rawat, chairman and head of the Institute of Surgical Gastroenterology, GI and HPB Onco-Surgery and liver transplantation who performed the nearly six-hour complex surgery with his team, said the patient was discharged from the hospital and was doing well. The surgery was done 10 days ago.

Dr Rawat told **TOI**: "The patient's biopsy report confirmed liposarcoma (a rare type of cancer that develops in fatty tissue) and to our knowledge this would be the one of the largest liposarcoma removed until now."

The patient, who settled in Kota, Rajasthan, after his retirement, was suffering from discomfort and distension in his abdomen for the last two years. It was associated with gradual swelling of both feet and breathlessness. He was evaluated and the scan revealed a large tumour occupying the whole peritoneal cavity.

"The majority of cancer surgeries, including oesophagus, stomach, colorectal, gallbladder, pancreas, are performed by minimal access surgery (laparoscopic/ robotic). But this procedure was a perfect example of how important the traditional methods of surgery are," he said, adding that since no space was available in the abdomen for insertion of equipment via laparoscopy or robot-assisted methods, the team had to choose traditional open methods of surgery.

He further said that the tumour had grown so huge that it had displaced his intestines to the left of his body. Performing anaesthesia on the patient was complicated because the huge tumour had compromised blood return to the heart. This was a high-risk surgery owing to the age of the patient.

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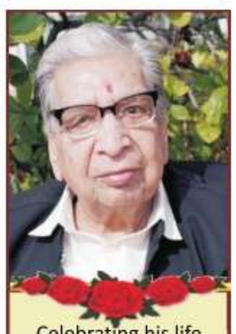

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Transcending & crossing every boundary & limitation, you only brought a smile & pure joy.
With One phone call & meeting, you made all of us a part of your life & its positivity, giving us hope, a way forward.
From the heavens above, you continue to make us feel special & shine, guiding us eternally!!
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Madan,
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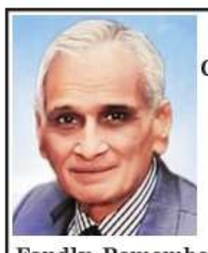

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Sixth Delhi Cop Held In A Month For 'Corruption'

CBI Cracks Down After Allegations

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New Delhi: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has arrested another cop on bribery charges, making him the sixth Delhi Police personnel to be booked in such a case within a month. The accused has been identified as Vijay Bhatia, a sub-inspector posted at southeast Delhi's Jamia Nagar police station.

Police commissioner Sanjay Arora is learnt to have asked the respective special commissioner to take corrective action in the wake of massive CBI raids on the department.

The latest arrest happened after a man complained that a police officer had demanded bribe in his case. "It was alleged that the accused cop, who was the investigating officer, had demanded Rs 50,000 from the complainant for diluting the case against him and others and for not arresting his maid and guard," CBI spokesperson RC Joshi said.

The agency started a probe after registering an FIR and mounted surveillance. A trap was laid and Bhatia was arrested red-handed while accepting Rs 45,000. "Searches are being conducted on his premises. He had been produced before the court. Further investigation is continuing," the spokesperson added.

In the past one year, there has been a sharp rise in the instances of corruption allegations against Delhi Police, leading to an enhanced crackdown by CBI. Mid-Jan, CBI arrested a traffic cop red-handed while accepting Rs 4,000 from a complainant. The victim had hired five vehicles for lifting construction garbage, which were allegedly stopped by the policeman who demanded bribe on a monthly basis.

CBI SPOKESPERSON SAYS

It was alleged that the accused cop, who was the investigating officer, had demanded Rs 50,000 from the complainant for diluting the case against him and others and for not arresting his maid and guard

A cop in Narela was booked earlier on charges of demanding and accepting a bribe from a company's accountant for not arresting him in a criminal case. CBI had also arrested two cops posted at the Sonia Vihar police station in a "bribe-for-construction" case and another cop from the Sagarpur police station for allegedly demanding Rs 1 lakh for not arresting an accused in a case.

Last year, around two dozen policemen were booked by CBI on bribery charges. In Nov, two sub-inspectors posted at the Barakhamba Road police station were arrested for allegedly taking a bribe of Rs 4.5 lakh. South Delhi police stations like Hauz Khas and Maidangarhi witnessed CBI multiple raids in three months and cops posted there were arrested.

Some senior cops defended the raids, claiming that the nod was given by the police commissioner himself. But CBI officials said no approval, formal or informal, was required for action against corruption.

One held for scamming families with relatives abroad

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New Delhi: In June last year, Irshad Alam mastered the accent and posed as an Italian lawyer, fooling a family into believing that he was representing their nephew who had been arrested.

With flair, Alam convinced the family to transfer Rs 4 lakh to secure his release. They realised later that they had fallen for a hoax.

With his arrest on Thursday, police claimed to have busted a syndicate of cyber criminals that target families that have relatives abroad. Cops said the gang had cheated over a hundred people all over the country, with transactions running into crores of rupees.

According to M Harshvardhan, DCP (central), the arrest came following a case where a complainant's father received an internet call from an unknown number.

"The caller stated that his nephew, Kuldeep, had been arrested by Italian police. To release him, the caller demanded Rs 4.5 lakh," said the senior police officer.

Distressed, the victim complied with the demand but later recognised the fraud and approached police. A case was registered under sections of cheating, added the DCP.

"During the investigation, the details of the bank account where the complainant deposited the money were analysed. It came to light that the funds were initially deposited in East Champaran and immediately transferred to another account," officials said.

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On being questioned, the account holder alleged that he had provided his account details to Alam, who claimed to be in need of financial assistance. The account holder retained Rs 10,000 for himself and transferred the remaining sum to various other bank accounts on Alam's instructions, police said.

Probe further brought to light that Alam had opened four bank accounts across different locations where transactions amounted to over Rs 2.7 crore. "After conducting multiple raids at different hideouts, Alam was finally arrested in Bihar," police said on Thursday.

During interrogation, Alam said that he was introduced in 2019 to Subhash and Balister, both residents of Bihar, who promised him a 6% commission on each transaction. "Driven by the prospect of easy money, the syndicate used false threats to target families that had someone living abroad . The gang opened multiple bank accounts to funnel the funds on a commission basis," said officials.

They further revealed that Alam had been arrested in 2020 for online fraud in Shahbad Dairy, Delhi. He had served a four-and-a-half-month sentence. "Alam resumed illicit activities after his release, using his bank accounts for fraudulent transactions. He also admitted to sharing bank account details with his network in exchange for a commission," added police.

3 die in road accidents

New Delhi: A cyclist, a motorist and a pedestrian were among the casualties of fatal accidents on the streets of Delhi this week, two of which involved hit-and-run cases. While one of the errant drivers has been arrested, cops are on a lookout for the remaining two suspects.

In the first incident, a 60-year-old man died on Thursday after his bicycle was allegedly hit by a truck in south Delhi's Mehrauli. The victim, identified as Mahadeva, a native of Uttar Pradesh, had been working as a flower delivery man.

Police said they received a PCR call about the incident at Y-point, Chhatarpur, around 6.30 am on Thursday. "The victim was found lying in a pool of blood," said a senior police official.

The victim was shifted to a hospital, where he was declared dead on arrival. "CCTV footage from around the area is being examined. Further efforts are underway to trace the offending vehicle and driver," they added.

In the second incident, a nursing attendant at a private hospital was hit by a speeding SUV on Monday while she was crossing Shantipath Road towards a bus stop. The driver, identified as Charanjeet, was arrested. The victim succumbed to her injuries during treatment.

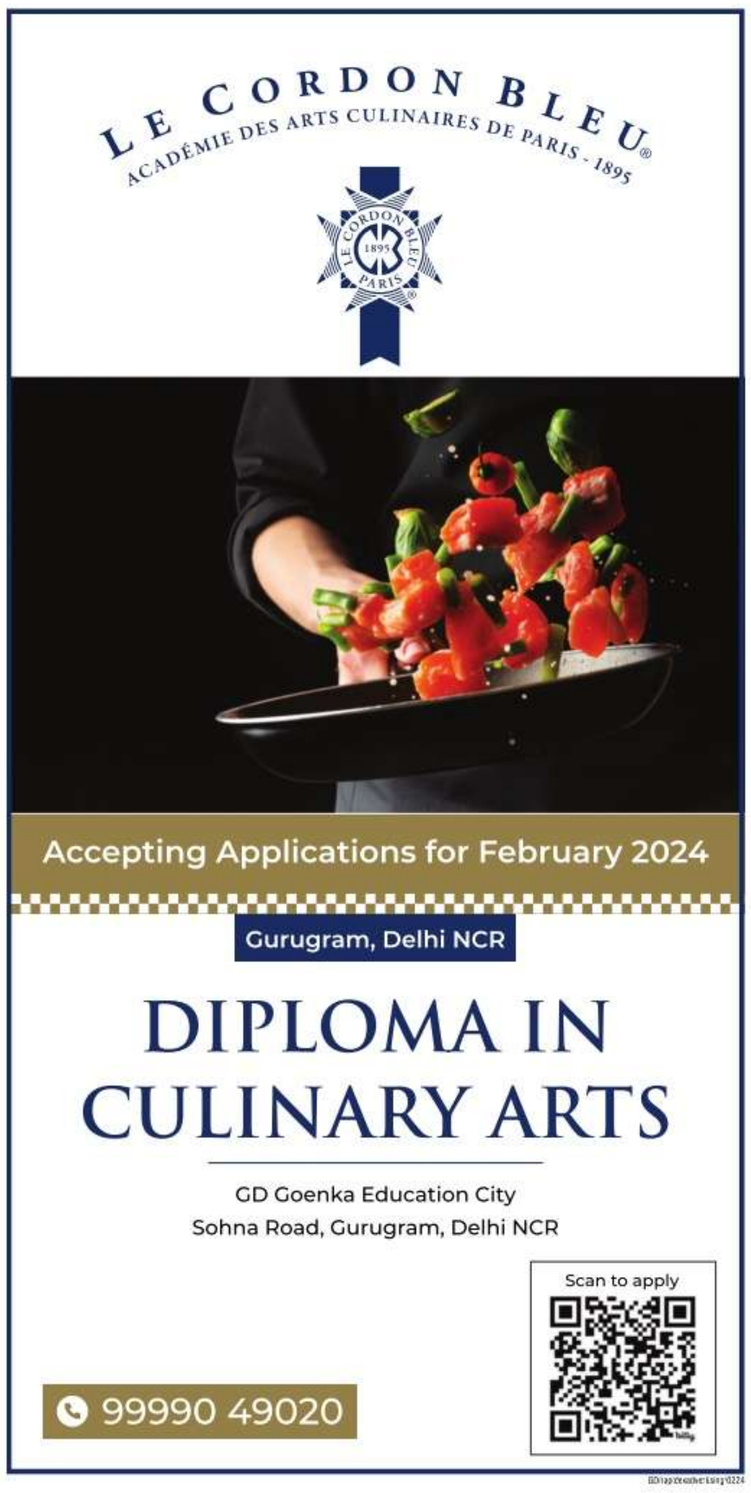
In the third case, a 54-year-old man died after being hit by an unidentified vehicle in Delhi Cantt on Tuesday night. A senior police official said that a crime and forensic team was called to inspect the site, and a case has been registered. "Technical surveillance has been mounted to identify the offending vehicle and nab the driver," they said. TNN

Riots: Report sought from trial court

New Delhi: Delhi High Court on Wednesday called for a report from the trial court hearing a 'Larger Conspiracy of Delhi Riots 2020' case on the number of pleas seeking the supply of documents filed and the chargesheet till date. The high court has also asked about their status.

Mohd Saleem Khan was booked under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act and sections related to riots and conspiracy. A main chargesheet and four supplementary chargesheets have already been filed in the case.

The HC passed the direction while hearing the bail plea of Mohd Saleem Khan, who has been in custody since 2020. During the arguments on bail, it was submitted by the counsel for the accused that he has been is in custody and the trial is being delayed for long. Special public prosecutor Amit Prasad submitted that the trial is being delayed by the accused themselves by filing applications seeking the supply of documents. ANI



GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
e-Tender is invited by the undersigned on behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Ref. NIET No. WBPHE/66/ND OF 2023-24 [GROUP-I & II] & Tender ID: 2024_PHED_661031_1 & 2 for different works. Details will be available in the website wbtenders.gov.in Last date for submission of tender is 23.02.2024. Sd/- for Executive Engineer, Nadia Division, PHE Dte.
ICA- T3287(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
E-tender is hereby invited by the undersigned from private Entrepreneurs /Agencies for supply of 26 number of Mess Workers, 6 Number of Sweepers and 2 number of Malis at the College. The details are available in website https://wbtenders.gov.in from 09/02/2024. Last date of submission of tender is 23/02/2024.
Sd/- Principal
Ramkrishna Mahato Govt. Engg. College, Purulia
T3302(3)/2024

Webel Technology Limited
(A Government of West Bengal undertaking)
Tender No. WTL/KTP/LANW/23-24/067 dated 07.02.2024 Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning (SITC) with Three Years, Products and Installation Warranty of Managed Local Area Network & Integration for Kolkata Police. e-Tender /corrigendum may be downloaded from https://wbtenders.gov.in & www.wtl.co.in
ICA- T3226(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Electronic bids are invited by the Executive Engineer, Teesta Mechanical Division for 02 nos. Work from bonafide, resourceful contractor, Abridged e-NIT No. WBIW/EE/TMD/e-NIT-12/2023-24. Last date of bid submission: 24.02.2024. Detailed NIT may be seen at www.wbiwd.gov.in / wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Teesta Mechanical Division, I&WD, Tinbatti, Siliguri, Pin-734005
ICA- T3304(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Quotation Notice
Sealed Quotations are invited by the office of the U/S –e-NIQ No: **WBHD/EE/ED-II/e-NIQ-82-91/23-24,Tender ID : 1)2024_HSD_662424_1, 2)2024_HSD_662431_1, 3) 2024_HSD_662436_1, 4) 2024_HSD_662437_1, 5) 2024_HSD_662442_1, 6)2024_HSD_662448_1, 7) 2024_HSD_662459_1, 8) 2024_HSD_662469_1, 9) 2024_HSD_662476_1 10) 2024_HSD_662487_1** Name of work : Engagement of man power for operation & minor maintenance of pump Motor Sets incl. E.I. maintenance or only Pump/EI Maintenance of residential flats, Compound Light etc. at different sites under Electrical Division – II, HD for the period of 1 (one) year". Name of Sites: **1) RHE Amratala 2) RHE Basudebpur 3) LIG , MIG Belgachia Villa 4) SCP 40A Gopal Chatterjee 5) RHE Mahesh 6) LIG SCP Karim Box 7) 87B Cossipur Road 8) LIG RP Road and MIG Cossipur Road 9)LIG Dutta Bagan 10) RHE Barapathar.** Bid Submission end date: 21.02.24 upto 3 P.M, Quotation Opening Date: 23.02.24 at 4P.M, Quotation details may be obtained from the Office of the Executive Engineer, Electrical Division No. II, Housing Directorate, 67, Bentinck Street, Kolkata–700069 on all office days during office hours.
ICA- T3323(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
ABRIDGED e-TENDER NOTICE
No. 4(e) to 7(e)/BDN/NAMAMI GANGE/PLTN.Maint. Y-1/2023-24
A tender is being invited by the Divisional Forest Officer, Burdwan Division, Burdwan for different type of Plantation i.e. Maintenance Year-1 at different Range locations under the jurisdiction of Burdwan Division, Burdwan. NIT Publishing date online 08.02.2024 at 11.00 AM and last date of Bid submission online is 15.02.2024 upto 12.30 PM. Details of which may be obtained from this office during the office hours or at web site http://wbtenders.gov.in or http://bardhaman.nic.in/tenders/tenders.html or http://www.westbengalforest.gov.in/tender.php **Name of Work:** Different type of Plantation i.e. Maintenance Year-1 at different Range locations under the jurisdiction of Burdwan Division, Burdwan. Sd/- DFO Burdwan – SPMU, FIG, Burdwan Division
ICA- T3201(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, HOWRAH
Ref: - NIT No. CMOH/How/Estt./439 dated -01/02/2024
(Re-e-Tender) Re-e-Tender is hereby invited **For Providing Scavenging at SG/RH Hospitals under Uluberia Sub-Division, Howrah District.** (Last date of application:-27/02/2024) Tender Starting date:-12/02/2024. Visit at www.wbtenders.gov.in & http://www.wbhealth.gov.in, www.healthyhowrah.org.in
Sd/- Chief Medical Officer of Health Howrah
ICA- T3186(3)/2024

NOTICE INVITING ITEM RATE E-TENDER
Sealed PERCENTAGE RATE E-Tender is hereby invited vide NIT No. WBBCWD/80/PO-APD/2023-24 Dated: 07.02.2024 for supply works of this office from the bonafide, eligible contractors as specified in details. For more details please contact to PO cum DWO BCW&TD Alipurduar at Dooars Kanya, Integrated Administrative Building, Alipurduar & visit the website **www.alipurduar.gov.in/wbtenders.gov.in**
Memo No.: 116(2) Dist/Inf/Alipurduar Date: 08.02.2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Quotation Notice
Sealed Quotations are invited by the office of the U/S –e-NIQ No: **WBHD/EE/ED-II/e-NIQ-82-91/23-24,Tender ID : 1)2024_HSD_662424_1, 2)2024_HSD_662431_1, 3) 2024_HSD_662436_1, 4) 2024_HSD_662437_1, 5) 2024_HSD_662442_1, 6)2024_HSD_662448_1, 7) 2024_HSD_662459_1, 8) 2024_HSD_662469_1, 9) 2024_HSD_662476_1 10) 2024_HSD_662487_1** Name of work : Engagement of man power for operation & minor maintenance of pump Motor Sets incl. E.I. maintenance or only Pump/EI Maintenance of residential flats, Compound Light etc. at different sites under Electrical Division – II, HD for the period of 1 (one) year". Name of Sites: **1) RHE Amratala 2) RHE Basudebpur 3) LIG , MIG Belgachia Villa 4) SCP 40A Gopal Chatterjee 5) RHE Mahesh 6) LIG SCP Karim Box 7) 87B Cossipur Road 8) LIG RP Road and MIG Cossipur Road 9)LIG Dutta Bagan 10) RHE Barapathar.** Bid Submission end date: 21.02.24 upto 3 P.M, Quotation Opening Date: 23.02.24 at 4P.M, Quotation details may be obtained from the Office of the Executive Engineer, Electrical Division No. II, Housing Directorate, 67, Bentinck Street, Kolkata–700069 on all office days during office hours.
ICA- T3323(2)/2024

Government of West Bengal
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, HOWRAH
Ref:- **NIT No. CMOH/How/Estt./438 dated - 01/02/2024**
(Re-e-Tender)
Re-e-Tender is hereby invited for Providing Scavenging at SG/RH Hospitals under Sadar Sub-Division, Howrah District. (Last date of application:-27/02/2024) Tender Starting date:-12/02/2024. Visit at www.wbtenders.gov.in & http://www.wbhealth.gov.in, www.healthyhowrah.org.in Sd/- Chief Medical Officer of Health, Howrah
ICA- T3314(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health Murshidabad
Notice Inviting e-Tender
Tender ID-2024_HFW_660321_1, Tender Portal **www.wbtenders.gov.in**
E-Tender No- HFW-DH&FWS/MSD/1066 Dated 02.02.2024
CMOH & Member Secretary, DH&FWS, Murshidabad invites online tender for installing of scrubber dryer (electric). Last date of submission of online bid is 20.02.24 upto 5.00 P.M. For Details, Please visit the website **www.wbtenders.gov.in, www.wbhealth.gov.in** and **www.murshidabad.nic.in**
SD/- Secretary, DH&FW Samity and CMOH Murshidabad
ICA- T3208(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Quotation Notice
Sealed Quotations are invited by the office of the U/S e-NIQ No: **WBHD/EE/ED-II/e-NIQ-92-100/23-24, Tender ID : 1)2024_HSD_662512_1, 2)2024_HSD_662530_1,3)2024_HSD_662562_14) 2024_HSD_662607_1,5) 2024_HSD_662672_1,6)2024_HSD_662777_1,7)2024_HSD_662804_1, 8)2024_HSD_662634_1, 9) 2024_HSD_662871_1.** Name of work : Engagement of man power for operation & minor maintenance of pump Motor Sets incl. E.I. maintenance or only Pump/EI Maintenance of residential flats, Compound Light etc. at different sites under Electrical Division II, HD for the period of 1 (one) year". Name of Sites: **1) SCP 35 Cossipur Road 2) RHE B M Road 3)RHE Dinemardanga 4) IHEGourhati 5) IHE Tarapukur 6) RHE Arambag 7) RHE Krishna Nagar R K Ashram 8) IHE 9 B.T Road 9) IHE Motijheel.** Bid Submission end date: 21.02.24 upto 3 P.M, Quotation Opening Date: 23.02.24 at 4P.M, Quotation details may be obtained from the Office of the Executive Engineer, Electrical Division No. II, Housing Directorate, 67, Bentinck Street, Kolkata700069 on all office days during office hours.
ICA- T3324(2)/2024

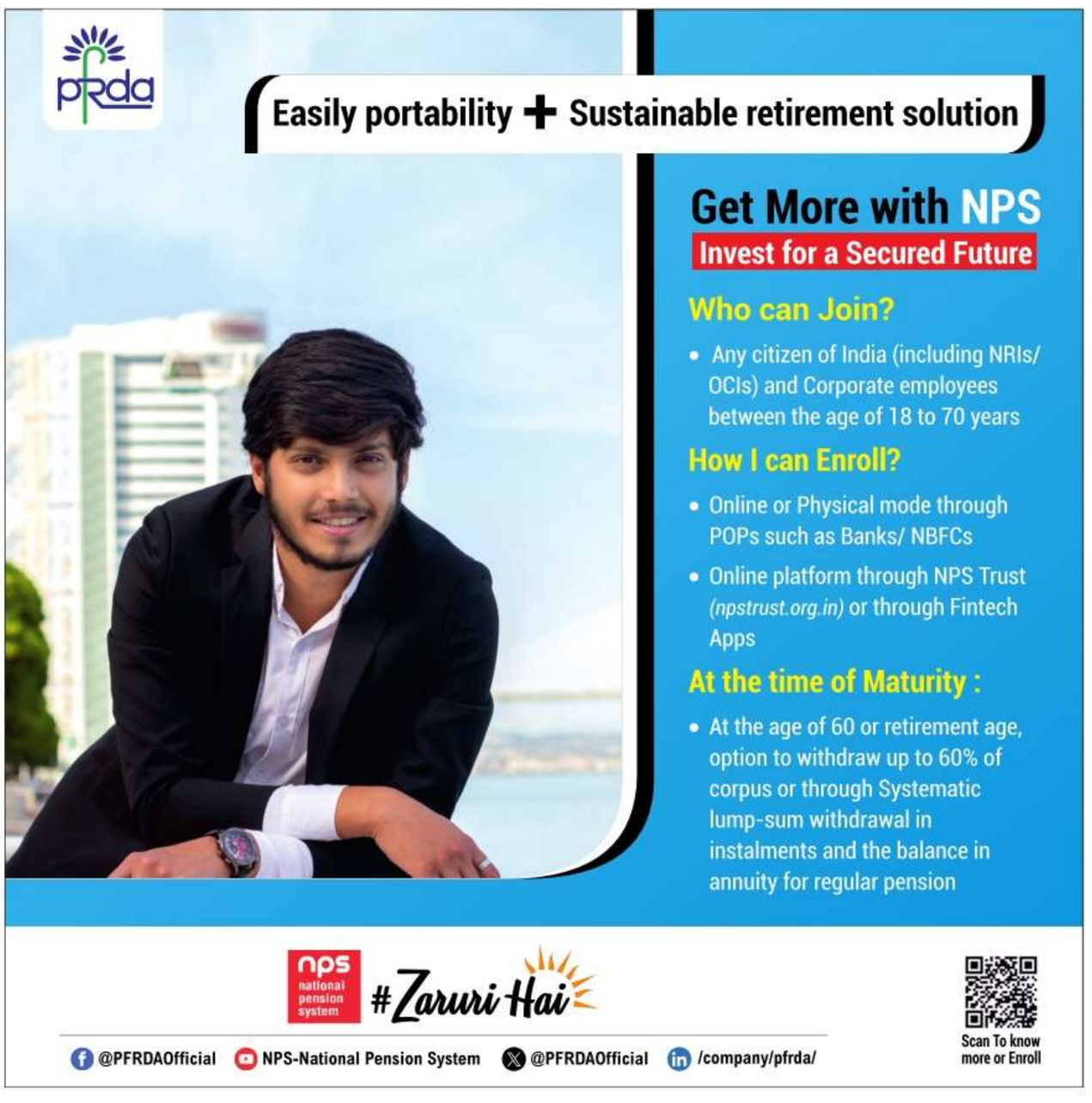
GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
KMDA TENDER NOTICE
e-NIT No: 06/KMDA/EM/SE/MC-I/NIT/2023-24
Online tenders are invited by the Superintending Engineer, Mechanical Circle-I, EM Sector, KMDA, Block-L, 1st floor, Unnayan Bhavan, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700091, from any Pump Manufacturer having valid ISO-9001/ISO-14001 certification or from any Contracting Firm, for the work, **Description of Work, Estimated Amount, Earnest Money Deposit, Time of Completion,** Selection, supply, storage, erection, commissioning, trial run, performance guarantee tests, three (3) years O&M of the electro-mechanical equipment of the newly constructed Clear Water UGR cum Booster Pumping Station at Haringhata Municipality under Amrut 2.0., Item Rate (To be quoted by the bidder), Rs.5,00,000/-, Nine (9) calendar months excluding one (01) month trial run and thirty-six months (36) O&M. Total completion period is forty-six (46) calendar months, **Last date & time of online Bid submission:** 01.03.2024 upto 16:00 hrs., for details contact the above office or visit both websites. **(KMDA-1177)**
www.kmda.wb.gov.in
www.wbtenders.gov.in
ICA- T3308(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
e-TENDER NOTICE
e-N.I.T No-WBIW/EE/MDD-I/e-NIT-15/2023-24, Dated- 06/02/2024 of Executive Engineer MDD-I is hereby invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of West Bengal from the eligible bonafide contractors for the 2(Two) nos. works under A.E. Fund. Details of e-Tender may be downloaded from www.wbiwd.gov.in or http://wbtenders.gov.in on and from 09/02/2024 at 17:30 Hrs. and last date of submission of bids 23/02/2024 upto 12:00 Hrs. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Metropolitan Drainage Division No.-I, Jalasampad Bhawan (4th Floor).
ICA- T3187(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE (2nd Call)
e-Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Midnapore Division, PHE Dte. on behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Ref. No. PHE/MID/eNIT_49/2ND_CALL/22-23 and ID: 2024_PHED_661048_1 to 5 for Laying pipeline, Construction of OHR, P/H, FHTC etc. for different PWSS under Midnapore Division, PHE Dte. Details will be available in the website www.wbtenders.gov.in The last date for submission of tender is 02.03.2024 upto 16:00 Hours. Sd/- for Executive Engineer, Midnapore Division, PHE Dte.
ICA- T3296(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
EE, CED, P.W.Dte. invite online e-tender for the work of, (i) **"E.I. work of Central Library building of UBKV, Pundibari, Cooch Behar."** Bid submission Start Date (online): 06.02.2024, Bid submission Closing Date (online): 27/02/2024 upto 01.00 p.m. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT and tender documents may be downloaded from https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- E.E., CED, P.W.D., GOVT. OF W.B.
ICA- T3279(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Assistant Engineer, Basirhat Sub-Division, P.W.D. invites online e-Tender for the work of "Roof protection work Inspection Bunglow (Dakshini Kunja) & Rest House building of Basirhat Sub-Division, P.W.D. under Barasat Division, P.W.D. in the District of North 24 Parganas." e-NIT No. 18 of 2023-24, Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_661691_1. Bid submission start date (online) 06/02/2024 from 6:30 P.M. Bid submission end date (online): 17/02/2024 upto 2:00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.T. and Tender document may be downloaded from: http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Assistant Engineer, Basirhat Sub-Division.
ICA- T3281(2)/2024



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Santaldih Thermal Power Station
P.O. Santaldih Thermal Plant, Dist. - Purulia, Pin - 723146
Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref. No.: WBPDCL / Tend-Adv/23-24/STPS/CC -1420 **Date: 06.02.2024**
NIT No.: WBPDCL/STPS/NIT/E3480/23-24
E- Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, STPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for **"Rotation and Replacement with Painting of BA Slurry/Silo Slurry/BAOTP & Ash Disposal Line for upcoming OH of Unit #6 scheduled on Aug, 2024 under AHP (M/M) Dept., STPS". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 10.02.2024 from 11:00 hrs. **Bid Submission End Date:** 27.02.2024 within 16:00 hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. K. K. Dutta. **Mobile no. :** 8336903918. **E-mail:** cc_stps@wbpdcl.co.in / kdutta@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**
ICA- T3240(3)/2024

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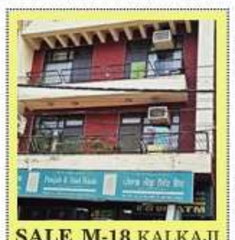

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HC hints at CBI probe into illegal construction

Times News Network

New Delhi: Delhi High Court on Thursday lamented the failure of multiple authorities in curbing unauthorised construction, saying this would lead to "complete lawlessness" in the city and the entire system would collapse.

A bench of acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Manmeet PS Arora also hinted at ordering a CBI probe to investigate lapses by all authorities in stopping unauthorised construction near centrally-protected monuments Nizamuddin ki Baoli and Barakhamba Tomb.

"Once we transfer the investigation to CBI, the role of Delhi Police will also be examined. Everyone's responsibility should be fixed. It is a failure of multiple agencies. These multiple authorities working on the ground level have all failed us. This is shocking," the bench told the counsels for Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

It added that if such brazen construction "in the heart of Delhi" was allowed, there would be complete lawlessness in the city and everything would collapse.

The court was hearing a public interest litigation filed by NGO Jamia Arabia Nizamia Welfare Education Society, claiming that "illegal and unauthorised construction" was being carried out at a guesthouse near the Baoli gate, Hazrat Nizamuddin Dargah, near police booth".

HC noted that neither MCD nor DDA acted against the unauthorised construction, which was stated to have taken place on the three upper floors of an already-sealed guesthouse illegally built on DDA land near the monuments.

It had earlier said encroachment on public land was like dacoity and asked MCD to use technology, such as drones and satellite images, to maintain vigil.

Expressing displeasure over the unauthorised construction, the court had said there was "serious dereliction of duty" on the part of officials who did not work on the ground in spite of intimation by police and ASI.

Existing forests must be saved, says high court

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New Delhi: Raising concern over encroachments in the name of religious structures, a bench of acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Manmeet P S Arora took a dim view of the PIL seeking protection for ancient monuments in Mehrauli, advising the petitioners to first try and get unauthorised occupants evicted from green areas.

"Let the forest be restored. Today where will you find more forests? The existing ones must be preserved. Have a heart. Be human. Understand that people are dying because of pollution. This is our only saviour. We will not be able to breathe, how will you enjoy the heritage if you can't breathe in the city? Enough peers, dargahs and temples are there. We have more than sufficient," an agitated bench told advocate Satyajit Sarna.

Sarna, representing petitioners Himanshu Damle and Seela Manaswinee Mahapatra, submitted that for hundreds of years if something has been used as a place of worship obviously it goes through changes.

HC then highlighted some of the pictures attached in the PIL having multi-coloured tiled construction. "Some will say these brown and green tiles are also ancient. These were not available in Delhi 10 years ago," HC countered.

While looking at some of the photographs, the court lamented there is a proper dense colony constructed in the middle of forest. "If something is found to be sacred, we will direct them to preserve it, but no one will be allowed to stay there. Everyone will move out otherwise the whole forest is going to be disturbed," the bench said, stressing that "forest will be given priority". It told Sarna that "there is a bigger game plan and all this is done with a slogan to mislead the general public. This is done to create confusion and to create divisions in society".

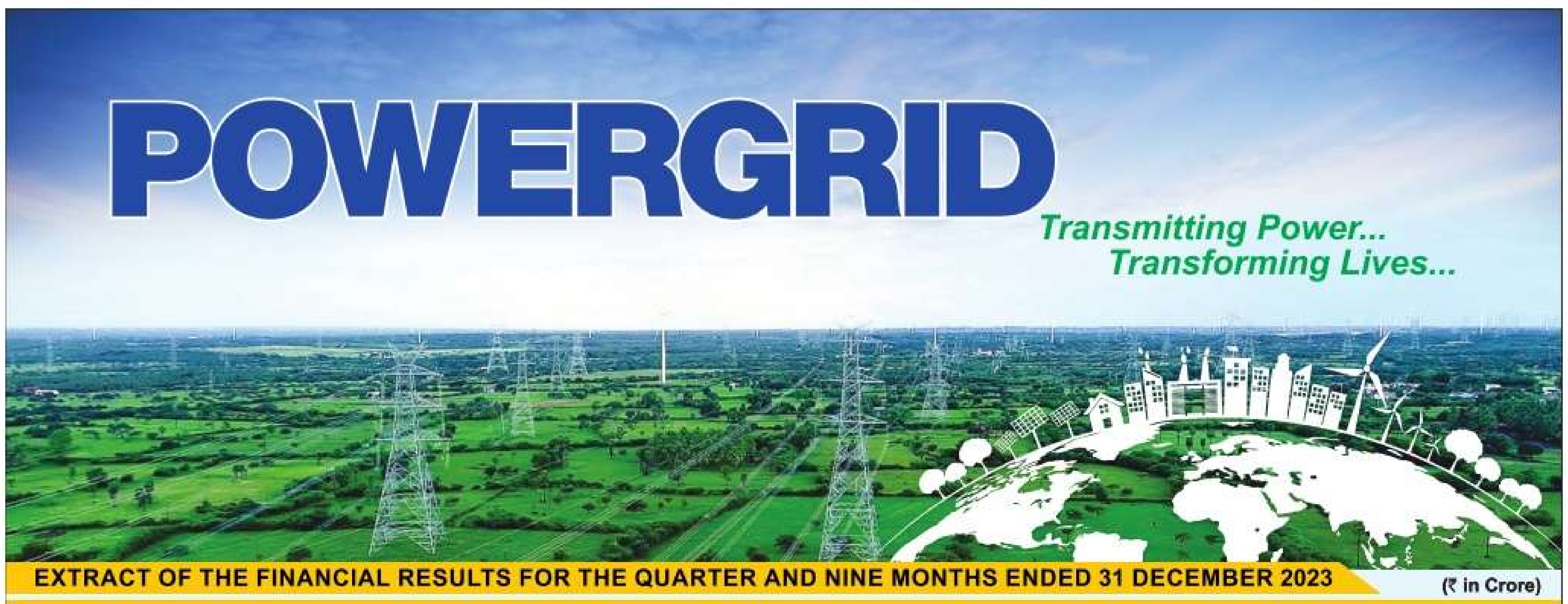
The court stressed the need to preserve forested areas and only heritage monuments "certified" by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) or National Monuments Authority.

131 buildings razed, 35 complexes sealed in Feb to free 18 acres, says MCD

New Delhi: Continuing action against illegal constructions in various areas, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) claimed to have razed 131 buildings, sealed 35 complexes, and taken action against illegal plotting or colonisation at 10 places in Feb, to free up 18 acres of land.

These actions have been taken in Dera, Mandi, Bhati, Chattarpur, Jonapur, Jaitpur, Mithapur, Burari, Narela, Bhalaswa, Kadipur, Alipur, Jindpur, Bhorgarh, etc. MCD claimed that such stringent actions could be expected in the coming days too.

"The demolition has mainly targeted agricultural or vacant land where illegal plots or colonies were raised, attracting ignorant citizens to buy plots at cheaper rates. The actions are meant to spread a message among unscrupulous builders to abide by the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, Master Plan 2021 and Unified Building Bye-Laws 2016," officials said. TNN



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

S. No.	Particulars	Standalone					Consolidated				
		Quarter ended		Nine Months ended		Year ended	Quarter ended		Nine Months ended		Year ended
		31.12.2023	31.12.2022	31.12.2023	31.12.2022	31.03.2023	31.12.2023	31.12.2022	31.12.2023	31.12.2022	31.03.2023
		(Un-audited)	(Un-audited)	(Un-audited)	(Un-audited)	(Audited)	(Un-audited)	(Un-audited)	(Un-audited)	(Un-audited)	(Audited)
1	Total Income from Operations	11,467.61	11,280.96	33,561.65	33,130.17	45,227.52	11,819.70	11,530.22	34,607.73	34,048.20	46,605.64
2	Net Profit before Tax from Continuing Operations (including Regulatory Deferral Account Balances (net of tax))	4,629.76	3,935.50	12,975.66	12,126.38	17,243.38	4,815.77	3,975.34	13,389.15	12,366.32	17,701.62
3	Net Profit after Tax from Continuing Operations	3,970.23	3,643.80	11,249.71	10,957.77	15,124.54	4,028.25	3,645.29	11,406.83	11,096.87	15,419.74
4	Net Profit after Tax from Discontinued Operation	-	57.85	97.13	160.96	211.00	-	-	-	-	-
5	Net Profit after Tax for the period	3,970.23	3,701.65	11,346.84	11,118.73	15,335.54	4,028.25	3,645.29	11,406.83	11,096.87	15,419.74
6	Total Comprehensive Income comprising Net Profit after Tax and Other Comprehensive Income	3,971.76	3,552.58	11,141.74	11,048.71	15,228.84	4,029.66	3,496.27	11,201.34	11,027.13	15,315.24
7	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face value of share: ₹10/- each)	9,300.60	6,975.45	9,300.60	6,975.45	6,975.45	9,300.60	6,975.45	9,300.60	6,975.45	6,975.45
8	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Balance sheet	77,651.74	75,176.32	77,651.74	75,176.32	75,868.73	77,893.44	75,250.45	77,893.44	75,250.45	76,050.84
9	Securities Premium Account	5,509.28	7,834.43	5,509.28	7,834.43	7,834.43	5,509.28	7,834.43	5,509.28	7,834.43	7,834.43
10	Net worth	86,952.34	82,151.77	86,952.34	82,151.77	82,844.18	87,194.04	82,225.90	87,194.04	82,225.90	83,026.29
11	Total Borrowings	119,326.51	128,658.12	119,326.51	128,658.12	126,594.90	119,326.51	128,658.12	119,326.51	128,658.12	126,594.90
12	Debt Equity Ratio	1.37	1.57	1.37	1.57	1.53	1.37	1.56	1.37	1.56	1.52
13	Earnings per equity share from continuing and discontinued operations including movement in Regulatory Deferral Account Balances (Face value of ₹10/- each): Basic and Diluted (in ₹)	4.27	3.98	12.20	11.95	16.49	4.33	3.92	12.26	11.93	16.58
14	Earnings per equity share from continuing and discontinued operations excluding movement in Regulatory Deferral Account Balances (Face value of ₹10/- each): Basic and Diluted (in ₹)	4.15	3.72	12.62	11.65	16.21	4.21	3.67	12.69	11.64	16.31
15	Bonds Redemption Reserve	3,035.87	4,684.26	3,035.87	4,684.26	4,168.17	3,035.87	4,684.26	3,035.87	4,684.26	4,168.17
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1.71	1.81	1.52	1.97	1.52	1.76	1.82	1.54	1.99	1.54
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	3.84	3.31	3.96	3.97	3.93	4.00	3.34	4.11	4.03	4.02

Notes:
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Body of woman missing since Dec found

New Delhi: The body of a 25-year-old woman, reported missing since Dec last year, was found near the Wazirabad underpass on Thursday. Police are investigating the circumstances surrounding her death.

A police officer said the woman and her husband had been missing since Dec 27, 2023. The woman's family filed a missing complaint on Jan 26.

Police were informed about the incident by a PCR call on Thursday, and a team was sent to the spot. "The team found that the body was in an advanced state of decomposition and was sent for a postmortem examination," the officer said, adding that teams have been formed to trace her husband.

"We are also scanning nearby CCTV footage to ascertain whether someone dumped the body," the officer added. TNN

Brawl at wedding ends in murder of realtor

New Delhi: Three men were arrested after a property dealer was killed and another injured in a shooting incident at a wedding in northeast Delhi's Welcome. The arrested accused were identified as Akshat Sharma (21), Karan Singh (29) and Sajan Manish (32).

Police said that they were on the lookout for another suspect who fled the scene.

According to Joy Tirkey, DCP (North-east), police received a call on Sunday night regarding the shooting. "Upon receiving the information, a team rushed to the hospital and found that one person, Sumit, had suffered a bullet abrasion injury on the back of his neck, while Rahul, another victim, sustained a bullet wound near his abdomen," said the senior police officer.

A case was initially registered under sections of attempt to murder and investigation began. "After Rahul succumbed to his injuries on Thursday night, sections of murder were added in the case," Tirkey added.

Investigation revealed that an altercation occurred between two groups during a marriage ceremony, which took an ugly turn. Sharma allegedly pulled out a weapon and fired at Sumit. "Sumit narrowly avoided the bullet, sustaining only minor injuries, while Rahul was struck in his abdomen," the officer said.

Police said that the three accused had been remanded to judicial custody and further investigation was in progress to trace the fourth accused. TNN

Borewells: NGT asks for DJB's reply

New Delhi: National Green Tribunal has granted four weeks' time to DJB to file a report on action taken against illegal borewells in the city. The tribunal has asked district magistrates to cooperate with DJB, failing which they may be asked to appear personally before the tribunal.

NGT observed that out of 19,661 illegal borewells, 8,299 were identified in northwest Delhi, followed by 6,681 in the southwest district.

DJB informed NGT that it needed additional time to submit the report because except for district magistrate, southwest, other DMs have not given it the necessary information to file a report.

"All district magistrates are expected to cooperate with DJB and submit the requisite information within two weeks," said the bench headed by Justice Prakash Shrivastava.

NGT, however, granted the Delhi Pollution Control Committee two days to file the compliance report. TNN

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Quotation Notice
Sealed Quotationsare invited by the office of the U/S –e-NIQ No: **WBHD/EE/ED-II/e-NIQ-101-104/23-24, Tender ID : 1)2024_HSD_663348_1, 2)2024_HSD_663357_1, 3)2024_HSD_663406_1, 4) 2024_HSD_ 663423_1.** Name of work : Engagement of man power for operation & minor maintenance of pump Motor Sets incl. E.I. maintenance or only Pump/EI Maintenance of residential flats, Compound Light etc. at different sites under Electrical Division – II, HD for the period of 1 (one) year". Name of Sites: **1) RHE Katwa 2) RHE Subash Nagar 3)IHE Patulia Sewage Pump 4) IHE Patulia.** Bid Submission end date: 21.02.24 upto 3 P.M, Quotation Opening Date: 23.02.24 at 4P.M, Quotation details may be obtained from the Office of the Executive Engineer, Electrical Division No. II, Housing Directorate, 67, Bentinck Street, Kolkata–700069 on all office days during office hours.
ICA- T3334(2)/2024

e-Tender Notice
Hooghly Zilla R.M.C. invites e-Tender vide NIT No. 24/R1/HZRMC/2023-2024 Dated : 08.02.2024. Last date of submission of Bid - 20.02.2024 up to 1 P.M. The details of the e-Tenders are available on the website **https://www.wbtenders.gov.in**
Sd/-
Secretary
Hooghly Zilla R.M.C

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING e-QUOTATION
e-Quotations are invited by the Executive Engineer, Directorate of Sericulture, Govt. of West Bengal, 45, Ganesh Chandra Avenue, Kolkata-13, from Bonafide and resourceful contractors for annual maintenance of walk-in Cold rooms through e-tendering portal- wbtenders.gov.in for the e-Quotation ID nos. i) 2024_DOT_658437_1. ii) 2024_DOT_658528_1. iii) 2024_DOT_658569_1. iv) 2024_DOT_658636_1. v) 2024_DOT_658686_1. Last date of submission of online bids- 16.02.2024 upto 15:00 hrs. Details can be obtained from www.seriwbgov.org and Notice Board of this Directorate. Sd/- S.DAS, Executive Engineer, Directorate of Sericulture.
ICA-T3207(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
ABRIDGED e-NOTICE INVITING TENDER
e-NIT No. WBIW/EE-II/CD/NIT-25/2023-24
Online Tenders are hereby invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of W.B. from the bonafide agencies. For 11 (Eleven) nos. work for **WBIW/EE-II/CD/e-NIT-25(e)/2023-24** like **Maintenance and repair works of Building works.** Amounting of **Rs. 99000.00 to Rs. 9.90 Lakh**, Bid submission end date for Tender is 19.02.24 at 17.00 P.M. Other details may be seen in the website www.wbiwd.gov.in, wbtender.gov.in and also in the office of the undersigned. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Canals Division.
ICA- T3316(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-Tender Notice
e-NIT is invited by the Executive Engineer, Jhargram Zilla Parishad, Ref: -JGM/ZP/N-55/2023-24(Sl.No- 1 to 7). Tender ID- 2024_ZPHD_661905_1 to 7, For different PS area under Jhargram Zilla Parishad. Technical and Financial bid submission closing date & time 22.02.2024 upto 14:00 Hours.
All details can be obtained from the website **www.wbtenders.gov.in** & **www.jhargram.gov.in.**
Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Jhargram Zilla Parishad
Memo No.: 28(2)/Adv/JICA
Date : 08.02.2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Tender Notice
Tenders are invited from reputed firms for the procurement of desktop computer vide NIeT No. – D TC/PRL/760 dated 05.02.2024 related to Procurement of Desktop, Printer cum Scanner & UPS for the office of the District Tuberculosis Office under Chief Medical Officer of Health, Purulia. **The last date & time of online bid submission: 16.02.2024 at 17.30 hours** visit www.wbtenders. gov.in; www.purulia.gov.in; www.swasthyapurulia.org;
Sd/- Secretary DH&FWS & CMOH, Purulia
ICA- T3317(3)/2024

WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Regd. Office : Vidyut Bhavan, Block-DJ, Sector-II, Bidhannagar, Kolkata - 700 091
CIN : U40109WB2007SGC113473, www.wbsedcl.in
WBSEDCL
WBSEDCL invites e-Tenders as follows:
1) **NIT No.:** RM/PBDN/CIVIL/NIT/2023-24/04, **Dt.:** 06.02.2024 of the Regional Manager, Paschim Bardhaman Region, WBSEDCL. **Estimated Cost:** ₹ 41,98,677.31 for the work of *'Construction of approach road, heightening of existing boundary wall and other allied civil works on the premises of Domohani 33/11 kV Sub-Station under Asansol Division, WBSEDCL.'*
2) **NIT No.:** RM/PBDN/CIVIL/NIT/2023-24/05, **Dt.:** 06.02.2024 of the Regional Manager, Paschim Bardhaman Region, WBSEDCL. **Estimated Cost:** ₹ 34,03,476.28 for the work of *'Construction of boundary wall, land development, boring and installation of submersible pump and other allied civil works at MSME2 BAPL 33/11 kV Sub-Station under Durgapur Division, WBSEDCL.'*
3) **NIT No.:** RM/PBDN/CIVIL/NIT/2023-24/06, **Dt.:** 06.02.2024 of the Regional Manager, Paschim Bardhaman Region, WBSEDCL. **Estimated Cost:** ₹ 26,63,761.77 for the work of *'Construction of front side new boundary wall along with fixing of barbed wire at Bhiringi 33/11 kV Sub-Station under Durgapur Division, WBSEDCL.'*
ICA- T3225(2)/2024
For details, visit **https://wbtenders.gov.in** & **www.wbsedcl.in**

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Kolaghat Thermal Power Station
P.O. Mecheda, Dist. Purba Medinipur, Pin - 721137
Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref. No.: WBPDCL / Tend-Adv/23-24/KTPS/CC-1399 **Date : 02.02.2024**
NIT No.: WBPDCL / KTPS/NIT/E2856/23-24
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, KTPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 part bid system for **"Supply and Delivery of 250 MT Alumino Ferric (Ferric Alum) GR.-IV Conforming to IS 299:2012 Latest Version White Colour for Kolaghat Thermal Power Station". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 09.02.2024 at 02:00 PM. **Bid Submission End Date:** 29.02.2024 at 03:00 PM. **Contact Person:** Subhasis Das, Sr. Mgr (Purchase), KTPS. **Mobile no.:** 8336904051. **E-mail:** sdas01@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**
ICA- T3233(3)/2024

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Kolaghat Thermal Power Station
P.O. Mecheda, Dist. Purba Medinipur, Pin - 721137
Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref. No.: WBPDCL / Tend-Adv/23-24/KTPS/CC-1402 **Date : 02.02.2024**
NIT No.: WBPDCL / KTPS/NIT/E2878/23-24
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, KTPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for **"Dismantling & Dragging of 31.5 MVA existing old BHEL make SAT (Station Auxiliary Transformer) along with Dragging and Erection & Commissioning of newly procured 35 MVA Station Auxiliary Transformer under CAPEX 2023-2024". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 10.02.2024 at 11.00 hrs. **Bid Submission End Date :** 15.03.2024 at 16.00 hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. S. Mondal, Sr. Manager (PS) (Contract Cell), KTPS. **Mobile no. :** 9874630130. **E-mail:** s.mondal01@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**
ICA- T3230(3)/2024

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Santaldih Thermal Power Station
P.O. Santaldih Thermal Plant, Dist. - Purulia, Pin - 723146
Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref. No.: WBPDCL / Tend-Adv/23-24/STPS/CC-1417 **Date: 06.02.2024**
NIT No.: WBPDCL / STPS/NIT/E3484/23-24
E- Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, STPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for **"Service Contract for Hiring of one number TATA Motors make Winger 3200 High Roof AC Ambulance with BS-VI emission standard for STPS plant for five (05) years under CHP (O) department". Tender Document Download Start Date**: 05.02.2024 from 11:00 hrs. **Bid Submission End Date:** 29.02.2024 within 16:00 hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. K. K. Dutta. **Mobile no. :** 8336903918. **E-mail:** cc_stps@wbpdcl.co.in /kdutta@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**
ICA- T3238(3)/2024

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Registered & Corporate Office : Bidyut Unnayan Bhaban
Plot No.: 3/C, LA - Block, Sector- III, Bidhannagar, Kol-700106
Notice Inviting Tender-cum Forward eAuction
Ref No.: WBPDCL / Tend-Advt/23-24/CORP/CC-1431 **Date: 06.02.2024**
NIT No: WBPDCL/CORP/NIT/E1811/23-24 **Dated. 05.02.2024**
"Selection of MDO for Basalt Mine (44.12 Acre) in the DPDH Coal Block allotted to the WBPDCL".
NIT Document Download Start Date/End Date : 05.02.2024 at 7.00 P.M./19.02.2024 at 12.00 P.M. **Contact Person:** Ipsita Chaudhuri, Sr. Manager (PS), M&C, Corporate. **Contact No.:** 9830616477. **E-mail:** ichaudhuri@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: **https:// wbtenders.gov.in**
ICA- T3227(2)/2024

INFRASTRUCTURE CELL, COOCH BEHAR
Notice inviting e-Tender (in brief)
Following e-tender notice is hereby invited on behalf of District Magistrate for Arrangement of Temporary Structure at DC/RC venue Vide **NIT No. 1/Infra/DM-ET/COB/2023-24** in connection with Parliamentary Election 2024. The details may be had from the website **https://etender.wb.nic.in**
Sd/-
Add. District Magistrate (D)
Cooch Behar
Memo No : 45/ICA/ADD/COB
Dated, Cooch Behar, 07.02.2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Notice inviting E-Tender
Online bids are invited by the Additional Director, Animal Resources Development, Haringhata Farm, Nadia for the following:-

Description of items/works	Online Bid submission starts on	Online Bid submission closes on
"Engagement of Agency for 15 nos. unskilled personnel for day to day Sanitation work at Office Building & Residential Quarters including toilets in Haringhata Farm, Nadia"(2nd Call).	09.02.2024	23.02.2024

The detailed information along with all particulars may be obtained from e-tender portal http://www.wbtenders.gov.in .
The NIT may be viewed from the website http://www.darahwb.org.
Sd/- Additional Director,
Animal Resources Development, Haringhata Farm, Nadia
ICA- T3178(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-Tender Notice
Tenders are invited from reputed firms for the Procurement of AIC Kit vie NIeT No. –_DTC/PRL/761 dated 05.02.2024 related to Procurement of AIC Kit for the office of the District Tuberculosis Office under Chief Medical Officer of Health, Purulia. **The last** date & time of online bid submission: 16.02.2024 at 17.30 hours. Visit www.wbtenders.gov.in; www.purulia.gov.in; www.swasthyapurulia.org; **Sd/- Secretary DH & FWS & CMOH, Purulia**
ICA- T3210(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-Tender Notice
Tenders are invited from reputed firms for the Works abridged NIeT No. – DHFWS/ENGG-13 of 2023-24 (4th call) & vide Memo No:- CMOH/Samiti/1901 dated 06.02.2024 related to schemes of New Construction works under Health Dept. **The last** date & time of online bid submission: 28.02.2024 at 10.00 a.m. Visit www.wbtenders.gov.in; www.purulia.gov.in; www.swasthyapurulia.org;
Sd/-
Secretary DH&FWS & CMOH, Purulia
ICA- T3209(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-Tender Notice
N.I.e.T. No. 35 of EE/MLMD of 2023-24, Malda Mechanical Division, PHE Dte. Tender Id: 2024_PHED_662545_1 to 2024_PHED_662545_3, Executive Engineer, MLMD invites e-Tender in WBF 2911 for Supply, installation, commissioning and trial operation of electro-mechanical components at different PWSS in the district of Uttar Dinajpur & Dakshin Dinajpur under MLMD, PHE Dte. Last date of Submission 04.03.2024 upto 02:30 PM. For details visit at: www.wbtenders.gov.in. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Malda Mechanical Division, PHE Dte.
ICA- T3228(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-Tender Notice
MSVP, R.G.Kar Medical College & Hospital invites sealed bids from eligible bidders vide Memo no. :- RGKH/525 dt.06.02.2024 eNIT-RKC/MC/MSVP/28/23-24 for Supply of **REVISION TOTAL KNEE REPLACEMENT WITH FULL INSTRUMENT SET of Orthopedic Department for R G Kar MCH.** The Last date of online bid Submission is 27.02.2024 till 6 pm. **For further details, please log in www.wbhealth.gov.in / www.wbtenders.gov.in**
ICA- T3197(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Notice of Inviting Tender
Bid ref. no.- WBMSCL/NIT-073/2024, Dated- 22/01/2024
Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) for Fire Fighting, Fire Alarm & Fire Detection System installed at various locations Malda Medical College & Hospital, Malda. Last date of submission of bid (online)- 17.02.2024 upto 02.00 P.M. The tender document can be downloaded from www.wbtenders.gov.in on or after 08.02.2024 at 12.00 A.M. Clarification requests, if any may be sent to info@wbmsc.gov.in Sd/- General Manager, WBMSCL.
ICA- T3191(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Jaldapara Wildlife Division, Cooch Behar
e-Tender Notice
WBFOR/JWD/NIT-45(e)/23-24- Supply of 1000 CC Root trainers over 40,000 under JPWLD during 2023-24, **WBFOR/JWD/NIT-46(e)/23-24**- Remodeling of stands to hold 20,000 nos. 750 CC root trainers and 40,000 nos. 1000 CC root trainers under JPWLD during 2023-24. Last date of online submission of bid- 20/02/2024. For all details and Online Tender submission visit at www.wbtenders.gov.in/ www.westbengalforest.gov.in Sd/- Divisional Forest Officer, Jaldapara Wildlife Division, Cooch Behar.
ICA- T3181(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Tender Notice
Online e-tender is invited by the office of the Executive Engineer, Electrical Division No. I, Housing Directorate:-eNIT No: WBHD/EE/ED-I/eNIT-39/23-24, Tender id-2024_HSD_662639_1, Name of work - Replacement & Repairing work of Electrical installation works at Flat no. E/6, 32 Bullygaunge Circular Road RHE, Kolkata."Bid Submission end date: 16.02.2024 upto 12 P.M, Tender Opening Date: 19.02.2024 after 12 P.M, Website-wbtenders.gov.in, Tender Location-32 Bullygaunge Circular Road RHE, Kolkata.Tender details may be obtained from Office of the Executive Engineer, Electrical Division No. I, Housing Directorate, New Secretariat Building, "B", Block Room No.1 Ground Floor 1,K.S Roy Road, Kolkata–700001 on all office days during office hours.
ICA- T3318(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
HALDIA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
City Centre, P.O. Debhog, Haldia
Dist. Purba Medinipur, PIN-721657
Toll Free No. 1800-345-3224
E-AUCTION NOTICE (3rd call)
E-AUCTION FOR DISMANTLING OF 4-STORIED BUILDING AT PRIYAMBADA HOUSING ESTATE (O&E BLOCK), HALDIA OF HALDIA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Haldia Development Authority intends to dismantle 02 Nos. 4-storied old and dilapidated building at Priyambada Housing Estate (O&E Block). The salvage materials to be obtained from dismantling of the buildings to be taken out by the successful bidders. The said buildings will be auctioned on "As is where is Basis" through e-Auction process, to be conducted by MSTC Limited, through the portal:: https://www.mstcecommerce.com Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 50,000/-. Inspection of building start date: 12.02.2024 (from 11 AM to 5 PM). Inspection of building closing date: 19.02.2024 (from 11 AM to 5 PM). e-Auction opening date & time: 21.02.2024 at 12: 00 Noon. For other details kindly visit our office or our website: www.hda.gov.in Sd/- Chief Executive Officer.
ICA- T3189(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
HALDIA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
City Centre, P.O. Debhog, Haldia
Dist. Purba Medinipur, PIN-721657
Toll Free No. 1800-345-3224
Corrigendum Notice
NIT No. 32/HDA/EC/2023-24(2nd call)
The Corrigendum Notice of the above NIT has been issued. The last date of online bid submission has been extended to 12.02.2024 upto 3.30 pm. Information in details is available in the office and in the website of HDA : www.hda.gov.in. E-Tender can be submitted through: www.wbtenders.gov.in. **Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, HDA.**
ICA- T3190(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
1st Corrigendum Notice
dated- 01-02-2024
Tender Id :- 2023_WBSMB_635091_1
Authority of West Bengal State Agricultural Marketing Board has decided to extend the last date of bid submission on 15.02.2024 upto 12 Noon, simultaneously technical bid opening date has been rescheduled on 19.02.2024 at 12 Noon for administrative reason. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged. The detail information regarding e-NIT will be available on the https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, West Bengal State Agricultural Marketing Board.
ICA- T3194(1)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
The Superintendent of Bishnupur Subsidiary Correctional Home, WB, for and on behalf of the Governor of WB, invites e-tender for supply of dietary articles at Bishnupur Subsidiary Correctional Home for the period from 01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024. Tender Inviting Notice No. 01/BISHNUPUR/TN-2024, dated: 10.01.2024. Date of documents download starts: 09.02.2024 at 15:00 hrs. Last date of submission of tender: 29.02.2024 up to 18:00 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/- Bishnupur Subsidiary Correctional Home, W.B.
ICA- T3177(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WRI&DD. e-NIQ
Executive Engineer (A-M) Midnapore (A-M) Division invites e-tender for supply of different items under Midnapore (A-M) Division vide Tender reference no- WBWRDDEE(AM)MID eNIQ-15/23-24. Tender ID:- 2024_WRDD_662795_1 Last date of dropping : 16.02.2024 (2.00 pm) Intending bidders are requested to visit the website http//wbtenders.gov.in for details.
Sd/-
Executive Engineer (Agri-Mech)
Midnapore (Agri-Mech) Division,
Midnapore
ICA- T3218(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Notice of Inviting Tender
Bid ref. no.- WBMSCL/NIT-090/2024, Dated-01/02/2024
Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Air conditioning machine inside the Operation Theatre area, 2nd floor, Super Specialty Hospital building Hatuara Campus, Deben Mahata Government Medical College and Hospital, Purulia. Last date of submission of bid (online)- 23.02.2024 up to 02.00 P.M. The tender document can be downloaded from www.wbtenders.gov.in on or after 08.02.2024 at 12.00 A.M. Clarification requests, if any may be sent to info@wbmsc.gov.in Sd/- General Manager, WBMSCL
ICA- T3192(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WRI&DD. e-NIT
e-tender has been invited against NIT No. 27/23-24/CORE JAL(AI)DIV_GROUP-1 by the Executive Engineer (Agri-Irrigation), Jalpaiguri (Agri-Irrigation) Division for the works of CONSTRUCTION OF GODOWN BUILDING AT JALSAMPAAD OFFICE CAMPUS UNDER JALPAIGURI (A-I) DIVISION, RAJBARIPARA, JALPAIGURI under the office of the Executive Engineer (A-I), Jalpaiguri (Agri-Irrigation) Division vide e-Tender Id 2024_WRDD_662724_1. Last date & time of application is 23.02.2024 up to 09.00 Hours. Other details may also be seen from the office notice board & in https://wbtenders.gov.in website. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. sd/-
Executive Engineer (A-I)
Jalpaiguri (Agri-Irrigation) Division
ICA- T3216(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Department of MSME&T, Government of West Bengal
Shilpa Sadan, 4, Abanindranath Tagore Sarani (Camae Street), Kolkata-700016
Expression of Interest
Expression of Interest (EOI) for Booking Space in Apparel Buying Hub at Paridhan Garment Park. Chingrighata, Kolkata. EOI No. 550/MSMET-18011(99)/9/2018 dated 06.02.2024. Notice Inviting EOI with the details is uploaded on www.wbmsme.gov.in/ www.wbseps.com/www.wbsidcl.in All interested bidders to kindly note that the applications/bids (Technical and Financial) are to be mandatorily submitted through the above mentioned portal only. Last date and lime of submission of application will be on **01.03.2024 upto 4.00 p.m.** Sd/- Joint Secretary to the Government of West Bengal
ICA- T3193(3)/2024

Government of West Bengal
Office of the District Magistrate, Jalpaiguri (Nezarath Section)
e-tender is invited by the District Magistrate, Jalpaiguri, online Item Wise/ percentage rate/ two bid system tender at **https://wbtenders.gov.in** for the following work:
NIT No. **10/MM/NZT/JAL/2024**
Date : 05.02.2024
Tender ID : **2024_DMJ_661204_1**
Date : 05.02.2024
Name of Work : **SUPPLY OF FOOD INCLUDING TEA, TIFFIN & LUNCH/ DINNER FOR GENERAL ELECTION TO THE HOUSE OF PEOPLE-2024 FOR THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, JALPAIGURI**
Earnest Money - Rs. 30000/-

DMRC to run safety checks at all stns

New Delhi: After the Gokulpuri incident, Delhi Metro has decided to conduct safety checks across the Delhi Metro network.

"Managing director Vikas Kumar has issued instructions to all the concerned departments in DMRC to conduct rigorous safety checks," said Anuj Dayal, principal executive director, corporate communications, DMRC.

According to officials, electricals, rolling stocks, civil, tracks and signalling and telecom departments will be primarily conducting safety checks at all stations.

Gokulpuri metro station was opened on Oct 30, 2018, as part of phase III extension. "The incident at the station was reported at 11.10 am. Train movement was stopped from 11.12 am to 11.23 am on both the up and down lines between Maujpur and Shiv Vihar section of Pink Line. Train services were restored from 11.23 am through single line working between Maujpur and Shiv Vihar, a small section comprising three stations only," said Dayal. He added that normal services were restored with both up and down lines working in this section from 2.53 pm onwards. TNN

'Ground Shook After Loud Noise, Felt Like A Quake'

Witnesses Recount Horror As Metro Station Mishap Unfolded

Abhay@timesgroup.com

New Delhi: "It happened within a fraction of seconds. There was no chance to escape," revealed Mohammad Tajir, who was among the four people injured in the wall collapse at the Gokulpuri metro station in northeast Delhi. A businessman, Tajir was riding his scooter home to Loni when the incident took place.

Tajir was fortunate to have people rescuing him. They had heard a thundering noise and screams and rushed to the scene. The station wall slab had fallen on a busy road frequented by school students. Eyewitnesses said if the accident had occurred in the afternoon, the number of casualties might likely have been higher.

The businessman recounted being on his way to Loni from Jafarabad when he turned towards Gokulpuri. He felt something fall on him before losing consciousness. "After waking up on the side of the road, surrounded by pieces of my helmet, I frantically asked bystanders what had happened. I was then taken to the hospital," said Tajir.

Recounting the horror, Rajesh, an LPG cylinder supplier near the accident spot, said, "There were around 40 of us at the gas agency when we heard a loud noise and the ground shook violently, like it was an earthquake. We rushed outside and saw thick dust and debris everywhere." Rajesh said that they also heard screams and saw hands reaching out from under the debris.

On how they rescued one of the victims, Rajesh said, "The scooter rider was trapped under a large slab of concrete. It was impossible to remove the slab ourselves, so we summoned a nearby crane, which freed him."

Another eyewitness, Indermani Tiwari, said he heard the sound of an explosion. "Just seconds before the collapse, there was a creaking sound," he remembered. "We mistook it for a falling tree branch, but the wall disintegrated, sounding like a bomb blast."

Vishal Gupta was grateful the incident took place when the road was relatively free of students and traffic. "Thankfully, there was no heavy traffic on the road at the time. Otherwise, the casualties could have been much higher," said Gupta.

Deepak, who is related to three injured men, Ajit Kumar, Monu and Sandeep, said they all belonged to economically disadvantaged families. "Ajit's legs were crushed. His sister's marriage was scheduled for March but it was urgently cancelled after the incident. Sandeep too worked day and night for his daughter's medical treatment," he claimed. The three were involved in petty jobs.

Vinod Kumar Pandey, who died in the wall collapse, was the family's primary breadwinner and had also planned his daughter's wedding.

TRAGEDY BEFALLS

Photos: Anindya Chattopadhyay

Location Gokulpuri metro station

Time 11am on Thursday

Deceased | Vinod Kumar Pandey, who lived alone in Karawal Nagar. He belonged to Sultanpur in UP and worked as a rice supplier

Injured | Ajit Kumar (21), Monu (19), Sandeep (27) and Mohammad Tajir (24)

About Metro Station

- Gokulpuri metro station is located on Pink Line (Majlis Park to Shiv Vihar)
- It became operational on Oct 30, 2018
- Pink Line is the longest line in DMRC network with a total length of 59.2 km
- Majlis Park to Maujpur corridor is being constructed as part of DMRC's Phase IV expansion. This corridor is an extension of Pink Line

What happened

- A 53-year-old man died and four people were injured after a portion of the elevated station's boundary wall collapsed and fell on the road
- Pandey had collected rice from a shop in Karawal Nagar and was on his way to GTB Enclave to deliver it when incident took place
- The other victims were going home or for work

Police and Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) action

- A case under sections 337 (causing hurt by act endangering life or personal safety of others) and 304 A (causing death by negligence) of IPC at Gokulpuri police station against metro contractors, builders
- DMRC suspended the manager and junior engineer after the incident, launched an inquiry into the matter

EYEWITNESS SAYS

There was no heavy traffic on the road at the time. Otherwise, the casualties could have been much higher

DMRC announces ex gratia for those hurt in wall collapse

▶Continued from P1

A CCTV video shows two men waiting for train when the wall of elevated station collapsed. Cops and four fire tenders with 40 fire fighters started rescue operation. Two of those injured were extracted from debris and taken to GTB Hospital. The other two were removed before the firefighters arrived. Some bikes were also damaged," Atul Garg, director, Delhi Fire Services, said.

A senior officer said, the road where the incident took place connects Gokalpuri to Main Wazirabad road. "All victims were going either to their homes or for work when the incident took place," the officer said.

DCP (northeast) Joy Tirkey said pandey had collected the rice from a shop in Karawal Nagar and was on his way to GTB Enclave to deliver it, when a portion of the Metro Station collapsed.

The other victims identified as Ajit Kumar (21), Monu (19), Sandeep (27), and Mohammad Tajir (24) were receiving treatment. They were residents of Loni and Gokalpuri, respectively.

A relative of the victims stated that Ajit, Monu, and Sandeep were riding a scooter together when the incident occurred. "Had they not been wearing helmets they might have died. Ajit's legs were fractured in the incident," the relative added.

The DCP said they had registered a case under sections 337 (causing hurt by act endangering life or personal safety of others) and 304 A (causing death by negligence) of IPC at Gokulpuri police station.

Pandey is survived by his wife and 3 children including two daughters and a son who lives in Sultanpur. Meanwhile DMRC has launched an investigation on how the portion of the wall fell on the road. Anuj Dayal, principal executive director, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation said, "In an incident at the Gokulpuri Metro station on Pink Line, a portion of the station wall towards first level platform fell on the road around 11.04 am on Thursday, injuring five people. They were immediately sent to the nearest hospital for medical attention. However, one of the injured has unfortunately passed away."

He said, "The road was cleared of the debris on an immediate basis within an hour of the incident to ensure seamless traffic movement. Two DMRC officials, a manager and a junior engineer from the civil department have been immediately suspended pending enquiry. The executive director, civil and operation and maintenance, visited the site for a first-hand assessment of the situation apart from officials from all concerned departments."

DMRC has also announced that ex gratia is being given to the injured people, including Rs 1 lakh for minor injury and Rs 5 lakhs for grievous injury. "DMRC will pay a compensation of Rs 25 lakhs to the next of kin of the deceased. All details regarding the incident have been shared with the Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety (CMRS). DMRC will be further investigating the circumstances leading to this incident to take necessary remedial measures to prevent such unfortunate occurrences in the future," said Dayal.

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Date : 09.02.2024 **For Hindusthan National Glass & Industries Limited**
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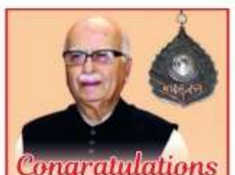
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Infra, Garbage In Focus In AAP's First Civic Budget

Mayor's Discretionary Funds Now Stand At ₹500 Crore

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New Delhi: Amid ruckus and sloganeering in the special House meeting, the AAP-run Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) passed the budget estimate for 2023-24 and the proposals for 2024-25, without leader of House Mukesh Goyal being able to read the budget speech.

In its first civic budget, AAP focused on infrastructure and sanitation, with an allocation of Rs 1,000 crore for road development and an additional Rs 400 crore for garbage management. All cuts and motions proposed by AAP councillors were passed in the House.

The mayor's discretionary fund was increased to Rs 500 crore in the 2023-24 revised estimates and the same amount has been kept for 2024-25. Till now, the maximum allocation under the head was Rs 10 crore.

Justifying the transfer of funds from multiple heads, mayor Shelly Oberoi said the move was meant to utilise a huge amount of unused funds for the proposals concerning the wards. "We have transferred funds from various heads, including resettlement colonies, effluent treatment plants in parks and civic amenities in unauthorised colonies," she said. "An amount of Rs 10 crore has also been kept as councillor's allowance so that they don't have to run after officials to do basic development work."

Oberoi blamed the BJP councillors for the disturbance in the House. "They have made the place a political battleground and not let any health discussion happen," she alleged.

Leader of opposition Raja Iqbal Singh, on the other hand, blamed AAP for passing the budget in an unconstitutional manner and violating the Delhi Municipal Act 1957.

The budget can't be called people friendly as AAP has neither given any tax concession nor included any amnesty scheme, said the BJP councillor. "There are no new proposals or plans to increase the revenue to reduce the deficit," Singh added.

No new tax has been proposed for 2024-25 and the property tax for all properties will remain the same. "Even the professional taxes based on salary slabs and proposed by the commissioner in his budget speech has not been mentioned in the schedule of taxes," AAP councillor Goyal said later.

He also proposed to implement at least 23 door-to-door civic services, provide Rs 15 crore to gaushalas, make the parking app robust to check encroachments and expand 311 app.

The leader of House said MCD had been working on a war footing to improve garbage management, "BJP, which is criticising us, doesn't know that biomining at two landfills is in progress, and at Bhalswa, 50-60% of legacy waste has been processed."

BJP, however, said the mere allocation of extra Rs 400 crore would not serve the purpose unless the funds are actually spent. "The fate of this promise will also be like the promise of giving Rs 850 crore by Delhi govt to clean the landfills. No fund has been sanctioned under this head," claimed Singh.

Referring to the step to help gaushalas, Goyal said, "The opposition claims to be concerned about cows, but has done nothing for strays. In comparison, we have allocated Rs 15 crore for gaushalas."

Goyal added that around 75,000 complaints were received on 311 app in one year and 95% of them had been resolved or attended. "We will allocate separate funds to make its operation robust. We also aim to introduce smart parking to help users know about the availability of space in advance," he added.

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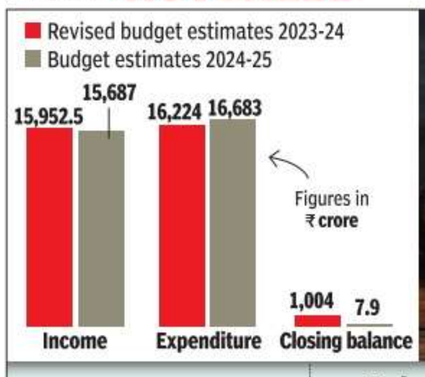

Major highlights

- No change in total income and expenditure
- No new taxes proposed
- **Property tax for residential and commercial properties remains the same** | 12% of annual taxable value on residential properties in A and B category; 11% for C, D and E; 7% for F, G and H
- For group housing societies, 10% rebate given on advance payment of taxes replaced by development work of equivalent amount to be done by MCD
- **₹1,000 crore** earmarked for maintenance of roads with contract of 10 years
- Provision of additional **₹400 crore** for garbage management
- **₹500 crore** added to mayor's 'discretionary fund' for better development of municipal wards in current and another **₹500 crore** in 2024-25 budget estimates
- **₹10 crore** proposed for 'councillor' head, but needs approval from the Centre
- Door-to-door delivery of 23 services to begin from next year on the lines of Delhi govt
- AI to be used to identify damaged roads
- Two-time cleaning of major markets; mechanical sweeping of roads
- Beginning of street vending survey shortly
- Real-time space availability data on parking sites through mobile app
- Salary expenses of teachers to the tune of **₹1,500 crore** to be borne by Delhi govt
- Dedicating funds for robust operation of 311 app and timely redressal of complaints
- Additional provision for **₹15 crore** for gaushalas that don't get any grant at present

Kejriwal says all wrong water bills will be rectified, asks users not to pay up yet

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New Delhi: Chief minister Arvind Kejriwal told Delhi residents who had received wrong water bills during the Covid pandemic not to deposit these as a plan to rectify the mistake will be announced soon. All such wrong bills will be forgiven, he said.

On Thursday, Kejriwal laid the foundation stone for a school building in the Palam area in south-west Delhi which is expected to be ready by February 2025. The ground-plus-three-floor building will have 50 classrooms, 9 labs, two libraries, an activity room and a well-ventilated AC auditorium, a lift, facilities for a basketball court and indoor games.

The land was allotted to the directorate of education in July 2007 by the DDA.

Education minister Atishi said, "Amid the densely-packed buildings, this school is the requirement of today for children in the area. Today, we are laying the foundation of this school, but I am confident that within 12 months, the CM will be back here to inaugurate the magnificent new school building."

CM Kejriwal

Addressing the large crowd from Kachi Colony in Dwarka, Kejriwal said that all roads have been constructed, water connections are being provided and CCTV cameras are being installed. "Today, the condition of unauthorised colonies is better compared to before. 75 years of work cannot be done in 5 years."

On the alleged Delhi excise policy scam, Kejriwal said, "In the past few days, they have filed many cases against me to stop me. Sometimes the notice of the ED comes, and sometimes of CBI. It feels like I am the biggest terrorist in the country. They say that Manish Sisodia, who has built magnificent schools for the children of the poor in Delhi and given them a future, is a thief."

Keeping in mind difficulties faced by people going to get rations, 2-3 years ago, AAP launched a scheme that there is no need to go to the shop to get rations, instead, the government will pack wheat, rice, and sugar in a bag and deliver it to every household every month. "The cabinet passed this scheme. The chief minister and all the ministers signed it. However, the central government did not allow it to happen. We wanted to stop theft, but these people are trying to stop all our work," he said, adding that the scheme will now be implemented in Punjab.

Referring to a survey of the central government that shows that Delhi has the lowest inflation in the entire country, Kejriwal claimed: "There is low inflation in Delhi because here electricity, water, education, healthcare, bus travel for women, and pilgrimage trips for elderly are free."

Unconstitutional actions in House, claim BJP councillors

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A delegation of BJP councillors led by leader of opposition Raja Iqbal Singh met lieutenant governor VK Saxena on Thursday. Alleging violation of Delhi Municipal Corporation Act in approval of Municipal Corporation of Delhi budget for 2024-25 and revised estimates for 2023-24, they requested action in this regard.

The delegation, complaining about non-formation of ad hoc committees, raised apprehension over violation of the Act in transfer of standing committee's powers to the House.

Singh said that mayor Shelly Oberoi passed a proposal increasing her financial power from Rs 10 crore to Rs 1500 crore without discussion. "The development has come at a time when the constitutional committees like standing, education, or ward committees which are bound to take all major financial and development decisions are yet to be formed," he added.

There was no reaction from AAP.

BJP councillor Yogesh Verma said, "a conspiracy of misappropriation of Rs 1,500 crore by AAP was devised within the House meeting today, which was illegally passed, and we have apprised the LG regarding these matters".

Councillors said that by bypassing the role of ad hoc committees, MCD is also violating norms.

"The mayor is reluctant to conduct elections for the standing committee, fearing that their councillors might cross-vote, jeopardising their position as the permanent committee chairman. Despite the SC not imposing any restrictions on the standing committee and other ward committee elections, the mayor is consistently delaying the process," said Singh.

In the Budget, cut motions for transferring discretionary funds of ward and standing committee chairmen to the mayor's discretionary fund were approved in 2024-25.

"Their act shows that they are in no mood to form these committees even in the next financial year. The AAP is saying that the house is supreme but why so many proposals related to finalisation of rate and agency are still waiting for standing committee approval," added Singh.

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ई-निविदा सूचना

निविदा सं0 167/2023-24 – विद्युत नगरीय वितरण खण्ड हाथरस के क्षेत्र में आंधी / तूफान से क्षतिग्रस्त लाइनों का सुदृढ़ीकरण का कार्य कराया जाना। (धरोहर राशि 5000.00) **निविदा सं0 168 / 2023-24** – विद्युत वितरण खण्ड द्वितीय हाथरस के क्षेत्र में आंधी / तूफान से क्षतिग्रस्त लाइनों का सुदृढ़ीकरण का कार्य कराया जाना। (धरोहर राशि 5000.00) **निविदा सं0 169 / 2023-24** – विद्युत वितरण खण्ड तृतीय सासनी के अधीन उपखण्ड प्रथम / चतुर्थ सिकन्द्राराऊ / हसायन क्षेत्र में आंधी / तूफान से क्षतिग्रस्त लाइनों का सुदृढ़ीकरण का कार्य कराया जाना। (धरोहर राशि 2500.00) **निविदा सं0 170/2023-24**– विद्युत वितरण खण्ड तृतीय हाथरस के अधीन उपखण्ड द्वितीय / तृतीय सासनी / हाथरस जंक्शन क्षेत्र में आंधी / तूफान से क्षतिग्रस्त लाइनों का सुदृढ़ीकरण का कार्य कराया जाना। (धरोहर राशि 2500.00) **निविदा सं0 171/2023-24** – विद्युत वितरण खण्ड चतुर्थ सादाबाद के क्षेत्र में आंधी / तूफान से क्षतिग्रस्त लाइनों का सुदृढ़ीकरण का कार्य कराया जाना। (धरोहर राशि 5000.00) निविदा विक्रय तिथि एवं खुलने की दिनांक 15.03.2024 अन्य सम्बन्धित जानकारी ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट पोर्टल **https://etender.up.nic.in** पर उपलब्ध है।

पत्र संख्याः- 540 / विविमं (हा0) / निविदा
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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE
WORKS DEPARTMENT
E-mail: ceroads.bbsr@gmail.com

Bid Identification No. CE-DPI & R-38/2023-24

1. The Chief Engineer (DPI & Roads), Odisha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids in double cover system in ONLINE MODE form eligible contractors for Roadwork as mentioned below :
2. Nature of work : Road works
3. No. of work : 17 Nos.
4. Tender Paper cost : Rs. 10,000.00
5. Class of Contractor : A Class/ Special Class/ Super Class
6. Available of bid document the website : From 10.00 A.M. of 12.02.2024 to 4.30 PM of 28.02.2024
7. Date of opening of Bid : Dt. 28.02.2024 at 4.35 P.M.
8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: **https://tenderodisha.gov.in.** Any addendum/ corrigendum/ cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (DPI & Roads), Odisha (I/C)
OIPR-34117/11/0106/23-24

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that, under the instructions of our client, we are investigating the ownership, title, rights, entitlement and interest including but not limited to any tenancy rights, possessory rights, collaboration rights, joint development rights, FAR, FSI, entitlements, etc. of Kamla Software Private Limited, having its registered office at Plot No. 6, First Floor, Community Centre, New Friends Colony, New Delhi - 110025 (hereinafter referred to as the **"Owner"**) over the entire property bearing no. BP-7 situated at NH-IV, Ring Road, Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi, admeasuring 725 square yards (hereinafter referred to as the **"Property"**).

Any person(s) or entity(s) including but not limited to any bank or financial institution having or claiming or asserting to have any rights, title, interest, demand, estate in respect of the Property or to any part thereof including but not limited to any development rights, collaboration rights, joint development rights, FAR, FSI, entitlements, etc., of any nature whatsoever and, or, any claim, by way of, under or in the nature of any sale, exchange, assignment, charge, gift, license, lease, tenancy, inheritance, lien, mortgage, hypothecation, encumbrance, pending litigation, possession, contract/ agreement, development rights, partnership, family arrangement/ settlement, partition, decree or order of any court of law, acquisition by government or any entity, prohibition or any other impediment with respect to the Property, or any part thereof and, or, having any objection(s) of any manner whatsoever, are hereby required to give notice in writing to the undersigned of any such claim, accompanied with all necessary and supporting documents and other proofs within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of publication hereof, failing which it will be presumed that no one has any rights, title, interest, claim, share, demand in the Property of any nature whatsoever, and the Owner is vested with absolute, clear and marketable title and interest over the Property, and the claim or objection, if any, has been knowingly waived and thereafter no claims or objections of any sort from any person will be entertained and taken into consideration, and shall not be binding on our client.

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Dated:
9th February 2024

UTTARAKHAND-SOCIETY FOR PROMOTION OF INVESTMENT, START-UP AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (UK-SPISE)
Directorate of Industries, Patel Nagar Dehradun, 248001 | Tel No. 0135-2728227 Email : dg@doiuk.org

Reference No. 4816/DO(5)-42/UK-SPISE/2022-2023 Date: 08/02/2024

The Uttarakhand - Society for Promotion of Investment, Start-up and Entrepreneurship (UK-SPISE) requires following personnel purely on contractual basis. Details including TOR, remuneration, qualification and job responsibilities can be obtained from the website **www.doiuk.org** and **www.investuttarakhand.uk.gov.in**

S.No.	Name of Post	No. of Post
1	Additional CEO- Investment Promotion	01
2	General Manager- Investment Promotion	01
3	Investor Mitra	06

Selection process:
- Short listing of CVs based on relevance of experience
- Short listed candidate would be intimated and called for ineterview through e-mail.

Note: Eligible candidate may apply via email at dg@doiuk.org within 14 days from the date of publication of advertisement in newspapers.
No TA/DA will be paid for attending the interview.

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Tender Notice

File No. CMRL/PHASE–II/SYS/ARE04A/2024 Dated:09-02-2024

e-procurement Tender

e-Tender No. CMRL/PHASE–II/SYS/ARE04A/2024

CMRL invites open e-tender through e-procurement portal from reputed, experience, financially sound, eligible applicants, who fulfill the qualification criteria as mentioned in the tender through International Open Competitive Tender (IOCT) under Single Stage Two Envelope (Technical and Financial) system for the works as detailed below:

"DESIGN, MANUFACTURE, SUPPLY, TESTING, COMMISSIONING, TRAINING OF PERSONNEL AND COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR FIFTEEN (15) YEARS OF STANDARD GAUGE METRO ROLLING STOCK (ELECTRICAL MULTIPLE UNITS) (32 trainsets of 3-car each)."

Please visit websites : -
1) www.chennaimetrorail.org or
2) https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app
for further information.

DIPR/781/Tender/2024

Director (Systems and Operations)

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
Saharanpur Circle, P.W.D., Saharanpur

No. 514/96MS-S/2023-24, Dated: 20.01.2024

e-Procurement

The **S.E. Saharanpur Circle, U.P.P.W.D. Saharanpur** on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites **item rate bids** on **SBD Basis** online for the construction of work detailed in the table given below. The Bidder is advised to examine carefully all instructions including addendum/amendments to ITB, conditions of contract, contract data, forms, terms, technical specifications, bill of quantities etc. in the bid Document.

Sl. No	Name of work	Approximate value of work (Rs. in lakh)	Bid Security (Rs. in lakh)	Cost of Document (in Rs.)	Period of completion
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Work of widening and strengthening of two lanes with paved shoulders from chain 29.793 to 72.793 (up to the border of Uttarakhand) of Daulatpur-Nanouta-Mangalore road (State Road No. 167).	9500.00	95.00	2714.00	15 Months

- The Rate taken in the BOQ including all Other taxes but excluding GST Taxes, Bids must be accompanied with the copy of UTR (Unique Transaction Receipt) bid security (EMD) and tender cost of the amount specified for the work in the table. Bid security and Tender Cost should be deposited online.
- All works shall be executed while essentially following Covid-19 rules/guidelines.
- Tenders will be received through Prahari Application as per Government Order No. 14/2020/879/twenty-seven-2020-176(Sa)/06, dated 25.08.2020.

Bids must be published/download online **11:00 AM on date 09.02.2024** and submitted online on before **02:00 PM on dated 17.02.2024** and the technical bids will be opened online date **17.02.2024 at 02:30 PM** and Financial bids of the qualified bidders will be opened on date & time as notified. According to the provisions of Government Order no. 1/2018/3070/78-2-2018/42 IT/2017 (22) Date 03-01-2018 after opening of the technical and financial bids, the bidder has to submit original documents personally in department/ office. In the event of non submission of original documents by the bidder, the appropriate action will be taken in accordance with the provisions of G.O.

All terms & conditions can be seen on website http:/etender.up.nic.in

(Mohit Gupta)
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
Saharanpur Circle, P.W.D.
Saharanpur

Office of the Competent Authority for Land Acquisition/ Additional District Magistrate Pauri Garhwal

Public Notice

Announcement of Award for acquisition of land for construction of National Highway for land owners/ persons interested and payment of Compensation Amount

Kind attention of all landowners/interested persons is invited to the Notification No S.O. 3789 Dated 12 August 2022 issued under Section 3A of the NH Act, 1956 for acquisition of land for the building/construction of a National Highway and the Notification No. S.O. 405(E) Dated 25 January 2023 issued under Section 3D of the NH Act, 1956 and published in the following newspapers:

Sr. No	Notification	Name of Village	Names of Newspapers in which Published	Date of Newspaper
1	Section 3 A	Village-Kotdwar gaon-Saneh Village-Grastinganj-Saneh	(i) Amar Ujala (ii) Times of India	23 August 2022 23 August 2022
2	Section 3 D	Tehsil Kotdwar District Pauri Garhwal	(i) Amar Ujala (ii) Times of India	12 February 2023 12 February 2023

It is informed that the undersigned has announced the Award in respect of the said land under Section 3G of the NH Act, 1956 vide order Dated 07 & 08 August 2023

The land acquiring agency NHAI has placed the requisite amount of compensation at the disposal of the undersigned. Notices have also been issued to the concerned landowners/interested persons as required under Section 3E of the NH Act, 1956

Accordingly all the concerned landowners/interested persons are hereby informed/notified through this additional Public Notice that the Compensation amount is hereby offered to all the landowners. Further, it may be noted that:

The landowners, who have not submitted their Bank Accounts details, may do so immediately in the office of the Tehsil Kotdwar and the amount shall be credited to their accounts such Bank Account details;

All other claimants entitled to receive the compensation amount may collect their amount of compensation from the office of the Tehsil Kotdwar on any working day between 10:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m within a period of 60 days.

It may further be noted that since the amount of Compensation has been determined and tendered to the concerned landowners/ persons interested therein through this additional public notice, any failure to collect the compensation amount would be to their account and the amount shall be deemed to have been paid on expiry of this period of sixty days from the date of publication of this notice.

The landowners/ persons interested therein are further called upon to surrender or deliver the possession of the subject land to the revenue administration, failing which the possession of subject land will be taken with police assistance on expiry of the period of 60 days.

Competent Authority for Land Acquisition/ Additional District Magistrate Pauri Garhwal

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Bengaluru South Division, Amruth Nagara, Konanakunte Main Road, Soudamini Layout, Bengaluru-560 062.
No: BBMP/EE/BSD/TEND/13/2023-24 Date: 07.02.2024

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (TWO COVER TENDER)
(Through **Karnataka Public Procurement Portal** only) **(Standard Tender Document KW -4)**

The Executive Engineer, (Bengaluru South Division), BBMP, Bengaluru-62 invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with KPWD/CPWD/BWSSB/ Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organisations for the Construction of works detailed in the table below.

SL No	Name of the Works
1.	Reconstruction of Concrete road and RCC Drain at Marthas Hospital road Uttarahalli, Reconstruction of Concrete road and RCC Drain at Church road Uttarahalli in Ward no 202 Uttarahalli, Construction of RCC Drain at Venkatgiri Garden main road and Cross roads, Balance portion of Sahara layout main road and Subramanyapura main road from 80ft road to Anjaneyaswamy temple and Construction of Concrete road at Venkatgiri garden and Sahara Layout Cross road and Asphalting of Roads at Venkatgiri garden Cross road and Subramanyapura main road from 80ft road to Anjaneyaswamy temple, Construction of RCC Drain and Culvert at Anjaneyaswamy temple road from Temple to Elegant Altima Apartment, Nandi home Apartment road, 7th Main BSK 5th Stage and GT Layout main road and cross road and Asphalting of Roads at Anjaneyaswamy temple road, Nandi home Apartment road and 7th main BSK 5th Stage, Construction of RCC Drain and Culvert at Thurahalli Kabbalamma temple road from 1st Cross Kaithan layout to Temple and Raja Garden main Construction Concrete road at Thurahalli Village Cross roads and Kariynapalya Cross road, Construction of Concrete road, RCC Drain and Culvert at Doddakalsandra Village Cross road and Culvert at Doddakalsandra village Cross road and Uma maheshwari Temple behind road in Ward no 203 Subramanyapura, Construction of Concrete road at Naidu layout 8th A Cross and B Cross & 9th Cross, Yadhalamnagar Cross road, Construction of Concrete road at Vasanthapura Gutte roads, Reasphalting of roads at Sridhar Ashrama main road and VV Nagar Cross roads in ward no 204 Vasanthapura. (GO SL No: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08 & 09) **Approximate Value of Work Rs.1300.00 Lakhs EMD Rs.1300000.00**
2.	Improvements to roads and Drains at JSS School & Govt School and Ganapathi Pura 6th to 12th Cross roads. Construction of Culverts, CC Drains to 1st and 2nd Main roads at PNB layout, Construction of CC Drains to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Cross roads at PNB Layout in Ward no 206 Konanakunte, Improvements to Roads and Drains in Kothnur Kateramma Layout and Surrounding areas, Improvements to roads and Drains in Kothnur and Surrounding areas, Construction of All round Compound, CC Road Errection of 1 No of Borewell and Improvements at Gottigere Dhobhighat, Improvements to Roads and Drains in Jambu Savari Dinne South Side and Surrounding areas, Improvements to Roads and Drains in Jambu Savari Dinne North Side and Surrounding areas, Improvements of Roads and Drains in Gottigere Village and Weavers Colony Surrounding areas, Improvements of Roads and Drains in Axar Circle and Surrounding areas, Improvements of Roads and Drains in BTS Layout, Weavers Colony and Surrounding areas in Gottigere Ward no 209. (GO Sl No 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 & 20) **Approximate Value of Work Rs.1350.00 Lakhs EMD Rs.1350000.00**
3.	Improvements of Roads and Construction of RCC Drain at Basaveshwara Temple Road, Koramara Beedi, Muniswamy Layout roads and Oni Road in Basavanapura Village, Improvements of Roads and Construction of RCC Drain at Church Road in Chikka Kammanahalli Village and Hanumantha Nagara Cross Roads, BK Residency Main road and Cross roads in Doddakammanahalli Village, Improvements to RCC Drain at MLA Layout Main road and Cross roads, Improvements to Road and Construction of Balance Portion of RCC Drain at Ellenahalli Main roads, Improvements to RCC Drain and Re-Asphalting to Begur Hulimavu Connecting Road (Hobebandi Road) and Cross roads, Balance Portion of and 12th A Cross roads of Classic Layout in ward no 210 Kalena Agrahara. (GO Sl No 21, 22, 23, 24 & 25) **Approximate Value of Work Rs.1050.00 Lakhs EMD Rs.1050000.00**
4.	Improvements of Roads and Construction of RCC Drain at Manjunath Nagara Main road and Cross Roads, Kshatriya Nagara Road, Aralikatte Road in Chikkathoguru Village, Constructin of Balance RCC Drain at Subhash Nagara Main road and CC Roads at 1st, 6th, 7th, 8th and 10th Cross roads, Asphalting to Burrial Ground road of Subhash Nagara A Block, Improvements Roads and Construction of RCC Drain at 4th Cross Raghavendra Layout, 1st Cross and Lakshmi Layout Link Road at New Mico Layout, 3rd B Main and Cross roads Mico Layout and Muneshwara layout Cross roads Ward No-211 Begur. (GO Sl No: 26, 27 & 29). **Approximate Value of Work Rs.1250.00 Lakhs EMD Rs.1250000.00**
5.	Construction of Balance RCC Drain at Basapura Village Main roads and Asphalting to Cross roads of Shusruthi Layout in ward no 211 Begur, Improvements of roads and drains at 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Cross Roads Chowdeshwari layout, 1st Main Road and 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Cross roads of Indramma Layout in Beretena Agrahara Village, Construction of CC Roads at Anjaneya Temple Road, Burrial Ground Road Ambedkar Colony and RCC Drain at Govt School Road Parappana Agrahara Village, Improvements of Roads and Drains at 1st Main and Cross Roads of Bhuvaneshwari Layout, Narayanappa Layout Main Road, Balance Portion of Shivareddy Layout Main Road in Naganathapura Village in Ward No-212 Naganathapura. (GO Sl No: 28, 30, 31 & 32) **Approximate Value of Work Rs.1000.00 Lakhs EMD Rs.1000000.00**

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender must be submitted online through Karnataka Public Procurement portal on or before **21.02.2024** upto **4:00** pm. (2) Last Date for uploading the Filled Tender Document is **21.02.2024** upto **4.00 pm**. (3) Date of Technical Bid opening of Tenders is on **22.02.2024** by **4:30** pm. (4) This tender notice can also be seen on the BBMP Website: **www.bbmp.gov.in**. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Bengaluru South Division

TIMES NATION

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BIHAR CM NITISH KUMAR MEETS LK ADVANI; REAFFIRMS LOYALTY & CONFIDENCE IN NDA

MAHA EX-MLA BABA SIDDIQUE ENDS 48-YEAR-OLD TIES WITH CONGRESS, SET TO JOIN NCP (AJIT)

Punjab migrant injured in Wed's Srinagar attack passes away

Srinagar/Amritsar: The toll from Wednesday's terrorist attack in Srinagar on two men from Punjab's Chamiyari village rose as 27-year-old Rohit Masih died of multiple bullet wounds at SKIMS hospital on Thursday, report **Saleem Pandit** and **Yudhvir Rana**.

According to sources, Rohit and 31-year-old Amritpal Singh were en route to their rented accommodation in Shaheed Gunj following a holiday in Amritsar when gunmen affiliated with The Resistance Force, a covert arm of Pakistan-backed LeT, shot them with an AK-47 rifle at close range. Amritpal died instantly, marking Kashmir valley's first targeted killing of non-natives this year.

While Amritpal's body reached Chamiyari on Thursday, Rohit's remains are being sent from Srinagar. Initially, Amritpal's family refused to perform his last rites, demanding compensation, but they relented after assurance from district authorities. J&K administration announced compensation of Rs 1.5 lakh for each victim's family, while Punjab govt declared Rs 2 lakh ex gratia each.

Amritpal's father Surmukh lamented that his youngest son, among seven siblings, had ventured to Srinagar three to four times in pursuit of work due to higher wages offered for carpentry there. Rohit's father Prem Masih said his son worked as a painter and accompanied Amritpal to Srinagar.

Man takes on big cat with bare hands

Vadodara: A 75-year-old man, frail of body but big on courage, became the toast of his village after fighting off a leopard that had strayed into his home around 3.30am on Thursday and attacked him while he was asleep on a cot in the courtyard, reports **Tushar Tere**.

Pratapsinh Chauhan landed a succession of punches on the big cat as it tried to grab him by his throat, witnesses said. His counter-attack seemed to take the leopard by surprise as it scurried away, its pride possibly hurting more than the bruises on Chauhan's arms. "My grandfather panicked for a second before doing the unthinkable," said his grandson.

SC says 'bail, not jail' rule not applicable in UAPA cases

Adds That Delayed Trial Proceedings Not A Ground For Bail

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New Delhi: In an important ruling, Supreme Court held that conventional idea of 'bail is the rule, jail is exception' is not applicable when an accused is facing charges under anti-terror law UAPA and, also, that delayed trial proceedings in grave offences could not be a ground to seek bail.

Delineating Section 43D (5) of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, a bench of Justices M M Sundresh and Aravind Kumar said that wording of the provision is in contrast with wording of bail provision under Section 437(1) of Criminal Procedure Code, indicating that for UAP Act, the legislature's intent was to make bail, the exception and jail, the rule.

"The conventional idea in bail jurisprudence vis-à-vis ordinary penal offences that the discretion of courts must tilt in favour of the oft-quoted phrase — 'bail is the rule, jail is the exception' — unless circumstances justify otherwise — does not find any place while dealing with bail applications under UAPA. The 'exercise' of the general power to grant bail under UAPA is severely restrictive in scope. The form of the words used in proviso to Section 43D (5) — 'shall not be released' in contrast with the form of the words as found in Section 437 (1) CrPC — 'may be released' – suggests the intention of the legislature to make bail, the exception and jail, the rule," the court said in a case concerning the outlawed 'Sikhs for Justice' which has been rising on the notoriety chart because of the statements of its senior functionary, Gurpatwant Singh Pannun.

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The bench said that law has placed stringent conditions for bail and there is no question to grant relief if there are reasonable grounds to believe that the accusation against a person for committing offence under UAPA is prima facie true

"In this background, the test for rejection of bail is quite plain. Bail must be rejected as a 'rule', if after hearing the prosecutor and after perusing the final report or case diary, the court arrives at a conclusion that there are reasonable grounds for believing that the accusations are prima facie true. It is only if the test for rejection of bail is not satisfied — that the courts would proceed to decide the bail application in accordance with the 'tripod test' (flight risk, influencing witnesses, tampering with evidence)," the court noted.

The court passed the order while rejecting bail plea of a person accused of working for banned terrorist organisation 'Sikhs For Justice' and rejected the plea for release on the ground that he had been in custody for the last five years and trial would take years to conclude.

HAL workers may replace military staff in Maldives

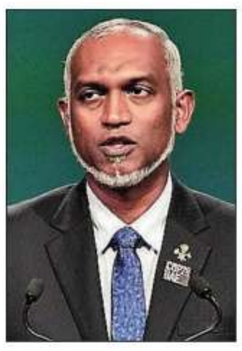
TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Admitting for the first time India will be withdrawing its military personnel from the Maldives, the govt said on Thursday the military staff involved in operating and maintaining Indian aviation platforms will be replaced by Indian "competent technical personnel". President Mohamed Muizzu had pursued India relentlessly for withdrawal of Indian troops, saying this was the democratic will of the people of his country.

Muizzu also announced in Parliament last week that India will withdraw its military personnel by May 10.

Sources said some employees of defence PSU Hindustan Aeronautics Limited(HAL) are likely to be sent to replace the military personnel operating the two Dhruv advanced light helicopters (ALHs) and a Dornier-228 maritime patrol aircraft in the Maldives as part of the "workable solution" being thrashed out between the two countries.

The 85 Indian military personnel based in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) archipelago will be progressively replaced by non-uniformed personnel, which will include pilots and technicians from HAL and other civilians, in the March to April timeframe.



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Indian Navy and Coast Guard personnel currently maintain and operate the two ALHs and the Dornier-228 aircraft, which have been extensively used for humanitarian aid and medical evacuations in the archipelago.

"I would like to say that the present personnel will be replaced by competent Indian technical personnel," ministry of external affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said at a media briefing.

In his remarks, Jaiswal said India remained a committed development partner of the Maldives. On budgetary allocation under India's development assistance to the Maldives, Jaiswal said a certain amount was allocated and it could be revised.

The budgetary allocation to the Maldives for 2023-24 was Rs 400 crore but the revised estimate showed that the outlay went up to almost Rs 771 crore which is almost double of the initial amount. In the interim budget for 2024-25, an amount of Rs 600 crore has been set aside as development assistance to the country. Jaiswal said the new figure could be revised once there is clarity on forward movement.

Canada interfering in our internal issues, says govt

'Address Core Concerns Related To Terrorism'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Hitting out at Canada for alleging foreign interference by India in Canadian elections, the government on Thursday asked Ottawa to address India's "core concerns" related to terrorism and extremism. The government also reiterated that it is Canada that interferes in India's internal affairs.

A Canadian public inquiry probing alleged meddling by China & Russia sought recently to investigate India's role too, seeking documents alleging the same from the Canadian government.

"We have seen media reports about Canadian commission enquiring into. We strongly reject all such baseless allegations of Indian interference in Canadian elections," MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

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"It is not the government of India's policy to interfere in democratic processes of other countries. In fact, quite on the reverse, it is Canada which has been interfering in our internal affairs. We have been raising this issue regularly with them. We continue to call on Canada to take effective measures to address our core concerns," he added.

Canada's claims of foreign interference by India comes in the middle of a diplomatic row over its allegations that Indian agents carried out the killing of Canadian national Hardeep Nijjar last year. India has refused to participate in the Canadian probe, saying these allegations were not backed by any evidence. Former Canadian NSA Jody Thomas, however, said India's position has evolved and it is now cooperating with the probe. India expelled 41 Canadian diplomats to ensure parity in diplomatic presence in Indian and Canadian missions in Ottawa & Delhi, respectively.

The inquiry into Foreign Interference in Federal Electoral Processes and Democratic Institutions is looking into the alleged interference that China, Russia and other foreign actors may have engaged in, and any impact it may have had on the 2019 and 2021 federal elections.

IMA opposes exit test, cites threat to med education

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Indian Medical Association (IMA) has opposed the National Exit Test (NExT), a common qualifying exam for medical graduates.

In its letter to National Medical Commission chairman B N Gangadhar, IMA states it has serious reservations on the concept of NExT. "IMA is convinced that medical education in India will be jeopardised by introducing NExT," the doctors' body claims.

The letter by IMA states: "NExT defeats the vision of the govt, of affordable and accessible medical education, by seriously hampering the survival of medical institutions in underprivileged communities and situations. We can't afford to train doctors and deny degrees to practice. It may be noted that only about 20% of candidates secured more than 50% marks in the NEET PG exams in previous years."

It adds: "Currently uniform standards of medical education across all institutions do not exist and testing the entire country with one test will not be feasible and using the same exam to test the basic minimum required for licensing and the high standards required for postgraduate entrance assessment is completely illogical."

IMA said the multiple-choice questions format will decrease the attention and interest of students in classes and clinics. "It will result in mushrooming of coaching centres which are already threatening medical education in the country by patronising only the rich," said an office-bearer of the IMA.

Muzaffarnagar court lets off 6 booked for attack on cop for 'lack of evidence'

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Muzaffarnagar: A local court acquitted six men who were booked for attacking a constable's house during the 2013 Muzaffarnagar riots due to "lack of evidence". The incident took place at Phugana village on Sept 8, 2023, when a large mob attacked houses of the minority community in one of the worst communal clashes in Uttar Pradesh.

Providing details, defence advocate Shoraj Singh Malik said on Thursday, "The accused were booked under IPC sections 395 (dacoity), 436 (arson) and 153A (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion) and were acquitted by the court of ADJ-6 in Muzaffarnagar on Tuesday."

Malik added that Mohammad Abid, a constable of a 'security force', who was posted outside the district, had filed a police complaint stating that after his return to his village he came to know from his brother, an eyewitness, that his house was attacked by a large mob — some of whom were later identified as Raaki, Nitin, Kapil, Vikas, Sumit and Yogesh — and his family had to take shelter in a relief camp.

In the complaint registered at Phugana PS, Abid had stated that the attackers raised communal slogans and tried to set houses on fire. A SIT later filed a chargesheet against the accused in court. During the trial, witnesses Mobeen and Shobeen turned hostile.

Last Oct, a local court had acquitted six other accused due to "lack of evidence" in another case of "arson, robbery and spread of religious hatred" during the 2013 riots at Phugana.

Setback for ED as HC orders release of ex-Punjab MLA

In a major embarrassment to ED, Punjab and Haryana HC on Thursday ordered the release of former Haryana MLA and senior INLD politician Dilbag Singh, declaring his arrest on money-laundering charges "illegal". Dilbag had claimed he was detained by ED on January 4 but was shown as arrested only on January 8.

HC observed that ED's excuse for arresting Dilbag — that he was non-cooperative — was "vague" and also ordered the release of his associate, Kulwinder Singh. "Since the order of arrest, arrest memo and remand dated Jan 9 are held illegal, other consequential orders are also liable to be set aside," Justice Vikas Bahl said.

HC made it clear that a Gurgaon special court's order on Dilbag's remand showed "non-application of mind and non-recording of compliance of stipulations in PMLA". TNN

Guj HC grants man divorce as wife insists on celibacy

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Ahmedabad: Gujarat high court granted divorce to a man whose wife, a schizophrenia patient, refused to perform her conjugal obligations for a decade under influence of a cult.

This case involves a couple who married in 2009. The husband is an MD and the wife an ayurveda practitioner. The husband filed a divorce suit in the family court in 2012, alleging cruelty on the grounds that his wife was suffering from schizophrenia, was an ardent follower of a spiritual cult and was not willing to have sex with him. She even threatened suicide if he made her have sex. He argued that he was kept in the dark about his wife's mental condition before the wedding and this amounted to cruelty.

In 2018, the family court refused to accept the husband's claims and accepted the wife's contention that the husband had improvised his evidence.

This brought the husband to Gujarat HC, where he presented the testimonies of doctors treating his wife for schizophrenia and of other witnesses who had testified before the family court that the wife had not been living in the matrimonial home since 2011.

The Gujarat high court bench observed that the wife's medical condition, refusal to perform her conjugal obligations and staying away from the matrimonial home for 12 years were sufficient grounds to hold that the marriage was broken and irreparable.

India halts visa-free entry from Myanmar

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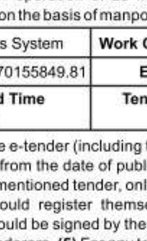
New Delhi: Home minister **Amit Shah** on Thursday announced the decision to scrap the free movement regime (FMR) with Myanmar in the interest of internal security of the country and to maintain the demographic structure of the northeastern states bordering Myanmar. Pending the formal scrapping of FMR by the Union ministry of external affairs, the home ministry also recommended immediate suspension of FMR, which shall put a complete stop to visa-free entry of Myanmar nationals into Indian territory.



Having declared the govt's intent to fence the entire 1,643-km border with Myanmar via X on Monday, Shah posted another update on Thursday. "It is PM Modi's resolve to secure our borders. MHA has decided that FMR between India and Myanmar be scrapped to ensure the internal security of the country and to maintain the demographic structure of India's northeastern states bordering Myanmar. Since the ministry of external affairs is currently in the process of scrapping it, MHA has recommended the immediate suspension of the FMR (sic)," he stated.

Sources told **TOI** that MEA's decision on suspension of FMR with Myanmar should come soon. All Myanmar nationals will then need to secure a visa to enter India, which will have to be through a designated land border crossing, integrated checkpost or by air. Any Myanmar national found entering India without visa will be treated as illegal immigrant and face action under the Passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920 and the Foreigners Act, 1946.

The FMR between India and Myanmar allows tribes living along the border on either side visa-free travel up to 16 km inside the neighbouring country. Security agencies have repeatedly warned MHA on how FMR was being misused to facilitate illegal immigration into areas adjoining Myanmar.

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पत्र सं. 193 **e-Tender Notice** दिनांक: 07.02.2024

Office of the Executive Engineer(Maint.), Vyasi Project, Dakpathar, UJVN Ltd. invites online bids from interested Parties. Brief summary of Tender is given below

NIT No : 1. 23/EE(M)/VP/2023-24, **2.** 24/EE(M)/VP/2023-24

Name of work:- 1. Hiring of one no. 27 Seater Bus for one year on contract basis for transportation of staff of Vyasi Project, Hathiyari, Dehradun

2. Supply of different types of nut & bolts and filter elements of GOV and MIV OPU System of Vyasi power house

Estimated cost: 1. Rs. 43,78,766/- (Taxes Extra), **2.** Rs. 15,77,436/- (Taxes Extra)

Date of Availability of Bid document on website: 10.02.2024 from 11:00 hrs

Last date for Submission of Bids on website: 01.03.2024 upto 16:00 hrs

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

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

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

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

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Ref No:-184/269-II/SPC/2024 Dated: 8/02/2024

The State Institute for Empowering and Transforming Uttarakhand (SETU) urgently requires following personnel purely on contractual basis. Details including TOR, remuneration, qualification and job responsibilities can be obtained from the website **https://spc.uk.gov.in**

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1	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	01

Selection Process:
- Short listing of CVs based on criteria described by the searching/selection committee.
- Short listed candidate would be intimated and called for interview through e-mail.

Note: Eligible candidate may apply by 28th February 2024.
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Tender Enquiry No. 312/HPs/ED-III/M-152 dt. 06.02.2024

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For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 13.02.2024 onwards.

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Last Date of Submission of E-bid Online: 05.04.2024 Upto 15:00 Hrs.
For Further details of the project, please visit our website www.rlda.indianrailways.gov.in or on e-procurement portal www.tenderwizard.in/RLDA under the heading 'e-tender'
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Can't expect a Dakar rally with zero problems, says Noah

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When the Saudi edition of Dakar got over, Noah was 11th in the table — a rank no Indian rider has achieved.

"I was recovering for five months before Dakar, the beginning was not that great. But after that everything was pretty good. My goal was to finish Dakar," Noah told **TOI**.

The rally took out a lot, he said. "First day... I was dehydrated. I had a terrible headache and cramps... I wanted to stop at Stage 1, but somehow I managed... in Stage 6, I got sick with throat infection..." he said, adding, "You cannot expect a Dakar rally with zero problems. You will always have some issues, because it is so long."

Born to a German mother and a Keralite father, Noah feels his good show at Dakar was a team effort.

He had a session at Austria rally before Dakar and did multiple tests to check his performance. "We had set some goals... and we did some numbers to compare my performance with other rally riders," Noah said.

He also trained with another Dakar rider Mason Klein for months in America. Besides a training session in Morocco, he got special training for 10 days a month before Dakar, which turned out to be crucial for him in the Arabian desert.

Dakar 2025 will likely see Noah riding with even greater gusto.

SC: Is bias faced by all groups similar?

Won't Examine State-Enacted Laws' Validity

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Those against sub-classification argued in the top court that the common thread for inclusion of communities in the SC list was their denial of basic rights

However, the bench indicated that it would only determine whether the ruling in Chinnaiah case was correct or not. It clarified that the court will not go into the validity of state-enacted laws subclassifying communities for graded distribution of the 15% quota for Dalits. It said HCs concerned would determine validity of sub-classification laws passed by states after scrutinising the quantifiable empirical data about backwardness of a community available with the legislature to allot a certain percentage of quota to those most backward.

The seven-judge bench gave ample indication of where its prima facie judicial views rested as it remarked on the unintended discrimination inflicted on communities within SCs when socially and educationally advanced groups among them cornered a larger share of quota benefits at the cost of other sections, thus negating equal opportunity in access to education and govt jobs.

Those opposed to subclassification, through senior advocates Manoj Swarup, K S Chauhan, Sanjay Hegde and others, argued that the common thread for inclusion of communities in the SC list was their social discrimination and denial of basic rights.

CJI said, "That is true but what else is common between the groups. Is the discrimination faced by them similar? There are many important indicators — access to education and govt jobs, marriageable age, infant mortality, maternity mortality rate. Do all groups suffer identically on these aspects?"

Justice Gavai added, "Both blacksmiths and scavengers are included in the SC list. But did these groups face similar discrimination? There are untouchables among untouchables. Should they all be treated as equals in terms of access to education and jobs? To achieve equality, states are required to be permitted to provide graded quota benefits to the more oppressed communities among SCs.

"If a particular community corners 75% of seats reserved for SCs, leaving a minuscule number of posts for other Dalit communities, should the state be barred from sub-classifying quota for a more equitable distribution to achieve social equality mandated under Articles 15 and 16 of the Constitution?"

Justice Gavai said in 1985, he was lawyer for a candidate belonging to Mehtar (sweeper) community who was waging a legal battle to get an MBBS seat, which was unfairly denied to him, "Not a single person from that community had become a doctor even 35 years after India became a republic."

CJI said the Indira Sawhney judgment of 1992, which gave 27% reservation to OBCs, had also adopted the principle of sub-classification and it had not been altered by subsequent constitutional amendments.

During the 3-day hearing application of 'creamy layer' principle to eliminate the advanced among the backward from cornering quota benefits was touched upon briefly by Justice Gavai, who said some kind of filtration was necessary.

He said though SC had ruled in 2018 that 'creamy layer' principle could be applicable to even SCs and STs, no govt had brought a notification till date in matters of admissions to educational institutions and jobs.

TOI LINE OF NO CONTROL — Sandeep Adhwaryu

UP to create 33 lakh new jobs, says Yogi

UP CM Yogi Adityanath said 33 lakh new jobs will be created in state from investment projects to be launched, reports **Shailvee Sharda**. Speaking at a curtain raiser event in Lucknow on Thursday, the CM said, "PM Narendra Modi will lay foundation stone of projects worth Rs 10 lakh crore on Feb 19."

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E-Tender Bid Submission End Date & E-Tender Open Date & Time	05.03.2024 (15:00 hrs.)		
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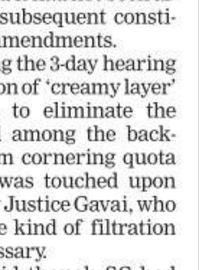

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After Shah-Naidu talks, TDP open to NDA return

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New Delhi: Telugu Desam Party (TDP), one of the first members of National Democratic Alliance (NDA), is open to a return after "productive talks" between Chandrababu Naidu and senior BJP leaders, including home minister Amit Shah and party president J P Nadda.

TDP sources said BJP leadership has conveyed that they would like to see Naidu's party return to NDA fold, which will be a major boost to the prospects of both parties in Andhra Pradesh where Lok Sabha and state polls will take place simultaneously in April-May.

Naidu had called on Shah at the latter's residence on Wednesday night. Nadda was also a part of the meeting. He returned to Hyderabad on Thursday morning and will discuss the matter with his ally Pawan Kalyan, president of Jana Sena Party, who is already part of NDA.

Sources said the two leaders from Andhra Pradesh are likely to visit the national capital again for further talks and formalise the alliance as discussions have so far been positive.

TDP's comeback, after staying away from NDA since 2018, will be a major gain for the BJP-led alliance after Nitish Kumar's JD(U) returned recently.

"We welcome all NDA partners to return. Talks with many of them are in an advanced stage," a BJP leader said, confirming discussions with TDP, Akali Dal and Jayant Chowdhary-led RLD. Sources said BJP may finalise a seat-sharing deal with RLD, adding that BJP is willing to offer two Lok Sabha seats, including Baghpat which is currently represented by its MP Satya Pal Singh, to RLD & may also give it a Rajya Sabha seat.

Sources said BJP is working to ensure that NDA gets as strong as possible so that it can realise the target of crossing 400 seats as spoken by PM Modi recently.

Sitharaman, Jaishankar and Nadda likely to be exempted from LS fight

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Sources said party president J P Nadda, who is among the retiring members and has no chance of a repeat from his home state Himachal Pradesh, is likely to retain his membership by getting nominated from some other state while finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman and foreign minister S Jaishankar, both having more than three years of their tenures left, are likely to be exempt.

However, sources indicated that other senior ministers, including Dharmendra Pradhan, Bhupender Yadav and Piyush Goyal, are likely to enter the poll fray.

Election Commission recently notified polls to 56 Rajya Sabha seats to be held on Feb 27. The retiree list includes Nadda, nine Union ministers and former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

Railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, education minister Pradhan, environment minister Bhupender Yadav and health minister Mansukh Mandaviya are among the other retirees.

BJP POLL PREPARATION

Besides, four nominated members are retiring in July while one nominated seat is vacant. Among the nominated members retiring in July are Mahesh Jethmalani, Sonal Mansingh, Ram Shakal and Rakesh Sinha of BJP.

BJP sources said the party will nominate its candidates for the biennial RS polls one or two days ahead of the last date of filing nomination papers on Feb 15. Once the names are announced, it will also shed light on senior ministers and other members being repeated, relieved or considered as candidates for Lok Sabha polls.

Sources said the party brass has already sought a list of nominees to be considered for the RS polls. At the same time, the retiring members were also asked to suggest the LS constituencies they might be interested to contest in case they are not repeated.

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Last date & Time for submission of the RFP	19.02.2024 at 4.00 PM
Last date for receiving queries through E-mail ID only : **dforajnagar1990@gmail.com**	17.02.2024
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Address for communication	Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Forest Division (WL) Rajnagar, Kendrapara, Odisha-754225

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Nod for 6 rly projects worth ₹12.3k cr in 6 states

New Delhi: The Cabinet on Thursday approved six multi-tracking railway projects entailing an investment of Rs 12,343 crore in six states. These projects are estimated for completion by 2029-30.

"The six projects covering 18 districts in six states — Rajasthan, Assam, Telangana, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Nagaland — will increase the existing network of Indian Railways by 1,020 kms and will provide employment of about three crore man-days to people," an official statement said.

These projects will reduce travel time, minimise logistics cost, cut oil imports and lower carbon dioxide emissions. Govt said that the projects are result of PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan.

'Fund transfer to states up nearly 4x'

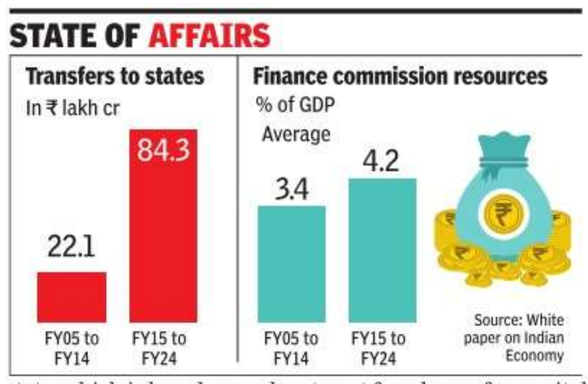
In Last Decade, 41-42% Of Taxes Shared With Them: White Paper

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Amid protest by opposition-led states over the alleged neglect in sharing of resources by the Centre, the govt white paper tabled in Parliament on Thursday said that transfer of funds to the states was nearly four times higher, in keeping with the spirit of cooperative federalism.

"Acknowledging that states are equal partners in development, our govt, in the true spirit of cooperative federalism, accepted the recommendations of the 14th and 15th Finance Commission. Around 41-42% of central taxes have been shared with the states every year over the last decade. This is a substantial jump from the earlier devolution share of 30-32%. Consequently, the quantum of resources devolved to states has been about 3.8 times higher than earlier. This leap in the absolute quantum of the resources devolved to states translates to about 1% of GDP," the white paper said.

The finance commission, set up every five years, devises the formula for transfer of central tax revenues at macro level as well as for each state, which is based on multiple parameters.



It listed several other measures — from GST compensation cess to permission to allow higher borrowings after Covid (some linked to reforms) and long-tenure interest-free loans for capital expenditure — as steps through which the Centre has stood by the states to help meet their development and welfare needs.

It listed the introduction of GST as a major success of the Modi govt and pointed how states and the Centre worked together.

"The new tax structure is characterised by political consensus building and pooled sovereignty of the GST Council, both salient examples of cooperative federalism... The GST reform has led to gains on multiple fronts. The new tax structure, by unifying India's states into a single market, is also incentivising scale in businesses," said the document prepared by the finance ministry over the last one month or so.

It pointed out that the Centre had promised to make good any "shortfall" if GST collection for any state grew at under 14%.

PIMPRI CHINCHWAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Request For Proposal (RFP) for Selection of a Private Agency for Fabrication and Supply of One Number 32-meter Turn Table Ladder (TTL) for PCMC, Pune-18

TENDER NO. 26 / 2023-24

Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) invites Request for Proposal from prospective Applicant for Fabrication and Supply of One Number 32-meter Turn Table Ladder (TTL).

The Successful Applicant for the project will be selected based on the **"Lowest Cost Selection" (LCS)** for undertaking the project.

More details about the bid submission procedure, Applicant experience and the selection methodology are available in the Request for Proposal (RFP) document. Interested Applicants are requested to download the RFP document published on **www.mahatenders.gov.in** from 09-02-2024 The last date for bid submission is 23-02-2024 by 3 p.m. The cost of RFP document is **Rs. 54,824/-** (Fifty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Four Only).

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Head of Fire Department,
General Arunkumar Vaidya Fire Brigade center,
Sant Tukaramnagar, Pimpri 411018, Maharashtra State.
Telephone nos. +91 (20) 67333333, 67331120, Fax: 020 27142504, for any further information/ clarifications.

Adv. No. 531
Date: 06/02/2024

Sd/-
Commissioner
Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation
Pimpri - 411018

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT DISPUR::GUWAHATI-06
Block-d, 1st Floor, Janata Bhawan, sjedassam2022@gmail.com
PRESS RELEASE

eCF No.249536/176 07.02.2024

Autonomous/Development Councils under Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of Assam

It has come to the notice of the State Government that some unauthorized entities may float "Tender Notice" in the name Autonomous/Development Councils under Department of Social Justice & Empowerment for construction works/supply of articles where tender value exceeds beyond the budget provision made under appropriate Head.

Therefore, all concerned are requested not to entertain such "Tender Notice" without confirming the actual budget allocation for the said Councils to avoid any kind of administrative/legal and financial inconvenience.

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Department of Social Justice and Empowerment
Dispur, Guwahati-06

Janasanyog/C/15988/23/9-Feb-2024

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 **Raj Kohli @ Chandan** S/o **Ravi Kohli R/o 43, B-Block, Enclave Baba Colony, Burari, Delhi** has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 96/21 U/S 356/379 IPC, P.S. Mahendra Park, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Raj Kohli @ Chandan** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Raj Kohli @ Chandan** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Raj Kohli @ Chandan** of case **FIR No. 96/21 U/S 356/379 IPC, P.S. Mahendra Park, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **21.03.2024.**

By Order
Ms. Niharika Kumar Sharma
Addl. Chieff Metropolitan Magistrate
Room No. 117, First Floor,
Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/1325/NW/2024(Court Matter)

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Hebbal Division,
2nd Floor, BBMP Building, J.C. Nagar Main Road, Munireddy Palya, Bengaluru - 560032.

No: EE/HBL/TEND/13/2023-24 **Date: 07-02-2024**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Hebbal Division, BBMP for the works mentioned below from the registered Contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.
(Standard Tender Document - KW-1 or KW-2)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work / Catagory	Estimated Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Comprehensive Development and Improvements to Roads, Drains & Footpath in Govindappa Colony, Gowdara Colony in Nagashettihalli and Surrounding Areas in Ward No. 61, Radhakrishna Temple. **(Others)**	100.00	**Rs. 2,00,000/-** (**Rs. 1.00 Lakh** through e-Payment balance **Rs. 1,00,000/-** through BG, BG should be Submitted before Opening of Technical Bid)
2	Comprehensive Development and Improvements to Roads, Drains and Footpath in 1st to 6th Cross HIG Layout, Dollars Colony and Surrounding Areas in Ward No.61, Radhakrishna Temple. **(Others)**	100.00	**Rs. 2,00,000/-** (**Rs. 1.00 Lakh** through e-Payment balance **Rs. 1,00,000/-** through BG, BG should be Submitted before Opening of Technical Bid)
3	Comprehensive Development and Improvements to Roads, Drains and Footpath in 3rd Block RMV 2nd Stage KGE Layout and Surrounding Areas in Ward No. 61, Radhakrishna Temple. **(Others)**	100.00	**Rs. 2,00,000/-** (**Rs. 1.00 Lakh** through e-Payment balance **Rs. 1,00,000/-** through BG, BG should be Submitted before Opening of Technical Bid)
4	Comprehensive Development and Improvements of Roads and Drains of 1st Main Road UAS Layout, 1st Main RMS Colony and Surrounding Areas in Ward No. 62, Sanjayanagar. **(ST)**	100.00	**Rs. 1,00,000/-** (**Rs. 50,00,000/-** through e-Payment balance **Rs. 50,000/-** through BG, BG should be Submitted before Opening of Technical Bid)
5	Comprehensive Development and Improvements of Roads and Drains of Bhoopasandra New Extension and Surrounding Areas in Ward No. 62, Sanjayanagar. **(Others)**	100.00	**Rs. 2,00,000/-** (**Rs. 1.00 Lakh** through e-Payment balance **Rs. 1,00,000/-** through BG, BG should be Submitted before Opening of Technical Bid)
6	Comprehensive Development and Improvements of Roads and Drains of NGEF Layout and Surrounding Areas in Ward No. 62, Sanjayanagar. **(SC)**	100.00	**Rs. 1,00,000/-** (**Rs. 50,00,000/-** through e-Payment balance **Rs. 50,000/-** through BG, BG should be Submitted before Opening of Technical Bid)
7	Comprehensive Development and Improvements of Roads and Drains of HGS Layout and Surrounding Areas in Ward No. 67, Ganganagara. **(SC)**	100.00	**Rs. 1,00,000/-** (**Rs. 50,00,000/-** through e-Payment balance **Rs. 50,000/-** through BG, BG should be Submitted before Opening of Technical Bid)
8	Comprehensive Development and Improvements of Roads and Drains at RBI Colony and Lakshmaiah Block and Surrounding Areas in Ward No. 67, Ganganagara. **(Others)**	100.00	**Rs. 2,00,000/-** (**Rs. 1.00 Lakh** through e-Payment balance **Rs. 1,00,000/-** through BG, BG should be Submitted before Opening of Technical Bid)
9	Comprehensive Development and Improvements of Roads and Drains at Nrupatunga Layout, CPV Block and Surrounding Areas in Ward No. 67, Ganganagara. **(Others)**	100.00	**Rs. 2,00,000/-** (**Rs. 1.00 Lakh** through e-Payment balance **Rs. 1,00,000/-** through BG, BG should be Submitted before Opening of Technical Bid)
10	Comprehensive Development and Improvements of Roads and Drains at Pillappa Block and Surrounding Areas in Ward No. 67, Ganganagara. **(Others)**	100.00	**Rs. 2,00,000/-** (**Rs. 1.00 Lakh** through e-Payment balance **Rs. 1,00,000/-** through BG, BG should be Submitted before Opening of Technical Bid)
11	Comprehensive Development and Improvements of Roads and Drains at Chowdaya Block and Surrounding Areas in Ward No. 63, Hebbal. **(Others)**	100.00	**Rs. 2,00,000/-** (**Rs. 1.00 Lakh** through e-Payment balance **Rs. 1,00,000/-** through BG, BG should be Submitted before Opening of Technical Bid)
12	Comprehensive Development and Improvements of Roads and Drains at Muneshwara Block and Surrounding Areas in Ward No. 63, Hebbal. **(ST)**	100.00	**Rs. 1,00,000/-** (**Rs. 50,00,000/-** through e-Payment balance **Rs. 50,000/-** through BG, BG should be Submitted before Opening of Technical Bid)
13	Comprehensive Development and Improvements of Roads and Drains at Yellamma Temple and Surrounding Areas in Ward No. 63, Hebbal. **(Others)**	100.00	**Rs. 2,00,000/-** (**Rs. 1.00 Lakh** through e-Payment balance **Rs. 1,00,000/-** through BG, BG should be Submitted before Opening of Technical Bid)
14	Comprehensive Development and Improvements of Roads and Drains at Anand Nagar, SBM Colony & Surrounding Areas in Ward No. 63, Hebbal. **(Others)**	100.00	**Rs. 2,00,000/-** (**Rs. 1.00 Lakh** through e-Payment balance **Rs. 1,00,000/-** through BG, BG should be Submitted before Opening of Technical Bid)
15	Comprehensive Development and Improvements of Roads and Drains at Cholanayakanahalli and Surrounding Areas in Ward No. 63, Hebbal. **(SC)**	100.00	**Rs. 1,00,000/-** (**Rs. 50,00,000/-** through e-Payment balance **Rs. 50,000/-** through BG, BG should be Submitted before Opening of Technical Bid)

Calendar of Events: **1)** Tender documents can be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 08-02-2024. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **12-02-2024 at 15.00 Hours in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Hebbal Division, J.C. Nagar Main Road, Bengaluru - 560032. 3)** Last Date for Uploading the Filled Proposals is **17-02-2024 upto 16.00 Hours. 4)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid is **19-02-2024 after 16.30 Hours.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Hebbal Division, BBMP.

PIMPRI CHINCHWAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Request For Proposal (RFP) for Selection of a Private Agency for Fabrication and Supply of One Number 54-meter Turn Table Ladder (TTL) for PCMC, Pune-18

TENDER NO. 25 / 2023-24

Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) invites Request for Proposal from prospective Applicant for Fabrication and Supply of One Number 54-meter Turn Table Ladder (TTL).

The Successful Applicant for the project will be selected based on the **"Lowest Cost Selection" (LCS)** for undertaking the project.

More details about the bid submission procedure, Applicant experience and the selection methodology are available in the Request for Proposal (RFP) document. Interested Applicants are requested to download the RFP document published on **www.mahatenders.gov.in** from 09-02-2024. The last date for bid submission is 23-02-2024 by 3 p.m. The cost of RFP document is **Rs. 54,824/-** (Fifty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Four Only).

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Telephone nos. +91 (20) 67333333, 67331120, Fax: 020 27142504, for any further information/ clarifications.

Adv. No. 530
Date: 06/02/2024

Sd/-
Commissioner
Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation
Pimpri - 411018

NAGAR NIGAM FIROZABAD (NNF)
(UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA)

Letter No: 3085/NNF/2023-24/ Dt. 7-2-2024

Re-Notice Inviting Tenders (NIT)

Municipal Commissioner (MC), Nagar Nigam Firozabad invites item Bids for the work mentioned below through e-Procurement in conformity with the terms and conditions of this advertisement and the detailed tender call notice in two Bid systems (Part-1: 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. Bidders can participate in the bidding after registering them on E-tendering portal http://etender.up.nic.in. Bidder can download the RFP from http://etender.up.nic.in after paying the tender cost through online payment in the name of **Nagar Nigam Firozabad, Bank Name-Punjab National Bank. Account No.-03822011009820, IFSC-PUNB0038210** Bidder will have to upload the scanned copy of transaction slip along with technical bid failing this; the Bid is liable to be rejected. The Bidder should deposit the Earnest Money online in above mentioned account number or through Bank Guarantee from a Nationalized Bank pledged in favor of Municipal Commissioner, Nagar Nigam Firozabad. The scanned copy of the transaction slip should be uploaded along with technical bid. The bidders should have necessary Portal enrollment (Digital Signature Certificate) under e-procurement process of Govt. of Uttar Pradesh in required class/category. In case of any queries on this RFP, intending bidders may contact Chief Engineer, NAGAR NIGAM FIROZABAD.

S.No	Name of the Work	Cost of Project (Lakh)	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.)	Tender fee with GST @18%	Completion/ Implementation Period
1	Setting Up facilities for Green Antim Sanskar using gas with Operation and Maintenance of One year at Firozabad.	101.40	2,02,800	13162	180 Days

Time schedule for Bidding:

S.No	Description	Critical Dates
1	Upload/Publish of RFP	09-02-2024
2	Bid start Date of RFP	09-02-2024
3	Pre-Bid Meeting/Time	13-02-2024 (11:00 AM)
4	Bid Closing Date/Time of RFP	20-02-2024 (03:00 PM)
5	Technical Bid Opening Date/Time	20-02-2024 (04:00 PM)
6	Financial Bid Opening Date/Time	To be notified

1. Other details can be seen on website http://etender.up.nic.in (for view, download and bidding).
2. Subsequent corrigendum, if required, shall appear in these websites.
3. Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons.
4. Contractor who wants to participate in bid must registered themselves on http://etender.up.nic.in
5. For any other queries, please contact Executive Engineer, Nagar Nigam Firozabad. Also, for any further queries, the bidders are advised to send an email to: nagarnigamfzd@gmail.com
6. Pre Bid Meeting will be scheduled at Nagar Nigam Firozabad.

Chief Engineer
Nagar Nigam Firozabad

Municipal Commissioner
Nagar Nigam Firozabad

AMARAVATI SMART AND SUSTAINABLE CITY CORPORATION LIMITED
Lenin Center, Governorpet, Vijayawada - 520002 (A.P.)

NIT No. MAU72-PRJ0AICC/1/2023-PPRJ-MAU72/2nd Call Dated: 08/02/2024

E Procurement Tender Notice (Second Call)
Tender cum-Reverse Auctioning or Reverse Tendering

Name of Work : "Providing Networking works and furniture for the proposed Amaravati Integrated Command Control Center (AICCC) at Kondamarajupalem, Amaravati, Guntur – **Estimate Amount: Rs. 4,94,50,000/-.**

The bid can be downloaded on AP e-procurement portal from **09.02.2024 to 23.02.2024 up to 14.00 Hrs.** Due date for submission of Bid **23.02.2024 up to 15.00 Hrs,** Technical bid opening **23.02.2024 @16.00Hrs.** For further details please refer to **www.apeprocurement.gov.in https://assccl.ap.gov.in** and **www.crda.ap.gov.in.**

Sd/- MD & CEO
ASSCCL, Vijayawada

SUPREME COURT MONITORED PROJECTS
Executed through
NBCC (India) Ltd. (A Navratna PSU of Govt of India)
Through E-Auction

Sale of attached properties of Erstwhile Amrapali Group through NBCC.

Interested parties may register themselves on RAILTEL (The agency engaged by NBCC (INDIA) LTD for holding e-auction) or on website **https://nbccauction.enivida.com.**

Last date for submission of application is 22.02.2024.
E-Auction will be held on 29.02.2024.
For Details, **Please call:- 8168059012**

Sd/-
NBCC

Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru

Name and Address of the entity seeking Proposal:
BANGALORE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LIMITED
Administration Block, Bravo-1
Kempegowda International Airport,
BANGALORE 560 300. India
Web: www.bengaluruairport.com

NOTICE TO EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

S.No.	Tender Title	Short description of Scope of Work
1	**Setting up a grid-connected, ground-mounted Solar Power Plant on EPC basis at airside of Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru.**	**"Design, Supply, Installation, Supervision, Testing & Commissioning, Operation & Maintenance of grid-connected, ground-mounted Solar Power Plant on EPC basis at airside Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru."**

Pre Qualification Criteria & other Information: Available on BIAL website https://www.bengaluruairport.com/corporate/engage-with-us/tenders
Submission Due Date & Time for all the above: 16-02-2024 & 1500 Hours.
Note: Any further addendums to this EOI will be made available on the BIAL website.
Interested applicants are requested to express their interest via email to enmbid@bialairport.com and upload the relevant documents on the BIAL Tenders website (https://www.bialtenders.com). Please address correspondence to the Head of Procurement & Contracts.

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

General public is here by informed that one girl (depicted in the Photo) **Namely:** Sapna, **D/o:** Sh. Hari Singh, **R/o:** F-53, near Harijan Chopal, Mahipalpur, New Delhi **Age:** 22 Years **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Height:** 5'5", **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Navy Blue color Jeans, Red Sweater and Sandals in feet Missing Since 13.01.2024 about 01.00 pm from her home under area of PS Vasant Kung North, New Delhi.

In this regard a **DD No. 102A, dated 13.01.2024** has been registered at PS Vasant Kung North, New Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this girl but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following.

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641

SHO
P.S.- Vasant Kung North, New Delhi
Ph. 011-26892530, 7065036224
DP/1294/SW/2024

TNPL TAMILNADU NEWSPRINT AND PAPERS LIMITED
Kagithapuram - 639 136. Karur Dist.
Tamil Nadu. Ph.: 04324-277001 (10 Lines).

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Tender No.	Material Description	Due date
232413 006921	Procurement of Carbon Steel / MS Plate	26.02.2024
232413 006937	Sodium Soap (Imported/Indigenous) required for Deinking Plant. (Qty-250 MT)	29.02.2024
232413 006976	Procurement of Imported Burnt Lime for Production of Wet Precipitated Calcium Carbonate (WPCC)	22.02.2024
232413 006971	Procurement of Cationic Starch (In Jumbo Bags) for Unit - I.	24.02.2024
232413 006968	Procurement of Sulphur Di Oxide for Unit - I and Unit - II.	22.02.2024
232413 006970	Procurement of Sulphamic Acid (Commercial) for Unit - I.	23.02.2024
232413 006969	Procurement of Ortho Phosphoric Acid 85% Purity for Unit - I.	23.02.2024
E-Mail	232413006921 - purchase.civil@tnpl.co.in 232413006937 - purchase.wp@tnpl.co.in 232413006976 - purchase.packing@tnpl.co.in 232413006971 ; 6968 ; 6970 ; 6969 - purchase.rawmatl@tnpl.co.in	

Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL Website & NIC Portal only. Detailed Terms & conditions, are available in the tender document at our websites: **www.tnpl.com / https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

DIPR/758/Tender/2024 *TNPL - Maker of bagasse based eco-friendly Paper*

12 of 29 info panels never had women commissioners: Data

New Delhi: Twelve out of 29 information commissions have not had a single woman commissioner since they were constituted under the Right to Information Act of 2005. Merely 9% of all commissioners have been women since the law came into force, reports **Ambika Pandit**.

In terms of CICs, the gender parity is even worse, with only 5% chiefs ever being women in central and state information commissions.

As of Oct 12, 2023, none of the information commissions was headed by a woman. The states which have never had a woman commissioner include Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, MP, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Sikkim, Telangana, Uttarakhand and West Bengal.

This data was released by voluntary organisation Satark Nagrik Sangathan as part of the 'Report Card of Information Commissions in India, 2022-23'. It looks at the performance of all 29 information commissions in the country during the July 2022-June 2023 period, based on responses received to their RTI questions from the commissions. "Clearly much needs to be done to address the poor representation of women in information commissions," it is affirmed in the report.

Not only is the gender ratio severely skewed, the report also highlights the lack of diversity in the commissions. It is highlighted that of the approximately 465 commissioners for whom background information was available, 58% were retired govt officials. 14% were lawyers or former judges 11% had a background in journalism, 5% were academics and 4% were social activists or workers.

The report also brings into focus how many ICs were found to be returning a very large number of cases without passing any orders. The CIC and SICs of UP, Bihar, Rajasthan and Kerala returned 41% of the appeals and complaints received by them.

Maoist killed in Bastar encounter

A hardcore Maoist, wanted in many cases of violence and carrying a cash reward of Rs 8 lakh on his head, was killed in an encounter on Sukma-Dantewada border in Chhattisgarh's Bastar district on Wednesday.

Dantewada SP Gaurav Rai said Chandanna alias Satyam had been operating as a Maoist for three decades and was active in Jagargunda area of Dantewada. He was a native of Sukma and believed to have been in his early 50s. TNN

Cong MP demands white paper on Manipur violence

Congress member K Suresh on Thursday asked govt to come out a "white paper" on the ethnic violence in Manipur and said Christian missionaries and priests are facing threat with churches being vandalised in several states.

Raising the issue during zero hour in Lok Sabha, Suresh alleged that repeated vandalisation of churches in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan; and continued assault on Christian missionaries and priests "by right-wing group is alarming". He alleged that by refusing to take action against the goons, BJP is supporting those who are indulging in violence. TNN

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132 केवी विद्युत उपकेन्द्र, ओढपुरा, हाथरस - 204101

ई-निविदा सूचना

निविदा सं0 159 / 2023-24 – विद्युत वितरण मण्डल हाथरस हेतु 01 नग डीजल चलित कार चालक सहित उपलब्ध कराया जाना। (निविदा राशि 1180.00 जी0एस0टी0 सहित एवं धरोहर राशि रू0 4000.00) **निविदा सं0 160/2023-24**– विद्युत नगरीय वितरण खण्ड हाथरस एवं उपखण्ड अधिकारी प्रथम / द्वितीय हाथरस हेतु कुल 03 नग डीजल चलित जीप चालक सहित उपलब्ध कराया जाना। (निविदा राशि 1180.00 जीएसटी सहित एवं धरोहर राशि रू0 10000.00) **निविदा सं0 161 / 2023-24**– विद्युत वितरण खण्ड द्वितीय हाथरस एवं उपखण्ड अधिकारी प्रथम / द्वितीय हाथरस हेतु कुल 03 नग डीजल चलित जीप चालक सहित उपलब्ध कराया जाना। (निविदा राशि 1180.00 जीएसटी सहित एवं धरोहर राशि रू0 10000.00) **निविदा सं0 162 / 2023-24** – विद्युत वितरण खण्ड तृतीय हाथरस एवं उपखण्ड अधिकारी प्रथम / द्वितीय / तृतीय / चतुर्थ सिकन्द्राराऊ / सारानी / हाथरसजं0 / हसायन हेतु कुल 05 नग डीजल चलित जीप चालक सहित उपलब्ध कराया जाना। (निविदा राशि 3540.00 जी0एस0टी0 सहित एवं धरोहर राशि रू0 16000.00) **निविदा सं0 163 / 2023-24**– विद्युत वितरण खण्ड चतुर्थ सादाबाद एवं उपखण्ड अधिकारी प्रथम / द्वितीय सादाबाद हेतु कुल 03 नग डीजल चलित जीप चालक सहित उपलब्ध कराया जाना। (निविदा राशि 1180.00 जीएसटी सहित एवं धरोहर राशि रू0 10000.00) **निविदा सं0 164 / 2023-24**–विद्युत परीक्षण खण्ड हाथरस एवं सहायक अभियन्ता प्रथम/द्वितीय/तृतीय / चतुर्थ हाथरस हेतु कुल 05 नग डीजल चलित जीप चालक सहित उपलब्ध कराया जाना। (निविदा राशि 3540.00 जी0एस0टी0 सहित एवं धरोहर राशि रू0 16000.00) **निविदा सं0 165/2023-24** - एण्टी पावर थैफ्ट थाना एवं प्रर्वतन दल हाथरस हेतु कुल 02 नग डीजल चलित जीप चालक सहित उपलब्ध कराया जाना। (निविदा राशि 1180.00 जीएसटी सहित एवं धरोहर राशि रू0 8000.00) निविदा विक्रय तिथि एवं खुलने की दिनांक 15.03.2024 अन्य सम्बन्धित जानकारी ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट पोर्टल **https://etender.up.nic.in** पर उपलब्ध है ।

पत्र संख्याः- 541/ विविमं (हा0) / निविदा
दिनांकः- 08.02.2024

अधीक्षण अभियन्ता
विद्युत वितरण मण्डल, हाथरस

"सुनहरा भविष्य बनायें, राष्ट्रहित में बिजली बचाएं"

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF DELHI

OFFICE OF THE DY. COMMISSIONER
REMUNRATIVE PROJECT CELL
(25TH Floor), Civic Centre, New Delhi-110002

E-TENDER FOR ALLOTMENT OF OFFICE SPACE/SHOPS ON MONTHLY LICENSE FEES BASIS FOR A PERIOD OF 10 (TEN) YEARS AT KRISHNA NAGAR MULTI LEVEL CAR PARKING, NEW DELHI

PRESS NOTICE E-TENDER

E-Bids are invited on behalf of Commissioner, MCD from eligible bidders for allotment of vacant shops/office spaces of MCD at Krishana Nagar Multi Level Car Parking on monthly license fees basis in two bid system (Technical and Financial) for a period of 10 years and extendable further as per RFP/NIT vide Tender NIT No. 2940 dt. 08.02.2024, The Schedule of bids are as follows:-1. **Bid Download Start Date:-** 09.02.2024 at 09.00 AM onwards, 2. **Pre-bid Meeting:-** 16.02.2024 at 3:00 PM Conference Hall at 20th Floor, Civic Centre , 3. **Bid submission start date:-** 09.02.2024 from 09.00 AM onwards, 4. **last date of Submission of E-Tender:-** 29.02.2024 upto 03.00 PM, 5. **Opening date of Technical Bids:-** 01.03.2024 from 03.00 PM onwards, at R.P. Cell/MCD Dept. 25th Floor, Civic Centre. (For details visit MCDs website: **www.mcdonline.nic.in** and **www.etenders.gov.in**. Contact number-011-23227514.

Sd/-
Assistant Commissioner
R.P. Cell/MCD

R.O. No.82/DPI/MCD/2023-24

New Okhla Industrial Development Authority
Main Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida, G.B. Nagar, (U.P.) Website: www.noidaauthorityonline.in

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited from eligible contractors/firm for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened / downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official **website: www.noidaauthorityonline.in** & **https://etender.up.nic.in.** Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/ amendments & corrigendum etc.

A) Fresh-Tender Work:

S. No.	Jobs No.	Name of the Work	Tender Amount (Rs. Lacs.)
1	61/DGM/SM(WC-7)/ET/2023-24	Strengthening of Road (C/o RCC footpath of 45.00 mtr. wide road from Kent RO Sector-87 to Sector-83 Metro Line along Sector-83, 84), Noida.	153.05
2	64/DGM/SM(WC-7)/ET/2023-24	Strengthening of Road (P/L DGBM & BC on 75.00 mtr. service road from Commerical Plot No. 34A to Park T-Point Sector-140/140A), Noida.	149.50
3	57/DGM/SM(WC-9)/ET/2023-24	C/o Main drain Sector-167 to 168 and Mahamaya Underpass to Sector-135 (Converting to brick work Main drain to RCC Main drain from Panchsheel Underpass to Shri Ram millennium School Sector-135 along 45.00 mtr. wide road Parallel to Expressway), Noida.	1038.52
4	58/DGM/SM(WC-9)/ET/2023-24	D/o Sector-163 to 167A & 167B (C/o 45.00 mtr. wide road between Sector-163 & 164 from Plot No. 01 to 04 of Sector-164 & balance 45.00 mtr. wide road in Village Gulawali Khasra No. 530) Noida.	834.90
5	55/DGM/SM(WC-9)/ET/2023-24	D/o Village (Raising of RCC drain & levelling with S.F.R.C. drain cover Shahid Bhagat Singh Inter College to Ravi Lohiya Home both side in Village Mohiyapur), Noida.	133.84

The above tenders can be uploaded by dated 22.02.2024 upto 5:00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on dated 23.02.2024 at 11:00 AM.

B) Re-Tender Work:

S. No.	Jobs No.	Name of the Work	Tender Amount (Rs. Lacs.)
6	63/DGM/SM(WC-2)/2023-24	M/o Road (Repair, plaster & fixing of S.F.R.C. for drain, fixing M.S. Grill & Painting work for footpath and other misc. work along sector-28, 29, 30 on DPS School Road from MP-1 to sector-37 T-Point), Noida.	154.42
7	39/DGM/SM(WC-2)/2023-24	M/o Road (C/o RCC footpath, raising of RCC drain, painting & fixing of M.S. Grill for footpath from Cambridge School to Vilopit Kudhaghar Sector-27 side, Plot No. 18 to 20 Nithari side, FOB sector-28 side on MP-2 road), Noida.	116.81
8	23/DGM/SM(WC-8)/ET/2023-24	M/o Village (Balance work of drain and C.C. road at different location in Village Bhangel), Noida.	119.51
9	41/DGM/SM(WC-6)/2023-24	Resurfacing of road (P/L DBM and BC work on 45.00 mtr. wide road Irrigation Nala to Vedvan Park, Sector-78), Noida.	155.86

The above tenders can be uploaded by dated 15.02.2024 upto 5:00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on dated 16.02.2024 at 11:00 AM.

Dy. General Manager (Civil)
NOIDA

CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
ASSAM STATE DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
ANCILLARY BLOCK, ASSAM SECRETARIAT, DISPUR, GUWAHATI-781006
Phone: 0361-2237221 (O), Fax- 0361- 2237010; E-mail: sdma-assam@gov.in

ECF No. 283256/121

Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) invites Technical & Financial bids from legal entities registered/incorporated in India, meeting the eligibility criteria for design, development, maintenance and support service for the "International Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change (DRR & CC) Portal" of Assam State Disaster Management Authority for a period of 3 years.

Detailed bid document may be downloaded from- **https://assamtenders.gov.in/**

Tender ID	2024_ASDMA_36075_1
Publication date and time	09-Feb-2024 09:00 AM
Last date and time for submission of Proposal	01-Mar-2024 04:00 PM
Bid opening date and time	04-Mar-2024 11:00 AM

Deputy Secretary & SPC
Assam State Disaster Management Authority

Janasanyog/CF/5401/23/9-Feb-24

Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation
(A Government of Bihar undertaking)
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE E-BIDDING INVITATION

File No. 101/Engg/2023/238/engg/24 **TENDER NO. 47/E-TENDER/ BSTDC/ SBD/2023-24**

(Through e-procurement mode only – www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

1. Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation Limited (BSTDCL), a nodal agency for executing tourism infrastructure projects in the state of Bihar, India, intends to execute tourism infrastructure projects at its tourism potential locations.
2. Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. (BSTDC Ltd) invites sealed bids from eligible experienced Firms/Contractors/ Agencies/ Bidders for execution of works as given below on **EPC** mod :-

SL. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (in Lac)	Bid Processing fees (Beltron)	Bid Document Cost	Bid Security (EMD) (in Lac)	Contract Duration
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	VISHNU PAD WALKWAY COM SHED BUILDING, TENSILE STRUCTURES, ALTERNATIVE APPROACH TO THE TEMPLE, AND BUS DEPOT AT GAYA.	Rs-5774.21	Rs-5,900.00	Rs-10,000.00	Rs-67.75	24 Months

3. Date of Inviting tender : Date-06.02.2024
4. Date of downloading of bid document : From 28.02.2024 to 13.03.2024 up to 3:00PM. Through website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in only
5. Place & Date of Pre-bid meeting : Date 06.03.2024 Time 03:00PM. (Office of Chief Engineer B.S.T.D.C. Patna)
6. Last date and time for receipt on eproc2 : Date 14.03.2024 up to 3:00PM
7. Last date and time for receipt of hard copy of EMD or other document (if any) : Date 15.03.2024 up to 3:00PM
8. Time and date of opening technical bids : Date 15.03.2024 Time 3:30PM Through website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
9. Time and date of opening of financial bids : To be communicated later on
10. Place of opening of bid : Through website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
11. Period of bids validity : 120 days
12. Officer inviting bids : Executive Engineer, BSTDC Ltd.
13. For participating in E – tendering process, the contractor shall have to get themselves registered to get user ID, Password and Digital signature. This will enable them to access the website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in and download/participate in E– tender. All tender queries related to this tender shall be communicated at **contactbstdc@gmail.com**
14. Further details of works can be obtained from the office of Executive Engineer for clarification, regarding the e–tendering process, please contact e-Proc2.0, Helpdesk, mjunction services limited RJ Complex, 2nd Floor, Canara Bank Campus, Khajpura, Ashiana Road, P.S. - Shastri Nagar, Patna 800 014, Bihar, Toll Free Number: 1800 572 6571, Email Id: eproc2support@bihar.gov.in

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

Executive Engineer
BSTDC Ltd, Patna.

PR- 017007 (B & C) 2023-24 BSTDCL, Beerchand Patel Path, Patna -800 001 [Tel: 0612-2506219, 2225411, 2506218 (fax) Email: contactbstdc@gmail.com

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Govt. of Bihar

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT,
PATNA WEST BUILDING DIVISION, DANAPUR, PATNA.
Notice of Inviting E-Tender - 09/2023-24
Website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in

Online e-tender on Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) basis in two bid system (Technical and Financial bid) is invited from Contractor Registered with Central Government / State Government / Public Sector unit Undertakings of specified Category or an Agency of National repute for the following work.

1. Designation and Address of Advertiser : Executive Engineer, Patna West Building Division, Danapur, Patna.
2. Date of Inviting tender : 06.02.2024
3. Last date and time of sale (download) of BOQ : From 21.02.2024 to 12.03.2024 15:00 Hours.
4. Last date and time of submission (upload) of tender : upto 12.03.2024 15:00 Hours
5. Place of sale of tender document : Only on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
6. Date, time & Place of Pre-Bid meeting : 29.02.2024 15:00 Hours at SE (Patna Building Circle), Office, BCD ,Patna 01.03.2024 15:00 Hours at CE(Patna), BCD,Patna Vishweshwaraiah Bhawan, Patna.
7. (a) Date & Time of opening of tender (Technical Bid) : 14.03.2024 15:00 Hours.
   (b) Date & Time of opening of Financial Bid : After decision of Technical bid.
8. Period of Bid Validity : 120 days
9. Post of tender sanction officer : Competent Authority

Details of work

S. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Cost of Tender Paper online (In Rs.)	Bid processing Fee (Non-Refundable) (Rs.)	Time of Completion of work
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Construction of Proposed various sports facility beside sports com Gymnasium building at Rajvansi Nagar, Patna for the year 2023-24.	14,91,90,000.00	24,92,000.00	10,000.00	As per website	12 Months

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

PR. No. 016965 (BCD) 2023-24

Executive Engineer
Patna West Building Division,
Danapur, Patna.

नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

Bihar Museum, Patna
(An Autonomous Society under the Department of Art, Culture & Youth, Government of Bihar)
Nehru Path, Patna-800001
Notice Inviting Tender

Tenders in two bid system **(Technical and Price bid)** are invited from experienced firms/ Any Contractor Registered with Central Government / Any State Government / Any Public Sector unit/ Undertakings or an Agency of National or International repute for the work of **Comprehensive Facility Management, Maintenance and Operation contract (for 5 years) of Patna Museum, Buddha Marg, Patna.**

1. Detailed information of the Tender Document can be downloaded from the website http://biharmuseum.org **or** http://prdbihar.gov.in. The bidders shall submit bids in two separate envelopes clearly marked Technical Bid and Financial Bid with the name and address of bidders and the name of works clearly mentioned on the envelopes. Both the bids to be enclosed in a large envelop with name and address of bidders and the name of works clearly mentioned. Tender Document complete in all respects in a sealed envelope is to be submitted by Speed Post/Registered Post/Courier or by hand only at the Office of the Director General, Bihar Museum, Nehru Path (Bailey Road), Patna - 800001. The tenders received late/tenders without Processing Fee/Bid Security Fee/Conditional tenders/Incomplete Tenders in any respect shall be rejected. The Director General, Bihar Museum, Patna reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

2. Important Dates for the selection process:

3. Date of Inviting the Tender - 08.02.2024
4. Date of Pre-Bid Meeting - 15.02.2024 at 03:00 pm
5. Last Date of Submission of Pre-Bid Queries - 20.02.2024
6. Last date for submission of Tender - 05.03.2024 up to 3:00 pm
7. Date of opening Technical Bid - 05.03.2024 at 3:30 pm
8. Date of opening Financial Bid - Will be informed.
9. Details of Work

10. Details of Work

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs)	Cost of BOQ (In Rs)	Time of completion of work
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Comprehensive Facility Management, Maintenance and Operation contract (for 5 years) of Patna Museum , Buddha Marg, Patna.	As Quoted by Bidder (inclusive of all taxes) for One year (1st year).	5,00,000.00	10000.00	05 years (will be renewed every year after Satisfactory Performance

Security deposit: - 10% of final contract value.

11. The Bihar Museum society has right to extend or cancel the Bids without declaring any reason.
12. Other information can be obtained and downloaded from the website http://**biharmuseum.org or** http://state.bihar.gov.**in/prdbihar or https://state.bihar.gov.in/yac**

(Ranbeer Singh Rajput)
Additional Director-Admin
Bihar Museum

PR- 016911 (Art & Culture) 2023-24

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DIRECTORATE OF TOURISM
1st Floor, 1st Floor, B Block, Extension Bhawan,
Main Secretariat, Patna 800015
Phone –0612-2217045; E-mail – directortourismbihar@gmail.com
Govt. of Bihar

Notice Inviting Tender

Request for Proposal document ("RFP") Selection of Creative Agency for Bihar Tourism,

Authority Name	Tourism Directorate, Department of Tourism, Government of Bihar
Name of Assignment	Selection of Creative Agency for Bihar Tourism
Bid Document Fee	Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) Non-refundable, payable vide Bank Demand Draft with the Bid.
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs only) – Refundable, payable vide Bank Demand Draft with the Bid.
Bid Document Fee/EMD in favour of	Director, Tourism, payable at Patna
Portal for Downloading Tender	https://tourism.bihar.gov.in
Last Date & Time for receipt of queries for Pre- bid Meeting	14/02/2024; 05:00 PM
Date & Place of Pre-Bid Meeting	15/02/2024; 03:00 PM Directorate of Tourism, 1st Floor, B Block, Extension Bhawan, Main Secretariat, Patna -800015
Last Date & Time for Receipt (Submission) of Bids	27/02/2024; 3:00 PM
Date and Time of Opening Technical Bid	27/02/2024; 4:00 PM
Project Period	1 year
Submission of Bids	Directorate of Tourism, 1st Floor, B Block, Extension Bhawan, Main Secretariat, Patna -800015
Phone	0612-2217045
Officer Inviting Bids	Director, Directorate of Tourism, 1st Floor, B Block, Extension Bhawan, Main Secretariat, Patna -800015

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

Director,
Tourism Directorate

PR. No. 016878 (Tourism) 2023-24

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Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation
(A Government of Bihar undertaking)
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
For
Request for Proposal (RFP) for
Selection of Agencies for Operation and Maintenance of Water Sports Activities in Bihar

NIT. No:-326/23/TT/289/24 **(Through e-procurement mode only – www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)**

1. Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation Limited Invites Bids from reputed, experienced, and competent Agencies for operation and maintenance of water sports activities at eight identified locations in Bihar. Please refer to the RFP for details.
2. Theselection shall be for an initial period of threeyears and may be extended annually on mutual assent

SL No	Name of properties	Bid processing Fees	Bid Document Cost	Bid (EMD)
1	Request for Proposal (RFP) forSelection of Agencies for Operation and Maintenance of Water Sports Activities in Bihar: 1. Manikaman,Musahari, Muzaffarpur. 2. Re-Tender for Saura River, Purnia.	590.00	5,000.00	25,000.00

3. Place & Date of Pre-bid meeting : Date -22.02.2024 Time 11.30 AM. BSTDC office, Sikh HeritageBhawan, Daroga Rai Path, Patna-800001
4. Date of downloading of bid document : From – 19.02.2024 to 28.02.2024 up to 02.00 PM Through website: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
5. Last date and time for receipt of bids on eproc2 : Date–29.02.2024 Time 3.00 PM.
6. Time and Date of opening of technical bids : Date– 29.02.2024 Time 4.00 PM. Through website: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
7. Time and Date of financial bids : To be Communicated later on
8. Place of opening of Bid : Through website: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
9. Period of bids validity : 180 days
10. Officer inviting bids : General Manager, BSTDC
11. For participating in E–tendering process, the contractor shall have to get themselves registered to get user ID, Password and Digital signature. This will enable them to access the website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in and download/ participate in E – tender. All tender queries related to this tender shall be communicated at contactbstdc@gmail.com
12. For any information Sri Suman Kumar, Mobile No. 9431813305/ 8544418314 can be contacted.
13. Further details of works can be obtained from the office of General Manager. For clarification, regarding the E –tendering process, please contact e-Proc2.0, Helpdesk, mjunction services limited RJ Complex, 2nd Floor, Canara Bank Campus, Khajpura, Ashiana Road, P.S. - Shastri Nagar, Patna 800 014, Bihar, Toll Free Number: 1800 572 6571, Email Id: eproc2support@bihar.gov.in

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

General Manager
BSTDC

PR- 017003 (B & C) 2023-24

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Govt. of Bihar
Bihar Museum Society, Patna
(An Autonomous Organization Under the Department of Art, Culture and Youth, Government of Bihar, Registered Under Societies Registration Act, 21, 1860)
Advertisement for Appointment of IT-Manager Technician

Bihar Museum Society, Patna, An Autonomous Organization Under the Department of Art, Culture and Youth, Government of Bihar, Invites Application for appointment on different posts in Bihar Museum, Patna. The Lists of posts and details pertaining to them are as Follows.

S.N.	Name of the Post	No. of Post	Pay Scale (INR) as per 7th Pay commission	Category of Post	Maximum Age
1.	IT – Manager Technician	1	Pay Level- 6	UR	Age: Maximum 37 years (relaxation as per Govt. rules)

Note: - Age may be relaxed by the Bihar Museum Society on the recommendation of the Selection Committee in the case of suitable candidates.

Conditions for Application: -

1. Application should strictly be in the prescribed format with self-attested copies of necessary mark sheet, certificates, testimonials to establish your qualification and experience. In complete application or applications not accompanied with necessary documents shall be summarily rejected.
2. Non-refundable Application fee is Rs. 500/- for applicants under General category/BC/EBC and Rs. 250/- for SC/ ST candidates of Bihar. Application fee is to be paid through Demand Draft in favor of Bihar Museum Society payable at Patna.
3. For the purpose of calculation of Experience and Age, the reference date will be 31.12.2023
4. Age relaxation will be as per government norms.
5. Reservation benefits will be available only to applicants who are domicile of Bihar.
6. The present vacancy numbers and the category break up are indicative only and can be changed without any notice.
7. Candidates working Government/Semi Government organization should send their application through proper channel along-with recommendation by the employer/Head of the office. Candidates working in Government/Semi Government organization may send the advance copy of the application.
8. Only shortlisted candidates will be called for the next phase of selection process. All original educational/ experience/ other certificates must be carried at the time of interview.
9. No TA/DA will be given for attending the interview/written test for any position.
10. Canvassing in any form and/or bringing in any influence political or otherwise will be treated as disqualification for the post. Interim enquiries will not be entertained.
11. Mere Possession of requisite qualification and experience shall not entitle the candidate to be called for the test and interview. Decision of the Bihar Museum Society in this regard shall be final.
12. Detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) and application process for each position, please visit our website **https://state.bihar.gov.in/yacor https://state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar** or http://biharmuseum.org
13. Applications along-with application fee and self-attested copies of all certificates and testimonials must reach on the address given below on or before25th February 2024. Application received without application fee will be summarily rejected. The onus for delay due to postal transit would lie on the candidate, not on the department/society.

To,
The Director General,
Bihar Museums Society, Nehru Path, Patna – 800 001

(Ranbeer Singh Rajput)
Additional Director Admin (I/C)
Bihar Museum, Patna

PR- 16984 (Art & Culture) 2023-24

नशे से बनानी दूरी है, क्योंकि परिवार जरूरी है

GREATER VISAKHAPATNAM MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Tender Notice No: 01/2023-24/CE/SE(WS)/EE-III(WS)/DB-III Dt: 06.02.2024
Number of Works : 01, Value of Works : Rs.450.41 Lakhs
Downloading Starting Date: 08.02.2024
Closing Date : 22.02.2024
Further details at http://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in
O/o the EE-III(WS) Cell No.: 8187897599. For Commissioner

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भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
रेल मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(रेलवे बोर्ड) RAILWAY BOARD

No.2023/RS(E)/TMS/7 New Delhi, Dated 07/02/2024

CORRIGENDUM No.3

Sub: E-Open Indigenous Tender No.2023-TMS-7 for procurement of Mechanical Spares for IR Track Machines.

1. The due date of opening of the subject tender has been postponed from 09.02.2024 (Friday) to 20.02.2024 (Tuesday).
2. Some of the terms and conditions of the subject tender have been modified. The prospective Bidders are requested to visit website- **https://ireps.gov.in** for more details.
3. All other terms and conditions of tender shall remain the same

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E-Tender Notice

1. Tender No: ORB/SE-HQ/FF&SD/OTPS/6000004268_00 online e-Bids are invited for the **"Biennial hiring of 05 set of computers with printer & accessories of CISF, OTPS, Obra".** E-tender has been uploaded on **07.02.2024** on http://etender.up.nic.in Estimated cost of work approximately **Rs. 2,16,000.00** only, E.M.D. **4,500.00,** Tender Cost **590.00.** Last date of submission **13.02.2024 up to 18.00 Hrs., SE (HQ), Obra**

2. Tender No: T-03/E&MCC-VI/CHCD-I/CTPS/2023-24 online e-Bids are invited for the **"Round the clock operation and routine checking of loco/bulldozer/payloader for incoming coal rack and other plant works".** Short term E-tender has been uploaded on **08.02.2024** on http://etender.up.nic.in Estimated cost of work approximately **Rs. 15,44,040.00** only, E.M.D. **31,000.00,** Tender Cost **1180.00.** Last date of submission **16.02.2024 up to 18.00 Hrs., SE-VI, Obra "C"**

Total Quality of work, tender specification and other terms & condition is as per tender document available on the e-tender portal. Concerned superintending engineer has right to cancel any or all e-Bids without assigning any reason. Corrigendum, addendum, Extension if any shell be uploaded only on the above website. Bidders are advised to visit the website regularly for updated information from time to time.

पत्रांक : 05/ज0 स0 का0/निविदा दिनांक 08.02.2024

"Save Electricity in interest of Nation"

GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EXCISE, ENTT. & LUXURY TAX L & N BLOCK, VIKAS BHAWAN, I.P. ESTATE, NEW DELHI-110002

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

Sd/-
(KRISHNA MOHAN UPPU)
COMMISSIONER (EXCISE)
DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0332/23-24

POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF UTTARAKHAND LTD.

(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Enterprise)
Office of Chief Engineer (O&M), Kumaon Zone, 220KV S/s, Campus, Kamaluaganja, Haldwani-263139
Corporate ID U40101UR2004SGC028675 Phone No. 7088117917

E-TENDER NOTICE

Power Transmission Corporation of Uttarakhand Limited invites E-Tender of following work and the last date of submission of e-bid (Online/Offline) is **28/02/2024 upto 17:00 Hrs.**

1. Supply and erection of 420KV Capacitive Voltage Transformer, 420KV Current Transformer, 245KV Current Transformer & 145KV Current Transformer at 400KV S/s, Kashipur against **E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/22/2023-24, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_69184_1).**

2. Supply and installation of various tower accessories and replacement of punctured disc insulator string by anti pollution free polymer disc insulator strings at various towers at 132KV Kashipur-Ramnagar (D/C) and 132KV Kalagarh-Ramnagar (S/C) line connected to 132KV S/s, Ramnagar against **E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/23/2023-24, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_69187_1).**

3. Procurement of CT/CVT/Circuit Breaker/Control Cable and replacement of 36KV Circuit Breaker and 145KV CVT at 132KV S/s, Bazpur and 132KV S/s, Ramnagar against **E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/24/2023-24, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_69190_1).**

4. Supply and installation of new 110 Volt battery set with charger and DCDB at 132KV S/s, Kashipur against **E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/25/2023-24, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_69195_1).**

5. New revetment wall at tower No. 100 of 132KV Kalagarh-Ramnagar line connected to 132KV Substation, Ramnagar against **E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/26/2023-24, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_69196_1).**

6. New turfing at 80 MVA HV side bay and capacitor bank at 132KV S/s, Bazpur against **E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/27/2023-24, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_69197_1).**

7. Turfing of Bay No. 204 and 212 of 220KV switchyard at 400KV Substation, Kashipur against **E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/28/2023-24, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_69199_1).**

8. Renovation and up gradation of more than 35 years old bays at 132KV Substation, Kashipur against **E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/29/2023-24, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_69202_1).**

9. Annual hot spot scanning of 400KV Kashipur-Moradabad line and 400KV Kashipur-Nehtaur line at 400KV S/s, Kashipur against **E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/30/2023-24, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_69203_1).**

10. Annual hot spot scanning of 132KV lines connected to different substations under O&M Division, PTCUL, Kashipur against **E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/31/2023-24, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_69207_1).**

For more details please visit E-Tender Website www.uktenders.gov.in and E-Tender information is available at PTCUL Website www.ptcul.org. For any assistance on E-Tendering, please contact +91-8899890000.

Letter No.: 302/CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/E-Tender
Date : 08.02.2024

Chief Engineer (O&M)
Kumaon Zone, PTCUL, Haldwani

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male namely **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown found dead on 07.02.2024 from Hari Nagar, Ghanta Ghar Jail Road, Delhi.** In this regard **DD No. 64 A dated 07.02.2024,** has been lodged at Police Station, Hari Nagar, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

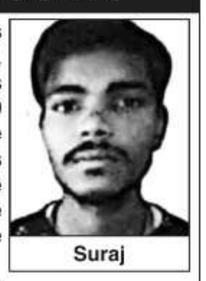
Name: Unknown, Age: 45 Years, Height: Unknown, Complexion: Unknown, Wearing: Unknown.

If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO
Police Station, Hari Nagar, Delhi
Ph.: 011-28255719, 8750871128

DP/1590/WD/2024

SEARCH FOR MISSING



Suraj

General public is hereby informed that this man namely **Suraj**, S/o Raju, R/o A-102, New Goutam Colony, Narela, Delhi, is missing since 17.01.2024 at about 10:00 AM from his house. In this regard a case vide **DD No. 52A, dated 18.01.2024,** has been lodged at **P.S. Narela, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing man but no clue has come to light so far.

The description of the missing man is as under:

Gender: Male, **Age**: 25 years, **Height**: 5'5", **Complexion**: Sallow, **Face**: Long, **Built**: Thin, **Wearing**: Blue jacket, black lower, red shoes in feet.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing man, kindly inform to the following:

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax : 011-24368639
DP/1521/ON/2024

SHO
P.S. Narela, Delhi
Ph. No.: 7065036323
E-mail: sho-narela-dl@nic.in

GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, KHARUNG WATER RESOURCES DIVISION, BILASPUR DISTT. BILASPUR (C.G.)

CORRIGENDEM No.1

The following corrigendum has been issued to Notice Inviting Tender No. **11/SAC/ 2023-24, Dated 17.01.2024 System Tender No. 151715 , CONSTRUCTION OF KUKURDI (AMALDIHA) ANICUT ON SHIVNATH RIVAR**

S. No.	Item	Previous issue	Amendment
1.	**Bid Start Date and time:** (The date and time from which bidders start preparation) Submission of their bid response, before this bidder's action will not be allowed)	Date 24/01/24 (Time 17:31)	Date 24/01/24 (Time 17:31)
2.	**Bid Due date & time** (The last date & time for submission of bid response, after which no bids can be submitted.)	Date 07/02/24 (Time 17:30)	Date 14/02/24 (Time 17:30)
3.	**Bid Open, Start date & time** (The date of opening of Envelope-A & B online)	Date 08/02/24 (Time 11:30)	Date 15/02/24 (Time 11:30)

All other terms and conditions of NIT are remain unchanged.

Advert. No. 07190 dt. 18.01.2024

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Kharung Water Resources Division
Bilaspur (C.G.)

G-07602/8

कार्यालय मुख्य अभियंता, लो.नि.वि., राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग परिक्षेत्र, रायपुर (छ.ग.)

दिनांक 06.02.2024

एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली अंतर्गत सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से निम्नलिखित निर्माण कार्य हेतु ऑनलाईन (Online) निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है :-

क्र.	नि.आ.सू क्र. दिनांक	सिस्टम आईडी क्र.	कार्य का नाम	कार्य की अनुमानित लागत
1.	67/CE/ NH/TC/ 44-18/2024	2024_ MoRTH_ 794016_1	Strengthening (Improvement) of Existing Road of Sarangarh Bypassed section Including Culverts From Km.43.584 to 57.260 = 13.676 Km. on NH-216 (New NH -153) on EPC Mode in the State of Chhattisgarh	Rs. 34.56 Crore (i/c GST)

निविदा डाउनलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 22.03.2024 सुबह 11.00 बजे तक है।

2. उपरोक्त निर्माण कार्यों की निविदा की सामान्य शर्तें, धरोहर राशि, विस्तृत निविदा विज्ञप्ति, निविदा दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी सड़क परिवहन एवं राजमार्ग मंत्रालय (MORT&H's) के ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट वेब पोर्टल https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app से डाऊनलोड की जा सकती है।

Sd/-
मुख्य अभियंता
लो.नि.वि.राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग परिक्षेत्र,
रायपुर (छ.ग.)

G-07601/7

UJVN Limited

H.O. : "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephone: 0135-2763808, Fax No.: 0135-2763508
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvnl.com

R.O. No. 187 **Tender Notice** *Dated 06.02.2024*

Office of the Executive Engineer (Maintenance), Vyasi Project, Hathiyari, invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below :

NIT No. : 21/EE(M)/VP/2023-24 & 22/EE(M)/VP/2023-24

Name of work : **1.** SITC of LED lights on Draft tube gate hoist, TRC gate hoist and surge shaft gate hoist and HRT Adit Gate of Vyasi HEP at Hathiyari.

2. Hiring of 1 No. 05 Seater light utility vehicle along with driver for one year period for Vyasi Dam Juddo.

Estimated Cost : 1. Rs.7,41,376/- (GST Extra), 2. Rs. 4,19,395/- (GST Exra).

Date of Availability of Bid document on website : 07-02-2024 From 11:00 hrs.

Last date for Submission of Bid : 27-02-2024 Upto 15:30 hrs.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website www.ujvnl.com

Executive Engineer (Maint.)

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कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता सिंचाई कार्य मण्डल श्रीनगर (गढ़वाल)

ई-निविदा सूचना

ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या-07/अधी.अभि./2023-24 दिनांक 08.02.2024

महामहिम राज्यपाल, उत्तराखण्ड की ओर से अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, सिंचाई कार्य मण्डल, श्रीनगर (गढ़वाल) द्वारा निम्न कार्य के निर्माण हेतु मद आधारित दरों पर टू-बिड प्रणाली के माध्यम से ऑनलाईन निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती है। उक्त निविदा हेतु वही ठेकेदार मान्य होंगे जो केन्द्र सरकार/राज्य सरकार या केन्द्रशासित **प्रदेशों में कार्य की लागत की समकक्ष श्रेणी** में पंजीकृत होंगे।

क्र. सं.	कार्य का नाम	धरोहर धनराशि लाख रु0 में	निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य (रु0)	निविदा की वैधता अवधि	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	निविदा आमंत्रण की संख्या
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	जनपद पौड़ी गढ़वाल के विकासखण्ड द्वारीखाल में पूर्वी नयार नदी पर सतपुली बैराज का निर्माण कार्य।	74.30	5000.00 + 900.00 (18%GST)	120 दिवस	36 माह	द्वितीय बार

नोट:- निविदा प्रशासनिक एवं वित्तीय स्वीकृति की प्रत्याशा में आमंत्रित की जा रही है। प्रशासनिक एवं वित्तीय स्वीकृति न होने की दशा में निविदा निरस्त कर दी जायेगी।

निविदाओं से सम्बन्धित पूर्ण जानकारी हेतु उत्तराखण्ड सरकार की वेबसाईट **www.uktenders.gov.in** पर लॉगऑन करें।

(मनोज कुमार सिंह)
अधीक्षण अभियन्ता

UTTAR PRADESH
THE GROWTH MANTRA

Bundelkhand Mohotsav at Lalitpur as hot air balloon rides

Maharishi Valmiki International Airport, Ayodhya

COMPANIES SHOW CONFIDENCE IN UTTAR PRADESH ECONOMY

STATE REMAINS ATTRACTIVE DESTINATION TO INVEST

Madhvi Sally

Uttar Pradesh has rapidly emerged as a hotbed for investment, attracting investors from various industries such as information technology, food processing, electronics manufacturing, tourism, renewable energy and textiles. The state's strategic location and conducive business environment have made it a top choice for investors looking to expand operations.

In recent years, Uttar Pradesh has significantly improved its infrastructure, further bolstering its attractiveness as an investment destination. With well-developed roads, rail, waterway and air connectivity, the state provides easy access to major markets nationwide.

Moreover, the state government's proactive approach towards creating an investor-friendly ecosystem has been crucial in attracting investors. The government has introduced several initiatives to ease the process of setting up businesses, such as single-window clearances and online platforms for obtaining licenses and permits.

All these factors have contributed to a surge in investment figures like never before, putting Uttar Pradesh firmly on not only the Indian but also the global map as a promising investment destination. With its unparalleled opportunities for growth and development, the state has played a crucial role in shaping the vision of a new India. It has implemented over 28+ sector-specific policies designed to attract investment across every industry. Policymakers have facilitated the balanced development of India's fourth largest state, which is equivalent in size to the United Kingdom, by attracting a diverse range of industries in different parts of the state.

Achiever
State in Ease of Doing Business

Uttar Pradesh, a landlocked state, has been able to harness its resources effectively, making it the second-largest economy in the country. This state contributes nearly 9.2 percent to the national GDP. With one-fifth of India's consumer base - a population of 24 crore - Uttar Pradesh has emerged as the second-largest economy in the country. Growing manufacturing base in the state has ensured that the small and medium scale industries grow in tandem with the big-ticket investments.

Notably, the state has been categorised as 'achiever' in the 'Ease of Doing Business' rankings.

Uttar Pradesh's first data centre park in Greater Noida

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The government's proactive initiatives and investment-friendly policies have created a favourable investment climate, positioning the state as an emerging leader in India's investment landscape.

Under the State Government, Invest UP offers a range of investment promotion and facilitation services, including assistance with investment intent filing, CSR assistance, Gold Card Scheme. The organisation ensures single-window clearance via the Nivesh Mitra Portal and provides complete assistance to the business community. With a focus on offering a high-quality investment climate that meets the needs of businesses across various sectors, Uttar Pradesh is poised to continue attracting significant investment in the future.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

In recent times, the Noida-Greater Noida Expressway has emerged as a promising tech hub, providing stiff competition to traditional IT hotspots like Gurgaon, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and Pune. These cities have been grappling with problems like overburdened infrastructure and soaring costs, leading many IT giants and technology-focused companies to seek investments around the Noida-Greater Noida Expressway.

With the upcoming Noida International Airport, India's tech-driven future will witness a significant transformation thanks to the excellent infrastructure, accessibility, and growth opportunities that it will offer. The state has received substantial investments from top-tier companies like Infosys, HCL, Tata Consultancy Services, IBM, Microsoft, Tech Mahindra, and others. More than 6 STPI IT parks and 20+ SEZ IT&ITeS have already been established, with plans underway to establish 10 Smart Cities. Following its progressive IT/ITeS Policy 2017-22, Uttar Pradesh has attracted investment proposals worth Rs 6,300 crores, creating over 53,000 jobs. The state consistently focuses on developing infrastructure, human capital development, and effective policy implementation to create a conducive environment for the IT-BPM industry. Another key factor contributing to the state's growth is the allowance of 100% FDI through the automatic route for data processing, software development, market research services, and more.

AGRO AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY

Uttar Pradesh has become a hub for India's agro and food processing industry. Some of the top companies, such as ITC Limited, Parle Agro, Godrej Agrovet, Dabur, Amul, and Pepsico, have invested in this sector, recognising the state's potential. The state boasts of being the largest producer of food grains, sugarcane, potato, peas, and guava, making it a significant contributor to the nation's food industry. It is also the country's largest milk producer, further highlighting the state's role in the dairy industry. The state's food processing industry is not limited to just production but also extends to exports. It is India's largest exporter of processed frozen meat, making it a major player in the international market. The Blue Revolution Scheme has further boosted the state's potential by increasing its water spread area for fish culture by 30 percent. With 15 agro and food processing parks and four agricultural export zones, the state has created an environment that attracts investment in the sector. There are over 250 regulated markets, 1909 cold chains, and 576 farmer's producer's organisations (FPOs) with approximately 2.15 lakh farmers, providing a solid foundation for the sector. The Uttar Pradesh government aims to establish 1,000 FPOs, further strengthening the state's position as a hub for the agro and food processing industry.

ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURING HUB

Uttar Pradesh is currently the largest exporter of consumer electronics in the country, with over 196 electronics system design and manufacturing (ESDM) companies operating there. Among the major electronics companies that have established their base in India are LG Electronics, Samsung India Electronics, Vivo, Haier, Holitech India, and OPPO. As a result, the state also produces 40 percent of the mobile handsets manufactured in the country, while 60 percent of India's total mobile component manufacturing units operate here.

To further encourage the growth of this industry, various electronic manufacturing clusters have been established in different parts of the state, including Noida, Greater Noida, Sahibabad, Lucknow, Kanpur, and Allahabad. Noida, in particular, is fast becoming India's foremost electronics export hub.

To support the industry's growth, the state government plans to create a Rs 10,000 crore fund over five years to invest in deep research, intellectual property generation, and building a specialised workforce with focused centers of excellence, grants, R&D laboratories, and manufacturing facilities. The state is also blessed with ample skilled labour available at competitive costs, premier institutes such as IIT Prayagraj, IIT Kanpur and IIT BHU, and key policy support in interest subsidy, capital subsidy, land rebate, and ESDM park incentives.

BOOMING TOURISM SECTOR

Uttar Pradesh has received investment proposals worth an impressive Rs 40 lakh crore in the Global Investors Summit-2023, with the hospitality and tourism sector securing investments worth Rs. 35,000 crore. The state's new tourism policy is aimed to increase domestic visitor inflow by 15 percent and foreign tourists by 10 percent, generating income avenues by developing new tourist circuits and infrastructure using a PPP model. The policy is expected to garner an annual investment of Rs 5,000 crore and generate employment for almost five lakh people in the next five years. In 2022, the state witnessed a staggering 190% increase in tourism, with 31.85 crore visitors, and by June 2023, it had already welcomed a whopping 14.58 crore tourists. Uttar Pradesh has allotted an impressive Rs. 2,500 crore in the 2023-24 budget to promote Kumbh and spiritual tourism and is planning to initiate and complete several projects, including hotels, resorts, wellness hubs, ecotourism, entertainment zones, and theme parks. With more than Rs 465 crore infrastructure projects being approved in Ayodhya, the region is expected to be a significant attraction. The tourism department envisions a three-fold increase in footfall over the next decade, with over 6.8 crore people expected to visit Ayodhya by 2030. Additionally, implementing the Civil Aviation Promotion Policy is expected to bolster the tourism industry by establishing Noida and Kushinagar International airports.

TEXTILES AND HANDLOOM

Several companies worldwide have signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) to invest in Uttar Pradesh's textile and handloom sector. Uttar Pradesh is known for its rich textile production heritage and is India's third-highest fabric-producing state. It produces over 13 percent of the national production, making it an essential contributor to the industry. The state is home to several regions known for their textile production, such as Varanasi, famous for its Banarasi silk sarees, and Lucknow, known for its Chikankari embroidery. Other areas like Mau and Bhadohi are also known for their textile production, with Mau being a significant center for textile printing and Bhadohi being known for its carpet weaving. The region produces approximately 47 percent of India's handloom woven carpets, rugs, and mats. Uttar Pradesh is the largest market for textiles and handlooms, with a consumer base of over 240 million people, providing vast opportunities for spinning, weaving, apparel designing, and manufacturing. To boost the textile industry further, the Uttar Pradesh government has announced several initiatives. It will provide a 25 percent subsidy on land purchase and up to 100 percent exemption on stamp duty for setting up textile units in the state. These incentives aim to attract a Rs 10,000 crore investment for the textile sector and turn the state into a global textile hub.

The government also plans to set up 'PM Mitra Mega Textile Park' worth Rs 1,200 crores to be built on 1,000 acres between Lucknow-Hardoi. This project is expected to create three lakh employment opportunities, making it a significant boost for the economy.

ROBUST INVESTMENT CLIMATE

Uttar Pradesh has established itself as a highly attractive investment destination competing with Maharashtra and Gujarat

Rs 40 lakh crore
With 28+ sector-specific policies, the state government has attracted 27,262 investment proposals worth more than Rs 34+ lakh crore on the Nivesh Sarathi portal.

Rs 4.12 lakh crore
Between 2017 and 2022 it attracted around Rs 4.12 lakh crore from diverse sources.

9.2%
UP currently boasts to be the second-largest economy in the country, contributing almost 9.2% to the national GDP.

Several prominent international investors, including Samsung, Pepsico, Uber, DP World, Sify, Lulu Group, Haier, and others have expanded their business plans in Uttar Pradesh

IT/ITEs, agro and food processing, electronics manufacturing, textile and tourism are the key sectors for investment.

Recognised as an 'Achiever' among the Landlocked states by DPIIT in Logistics Ease (LEADS 2023).

Source : Niveshmitra , Invest UP

> UP has the potential to become a major electronics manufacturing destination. The state's strategic initiatives and conducive policies have significantly propelled the sector, attracted investments, and fostered a thriving ecosystem. UP is also working on a dedicated policy for the semiconductor and display manufacturing sector, which will help the state to take a lead in semiconductor manufacturing
>
> **Pankaj Mohindroo**
> Chairman, India Cellular & Electronics Association (ICEA)

> Govt's announcement to provide industry status to tourism sector is a very encouraging initiative. To harness the true potential of the sector, Govt must focus on professional development of lesser-known destinations in the state. The Buddhist, Ramayana and pilgrimage circuits need investments to provide better connectivity by road, rail and civil aviation; besides better accommodation infrastructure
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> **M.P.Bezbaruah**
> Secretary General Hotel Association of India

> The multi-billion infrastructure investment in Uttar Pradesh would lead to a transformational impact in the state; its GDP would see a multiplier impact in years to come. Sectors like tourism, education, retail and manufacturing are set to witness a major uptick. Additionally, with several iconic cities getting an uplift with massive urban infrastructure, inflow of investment will be visible in all related sectors
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> **Deepak Sood**
> Secretary General, ASSOCHAM

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Last date of submission of Proposal 29.02.2024 on or before 03.00 P.M. (IST) Date of opening of Technical Bids 01.03.2024 at 03.30 P.M. (IST)
For project background, Broad role of contractor, Eligibility Criteria, Selection Process and any other detailed information please refer NIT & RFP documents uploaded on website https://etenders.gov.in .

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

Arrest warrant against Salman Khurshid's wife

Bareilly: An MP-MLA court has issued arrest warrant against Louise Khurshid, wife of former EAM Salman Khurshid in a case involving alleged misuse of govt funds. Additional chief judicial magistrate Shambhavi issued an arrest warrant against two persons including Louise Khurshid in this regard and fixed Feb 16 as the next date of hearing.

The govt got the matter investigated after receiving allegations of discrepancies. PTI

Khanwilkar, retired SC judge, to be next Lokpal

New Delhi: Retired Supreme Court judge A M Khanwilkar is set to be the next Lokpal of the country, after his name was cleared at the meeting of the collegium on Wednesday. The high-powered panel comprising PM Narendra Modi, CJI D Y Chandrachud and Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury met on Wednesday night to discuss the names for Lokpal and also a vigilance commissioner.

Cong's Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury didn't oppose the candidature, but sources said the name was proposed to him very late

Chowdhury did not oppose the candidature of Khanwilkar. Sources said the name was proposed to him very late.

Another collegium comprising the PM, home minister Amit Shah and Chowdhury discussed the names for vigilance commissioner. While the govt proposed three names of which A S Rajeev, MD of Bank of Maharashtra, was picked, Chowdhury had suggested Atanu Das, former MD of Bank of India, for the post. The Congress leader may submit a dissent note. TNN

CAA to 370: BJD has backed NDA's most contentious moves

Bond Goes Back To Modi's CM Days: Pandian

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ROCK SOLID? Modi & Patnaik at an event in Odisha last week

After Modi took over as PM in 2014, Centre-state relationship improved tremendously, V K Pandian, a 2000-batch IAS officer who took voluntary retirement last year to join BJD, said Thursday.

The remarks by Pandian, perceived to be the most powerful face in Odisha's governing party after Naveen, come ahead of Lok Sabha and assembly elections, and coincide with BJP-led NDA's expansion effort and several opposition-governed states demanding their "rightful share" of central resources as part of fiscal federalism.

Speculation about an understanding between BJP and BJD has invited barbs from Congress MP Rahul Gandhi, who, during his Bharat Jodi Nyay Yatra in Odisha on Wednesday, accused both of running "a partnership govt" in Odisha.

Naveen had warmly reciprocated Modi's praise during the inauguration of IIM-Sambalpur's permanent campus last week, lauding him for making India an economic powerhouse.

Although BJP is Odisha's principal opposition party, Modi has never been critical of Naveen during his second term. In 2022, he praised Naveen in Rajya Sabha for being at the forefront of reforms and excellent implementation of central schemes in keeping with the spirit of cooperative federalism.

Naveen, who ran a coalition govt with the BJP in Odisha from 2000 to 2009 and was a Union minister in the erstwhile Atal Bihari Vajpayee govt, has supported Modi's govt on most contentious issues — from CAA to abrogation of J&K's special status.

Pandian said Modi and Naveen's friendship dates back to the days when the former was Gujarat CM.

Will spare none: C'garh dy CM on Mahadev scandal

Raipur: Mahadev Book scam reverberated in Chhattisgarh assembly on Thursday, with BJP legislator Rajesh Munat alleging that efforts were made to shield many officials involved. Deputy CM Vijay Sharma assured the House that a thorough probe will be conducted, "Those guilty will face action." TNN

Probe copter ride over national park, TN tells DGCA

Chennai: Over a fortnight after an unauthorised helicopter flew in prohibited air space over Mukurthi National Park, Tamil Nadu's forest department has requested the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to probe the unauthorised intrusion, reports **Ram Sundaram**.

On Dec 27, 2023, Venu Srinivasan, chairman emeritus of TVS Motors, and his wife Mallika Srinivasan, chairman and MD of TAFE, travelled in a private helicopter from Coimbatore to the Nilgiris. They visited their estates in Korakundah and Chamraj. Two days later, the state forest department received a video showing a helicopter moving over Mudumalai Tiger Reserve and Mukurthi National Park, with date and time stamps.

Bengal tiger found dead in Similipal: A Royal Bengal tiger, aged about three-and-a-half years, was found dead at Duduruchampa under Nawna range of Similipal tiger reserve in Odisha's Mayurbhanj, reports **Sandip Mishra.** The tiger reserve personnel and a team from NTCA conducted an autopsy of the carcass on Feb 6 to ascertain the cause of death.

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ई-निविदा सूचना

अनुभवी निर्माता/कार्यकर्ता फर्मों से निम्नलिखित ई-निविदा दो भागों में निर्धारित तिथि को 16:00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती है जो अगले दिन 12:00 बजे खोली जायेंगी। विस्तृत विवरण समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशन के उपरान्त ई-टेण्डर की वेबसाईट **www.etender.up.nic.in** पर उपलब्ध रहेगा तथा अन्य किसी भी प्रकार के संशोधन/तिथि विस्तार हेतु निविदा खुलने की तिथि तक लॉग ऑन करें। किसी भी निविदा को बिना कारण बताये निरस्त/अस्वीकार करने का अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षरी के पास सुरक्षित रहेगा:- ईटीसी-45/2023-24 :- अल्पकालीन:- विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, द्वितीय अलीगढ़ के अन्तर्गत फेस प्लेट की, आपूर्ति। ईटीसी-46/2023-24 :- अल्पकालीन:- विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, द्वितीय अलीगढ़ के अन्तर्गत डेन्जर प्लेट की, आपूर्ति। ईटीसी-47/2023-24 :- अल्पकालीन:- विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, द्वितीय अलीगढ़ के अन्तर्गत वर्ड गार्ड की, आपूर्ति। ईटीसी-48/2023-24 :- अल्पकालीन:- विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, द्वितीय अलीगढ़ के अन्तर्गत पाइप अर्थिंग का कार्य, आपूर्ति। ईटीसी-49/2023-24 :- अल्पकालीन:- विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, द्वितीय अलीगढ़ के अन्तर्गत नम्बर प्लेट की, आपूर्ति। ईटीसी-50/2023-24 :- 220 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र मैनपुरी पर 160-100 एम0वी0ए0 परिवर्तक की स्थापना/कमिशनिंग कार्य। ईटीसी-51/2023-24 :- 220 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र सिकन्दराराव पर 160 एम0वी0ए0 परिवर्तक की स्थापना/कमिशनिंग कार्य। ईटीसी-52/2023-24 :- अल्पकालीन:- 220 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र खैर पर **GE**/एल्सथम मेक बस-बार प्रोटेक्शन की स्थापना एवं 03 नग फीडर पर कमिशनिंग कार्य। **अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल, लाल डिग्गी, अलीगढ़। राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचायें, विद्युत चोरी की सूचना "www. igpowerup.org"** पत्रांक-181-वि.पा.मं. (अ)/निविदा प्रकाशन/2023-24 दिनांक-07.02.2024

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE REGARDING ELECTRONIC INTERLOCKING SYSTEM

The CPM, GSU, South East Central Railway, Nagpur, acting for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the execution of below mentioned work:

Tender Notice No.: 37-CPM-GSU-NAG-2023-24
Name of the Work: Signalling and Telecom works along with modification in the existing Electronic Interlocking System Distributed type (Hitachi make) in connection with provision of Good Platform (with cover shed and approach road) at Rasmara station under the jurisdiction of ADEN/DGG.
Apprx. Tender Value: ₹ 3,76,50,634/-
Earnest Money: ₹ 3,83,300/-
Bidders will be able to submit their original / revised bids up to **14:00** Hrs. of **27.02.2024 only.**
Manual offers are not allowed. Any manual offer received shall be rejected. Details are available on our website: **www.ireps.gov.in.**

SSTE-GSU,
South East Central Railway,
Nagpur
AIM/50-230

स्वच्छ भारत अभियान
एक कदम स्वच्छता की ओर

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice

On behalf of the President of India, acting through Chief Administrative Officer/Con, North Eastern Railway, and Gorakhpur invites the following E-works Tenders: **E-Tender No.:** DY CE-CON-HQ-28-2023, Dated 05.02.2024, **Name of work:** Construction of Major Bridges No.- 02 (7x6.10) PSC Slab, 07 (3x6.10) & 09 (3x6.10) RCC Box, 16 (3x9.15) PSC Slab, 19 (2x12.59) & 22 (6x12.20) Composite girder (without steel portion) with pile foundation/ RCC Box between Gorakhpur cantt (excl.) - Kaptanganj (incl.) section in connection with doubling of Gorakhpur Cantt to Valmikinagar of Varanasi Division N.E. Railway, **Approximate Value (₹):** ₹ 24,21,39,042.94, **Earnest Money (₹):** ₹ 13,60,700.00, **Cost of Tender Form:** Nil, **Completion period:** 24 (Twenty four) months. **Note:** • Bidding Start date- 19.02.2024, • Last date of submission of above E-Tender up to 15.00 hrs on 04.03.2024, • Date of opening of above E-Tender 15.00 hrs on 04.03.2024, • Detailed tender notice, eligibility, criteria, terms & conditions is available on web site **https://ireps.gov.in**. • In case any disparity arises between Hindi and English version of tender notice, English version will hold good and will be followed.

Shri Ravi Prakash AXEN/Con/HQ
Mobile No. 9794844281
Dy Chief Engineer/Con/HQ
CPRO/W-531 **Gorakhpur**

"DO NOT TRAVEL WITH INFLAMMABLE ARTICLE IN TRAIN"

O-2476

Government of Odisha
Office of the Chief Construction Engineer
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, Bhawanipatna
Repair and Maintenance of Rural Roads Under PMGSY & Other Scheme
e-Procurement Notice
Bid identification No. BPT/Online-49/2023-24

The Chief Construction Engineer, R. W. Circle, Bhawanipatna on behalf of Odisha State Rural Road Agency invites percentage rate bids in electronic tendering system for **Repair/Maintenance of the Rural roads Constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana** in the districts of **Nuapada for 03 (Three)** number of package with estimated cost totaling to **Rs. 7.26 Cr** including their maintenance for five years from the eligible contractors registered with **State PWD/CPWD/MES/ Railways.** The registered bidder of outside Odisha, can also participate in this process, but shall have to subsequently undergo registration with the appropriate authority of the State Govt. preferably within a month of the deadline for bid submission, but prior to signing of the contract

Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement. dtd. **15.02.2024.**

Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and should be submitted online in **www.pmgsytenders.gov.in.** The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities. The bidders are required to submit (a) original Demand Draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security in approved format (c) original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4B(a)(ii) of ITB with C.C.E., **R.W. Circle, Bhawanipatna**/ Executive Engineer, R.W. Division, Nuapada on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the Bid, either by registered post or by hand, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive.

Last Date/Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement : 29.02.2024 upto 5.00 PM

For further details please log on to **www.pmgsytenders.gov.in**

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer
R.W.Circle, Bhawanipatna
OIPR-25102/11/0066/23-24

दक्षिणांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि0
कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत वितरण मण्डल
132 केवी विद्युत उपकेन्द्र, ओढ़पुरा, हाथरस - 204101

अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना

निविदा सं0 166/2023-24- विद्युत वितरण मण्डल हाथरस के अन्तर्गत संचालित एण्टी पावर थैफ्ट थाना हेतु आवश्यक सामग्री उपलब्ध कराना। निविदा विकय तिथि एवं खुलने की दिनांक 01.03.2024 अन्य सम्बन्धित जानकारी ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट पोर्टल **https://etender.up.nic.in** पर उपलब्ध है।

पत्र संख्याः- 539 / विविमं (हा0) / निविदा
दिनांकः- 08.02.2024

अधीक्षण अभियन्ता
विद्युत वितरण मण्डल, हाथरस

"सुनहरा भविष्य बनायें, राष्ट्रहित में बिजली बचाएं"

भारतीय प्रतिभूति और विनिमय बोर्ड
Securities and Exchange Board of India

NOTICE OF DEMAND UNDER RULE 2 OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 r/w SECTION 28A OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA ACT, 1992

The Recovery Officer, Securities and Exchange Board of India-Eastern regional Office, Kolkata ("SEBI- ERO"), had issued Notices of Demand ("NoD") to the following entities ("Defaulters") as per the details provided herein below:

Name of the Defaulter	Name of the case	Certificate No. and Date
Adarsh Wealth Ventures Limited	Adarsh Wealth Ventures Limited	RC7105 of 2023 dated August 31, 2023
Bijaya Kumar Rout	Adarsh Wealth Ventures Limited	RC7105 of 2023 dated August 31, 2023
Dipak Kumar Mohanty	Adarsh Wealth Ventures Limited	RC7105 of 2023 dated August 31, 2023
Anil Singh	Adarsh Wealth Ventures Limited	RC7105 of 2023 dated August 31, 2023
Choudhary Niranjan Pradhan	Adarsh Wealth Ventures Limited	RC7105 of 2023 dated August 31, 2023
Bibhuti Bhushan Panda	Adarsh Wealth Ventures Limited	RC7105 of 2023 dated August 31, 2023
Bubna Stock Broking Services Ltd (Now known as Sunbright Stock Broking Ltd)	Sangotri Constructions Ltd.	RC 7477 of 2023 dated December 15, 2023

The NoD could not be served at the last known address through postal service. The Noticees may download a copy of the NoD from the SEBI website (**www.sebi.gov.in**) under the head "**Enforcement-> Recovery Proceedings**", or collect a copy of the same from the Office of the Recovery Officer at the address below, or obtain it through e-mail sent to **recoveryero@sebi.gov.in** with a copy of the email marked to **aniruddhap@sebi.gov.in** and **sudhansus@sebi.gov.in**.

Recovery Officer
Securities and Exchange Board of India-Eastern Regional Office, Kolkata
"L&T chambers", 5th Floor, 16 Camac Street,
Kolkata-700017.

In case no response to the NoD is received within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, the Recovery Officer shall continue the recovery proceedings furher on the basis of material available on record.

Date: January 26, 2024
Place: Kolkata.
CBC 15204/11/0265/2324

Office of Executive Engineer (FIU), Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan
Haripur, Kalsi - 248159
Mail ID - eewbfiu@gmail.com

Letter No. 1027/peri-urban/2023-24 Date. 07.02.2024

On behalf of the Chief General Manager, Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan, Dehradun E-tenders in **Two Bid System** are invited for the operation and maintenance work of the following water supply scheme from technically and financially capable bidders up to prescribed time & date and on the portal as mentioned in terms and conditions given below:-

Bid No.	Name of Work	Cost of Works with GST (Rs.in Lakh)	Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit) (Rs. in Lakh)	Cost of Document (Rs.)	Period of Completion of Work
01/Kharakhmaf/ 2023-24	Operation and Maintenance of Kharakmaf Peri Urban Water Supply Scheme at Kharakmaf, Distt Dehradun, Uttarakhand for 03 Year (01.04.2024 to 31.03.2027)	226.22	4.52	₹4000 + 18% GST	36 Month
02/Pratitnagar/ 2023-24	Operation and Maintenance of Pratitnagar Peri Urban Water Supply Scheme at Pratitnagar, Distt Dehradun, Uttarakhand for 03 Years (01.04.2024 to 31.03.2027)	318.66	6.37	₹4000 + 18% GST	36 Month
03/Nathuwawala/ 2023-24	Operation and Maintenance of Nathuwawala Peri Urban Water Supply Scheme at Nathuwawala, Distt Dehradun, Uttarakhand for 03 Years (01.04.2024 to 31.03.2027)	331.36	6.63	₹4000 + 18% GST	36 Month

The tender time schedule (Key Dates) are as follows:

1.	Date of Calling of tenders	08.02.2024
2.	Date of Online Publication	09.02.2024 at 14.00 hrs
3.	Document download: Start Date	10.02.2024 at 14.00 hrs
4.	Document download: End Date	26.02.2024 at 14.00 hrs
5.	Date, Time and Venue of Pre-bid meeting & location	14.02.2024 from 11.00 hrs to 1300 hrs at Office of Superintending Engineer, 95 Rajpur Road
6.	Bid Submission: Start Date	20.02.2024
7.	Bid Submission: End Date	26.02.2024 at 17.00 hrs
8.	Date & Place of Offline submission of documents	26.02.2024 from 17.00 hrs at Office of Executive Engineer (FIU), Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan Haripur
9.	Date of Bid Opening	27.02.2024 at 11.00 A.M.
10.	For any Query, please Contact	Executive Engineer- Er. Rajesh Nirwal (8979785518) Accountant- Mr. Rohit Lekhwar (9327993885)

The Other Terms & Conditions regarding E-Tender can be seen/receive on the E-tender website of Uttarakhand i.e. www.uktenders.gov.in

Executive Engineer (FIU)

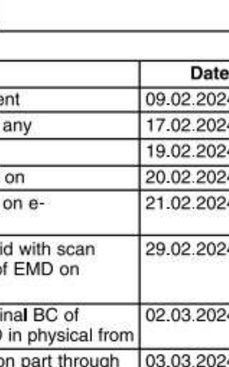
Tender No.: E-388095/2626

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING)

Assam Medical Services Corporation Ltd. (AMSCL) invites e-Tender in Two Bid System affixing court fee stamp of Rs.8.25/- (for bidders within Assam) or IPO of Rs.10/- (for bidders outside Assam) are invited from eligible manufacturers/importers for supply of **"Essential Drugs"** by entering into a Framework Agreement valid for 3 years. The complete e-tender documents may be obtained from the website- **http://assamtenders.gov.in** from **08.02.2024** till **19.02.2024**

Sd/-
Janasanyog/CF/5391/23/9-Feb-2024 **Managing Director, AMSCL**

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person whose name and family is unknown, R/o Gate no. 2, Lok Nayak Hospital, Delhi, was found in unconscious condition. He died during treatment at LNJP Hospital, Delhi on 11.01.2024 at about 06:10 PM. The dead body has been preserved at MAMC mortuary for 72 hours. In this regard **DD No. 51A, U/s 174 Cr.P.C., dated 11.01.2024,** has been registered at **P.S. IP Estate, Delhi**.

The description of the UIDB is as under:
Sex: Male, **Age**: About 45 years, **Height**: 5'4", **Compexion**: Sallow, **Face**: Oval, **Built**: Normal, **Wearing**: White grey shirt, black pant.

If anyone has any information about this UIDB, kindly inform the SHO/IP Estate, Delhi.

SHO
P.S. IP Estate, Delhi
Ph. No.: 8750870426
E-mail: sho-ipestate-dl@nic.in

DP/1581/CD/2024

कार्यालय नगर निगम, बरेली।

पत्रांक :- 44/प्र0अधि0/लि0वे0मै0/2023-24 दिनांक 08 फरवरी 2024

ई-निविदा सूचना

Online bids are invited for following Work. Tender forms may be purchased online by the bidders, having relevant experience.

Name of Service	Earnest money deposit (Rs.)
"Procurement of scientific & technical services for complete Supply, Fabrication Erection, Installation & successful Commissioning of In Situ Nallah treatment by Bio-Remediation & Phytoremediation technology in 15 Drains of Bareilly Nagar Nigam having total discharge of 130 MLD"	EMD & Tender Fee shall be submitted online in the Account No.: 3647000100980707, Name of Bank: Punjab National Bank, Branch: Patel Chowk Bareilly, IFSC Code: PUNB0364700

Event of Calendar:

Sl.No.	Events	Date & Time
1.	Date of downloading tender document	09.02.2024 from 12.00 PM
2.	Last date for seeking clarification, if any	17.02.2024 up to 02.00 PM
3	Reply to the bid queries	19.02.2024 up to 02.00 PM
4	A Pre-proposal meeting will be held on	20.02.2024 up to 01.00 PM
5	Start date for uploading of proposal on e-Procurements platform	21.02.2024 from 2.00 PM
6	Last date/time of submission of E-Bid with scan copy of BC for cost of tender FDR of EMD on E- Tendering portal (website).	29.02.2024 up to 04.00 PM
7.	Last date/time of submission of original BC of e- tender fee & original FDR of EMD in physical from	02.03.2024 up to 04.00 PM
8	Date/time of opening Pre-qualification part through E-Tender procurement solution	03.03.2024 at 04.00 PM
9	Date/time of opening Price Bid through E-Tender procurement solution.	To be intimated later

The tender document can be downloaded from https://etender.up.nic.in. "Corrigendum if any. Would appear only on the https://etender.up.nic.in site and not to be published in any News Paper."

प्रभारी अधिकारी (लिक्यूड वेस्ट मैनेजमेंट)
नगर निगम बरेली।

Office of The Superintending Engineer,
7th Circle, PWD Gopeshwar
E Mail: sepwdgope@rediffmail.com

Letter No. 750/50 Yatayat-7/2024 Dated: 08.02.2024

E-tender Notice (Two Bid)

Superintending Engineer, 7th Circle, P.W.D, Gopeshwar invites bid on behalf of Hon,ble Governor of Uttarakhand by e-tendering under two bid system for the following works. Information regarding bid will be available from 12.02.2024 on https://www.uktenders.gov.in.

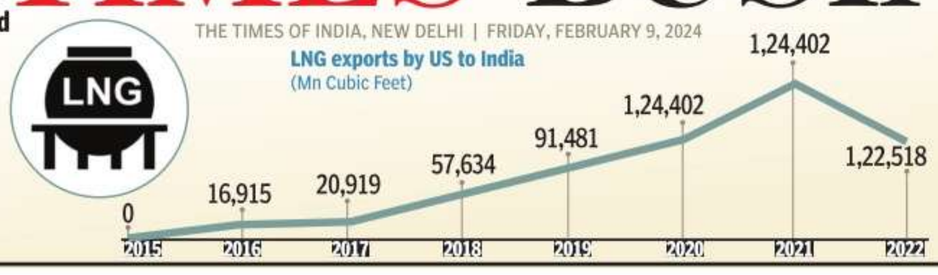
Sl. No.	Name of Work	Amount of Earnest Money (Rs. Lakhs)	Cost of e-tender document	Validity of tender (in days)	Comp-letion period (in Months)	Contractor's Category of Registration
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Renewal work of year 2024-25 to Tharali - Dewal-Mundoli - Vaan motor road (SH-90) in Km. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37 (Inanticipation of sanction)	7.40	5000 + 18% GST	120	9	Registerd in category "A" and above for Road work in Uttarakhand & other State/Govt. of India/any Govt. Undertaking.

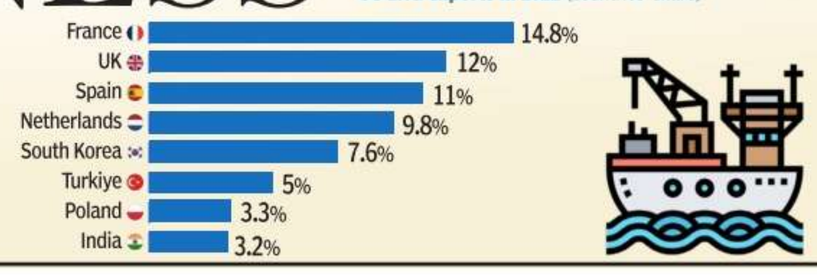
TIMES BUSINESS
THE TIMES OF INDIA, NEW DELHI | FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024

India Imports Over 3% Of US LNG Exports, France Leads At Nearly 15%

Amid protests from climate activists, US President Joe Biden recently paused all approvals of new US **liquefied natural gas (LNG) export** plans. When Russia invaded Ukraine, kicking off the scramble for other sources of natural gas, many economies turned to the US for gas supply. India was not far behind. While **France** led the pack with a share of **roughly 15%, India** received **3.2%** of the LNG exported from the US in 2022

Source: US Department of Energy





RBI holds repo 6th time in row at 6.5%

Only Surprise: Central Bank Raises FY25 Growth Forecast To 7% From 6.7%

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: RBI on Thursday kept rates on hold for the sixth successive time in line with expectations but surprised markets by projecting 7% growth for 2024-25 as against 6.7% earlier.

RBI governor Shaktikanta Das said the transmission of the 250-basis-point increase in the policy rate between May 2022 and Feb 2023 was not complete. While half of bank loans, including home loans, are linked to the repo rate, the other half are linked to the cost of deposits or are fixed and yet to fully reflect the market rates.

RBI projected 4.5% inflation for FY25, and trimmed price forecasts for the first and third quarters of the next financial year.

In his monetary policy statement, Das said that the battle against inflation was far from over. "The last mile of disinflation is always the most challenging and that has to be kept in mind," he said. Das said that RBI would persist in maintaining a scarcity of money to control prices.

The monetary policy committee voted with a majority of 5:1 to keep the repo rate (at which RBI lends to banks) unchanged at 6.5%. The other rates at which RBI lends to banks — the standing deposit facility and the marginal standing facility — remain at 6.25% and 6.75%, respectively.

The MPC also decided by a majority of 5 out of 6 members to remain focused on withdrawing accommodation to ensure that inflation progressively aligns with the target while supporting growth.

Announcing the MPC decision, the RBI governor said that global growth is expected to remain steady and prospects of a soft landing have improved with inflation easing and growth momentum improving. However, the Red Sea crisis has added to uncertainty, he said.

Das said that elevated public debt levels are raising severe concerns about macroeconomic stability in many countries, including advanced economies. He added that the public debt levels in some advanced economies compared to emerging economies were higher.

Das said India is in a relatively better position in this global environment. "Going forward, the momentum of economic activity noticed during the current year is expected to continue in the next financial year," said Das.

Das said the real GDP growth for FY25 is projected to be 7%, with Q1 at 7.2% compared to the earlier projection of 6.7%. Q2 is forecasted to be 6.8%, an increase from the previous estimate of 6.5% made in Dec, while Q3 is anticipated to be 7%, up from 6.4%. Q4 is expected to reach 6.9%.

RBI governor said that the central bank would persist in maintaining a scarcity of money to control prices

He added that CPI inflation is projected to be 5.4% for 2023-24, with the Q4 projection at 5% compared to the earlier forecast of 5.2%. Assuming normal inflation, the governor projected inflation for the next fiscal year to be 4.5%, with Q1 at 5% compared to the previous projection of 5.2%, Q2 remaining at 4%, Q3 at 4.6% compared to the previous estimate of 4.7%, and Q4 at 4.7%.

'Battle Against Inflation Not Over'

"The last mile of disinflation is always the most challenging and that has to be kept in mind... Going forward, the momentum of economic activity noticed during the current year is expected to continue in the next financial year

Shaktikanta Das | GOVERNOR, RBI

RBI's rate stance sparks sensex slide

Index Dives 724 Pts Led By Private Banks As Liquidity Crunch Weighs On Lenders

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: The sensex tanked over 700 points on Thursday, with private banks leading the slide after RBI left interest rates unchanged and continued its stance on reducing money supply despite liquidity shortage in the banking system. Investors said the central bank's unwillingness to recognise the liquidity situation could weigh on lenders in the short term, hence the selling in these stocks.

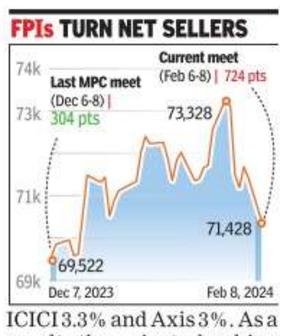
At close, the sensex was down 724 points or 1% at 71,428 points while Nifty lost 213 points or 1% to close at 21,718 points. According to Prashanth Tapse of Mehta Equities, markets tumbled after RBI governor Shaktikanta Das rocked the boat with a hawkish tone, raising bets that the monetary policy will remain restrictive for longer. "Lack of clarity on the inflation outlook also weighed on the sentiment. Banking industry has been facing liquidity issues in recent times and with the central bank's decision showing no signs of an interest rate cut in the near term, investors slashed their positions in financial stocks."

Among the leading private banks, Kotak lost 3.5%, ICICI 3.3% and Axis 3%. As a result, the private banking index on BSE closed 2.4% lower. On the other hand, SBI — the largest lender which is majority owned by govt — closed 3.5% higher.

Foreign funds led the selling again on Thursday with a Rs 4,934 crore net outflow, while domestic funds were net buyers at Rs 5,512 crore. So far in 2024, foreign funds have net pulled out nearly Rs 29,000 crore from the Indian stock market, data from CDSL and BSE showed. Although the figure for the current month was a marginal net positive at Rs 907 crore, Thursday's figure will again dip this into the red zone.

Among other sensex constituents, ITC was the most affected after its largest shareholder, UK-based BAT that holds 29% in the company, said it was working to pare its stake in the Indian conglomerate.

The day's slide left investors poorer by Rs 1.2 lakh crore, with BSE's market capitalisation now at Rs 394.5 lakh crore.



Monthly SIP flows at record ₹18.8k cr

Mumbai: A volatile stock market in Jan notwithstanding, monthly inflows through SIPs in MF schemes went past the Rs 18K crore mark to settle at Rs 18,838 crore, while assets under management for the industry scaled a peak at Rs 52.7 lakh crore.

Last month, a record 51.8 lakh new SIPs were opened, data released by MF industry body Amfi showed, while the total number of folios were almost at 17 crore — also an all-time high number.

The surge in SIP accounts, coupled with the milestone of 51.8 lakh new SIP registrations, underscores the commitment of investors towards disciplined wealth creation, said Amfi chief executive, Venkat Chalasani. "Moreover, the industry's net AUM soaring to Rs 52.7 lakh crore further accentuates the resilience and potential of mutual funds as a preferred investment avenue," Chalasani said. TNN

'Persistent non-compliance by Paytm'

RBI Says Curbs Apply To Payments Bank & Wallet, Not To UPI App

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Mumbai: RBI on Thursday indicated there are issues beyond KYC compliance with Paytm Payments Bank and it is unlikely to let it off the hook. The regulator, however, clarified that the restrictions apply to PPBL and the digital wallet but not to the UPI app, which will continue to work seamlessly with other bank accounts even after Feb 29.

Amid numerous questions in the post-monetary policy press conference on the ban on Paytm Payments Bank, RBI governor Shaktikanta Das and deputy governor Swaminathan Janakiraman spoke on the severity of the issues. Around this time, shares of Paytm, which were trading weak, saw a vertical drop after RBI's stance on the fintech flagship became clear. Paytm's shares finally closed at the 10% lower circuit of 447.

"The restrictions are always proportionate to the gravity of the situation," said Das. "It was not a case where there was a regulatory deficiency; it was an issue of compliance with so many aspects to it," he added. "Our emphasis is always on bilateral engagement with regulated entities, and we are focused on nudging the regulated entity to take corrective action, with sufficient time given for undertaking such corrective action," said Das. The governor said that when all such constructive engagements failed to work, the central bank was compelled to impose business restrictions.

Janakiraman was even more direct, "This is a supervisory action on the legal entity for persistent non-compliance. The supervisory actions are preceded by months and, at times, years of bilateral engagement, where we have pointed out inadequacies and provided them with enough time to take corrective action," said Janakiraman.

Meanwhile, a Paytm spokesperson said that the app (owned by One97 Communications) is fully operational and its services unaffected. The company said that it is accelerating partnerships with other banks, ensuring that QR, Soundbox, and card machines will continue to function.

Responding to a question on why RBI did not resort to its standard toolkit of superseding the board, Janakiraman said that RBI had various tools and used them based on an assessment of the scale and proportion of the issue, as well as the tool that is needed. "A one-size-fits-all kind of solution may not work in such situations," he said.

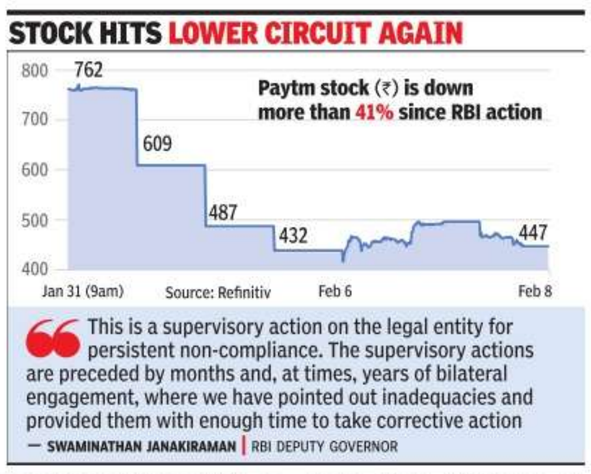
Janakiraman said that as a regulator, it is incumbent upon RBI to protect the consumer's interest, thereby protecting the financial system's stability.

"The steps will be taken to ensure that the customer inconvenience, if any, is minimised," he said. The governor said that while it takes all actions in the best interest of systemic stability and protection of depositors and customers' interests, there was no worry about the system in the case of Paytm.

On Thursday, RBI said that the Paytm app will not be impacted by the recent order issued against PPBL, providing some relief to the company. One 97 Communication's (Paytm parent) stock price closed at Rs 447 on the BSE on Thursday, down nearly 10%.

PPBL's employees have started looking for new jobs amid uncertainty around the bank's future, a senior employee with the firm said on condition of anonymity. "The company has said that jobs will not be lost and a way will be figured out but there's no clarity on the process. If things get worse, it will not be possible to shift all people into other departments, especially those with compliance and risk-related roles," the employee said, adding that PPBL has some 1,500-2,000 employees.

"Our senior leadership is in constant communication with all teams to ensure business continuity," Paytm said.



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RBI pushes for OTP alternatives

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Mumabi: RBI will reassess the Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS) after several instances of fraud involving silicon cloning of fingerprints. The central bank has urged regulated entities to seek alternatives to the SMS-based one-time password for second-factor authentication.

In his press conference, RBI governor Shaktikanta Das said the AePS, operated by NPCI, which facilitates customers in conducting digital payment transactions with assistance, has been used by 37 crore citizens in 2023.

"To bolster the security of AePS transactions, proposals include streamlining the onboarding process for AePS touchpoint operators, mandating rigorous due diligence, and implementing additional fraud risk management protocols," said Das.

Borrowers find hidden surprises

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Borrowers often find it tough to know the exact cost of a loan and often realise that there are some "hidden surprises".

"At present, banks disclose all charges on a term sheet. However, an ordinary borrower does not always read the four-five pages of terms and conditions, so we have already mandated this document in microfinance and digital lending. We are now asking this for all lenders," said RBI governor Shaktikanta Das.

The move aligns with RBI's commitment to foster greater transparency and disclosure, ensuring consumers have necessary information to make informed decisions. With upfront disclosure of charges associated with loans, consumers can better understand actual cost of borrowing, mainly in case of some short-term low-value loans where outgo on charges is almost equal to interest rates.

Paytm downloads drop, PhonePe gains

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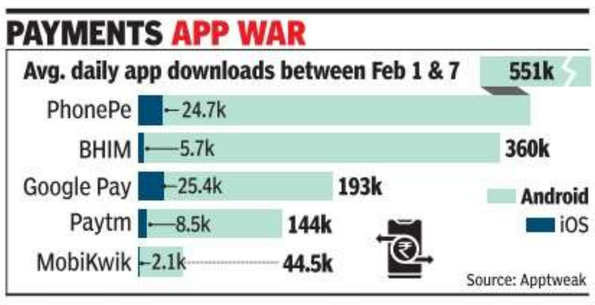
Mumbai: Paytm's loss is PhonePe's gain. Market intelligence platform AppTweak's data sourced from industry executives showed that daily average downloads of Paytm's app on Google Play Store declined to 1.4 lakh between Feb 1-7 from 2.4 lakh during the Jan 24-31 period.

Rival PhonePe's daily app downloads on the Play Store, on the other hand, jumped to 5.5 lakh from 4.4 lakh during the same period. The BHIM app also found traction among users, with daily downloads during the first seven days of the month totalling 3.6 lakh. Google Pay's app downloads touched close to 2 lakh. AppTweak said that the download estimates have an accuracy rate of about 85-90%.

"PhonePe's share in app downloads had already been rising. The process got an extra push after Jan 31, following RBI's directive on Paytm Payments Bank," Karan Lakhwani, head of India at AppTweak, told **TOI**. Smaller players like MobiKwik also gained share, registering about 45,000 daily downloads on the Play Store. On Apple's App Store, Paytm's daily app downloads averaged about 8,000 compared to PhonePe's and Google Pay's 25,000 during Feb 1-7, the data showed.

PhonePe declined to comment. During the period, PhonePe saw the highest share of total downloads at about 40 lakh across both platforms, followed by BHIM at around 25 lakh downloads. Paytm lagged with about 11 lakh, the data showed. "We do not consider market reports as a reliable source. However, our internal report suggests a consistent growth in the past week," a Paytm spokesperson said in response to queries.

Last week, RBI placed severe curbs on the operations of PPBL following lapses in compliance with the regulatory framework on KYC, creating scepticism among users.



ITC slips as top shareholder BAT looks to cut stake

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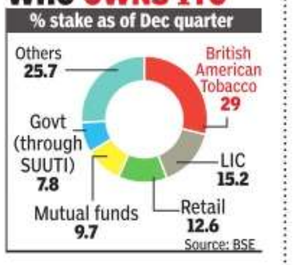
Mumbai: ITC stock fell 4% on Thursday, the most among sensex constituents, after the Kolkata-headquartered conglomerate's single-largest shareholder British American Tobacco said it was looking at ways to dilute its stake in the company. This was the second time in the last one month that BAT — one of the largest cigarette makers in the world — said it was willing to cut its holding in ITC, which has a substantial presence in the country's cigarettes, luxury hotels, foods and FMCG sectors.

Industry sources said that the market may have overreacted to the news about BAT's intentions about its holding in ITC, which currently stands at a little over 29%. "Informally, BAT, over several months, has communicated that it may sell up to 4% in ITC, but would like to retain at least 25% in the company now," said a source.

At Thursday's close on BSE, ITC — with a market capitalisation of Rs 5.2 lakh crore — is the 10th most valued company in the country. BAT's stake in ITC is currently valued at about Rs 1.5 lakh crore, translating to a little over $18 billion. A 4% stake dilution could fetch nearly $2.5 billion for the UK-based company.

Although BAT has not sold any shares of ITC through the open market or block deals, its shareholding in ITC in the last four years has come down by about 0.42% mainly because of issuance of stock options by the Indian company, BSE data showed.

"(We) continue to pursue all opportunities to enhance balance sheet flexibility and, as part of this, we regularly review our stake in ITC," BAT CEO Tadeu Marroco said on Thursday while releasing its 2023 results. "We recognise that we have a significant shareholding which offers us the opportunity to release and reallocate some capital. We have been actively working for some time on completing the regulatory process required to give us the flexibility to monetise some of our shareholding (in ITC)," Marroco was quoted in BAT's results release.



Adani net worth tops $100bn again after a year

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Mumbai: Billionaire investor Gautam Adani's net worth topped the $100 billion mark again on Wednesday, more than a year after Hindenburg Research, a US-based short seller, came out with a report on the group alleging several corporate malpractices that the Ahmedabad-based conglomerate had denied. Following the publication of the report, stock prices of all 10 Adani Group companies had nosedived, which also pushed Gautam Adani — the group's main promoter — out of the top 25 richest people in the world.

According to Bloomberg Billionaires Index, on Feb 7, Gautam Adani's net worth was $101 billion. This made him the 12th richest person in the world. In 2024 so far, Adani's net worth has increased by $16 billion.

'India to surpass US as top GitHub developer base'

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Bengaluru: India will overtake the US as the largest developer base on Microsoft-code hosting platform GitHub by 2027.

"India is a place where the momentum around developers and development is unbelievable. Today, as we speak, India is number two only next to the US in terms of the total number of developers on GitHub, and it's going to cross in 2027. It's going to be the place where most developers are going to be," said Microsoft chairman and CEO Satya Nadella, while addressing developers in Bengaluru on Thursday. Microsoft bought GitHub for $7.5 billion in 2018.

India has added nearly 4 million developers on GitHub in the last two years, taking the tally to over 13 million as of 2023. However, the US continues to have the largest developer base globally with over 20 million developers.

Nadella praised Indian developers for embracing and leading the AI tectonic shift. "Even with AI projects, I was stunned when I saw that the number of genAI projects on GitHub with Indian contributors is next to the US. So, it's just awesome to see the human capital of this country embrace this new platform and effectively lead the new platform shift," he said.

The 2023 edition of GitHub's State of the Octoverse report showed that genAI is driving a significant and global spike in individual contributors to genAI projects with 148% year-on-year growth — and a 248% year-on-year increase in the total number of genAI projects. The US, India, and Japan are leading the way among developer communities along with other regions.

Nadella said that he is excited to launch Code Without Barriers in India to help 75,000 women developers by 2024. Code Without Barriers helps close the gender gap in the cloud, AI, and digital technology sectors. The programme provides a platform to enable female developers and other technical talent to contribute towards inclusive economic growth.

Nadella said picking up new skills is the currency of today. "So, this is a great time to be in that combination of a hardware-software engineer, where you're thinking about system architecture," he said. "One of the things that I tell our developers in Microsoft is to be super ambitious today about what they can build with the best models knowing that in 18 months' time, it's going to be 1/100th the cost of what it is today. And that's an empowering thing. There's no other input in the world that has this type of price characteristic," he added.

Nadella said American inventors Vannevar Bush and Douglas Engelbart tried to get computers to understand us versus us trying to understand computers. "We finally may be there with this breakthrough of natural language or models that understand natural language, computers that can hold a conversation, because, after all, a conversational interface is ultimately the easiest natural user interface. The fact that it can be multimodal — text, images video in and out. All of that, I think, allows us to have a very different approach to user experience."

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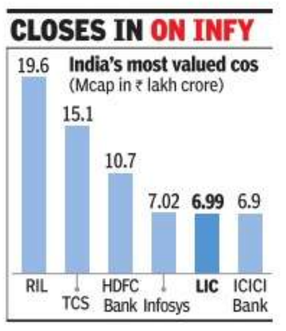
Mumbai: A stock rally spanning two and a half months that added nearly Rs 3.2 lakh crore to life insurance major LIC's market value, on Thursday, made it the fifth most valued company in India. At the close of trade on BSE, LIC's market cap was just a tad below Rs 7 lakh crore, ahead of ICICI Bank, which was at Rs 6.9 lakh crore and just behind Infosys at Rs 7.02 lakh crore, data from the bourses showed.

For a brief period during the day, as LIC's stock hit a life-high of Rs 1,144, the life insurer was the fourth most valued company in the country, ahead of Infosys. But at close of the session, as its stock price dipped a bit from the earlier high, it settled at the fifth spot.

Currently, with a market cap of Rs 19.6 lakh crore, Reliance Industries is the most valued company in the country, followed by TCS at Rs 15.1 lakh crore and HDFC Bank at Rs 10.7 lakh crore. During the day, the stock price gained almost 6% to close at Rs 1,106. In the last two and a half months, the stock has gained 82%, BSE data showed.



A thought for today

Not only are we subject to cognitive biases, we also frequently seek out things that reinforce them

JEAN TIROLE

Disrupt, Play By Rules

Some fintech firms' argument that RBI action against Paytm bank hurts innovation is plain wrong

RBI yesterday gave more information on its regulatory action against Paytm Payments Bank. It said the root cause of action was the bank's non-compliance with regulatory norms. The action came only after bilateral talks between the bank and RBI didn't produce results.

No special dispensation | Digital technology has disrupted the financial sector in a big way. It's introduced a whole new way of doing business and even traditional banks have been forced to adapt. But one aspect that hasn't changed, and rightly so, is the need for disruptors to operate within boundaries set by regulators.

Misplaced fears | Regulatory action on Paytm Payments Bank was followed by some fintech firms asking RBI to reconsider its action as it could have a chilling effect on innovation and investment in a fast growing area. That's a baseless argument. On the contrary, a Wild West environment could undermine investment. RBI's action was on account of non-compliance. If there's no deterrent, why should any firm want to follow rules?

Why invoke innovation | Fintech's fast expansion owes everything to innovation. Lobbying to change a regulator's decision would make sense if it chokes innovation. That, however, isn't the case here. Asking for regulatory forbearance using innovation as defence is at best misplaced. Nothing prevents fintech firms from innovating in future. Let's not mix issues.

Communication is key | Where RBI could have done better is anticipating the fallout among mobile wallet users about the way its regulatory action would be perceived. Umbrella brand names may cover multiple businesses with independent regulatory requirements. It's unreasonable to expect mobile wallet users to be aware of the distinction between different businesses under a brand name. Anecdotal evidence indicates that regulatory action against the bank had a negative fallout on wallet users.

Complementary roles | To an extent, all countries experience a tussle between regulators whose job it is to examine risks in detail and innovators who race ahead. But that engagement is not inherently adversarial. It's about different perspectives.

In India, GOI across political formations has provided fintech a big boost through Aadhaar. It's allowed fintech to take off by carrying out digital verification of data to meet KYC needs. That's the prime example of complementarity between govt and tech. Fintech firms should innovate – and play by rules.

Putin It Simply

American journo interviews a Russian, other Americans lose it, cancel culture is nuts

A journalist of one country interviewed the big boss of another country, which started a war that's grinding on two years later. What's the problem? Guys in news should be interviewed. Yet many Americans got outraged at a politically rightwing journo, Tucker Carlson, who interviewed Putin – even before the interview aired! Cancel culture means different things to different people. But this is its core silliness and danger, to seek to shut down a disliked voice. To try to have it kicked out of common spaces and screens.

Joke poke | "Man, I love being cancelled," comedian Dave Chappelle has crowed. Because after taking heat for some jokes, his shows made millions. SRK likely did the same after #boycottPathaan proved counter-effective. Munawar Faruqui's stand-up career is soaring as well, having seemingly made peace with all his legal harassment. But for every such success story there are countless tragedies of employment lost, reputation destroyed, psychological trauma.

Lazy daisy | People need to dust off forgotten lessons in classical liberalism. Healthy coexistence of individualism and diversity needs you to meet speech with speech, instead of shouting, 'Shut up!' It's not only unfair but also lazy that if you don't like the trailer of a song or movie or book or interview, you jump to asking for it to be banned. How about actually engaging with it? Although be warned, it is quite brain-consuming to build a logical case for one's disagreement.

Hurt spurt | Hyper intolerant sensitivity is also the worst treatment for social tensions. Consider the way in which speakers are getting cancelled left and right on campuses continents away from Israel-Gaza for their supposed blinkers on this war. 'You are either with us, or against us.' There is nothing uglier than pretending that people with different beliefs cannot have a conversation.

Little India

Tiny Goa is a microcosm of the whole country the way it once was

Jug Suraiya

Bunny and I visit Goa twice a year. The state's lush green landscape recalls the verdant luxuriance of Bengal where we both grew up. We love the lilt of Konkani folk songs, glo-white churches juxtaposed with colourful temples, the taste of freshly baked poee and unde.

But I think that what draws us to Goa most of all is that the tiny state represents for us the way India itself used to be.

My family lived in a five-storey building in Calcutta which housed, apart from us, Gujaratis, Bengalis, Punjabis, and Biharis who happened to be Muslim. Bengali, Hindustani, Gujarati, Kutchi and Punjabi were the means of everyday communication between neighbours.

Calcutta was like its famous street-side snack, jhal muri, tangy with mustard oil and a variety of chopped vegetables, the more the tastier. The city was a zestful admixture with its various communities – Anglo-Indians, Armenians, Jews – blending to give Calcutta its unique savour.

While Calcutta was India's most cosmopolitan city, the country itself was like a spreading banyan tree of diversity, of traditions, creeds, languages, foods. The word 'majoritarian' had yet to be invented. As had the term 'sons of the soil'.

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In the India that was then, there was space for all, no matter what language you spoke; what region you came from; to what caste you belonged; what faith you professed, or didn't.

Of more recent times that space has gradually narrowed, divided along boundaries of real or perceived differences – a word that's replaced diversity – regarding what people speak, or eat, or believe in, or where they come from.

But somehow, by some mystery of migration, that eclectic space that was the essence of India has found accommodation in tiny Goa whose capacity to include a human tide of permanent residents and 'holiday home' buyers from all over the country, with an attendant medley of customs, conventions and ways of life, is in inverse proportion to its diminutive size.

Showing that it's not largeness of land that matters, but largesse of heart and mind, Goa fits them all in. Which is what makes it Little India in one. Or Big India, as once was.

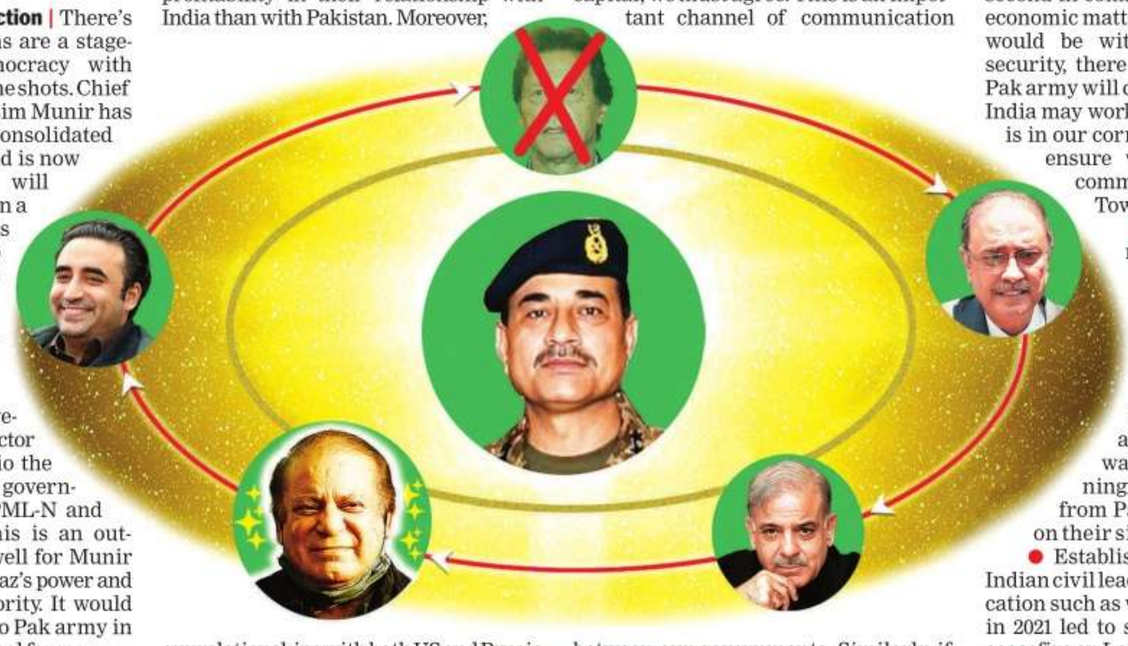
Munir's Sun Shines On Nawaz, So...

PM-probable Sharif will be junior partner to Pakistan army's top general. India, far more powerful, needn't do anything. But it should listen if Rawalpindi reaches out

Gautam Bambawale, Praneet Shukla and Manasi Pendharkar

General elections were held in Pakistan yesterday. In a reversal of the situation from last time, Imran Khan is in prison with courts having ruled against him in several cases. Nawaz Sharif, back in the country from his managed exile, now has full backing of Pakistan army.

Selection disguised as election | There's little doubt these elections are a stage-managed show of democracy with Rawalpindi GHQ calling the shots. Chief of Army Staff General Asim Munir has played his cards well, consolidated his position and power and is now hoping that Pakistanis will follow his lead and usher in a Nawaz victory. Munir is now backing Nawaz to lead Pakistan's economic recovery under IMF conditionalities. Imran is in the doghouse for well-known reasons.



Coalition surprise? | However, we in India must also factor into this evolving scenario the possibility of a coalition government between Nawaz's PML-N and Zardari-Bhutto's PPP. This is an outcome which would play well for Munir since it would balance Nawaz's power and not give him a clear majority. It would provide greater leverage to Pak army in balancing these two political forces.

India's upper hand | Some in India are asking whether the incoming dispensation in Pakistan necessitates some moves from New Delhi? Do we need to once again extend a hand of friendship to Pakistan?

However, we must keep in mind the power balance between India and Pakistan, as well as the nature of international politics today. India's power far outweighs that of Pakistan. Taking GDP as a quick but efficient measure of national power, India is at least 10 times more powerful than Pakistan. Moreover, we have played our cards well internationally and today are seen as a major player in geopolitics, including as a leader of Global South. Pakistan's sorry economic state makes it a weak player.

New Delhi's friends | Regionally, we have built close relations with nations such as Saudi Arabia and UAE, which see far more profitability in their relationship with India than with Pakistan. Moreover, our relationships with both US and Russia are rock solid. We have excellent strategic partnerships with other middle powers such as France, Japan, Australia. Therefore, New Delhi doesn't have any obligation to make the first moves vis-à-vis Pakistan. There's no necessity to signal any desire to have a normal relationship with Pakistan. We need not resile from our current policy that talks and terror cannot go together. We can continue to demand action against cross-border terrorism from Islamabad. In fact, New Delhi must continue its policy of not encouraging people-to-people exchanges, including in cricket or Bollywood films.

Wait and watch | Rather, India can wait for signals from Pakistan to see if it desires a normalisation of bilateral ties. If such a signal were to be made by Islamabad, we need not be found wanting. If Pakistan were to suggest that we reinstall high commissioners in each other's capital, we must agree. This is an important channel of communication between our governments. Similarly, if Pakistan were to indicate a desire to have normal trade relations but in a limited number of commodities, we can accept as trade benefits both nations. They may not offer MFN status, but could ask for a slow process with limited commodities being exchanged to start with.

Beware of talks | However, if Pakistan were to state that they would like to resume the Composite Dialogue Process, we should be more circumspect. They may even ask for a foreign ministers' dialogue. We need not accept these and counter that we can commence such a dialogue at the working level on limited issues. This could happen at joint-secretary level. If these talks were to yield some purchase we could slowly move forward.

Pak's real king | If Nawaz Sharif were to return as PM, real power will lie with Munir. At best, Nawaz would be the second-in-command with some say on economic matters. There too, final word would be with Munir. On national security, there can be little doubt that Pak army will call the shots. Thus, while India may work in ensuring that Nawaz is in our corner, New Delhi must also ensure we have open lines of communication with Munir. Towards this end, we should:

- Permit establishment of military-to-military contacts between India and Pakistan. These may go beyond the hotline between DGMOs. We may allow informal contacts between the two army chiefs. We could wait and see if any meaningful signals are received from Pakistan and then decide on their significance.
- Establish a Pakistan military-Indian civil leadership line of communication such as with our NSA, which had in 2021 led to successful conclusion of ceasefire on LoC.
- See if Pakistan appoints an NSA as this would afford yet another line of communication between the two sides.

While we have an array of possible policies in place if Pakistan were to make a move to repair bilateral ties, we must also be ready to respond in kind and inflict costs on Pakistan if it were to go in the opposite direction.

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How To Bring Peace To Manipur's Troubled Land

If Manipuris' incomes rise, violence will subside. Answer lies in easy-to-adapt changes in farming methods. Solutions can be found from other N-E states

S P Ghosh

Patchy attempts at reducing poverty in Manipur hills – by adopting and commercialising advanced technology – have only worsened the economy, a key issue behind the rift today. Poverty in Manipur valley and hills, particularly in border areas with Myanmar, has been an area of concern for years.

Slash, burn & lose | Agriculture is still rural economy's driving force; the plains community is economically better off. Hill tribes mostly practise slash and burn/shifting cultivation, mainly growing upland rice for subsistence of household food and nutrition security.

Underground activities by a section of population, extortion and sporadic violence triggered social tensions. Law and order deteriorated between May and October 2023, with more than 175 fatalities – all victims of violence. Even peace initiatives by Centre and civil authorities could not control the violence.

Bottomline was traditional agriculture with very poor production and productivity could not sustain livelihoods in Manipur's hills.

No tech transfer | Shifting-cultivation or jhum causes land degradation. Farm tech, outcomes of GOI research initiatives (by ICAR, CAUs, DBT's IBSD), could not be transferred to the people. All-out systems to replace jhum practices were not sustainable. Introducing horticulture crops also didn't bring desired economic changes. Social mobilisation such as forming jhum self-help groups (SHG), capacity building, even micro-credit support via loans to SHGs did not work out.

Can't junk jhum | ICAR research complex, Meghalaya, reported in its studies – of four decades of agricultural research in northeast hill region (NEH) – that shifting cultivation could not be made into a *non-viable option* for investment, considering low economic status and poor resource base of jhum cultivators. Thus, focus must be on improving shifting-cultivation rather than trying to completely wean cultivators away from it.

Making jhum better | Thus, it was prudent to attempt ways to best preserve jhum land and improve jhum farm productivity especially in mid-hills subtropical climate zone. Some tech is ready for commercialisation. Field studies showed Zabo system with modifications such as sharing water resources and using natural

fertilisers, can be explored in various agroforestry models, with upland rice as main crop. Alder in Nagaland and sloping agriculture land tech (SALT) models in Mizoram are more remunerative. Meghalaya studies suggest that jhum farming with continuous cropping is viable. Crops such as potato, pineapple, ginger, tomato, kiwi, turmeric get good prices.

Livelihood support | In July 2017, a repository of North-east agriculture was created. Soil resource maps reported a net reduction of 1,638 sq km area under shifting cultivation just between 2014 and 2018. Shift to jhum caused large-scale deforestation and very low productivity.

Manipur should look at its resource and land management. Steep slopes (more than 33°) are not suitable for jhum. Smallholder tea plantations in Assam, rubber in Tripura and pineapple, banana and citrus have all been tried with success in Northeast.

Small-farm winnings | In Assam, Ulfa-controlled farms have met commercial success. GOI encouraged smallholder tea cultivation to rehabilitate surrendered Ulfa members, while Tea Board helped market the produce and Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat, provided the training. In Odisha, Kalahandi 'hunger belt' of 1980s, is today state's 'rice bowl'. Assam tea today is successfully grown by smallholders in Nagaland, particularly in Mokokchung district and is economically remunerative.

Find products, grow markets | Northeastern Himalayas (India, Nepal and Bhutan) are famous for Khasi Mandarin oranges. Kachai lemons of Manipur's Ukhrul region are also a great product for the market.

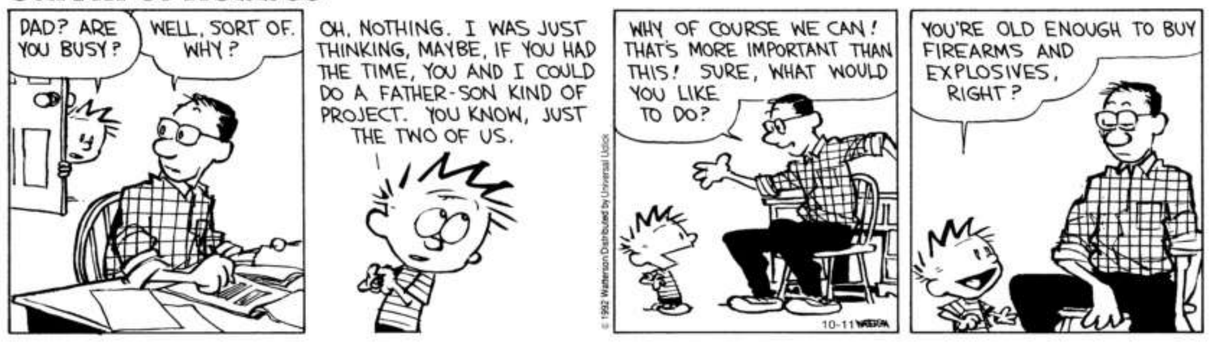
Several government institutes, from ICAR to NABARD, along with agricultural universities have extensive action plans including micro-credit options for self-help groups that can be implemented, and farmers further trained.

Look East | BIMSTEC comprising Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand covers 21% of world population and a high-potential market. Its Poverty Plan of Action among others focuses on cooperation in agricultural and allied sectors (crops, livestock, horticulture, farm machinery and post-harvest management).

India's 'Look East' policy and ever-expanding roads network fit in well for any economic cooperation initiatives. Focus should be on improving economic prospects of agriculture in Manipur hills including the Myanmar border area. It is the road to lasting peace.

The writer was with ICAR

Calvin & Hobbes



Sacredspace

Mother knew every chicken on the place – yes, by name; and they would eat from her hand...light on her shoulders...come to her window for a crumb...I am inclined to think that they came very near to learning to talk English.

Edward P Powell

Way To Keep Law Of Money Magnetism In Motion

Shivani Lucki

If you were a trader in China in 1200 BCE, you would carry cowrie shells as an accepted form of representative money in Africa, Asia, and Australia. The Native American Indians used shells, called wampum, as a medium of exchange. Today, our wampum is a plastic card, or it's floating invisibly in cyberspace.

Whatever form it takes, money's value lies not in the object we use as a proxy, but in its power to obtain and exchange goods and services. The more money you possess, the more energy is at your command. It isn't only that we attract money to us: We attract energy, which then manifests itself in the form of money. And the supply of energy is cosmic in scope.

Is money evil? Money is 'evil' only when it makes us its slave, overpowering us like any other addiction and imprisoning us in an ego-centric world. Those who are attached to their money and possessions often live in fear of losing their perceived security and lose their health in the pursuit of even more.

The other side of the coin is that we can use money to help ourselves and others. The money that comes into our possession has an important role to play in our spiritual destiny. When we use money in the pursuit of dharma, it fulfils its highest purpose and becomes increasingly magnetic.

THE SPEAKING TREE

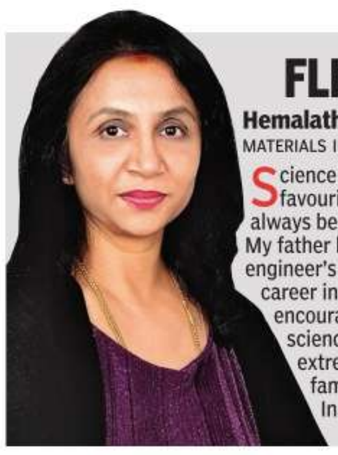
Paramhansa Yogananda once commented: "Money-making is the next greatest art after the art of realising God. All the good and philanthropic works of the world, all noble successes, have to be accomplished through money. To earn money abundantly, unselfishly, honestly, quickly, just for God and God's work and making others happy is to develop many sterling qualities of character that will aid one on the spiritual as well as the material path."

To magnetise money effectively, we need to be scrupulously truthful in our dealings. Truth has power. Truth is power, because it is the fabric from which the universe is created – Sat-chit-anand: truth, awareness, and bliss. Being honest and transparent in our business dealings creates a strong magnetism that attracts success, prosperity, and the money we need to fulfil our dharmic obligations.

The most powerful and effective way to attract money is to share it. It may seem paradoxical, but the more we give of our money, the more the universe gives us in return. Swami Kriyananda writes: "Money, ultimately, brings happiness only if it is shared. When it is used generously to help others, one feels happy in himself and finds his happiness expanding to include others' well-being. When one helps others to achieve prosperity, he attracts greater prosperity to himself."

We can justifiably assume that the Source of all abundance will respond to our needs, but we should never presumptuously imagine that it will fulfil our every desire. When the Source of our being fulfils a need and we humbly and lovingly offer our gratitude in return, we return the blessing to its Source, whereupon it comes back to us again. This is the feedback dynamic that keeps Law of Magnetism in motion.

To attend 'Healing with Life Force' discourse by Nayaswami Shivani, co-founder of Yogananda Academy of Europe, at India International Center, Max Mueller Marg, Feb 11, 10-11:30 am, call 9899200605, visit https://bit.ly/healingwithlifeforce



FLEXIBLE-WORKING HOURS HELP WOMEN

Hemalatha Asundi | DEPUTY DIRECTOR, APPLIED MATERIALS INDIA

Science and Mathematics have been my favourite subjects since childhood, and I have always been intrigued by innovation and research. My father has been my role model and being an engineer's daughter, I always dreamt of pursuing a career in science. Society back then wasn't very encouraging for women to pursue a career in science; so, now when I look back, I feel extremely blessed to have had a supportive family all through my professional journey. In our field, one needs to tackle complex problems, perform extensive research, be creative, and think critically with perseverance, which at times may seem daunting. But, I believe, challenges are here to strengthen and help us become a better version of ourselves. Constant mentoring and upskilling in both educational institutions and the workplace are integral to help young women change their perspective toward science as a career option. Corporates should focus on building a positive culture by organising employee sensitisation programs, have flexible working hours, provide elder-care support, childcare facilities, and allowances, and bring in more female role models in leadership positions.

TAKE PART IN SHAPING THE EMERGING WORLD

Neeti Mehta Shukla | CO-FOUNDER, CHIEF SOCIAL IMPACT OFFICER, AUTOMATION ANYWHERE

Women have continued to make great strides in STEM, and I have been lucky to walk in the footsteps of so many trailblazers who have paved the way for my generation. When I co-founded Automation Anywhere 20 years ago, there weren't many women tech founders, and I am so glad to see so many more women now embracing both STEM and entrepreneurship. Hard work and purpose-driven delivery have helped make Automation Anywhere into one of the leading Artificial Intelligence and automation platforms in the market. Technology is integral today, and its influence grows as AI and automation drive the fourth industrial revolution. Embracing this reality is especially imperative for women and they must actively participate in shaping the emerging world, new products, services and even ways of working. Consider the ramifications: if the next generation of AI-driven healthcare lacks women in their planning and development, they may not adequately address our needs or our bodies. If the next wave of AI driven ed-tech or financial services are influenced by women, society will benefit from more robust services. Girls must engage in STEM, so they can both contribute to, and benefit from, the advancements we'll witness in the coming years and beyond.

Judge women for their abilities, not gender

Shreya Singh | PRODUCT MANAGER, WAYFAIR INDIA TECH DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Women in science have faced a lot of challenges, but they've also achieved a lot. Even though I've been lucky to have supportive people in my life who encourage me regardless of my gender, I still come across situations where being a woman makes things harder. For example, sometimes people judge me based on my gender rather than my abilities and might question my choices just because I'm a woman. It can feel frustrating to see male relatives getting asked about their careers, but no one even thinks to ask me.

However, these challenges fuel determination rather than defeat. One of the best feelings is to inspire young people to take up tech roles. It makes me hopeful for the future. As women in the technology sector keep breaking barriers, organisations still need to take proactive steps to empower them. Through counselling and mentorship, companies can address the daunting gender gap. Accessible resources, facilitated by digitisation, break down logistical barriers and ensure no woman is held back from pursuing her passion. Moreover, easy networking opportunities with female leaders offer invaluable inspiration, dismantling doubts and igniting aspirations.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF **WOMEN** AND **GIRLS** IN SCIENCE

WOMEN WILL HELP USHER IN TOMORROW'S TECH

The International Day of Women and Girls in Science is observed annually on February 11 to promote the full and equal access and participation of women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. On the occasion, we asked women in these fields to share their career stories with us and what more they think needs to be done to encourage a larger number of women and young girls to enter the wondrous world of science and technology

Gender ratio is still askew at senior levels

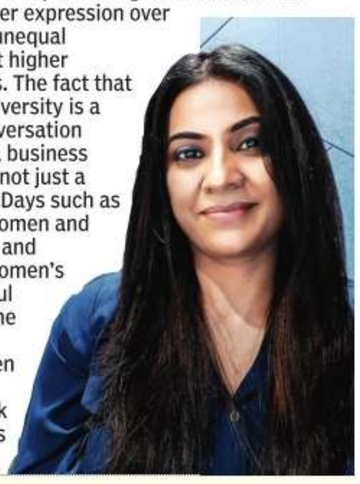
Rani Gopalakrishnan | MD– JAPAN MARKET UNIT LEAD, ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY CENTRES, INDIA, ACCENTURE

Given the rapid pace at which technology is evolving, lifelong learning is the biggest imperative to build a successful career in STEM. I believe that if one remains curious, develops logical reasoning skills, is adaptable, willing to step out of one's comfort zone, and learns to fail fast but learn faster still, STEM offers limitless possibilities. Each of these traits has helped me shape my career. In addition, I have been fortunate to have found great mentors who have helped me navigate my career and nudged me in the right direction. Building networks and support structures have been just as key to me. While the industry continues to see a large number of women joining the workforce at entry levels, the gender ratios start to go askew at mid and leadership levels. As a result, creating a level playing field by way of enabling structures for women is a goal that every organisation in this space must commit to. In addition, an orientation into the potential held by technology, and exposure to visible women role models is key to inspire young women to build careers in STEM.

Bias against women is much subtler now

Seemeen Hussain Chandrantooty | DIRECTOR & HEAD, RA CMC, AND DEVICE BANGALORE, NOVO NORDISK GBS

The issues faced by women in science are not very different from what other working women experience. The biggest challenge we face today is a flattened talent pool in the science and related STEM fields, even though the general representation of women has seen an increase in the last few decades. There are stereotypes undermining women's confidence and competence in areas of science and technology. With most of these being male-dominated fields, often women do experience an exclusionary culture. While the bias was more obvious in the early years of science when women were not allowed to pursue higher studies, it has adopted a subtler expression over the years with unequal opportunities at higher academic levels. The fact that today gender diversity is a boardroom conversation topic makes it a business imperative and not just a women's issue. Days such as International Women and Girls in Science and International Women's Day are beautiful ways to shine the spotlight and celebrate women and make the STEM fields look more glamorous and attractive.



Nurturing ecosystem needed from school to adulthood

Sritha Murali | LEAD MECHANICAL DESIGN ENGINEER – ROBOTICS, ABB INNOVATION CENTRE

I credit my parents for nurturing my inclination towards science and technology. I used to love tinkering with my father as he went about fixing things around the house in Chennai, where I grew up. Marie Curie was my role model, and my interest was primarily in the manufacturing sector, where I could work on the shop floor. However, in my early career, I found it difficult to break into the manufacturing shop floor despite a keen interest and was offered design assignments. Lack of a strong network was a deterrent in pursuing my dreams despite the passion and enthusiasm. As we move ahead, the pipeline must be strengthened with interventions right from junior school where girl students need strong role models and a nurturing environment supporting their ambitions. An entire ecosystem is required to nurture a child's inherent inclinations and can effectively address the lack of gender diversity in STEM areas. Parental support and the school environment should provide a balanced exposure, irrespective of gender whether it is toys, books, learning tools or experiences.

I grew up around tech, now I'm at Boeing

Nanditha Aroor | SENIOR MANAGER, IT OPERATIONS QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM & FACTORY TECHNOLOGY, BOEING

As a kid, I grew up among machines and my dad's workshop was my playground. My parents encouraged my inquisitiveness and inspired me to become an engineer. Soon after I completed my dual degrees in engineering – B.TECH in Information Technology and B.E Industrial Engineering, I got the opportunity to work at India's leading defense aerospace company, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). At HAL, I served as production line manager overseeing critical landing gear systems and environment control systems. As the only woman on the mechanical shop floor, I consistently challenged prevailing gender biases. I was the first manager to hire a woman technician in a mechanical shop floor team. In my current role as a manufacturing and quality IT leader at Boeing, I am proud of being exposed to its globally diverse and inclusive environment. There is a strong emphasis on learning and upskilling with the "learning together" program and an immense focus on career development. Being a mother of two sons, when my kids look up to me and are proud of my accomplishments, it gives me the greatest sense of purpose and happiness in life.

Get career counselling in school

Anitha SK | DEPARTMENT HEAD, TRANSVERSE ENGINEERING AND TOOL, ALSTOM INDIA

I was fortunate to experience the magic of tech first-hand during frequent visits to my father's work in the industrial steel town of Bhadravathi. It gave me invaluable exposure to the cutting-edge technology and chemistry within colossal furnaces. It was then that I decided to pursue a career in science. My career journey from pioneering AI-based IoT product development across diverse sectors to currently heading transverse engineering and tools department at Alstom has been one of continuous learning and unlearning. In my professional journey thus far, I have never hesitated to take risks and start afresh while exploring new roles and domains. Throughout, I have put conscious effort to upskill to understand how products are made and how our users deploy them to design better solutions. What has also helped me overcome any challenges is that I seek support from team, mentors, and family. Borrowing from my own journey, I would like to urge more young girls to get career counseling during school to be more aware of various opportunities in the field of science.

Cybersecurity needs more women

Rashmi Chandrashekar | GLOBAL DIRECTOR-DXC SECURITY, DXC TECHNOLOGY

As a leader in India's e-commerce and cybersecurity landscapes, I've proudly spearheaded the implementation of cybersecurity practices for two prominent companies. However, navigating the scarcity of female mentors in STEM, particularly in cybersecurity, presented a formidable challenge. Balancing my personal and professional life was a constant juggle, especially within the cybersecurity sphere, where late nights and extended hours are the norm. For young women entering the tech field to be successful, it is crucial to manage work-life integration effectively. With frequent changes in technology, there should be a focus on continuous learning and the ability to develop innovative ideas and execute them, even if it means putting in extra work hours. Prioritising tasks based on their importance at any given time is key. Additionally, finding a mentor or coach to provide guidance and support can significantly contribute to their success.

TRYING NEW AVENUES CHANGED MY LIFE

Jayshree Rajan | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, INSTITUTIONAL SECURITIES TECH, MORGAN STANLEY

I can confidently say that my career path has been shaped by my willingness to try new avenues and always being open to change. From being a consultant in aviation tech, to venturing into healthcare and finally, working in the financial services domain, my journey has been a varied one over the years. While a state of equilibrium in one's career might seem comforting for a while, I have learned that to go up the curve, one must first go down. Facing the ups-and-downs of corporate life and having a growth mindset is crucial in order to thrive in this ever-changing tech industry. I come from a small town in India and while I was keen to study at an Ivy League college in the US, my family situation prevented me from pursuing this course of education. I initially feared that this would hinder my career prospects, but I now work at one of the most prestigious investment banks in the world where I lead a data engineering team in institutional securities. My responsibility primarily lies in engineering and maintaining data pipelines.

MY LOVE FOR DIY PROJECTS DEFIED STEREOTYPES

Jaya Singh | DIRECTOR – MSP WW DEVELOPMENT, TEXAS INSTRUMENTS

Coming from a traditional family, my early fascination with scientific phenomena and the tendency for DIY (do it yourself) projects defied stereotypes, especially as a girl fascinated by mathematics. My natural inclination and passion for sciences encouraged me to pursue engineering in Electronics and Communications at IIT-Roorkee. At that time, I encountered the prevalent challenges for women in STEM because of unconscious biases, limited networking platforms, and a lack of relatable role models for women in STEM. While the industry has evolved and made consistent strides in increasing diversity in STEM, we have a long way to go. This journey can be accelerated by adopting a long-term approach to include women in STEM at an earlier stage in their lives. For example - initiatives like Women in Semiconductors and Hardware (WiSH) by Texas Instruments India encourage more women to pursue core engineering careers by giving them exposure to and mentoring in the semiconductor and hardware industry in the second year of engineering. Events like the success of Chandrayaan 3, where women scientists played a critical role, are a strong reinforcement of women's capability to excel and shine in STEM.

I get to apply novel concepts

Anusrita Raychaudhuri | TECHNICAL LEADER – HOT STRUCTURES, GE9X, GE AEROSPACE, JFWTC

Since childhood, flights have always fascinated me. It made me wonder what goes into making an aircraft and how I can get there. This keenness was one of the prime reasons why I pursued engineering. Working in GE Aerospace has been a unique experience. Not only does it allow me to take full ownership of product design through test validation and innovation, but it also allows me to apply novel concepts in real-life applications right from product design maturation for aircraft engines to solving customer challenges. At the same time, it allows me to mentor my team in managing critical business problem resolutions through test validation of engine structures to ensure safe flight for millions of people. All this would not have been possible without the support of my family and mentors, who have constantly motivated me throughout my career. I have always believed there is space for women in the aerospace sector, they can succeed with persistent hard work and dedication. While one may face setbacks in their professional career, with proper guidance, they can quickly turn things around in the right direction.

We need more women execs

Dhanashree Bhat | CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, PERSISTENT SYSTEMS

As a woman in STEM, I've witnessed a positive shift in attitudes towards gender diversity in workplaces. More women are embracing careers in science, engineering, and medicine, which is a promising sign of progress. An important aspect is that men actively support their wives' professional journeys through both the highs and lows. While we celebrate these advancements, it's essential to recognise the challenges that still exist. Many women hesitate to take risks in their careers, often remaining in their comfort zones instead of seizing new opportunities. Finding a mentor who genuinely invests in your growth and helps you leave behind these inhibitions is essential. I can vouch with my experience that having a women mentor in your organization or outside can truly help you scale your careers. Workplaces have a crucial role to play in nurturing mentor-mentee relationships among the women workforces. The value of a woman leader mentoring other women for leadership roles cannot be overstated. We often see companies grappling to bring women directors on board. Our goal, therefore, should be to bridge this gap by providing the necessary support to foster the growth of women leaders.

GLOSSARY OF IN-GROUP TERMS USED ON THIS PAGE

FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

The Fourth Industrial Revolution, often termed as "4IR" or "Industry 4.0," refers to the current era of unprecedented change driven by rapid technological advancements. This revolution is characterised by a fusion of technologies that blurs the lines between the physical, digital, and biological spheres. Key technologies driving the Fourth Industrial Revolution include, but are not limited to: AI and Machine Learning, Internet of Things (IoT), robotics and automation, 3D printing, blockchain tech, advanced wireless technologies, and biotechnology. The Fourth Industrial Revolution is transforming industries across the board, from manufacturing to healthcare, finance, and education, by improving efficiency, productivity, and personalisation.

IT'S ELEPHANTS AND EAGLES

Haller Fires Ivory Coast Into Final; Nigeria Take Care Of South Africa In Penalty Shootout

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THE GOAL: Sebastien Haller (C) is mobbed by his Ivorian teammates after his strike against Congo

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THE RELEASE: Nigerian players celebrate after winning the penalty shootout against SA

Abidjan: Sebastien Haller fired host nation Ivory Coast into an Africa Cup of Nations final against old foe Nigeria with a 1-0 win over Congo.

Haller scored when his volley from Max Gradel's cross bounced before going in under the crossbar in the 65th minute on Wednesday, setting off wild celebrations in the 60,000-capacity Alassane Ouattara Stadium. Haller was making his first start of the tournament after recovering fully from an ankle injury, further good news for Ivorians who were already convinced God is helping the Elephants to their third Africa Cup title.

Progress seemed unlikely after a 4-0 loss to Equatorial Guinea left the team on the verge of a group-stage exit. But Ivory Coast have bounced back since firing their coach by overcoming one setback after another. "It's like a dream," said interim coach Emerse Fae, who had to do without four players who were suspended for the semis.

Kelechi Iheanacho scored the winning penalty earlier to send Nigeria to the final with a 4-2 shootout victory over South Africa after their semifinal ended 1-1 after extra time. "It has been with me since growing up, I need to win something with the Super Eagles," Nigeria star Victor Osimhen said.

Congo had made a good start against the home team. Cédric Bakambu thought he'd put the Leopards ahead but his celebrations were cut short and the goal ruled out as goalkeeper Yahia Fofana was deemed to have had the ball. "It could have been another match," Congo coach Sébastien Desabre said of the disallowed goal. "But we can't re-write history."

AFCON SEMIS

Fan favourite Haller headed the best chance of the first half wide in the 41st and went on to miss other good chances. All were forgiven when he scored the winner.

There were no heroics this time in the penalty shootout from SA goalkeeper Ronwen Williams, who saved four in the quarterfinal against Cape Verde.

Nigeria counterpart Stanley Nwabali made two penalty saves to deny the Bafana Bafana a place in the final — diving to the bottom left corner to thwart Teboho Mokoena, then Evidence Makgopa's centrally placed effort. Nigeria got their break midway through the second when Osimhen was fouled.

Nigeria captain William Troost-Ekong fired the spot kick to the centre of goal in the 67th. Osimhen thought he'd sealed the win in the 85th but the goal was ruled out after a VAR check found Alhassan Yusuf had fouled Tau in the area and South Africa was duly awarded a penalty. Mokoena made no mistake in the 90th min. AP

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CONGO PLAYERS PROTEST AGAINST ARMED VIOLENCE: Congo's players held their right hands in front of their mouths and two fingers to their temples during a portion of Congo's national anthem.

Is there one last surprise in store?

Doha: An Asian Cup full of late goals and surprises reaches a climax on Saturday when hosts and holders Qatar face a Jordan side looking to make yet more history.

The 88,000-capacity Lusail Stadium, where Lionel Messi's Argentina beat France in the World Cup final 14 months ago, will stage the final act of four weeks of Asian football.

Few would have predicted it would come down to a decider between a Qatar side who swapped coaches one month before the Asian Cup and a Jordan team ranked 87 in the world.

ASIAN CUP FINAL

Pre-tournament favourites Japan were dumped out in the quarter-finals by Iran, who then went down in a 3-2 semifinal thriller to Qatar.

In a competition raining late goals, it should have been little surprise that Qatar's winner came eight minutes from time when Almoez Ali turned in to break Iranian hearts. "I'm very happy for Qatar, the people of Qatar, the fans and the players," said coach Tintin Marquez, the Spaniard who was spirited in to replace Carlos Queiroz less than four weeks before the competition.

They have been keen to avoid the topic, but winning the Asian Cup for a second time and retaining their crown will exorcise the demons of Qatar's World Cup flop.

In 27-year-old striker Akram Afif, Qatar have one of the players of the tournament and he scored a glorious goal against Iran to take his tally to five in six games.

With the crowd behind them, reigning champions Qatar will be expected to beat a Jordan side ranked 29 places below them. But under their widely admired Moroccan coach Hussein Ammouta, Jordan have proved the doubters wrong.

Qatar's danger men in attack will be Afif and Ali, who have seven goals between them, but Jordan are equally potent with the pace and power of Yazan Al-Naimat and Mousa Al-Tamari. They have scored six times at the tournament together and Tottenham's Son could only stand back and admire in the semifinal as the 26-year-old Tamari scored one of the goals of the tournament. AFP

India, B'desh share trophy after drama

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N Sibani Devi scores for India

Kolkata: What transpired in Dhaka on Thursday was nothing short of bizarre as India and Bangladesh ended up as joint winners of the SAFF U-19 Women's Championship after the final which ended one-all during playing time, led to a shootout where 11 penalties each were scored by both sides, then a coin toss to decide the winner. It led to on-field protests, a walkout and a lot of drama. In the end, reason prevailed and both teams were declared joint winners.

U19 SAFF

Eleven kicks from each team went unsaved in the penalty shootout after hosts Bangladesh earned a 93rd-minute equaliser to end regulation time on equal terms — Sagorika for the hosts cancelling Sibani Devi's eighth-minute opener. Then, the referee Anjana Rai of Nepal called skippers Nitu Linda(India) and Afeida Khandakar (Bangladesh) to the middle of the pitch for a coin toss and declared the visitors champions based on Linda's right call.

While the capacity crowd at the stadium were left in disbelief, the victorious Indians celebrated a crucial victory after ending up on the losing side in the 2019 summit clash against the same opponents and would have had scripted a comeback from their loss against Bangladesh in the round-robin fixture by virtue of another injury-time winner from the hosts. However, the Bangladesh contingent protested the manner of decision and complained to the match commissioner even as AIFF posted "WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS" on its 'X' handle.

As there is no rule for a coin toss as decider in SAFF tournament, or in the International Association Football Board rulebook, the commissioner agreed that the penalty should have been continued and decided to crown both teams champions of the 2024 edition.

Chelsea put troubles behind with win over high-flying Villa

Birmingham: Chelsea responded to a troubling week with a superb 3-1 win at Aston Villa to reach the fifth round of the FA Cup and put a smile back on the face of Mauricio Pochettino.

Successive heavy losses in the Premier League had left manager Pochettino under intense scrutiny ahead of the fourth-round replay, but first-half goals by Conor Gallagher and Nicolas Jackson put Chelsea in control before Enzo Fernandez delivered a sublime free kick after halftime. Villa, who are 15 points above Chelsea, were outplayed from start to finish.

Bizarrely Pochettino came under fire from the wife of his experienced defender Thiago Silva who took to social media calling for change after a 4-2 home drubbing by Wolves. Veteran Silva was left on the bench at Villa Park but Pochettino's young guns finally delivered.

Eight-time champions Chelsea will host Leeds United in round five. Nottingham Forest will host Manchester United next.

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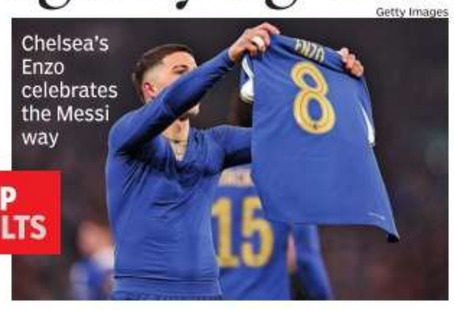

Chelsea's Enzo celebrates the Messi way

CUP RESULTS

Bilbao take 1st-leg advantage against Atletico

Madrid: Athletic Bilbao beat Atletico Madrid 1-0 in the first leg of their Copa del Rey semifinal at Metropolitano stadium on Wednesday thanks to Alex Berenguer's penalty.

Mbappe scores in PSG Cup win

Paris: Kylian Mbappé scored his 30th goal of the season as Paris Saint-Germain advanced to the French Cup quarters with a 3-1 win over Brest.

SPAIN STAY AWAY FROM EU DECLARATION ON OPPOSING SUPER LEAGUE

Paris: Spain was absent from a group of 26 European countries who signed a joint declaration voicing their opposition to the contentious Super League football project, ahead of the UEFA Congress in Paris. Stressing the need for open competition, the letter - signed by sports ministers across the continent - does not explicitly refer to the Super League but is clear in its opposition to the concept.

CEFERIN'S NO FOR UEFA PREZ ELECTION IN 2027

Paris: UEFA president Aleksander Ceferin will not stand as a candidate in 2027, announcing the news in a testy statement on Thursday one hour after steering through a controversial change of legal rules that would have let him stay. Ceferin has led UEFA since 2016 and said he was "tired of COVID, tired of two wars" and of plans for a rival Super League that he called a "nonsense project." He called perceived opponents "clowns".

Sasikumar enters quarterfinals of Chennai Open

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Chennai: Sumit Nagal has already made the Chennai Challenger quarterfinals and now it was the turn of comeback man Sasikumar Mukund. The Chennai boy beat Tunisia's Moez Echargui, who is ranked 200 places higher than him, 7-6 (4), 6-3 at the SDAT Stadium here on Thursday to enter the last-eight stage.

Sasikumar got broken early in the opening set, but he got into the groove soon by breaking Echargui. An array of backhand shots complemented by a forehand down the line helped Sasikumar stage a comeback in the eighth game to make it 4-4.

The Indian continued to move forward and hit three aces to lead by a game. The World No. 491 kept hitting the shots wide and close to the baseline.

Indian challenge ends as Rutuja & Sahaja lose

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Mumbai: It was a rough day for India's remaining players in the singles draw of the WTA125K Series L&T Mumbai Open, as wild cards Rutuja Bhosale and Sahaja Yamalapalli both fell to three-set defeats in the second round here on Thursday.

Katie Volynets had to battle an upset stomach and a home favourite in Bhosale, but the American managed to overcome both hurdles and reach the quarterfinals with a 7-6(8), 2-6, 6-1 win over the 346th-ranked Indian.

Yamalapalli's 1-6, 6-3, 7-5 defeat to Russian Polina Kudermetova would have left an even bitter taste, considering the Indian held a 5 -2 lead in the third set and even had the opportunity to serve for a spot in the last eight.

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION No.2, BEED
E-TENDER NOTICE NO.BEED-2/07 OF 2023-24

E-Tenders for (05) Works in B-1 form is invited by the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division No.2, Beed (Phone No. 02442-224723) from the registered Contractors in appropriate class of Public Works Department of Govt. of Maharashtra for the roads/repair of roads/repair of buildings/construction of new buildings in Tal. Ashti/Patoda/Shirur 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://maharashtra.etenders.in

Sd/-
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Online e-bids are invited from experienced and registered Agencies / Companies for Empanelment with UPLC for Software Developers and ITES Services. **Tender Ref. No. : UPLC/Software /Empanelment/21/2024-25 & Tender ID : 2024_ UPECL _883212 _1** Last date for the submission of e-bids is **20 February 2024** upto **5:00 PM.**

The details of submission of e-tender are available in the Tender Document uploaded on the e-procurement website **http://etender.up.nic.in and www.uplc.in.** The corporation reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-bids or annual the bidding process without assigning any reason thereof.

MANAGING DIRECTOR

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The detailed advertisement is available on ESIC Website i.e **https://www.esic.gov.in/** and **https://srolucknow.esic.gov.in/**

Advocates having required eligibility may submit their application with full bio-data both in hard copy and through e-mail to **sro.lucknow@esic.nic.in** to this office on or before 30 days of publish of advertisement

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Karnataka Veterinary, Animal & Fisheries Sciences University, Bidar

E-PROCUREMENT MODE
TENDER NOTIFICATION

No. RGR/93/2023-RGR-KVAFSU **Dt.: 29.01.2024**

KVAFSU Bidar invites bids through e-procurement in 2 covers system for Supply of **Equipments & Feed Ingredients** for Veterinary College, Gadag, College of Fisheries, Mangalore, Veternary College, Shimoga, IAH&VB Hebbal, Bengaluru and Veternary College, Hassan from tenderers registered in e-procurement cell of Government of Karnataka, Total cost of the tendered amount is **Rs. 484.85 Lakhs**.

The detailed notification of tender can be obtained by logging on to website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/** on or after **07.02.2024**. The last date for uploading tender documents is **08.03.2024** up to **5:00 PM**. Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Dr. K.J. Ananda, Co-Ordinator,
Tender Processing Cell, KVAFSU,
Bangalore-560024, Ph.: 080-29911602

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CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvnl.com

पत्रांक सं. 196 **Tender Notice** दिनांक 07.02.2024

Office of Executive Engineer (Maint.), Khodri Power Station, Dakpathar (Dehradun), invites tenders for following supply & work :

Tender No.22/EE(Maint.)/Khodri/2023-24 Supply and installation of the thermal insulation (Elastomeric Foam based on rubber with Aluminum Cladding) on cooling water Pipe Line in MIV gallery and miscellaneous works of Khodri Power Station .
Estimated Cost : Rs.24,26,380/-

Tender No.23/EE(Maint.)/Khodri/2023-24 Modification& Overhauling work of 50 HP Emergency pump Pipe Line, PSE Protection coating and Repairing of Valve at 30 MW Khodri Power Station.
Estimated Cost : Rs.14,41,600/-

Date of availability of bid documents:07.02.2024 (18:00 Hrs)
Last date for submission of Tender:28.02.2024 (upto 16:00 Hrs.).
For further details and downloading of the tender documents kindly visit our Nigam's website "www.ujvnl.com"

Executive Engineer(Maintenance) Khodri Power Station
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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division, No. 2152/20, Defence Colony, BWSSB Tank Road, Sahakaranagara, BBMP Office, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru-560092

No.: EE/BTP/BBMP/KPPP/17/2023-24 **Date: 07.02.2024**

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS (IFT)

(Through GOK https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ Portal only)

Tender for the following works on item rate basis are invited as Standard Bid Documents by the Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division from the registered contractors of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approximate value of work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
	TWO COVER TENDER		
1	Drilling of new borewells and providing pump and motor and other accessories, laying pipeline in Ward No. 05, Kogilu and 06, Jakkur. **(Category: Others)**	150.00	2,25,000/-
2	Drilling of new borewells and providing pump and motor and other accessories, laying pipeline in Ward No. 07, Thanisandra and 08, Amruthahalli. **(Category: Others)**	150.00	2,25,000/-

Date of Events: (1) The Tender Document can be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. (2)** Pre-bid meeting will be held on **14.02.2024** at **3:00 p.m.** in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division, No. 2152/20, Defence Colony, BWSSB Tank Road, Sahakaranagara, BBMP Office, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru-560092. **(3)** Last date for uploading the filled tender document is **17.02.2024** upto **4:00 p.m. (4)** Technical bids will be opened on the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** in the Office of the Executive Engineer **19.02.2024** at **11:00 a.m.** if possible. **(5)** Date of opening of Financial bid is on: **21.02.2024** at **11:00 a.m.** if possible (for Two Cover System). Further details may be obtained from the above office, during office hours or website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division, BBMP

Bihar Agricultural University
Sabour, Bhagalpur - 813210 (Bihar)

Notice

Tender No. 100 **Date : 07.02.2024**

Re-Tenders are invited from registered, experienced and reputed manufactures/agencies/firms/companies/suppliers for the **" Supply of Plant Phenotyping system with two grayscale cameras for multispectral imaging (top and side) with associated hardware and software at Bihar Agricultural College, Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour."** Details are available on **www.bausabour.ac.in**

Sd/-
O/I, Central Store
BAU, Sabour, Bhagalpur

UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LTD.
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Victoria Cross Vijeta Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun-248001
Corporate I.D. No. U40109UR2001SGCO25867/2358
Ph.No. 0135-2763672-76, Fax - 0135-2760289

No. 78/EE(CM)/UPCL/A-2 **Date :- 08-02-2024**

E-TENDER DATE EXTENSION NOTICE

E-tender Specification No. CCP-1/61/2023-2024 invited by this office for supply of Stay Set GI 20x1800mm are hereby extended due to unavoidable reasons. The e-tender can be purchased and submitted upto 17:00hrs of 19.2.2024. Part-I of the e-tender shall be opened on 20.2.2024 at 16.45hrs.

Other terms & conditions will remain same as per original tender notice. For further details, please visit our website **www.uktenders.gov.in**.

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GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER MAHANADI PROJECT, RAIPUR (CHHATTISGARH)

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
eProcurement Portal: https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in
(First Call)
System Tender No. 152429/ NIT No.: 19/SAC/23-24
Dated: 06.02.2024

Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 27.02.2024 at 17.30 Hours.

Name of work - Reconstruction/Renovation of Canal Structures and Remodelling and C.C. Lining of Juda Minor, Kasiyara Minor, Paisor Minor, Sarkhor Minor, Pandariya Minor and Parsadih Minor Canals of Dy. No. 14 of Lawan Branch Canal of Mahanadi Project.

Probable Amount of Contract**: - Rs. 720.16 Lakhs**
(As per S.O.R dated 01.08.2010 and amended upto 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 13.02.2024, at 17.31 Hours (IST) onwards.**

NOTE:- All eligible/intrested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the Integrated e- procurement portal **(https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in)** and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized Contractor/Supplier Registration in order to download the/ tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Water Management Division No. 2, Balodabazar
For Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Project
Raipur (C.G.)

G-07600/8

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, GOVERNMENT OF UTTAR PRADESH
Paryatan Bhawan, C-13, Vipin Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow - 226010, Email Id: ppp.uptourism@gmail.com

Request for Proposal (Rfp) for Tourism Gap Analysis, Survey of Locations, Identification Shelf of Projects and Propose Implementation and Marketing Strategies – for 12 Mega Circuits each – Ramayana, Krishna-Braj, Buddhist Circuit; Mahabharata Circuit; Shakti Peeth Circuit; Adhyatmik Circuit; Sufi-Kabir Circuit; Jain Circuit; Bundelkhand Circuit; Wildlife And Eco Tourism Circuit; Craft Circuit; and the Swatantrata Sangram Circuit.

Online e-bids are invited from the interested bidders, starting from **7th February 2024; 1200 hrs** for 'TOURISM GAP ANALYSIS, SURVEY OF LOCATIONS, IDENTIFICATION SHELF OF PROJECTS AND PROPOSE IMPLEMENTATION AND MARKETING STRATEGIES' – separate for all 12 circuits.

Pre-bid meeting for all the circuits will be organized jointly on 14/02/2024; 12:00 PM at Paryatan Bhawan, Lucknow. **Last date of submission of e-bids is 28/02/2024; 14:00 PM.** The technical e-bids shall be opened on 28/02/2024; 18:00 PM or afterwards.

RFP documents are available on the e-tender website **https://etender.up.nic.in**. The Department of Tourism, Government of Uttar Pradesh reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-bids or annul the bidding process without assigning any reason thereof.

(Director General Tourism)

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 **Vivek Dhingra** S/o **Lt. Sh. K.L. Dhingra** R/o **B-17, Golden Park, Shiv Puri, Jagatpuri, Delhi** has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 483/15 U/S 498A/406/34 IPC & 4 DP Act, PS Jagatpuri, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Vivek Dhingra** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Vivek Dhingra** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Vivek Dhingra** of case **FIR No. 483/15 U/S 498A/406/34 IPC & 4 DP Act, PS Jagatpuri, Delhi** are required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **30.03.2024.**

By Order
Ms. Shruti Sharma
Metropolitan Magistrate (Mahila Court)
Room No. 55, Shahdara District
Karkardooma Court, Delhi

DP/1385/SHD/2024(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P. C.

Whereas a complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Ram Dayal S/o Sh. Bhagwan Das** R/o H. No.6/379, 3rd floor Khichripur, Delhi Also At Designation MTS-164 UPSC Department Services-1 Dholpur House Shahjahan Road, New Delhi, have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence **CT. No. 45705/16 U/s 138 NI Act.,** has been registered at **P.S. Gazipur, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said, **Ram Dayal** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, **Ram Dayal** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused, **Ram Dayal of CT. No. 45705/16 U/s 138 NI Act., registered at P.S. Gazipur, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **30.03.2024.**

By Order
Ms. Himanshi Tyagi MM,
Karkardooma Court, Delhi

DP/1274/ED/2024

TIMES SPORT

THE TIMES OF INDIA, NEW DELHI | FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024

GOLFER TIGER WOODS' 2024 DEBUT WILL COME NEXT WEEK AT RIVIERA

SEBASTIEN HALLER FIRES IVORY COAST INTO AFRICA CUP FINAL AGAINST NIGERIA

RITE OF PASSAGE

Over the years, many players who have done well at the U-19 World Cup have graduated to the senior stage with spectacular success, while others showed promise but lost their way. TOI takes a look...

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India's under-19 cricketers have once again reached the final of the World Cup. This Sunday in Benoni in South Africa, Uday Saharan and Co. will have the opportunity to lift the title one more time. Other than the skipper himself, players like Musheer Khan, Sachin Dhas, Arshin Kulkarni, Saumy Pandey and Naman Tiwari have also impressed.

TIMES *Special*

This is the ninth time India's junior cricketers have reached the final, a record. They've also triumphed five times, another record. Which ones will graduate to the big league from here? Which ones will disappear? The under-19 World Cup stage is a fascinating story of both stalwarts and also-rans...

Pix: Getty Images

TASTE OF THINGS TO COME: Ravindra Jadeja (left) and captain Virat Kohli celebrate after India won the U-19 World Cup by beating South Africa in the final on March 2, 2008 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

THE ONES WHO MADE IT BIG

VIRAT KOHLI

The biggest contribution the U-19 World Cup has had on Indian cricket is the emergence of Virat Kohli. It was in 2008 that Virat led India to their second U-19 WC title in Malaysia, where his team defeated South Africa in the final. He was India's second highest run-scorer (235 runs, avg. 47, SR 94.75) and the lone century-scorer. The sight of Virat running towards pacer Siddarth Kaul after the final South African wicket fell is etched in India's cricket folklore.

YUVRAJ SINGH

In the first indication that he was ready for many match-winning exploits at the senior level, Yuvraj Singh helped India to their maiden U-19 World Cup title in 2000. The southpaw was a vital cog in the Mohammad Kaif-led side that defeated Sri Lanka by six wickets in the final in Colombo. Yuvraj was Man of the Series, scoring 203 runs at an yet-unheard strike rate of 103.57. He also took 12 wickets with his left-arm spin and was the sixth highest wicket-taker.

VIRENDER SEHWAG

One of Indian cricket's batting greats, Sehwag featured in the 1998 edition of the event in South Africa. More than his batting, Sehwag delivered with his off-spin, snaring seven wickets at a stingy economy-rate of 3.36. India didn't make the final but Sehwag's all-round skills got a lot of attention.

HARBHAJAN SINGH

Off-spinner Harbhajan also impressed in the 1998 edition, picking up eight wickets at an average of 21.12 and an economy rate of 3.44. Harbhajan had telling contributions in all five Indian victories. Soon after, Harbhajan made his Test debut for India against Australia in Bangalore.

ROHIT SHARMA

Batting at No. 3, India's current captain hit three half-centuries in six innings at the 2006 U-19 World Cup in Sri Lanka. He tallied 205 runs at an average of 41. India managed to reach the final but lost to Pakistan by 38 runs. He also shone with his off-spin, picking up four wickets.

RAVINDRA JADEJA

The 'Rockstar' allrounder was involved in two U-19 World Cups –in 2006, in which India lost in the final, and the other in 2008, when India won under Kohli's leadership. In 2006, Jadeja played four matches, picked up four wickets and also made some handy contributions down the order. By 2008, he had improved dramatically and was one of the stars with the ball, taking 10 wickets in six games. He was Kohli's go-to man, and in the final got two important middle-order wickets to derail South Africa's chase of 160.

CHETESHWAR PUJARA

Very few would believe Cheteshwar Pujara once scored runs at a faster clip than Rohit Sharma. This happened in the 2006 U-19 World Cup when Pujara, opening the batting, notched up 349 runs in six innings at a strike-rate of 82.11. In comparison, Rohit's strike-rate was 77.35. Pujara hit one century and two half-centuries to finish as the highest run-scorer. But he failed in the final and was out for nought as India collapsed for 71.

SHIKHAR DHAWAN

Right from his U-19 days, Shikhar Dhawan had a penchant for scoring big at ICC events. In the 2004 U-19 World Cup, he was the highest run-getter with 505 runs in seven innings. His best knock was a swashbuckling unbeaten 155 against Scotland, apart from two other centuries. Dhawan had to wait to play for the senior side, though.

SURESH RAINA

Another big name from the 2004 U-19 World Cup who went on to play at the senior level. Raina was India's second-highest run-scorer after Dhawan, scoring 247 runs at an average of 35.28 and a strike-rate of 90.80, including three half-centuries. His knocks in the middle-order came at a fast clip. Raina also picked up five wickets with his off-spin and played a crucial role in breaking partnerships. India lost in the semifinal but the 2004 team was one of the best-ever.

RISHABH PANT

India's march to the final of the 2016 edition in Bangladesh, where they lost to West Indies U-19, was on the back of some explosive batting from opener Pant, who scored 267 runs in six innings at 44.50 (SR 104.29), including a century and two half-centuries. He formed a deadly opening combination with another big-hitter and wicketkeeper-batsman, Ishan Kishan. Just one year later, Pant got his senior India breakthrough.

VIJAY ZOL

Hailing from the small town of Jalna in Maharashtra, which had no cricket facilities to speak of, Zol first hit the headlines when he scored a monumental 451 in a Cooch Behar Trophy U-19 game in 2011. He went on to lead the team at the 2014 U-19 World Cup in the UAE, where India bowed out in the quarterfinals. His teammates Kuldeep Yadav, Shreyas Iyer and Sanju Samson all went to play for the national team, but not Zol. He started his first-class career on a brilliant note, scoring a century on debut for India 'A' against New Zealand 'A'. He then hit a double-century on Ranji debut for Maharashtra. He was also picked by Royal Challengers Bangalore in 2014, but everything went downhill thereafter. He has not played a single first-class match since 2019. Last year, Zol was controversially booked on charges of kidnapping and extortion in Aurangabad.

SANDEEP SHARMA

The wily medium-pacer from Punjab made everyone stand up and take notice when he swung the ball prodigiously during the 2012 edition in Australia. Sharma picked up 12 wickets from six matches at an average of 15.75 (ER 3.62). His best came in the final when his 4/54 restricted Australia to a below-par score of 225/8, which India scaled on the back of Unmukt Chand's century. Sharma was signed by Kings XI Punjab ahead of the 2013 IPL season. He has also represented Sunrisers Hyderabad and Rajasthan Royals. At the first-class level, he has come up with decent performances. Sharma was rewarded with two T20I caps against Zimbabwe in 2015, but failed to deliver in those matches and was not selected again.

SIDDARTH KAUL

He was Virat Kohli's trusted man in the pace department during the victorious 2008 U-19 campaign. Kaul picked up 10 wickets in five games at 15.40 (ER 4.27). He had made his first-class debut for Punjab even before the U-19 World Cup and was rewarded for his domestic performances with three ODIs and three T20Is in 2018-19. However, he couldn't crack the code at the international stage and was subsequently dropped. He has, however, played for four different IPL teams.

OTHER NOTABLE U-19 SUCCESS STORIES: Yashasvi Jaiswal, Dinesh Karthik, Shubman Gill, KL Rahul, Shreyas Iyer, Kuldeep Yadav, RP Singh, Robin Uthappa, Irfan Pathan, Parthiv Patel, Hanuma Vihari, Sanju Samson, Mohammad Kaif, Arshdeep Singh.

THOSE WHO FADED AWAY

UNMUKT CHAND

Captain of the 2012 U-19 World Cup-winning team, Unmukt scored a match-winning century (111 off 130 balls) in the final against hosts Australia. His superb performance earned him high praise from the likes of Aussie legend Ian Chappell, who said Chand was ready for the big stage. He returned home to massive media glare, wrote a book titled 'The Sky Is the Limit: My Journey to the World Cup'. But his bat stopped yielding runs at the domestic level and Chand just couldn't convert his teenage stardom into meaningful performances. He has now moved to the USA to play in the Major League Cricket and hopes to represent America at the international stage.

ASHOK MENARIA

The stylish Udaipur-born southpaw captained the Indian team at the 2010 U-19 World Cup in New Zealand. That team had many players who went on to don national colours. The likes of KL Rahul, Mayank Agarwal, Mandeep Singh and Jaydev Unadkat made it big, but not Menaria himself. He had a dismal tournament, scoring just 31 runs in five innings. It was one of the most disappointing U-19 World Cup campaigns as India finished sixth. Later, Menaria represented Rajasthan at the first-class level before a feud with the state board made him change states and move to Haryana.

Plucky Aus await India in final after edgy win over Pak

Benoni: Tom Straker's six-wicket haul and Harry Dixon's fifty inspired Australia to a narrow one-wicket victory over brave Pakistan in the semifinal here on Thursday, setting up their U-19 World Cup final against defending champions India. The summit clash will be played at the same venue on Sunday.

Pakistan made a below-par 179, built around two half-centuries by Arafat Minhas (52) and Azan Awais (52) as they struggled against pacer Tom Straker (6/24). Despite having their own struggles against spirited Pakistan bowlers, the Aussies managed to reach 181/9 in 49.1 overs to seal the final berth with Harry Dixon (50; 75b, 5x4) and Oliver Peake (49; 75b, 3x4) leading their chase.

U-19 WC SEMIFINAL

However, Australia's win was anything but smooth as a bunch of determined Pakistan bowlers made them stretch for every single run. Australian openers Dixon and Sam Konstas (14) added 33 runs but they lost four wickets while adding 26 runs in 6.2 overs that pushed them into a tight corner. Not many teams relish the pressure situation better than the Aussies and they brought out that quality to the fore here too.

Without the burden of asking rate behind their back, the Aussies middle-order concentrated on collecting the runs through nurdles and nudges interspersed with the odd boundary. Dixon, who made his third fifty of the tournament, and Peake milked 43 runs for the fifth wicket in a shade over 10 overs that kept the Aussies firmly in the hunt. PTI

Scores: Aus U-19 181/9 (Dixon 50, Raza 4-34) beat Pak U-19 179 (Awais 52, Straker 6/24) by 1 wkt.

6 Australia have qualified for the final of the U-19 World Cup for the sixth time, the previous instances being in 1988, 2002, 2010, 2012 & 2018.

6/24 Tom Straker has produced the best-ever bowling performance in a semifinal or final of the U-19 World Cup, bettering Kagiso Rabada's figures of 6/25 for S Africa U-19 vs Aus U-19 in Dubai (DSC) on Feb 26, 2014.

—**Stats:** Rajesh Kumar

TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT! Rafael MacMillan celebrates after Aus U-19 cross the line in the WC semifinal in Benoni on Thursday

ENG SPINNERS OWE SUCCESS TO STOKES' LEADERSHIP: REHAN AHMED

New Delhi: Exceeding expectations, England's inexperienced spinners have outperformed their seasoned Indian counterparts in the first two Tests, and young Rehan Ahmed attributes the performance to team environment and Ben Stokes' leadership. It is quite remarkable that the trio of Ahmed, Tom Hartley and Shoaib Bashir have taken more wickets (33) than Ravichandran Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel and Kuldeep Yadav (23). Even in terms of economy rate, the England spin attack is ahead of the Indians.

"That just shows how great the team environment is," Ahmed was quoted as saying by the BBC. "The environment and the leadership we have, it does make you kind of forget the players you are playing against — we just focus on what we need to do."

With Stokes and Brendon McCullum at the helm, Ahmed cuts a relaxed figure. "They (Stokes and head coach Brendon McCullum) just don't care about how bad things can go. It's always about what good you can get out of it. So if I bowl four bad balls and get a wicket, they say that's better than bowling 16 good balls in a row," Ahmed said. PTI

BUMRAH WILL BE BEST PACER OF T20 WORLD CUP, FEELS PHILANDER

Johannesburg: His ability to hold a line, bowl wicket-taking deliveries without leaking runs along with those lethal yorkers make Jasprit Bumrah the most complete bowler in international cricket, says former South African seamer Vernon Philander, who foresees the Indian outperforming all his contemporaries in this year's T20 World Cup in the Americas. Bumrah on Wednesday became the first Indian pacer to be crowned number one in the ICC Test rankings.

Philander, who has played 64 Tests for South Africa with 225 wickets, said Bumrah doesn't seem to have any chinks in his armour. "Bumrah is the (most) complete bowler. He has got magnificent skills and has learnt the trade of holding a line and length and that is the reason behind his Test success. Initially, he wanted to bowl wicket-taking deliveries all the time and leaked runs but now he has learnt consistency," Philander said. PTI

AP

HISTORIC: The Paris Olympic medals will contain a hexagonal, polished piece of iron taken from the Eiffel Tower, organisers said. The medals were unveiled on Thursday

Diksha off to fine start, shoots 2-under round: Diksha Dagar shot two-under 71 to make a fine start at the Magical Kenya Ladies Open here on Thursday. Diksha was tied seventh and two shots behind the leaders at the Par-73 Vipingo Ridge course. Vani Kapoor and Pranavi Urs also had fine starts but gave up those gains to drop down later as the Ladies European Tour opened for the 2024 season.

ACTION TODAY

BASKETBALL: NBA, 6 am (Jiocinema)
CRICKET: Ranji Trophy, various matches, 9.30 am (Jiocinema); Aus vs WI, 1st T20I, 2.30 am (Star Sports); Sri Lanka vs Afghanistan, 1st ODI, 2.30 pm (Sony Sports)
FOOTBALL: ISL, Odisha FC vs FC Goa, 7.30 pm (Jiocinema); I-League, Rajasthan United vs Real Kashmir, 2 pm; Inter Kashi vs Gokulam Kerala, 7 pm (Fancode, Eurosport)
HOCKEY: FIH Women's Pro League, India vs USA, 7.30 pm (Jiocinema)

Swiss honour for Neeraj: plaque at 'Top of Europe'

Lausanne: India's Olympic and world champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has been honoured with a plaque at the famous Ice Palace at Jungfraujoch, known as the 'Top of Europe', in Switzerland.

Acknowledging Chopra's remarkable accomplishments, Jungfraujoch welcomed the sports icon to unveil the commemorative plaque, Switzerland Tourism said in statement.

Chopra donated one of his javelins to the tourist attraction and it has been placed alongside the plaque. He joins stars such as Roger Federer, and golfer Rory McIlroy, who also have such commemorative plaques at the Ice Palace.

The Wall of Fame at Jungfraujoch serves as a testament to the spirit of accomplishment and dedication, Switzerland Tourism said in a statement.

Expressing his gratitude at the unveiling of the plaque, Chopra said, "I am humbled by the love and appreciation I have received in this country. To have a plaque installed here in this stunning Ice Palace was beyond my wildest dreams, yet here I am. I feel on top of the world, as I stand at the Top of Europe."

Chopra enthralled the attendees by showcasing his Javelin-throwing skills. Chopra had earlier gifted a javelin to the Olympic Museum in Switzerland. PTI

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Olympic gold medallist Neeraj Chopra after being honoured with a commemorative plaque at Jungfraujoch

Nikhat and Arundhati in Strandja semis

Sofia: Two-time World Champion Nikhat Zareen eked out a gritty win while Arundhati Choudhary too won her bout to advance to the semifinals of the 75th Strandja Memorial Tournament here on Thursday.

The first Indian to take the ring, two-time gold medallist Nikhat (50kg) defeated France's Lkhadiri Wassila by a 5-0 unanimous verdict margin. However, the bout was much closer than the final result reflected as both boxers fought on an even keel before Nikhat edged past the French pugilist.

Nikhat will now meet home favourite Zlatislava Chukanova in the semifinals.

In the other bout of the day, national champion Arundhati (66kg) dominated against Matovic Milena of Serbia. She will face Jessica Triebelová of Slovakia in the semifinals.

Sakshi (57kg) suffered a 2-3 defeat against Mamajonova Khumorabonu of Uzbekistan to exit the tournament in the quarters. PTI

Varun withdraws from FIH Pro League

New Delhi: Accused of rape under the POCSO act, Arjuna award-winning hockey player Varun Kumar has withdrawn from the FIH Pro League in Bhubaneswar to explore his legal options against the allegation, which he described as a "calculated attempt to extort money" from him.

The 28-year-old has been granted "urgent leave" from national duty by Hockey India after he stated that the incident has taken a toll on his "physical and mental health".

Varun has been booked by the Bengaluru Police after a woman accused the defender of sexually abusing her multiple times when she was a minor.

In a letter to HI president Dilip Tirkey, Varun claimed that the complaint against him is false and a misuse of the "state machinery".

"Through media reports I got to know that a false and frivolous case has been filed against me by a girl with whom I was in a relationship previously and the said case has been culminated into an FIR in Bangalore though I have not been contacted by any police official in this regard," Varun's letter read.

"The aforesaid case is nothing but a calculated attempt to extort money out of me and to tarnish my reputation and image as I'm an accomplished hockey player having played for India and being an Arjuna Awardee and she knows that such a case could hamper my career and image."

Varun, who was with the Indian team in Bhubaneswar for the Pro League matches, said he will fight the allegations legally. PTI

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UNDER SCANNER: Varun Kumar

Indian women seek to turn the tide vs USA

Bhubaneswar: Arresting the free-fall after a hat-trick of defeats will be the top-most agenda of Indian women's hockey team as it gears up to face the United States in its fourth FIH Pro League 2023-24 clash here on Friday.

Having failed to qualify for the Paris Olympics, the Savita Punia-led women's team's performance had gone from bad to worse in recent times.

FIH PRO LEAGUE

India lost 1-2 to China, followed by another 1-3 defeat at the hands of The Netherlands. The hosts lost their third match on the trot against the formidable Australia, who blanked them 3-0.

Reflecting on the team's early setbacks, skipper Savita said: "Our initial matches have posed formidable challenges, but we're a resilient team. Each defeat has fuelled our determination to learn, adapt, and come back stronger. PTI

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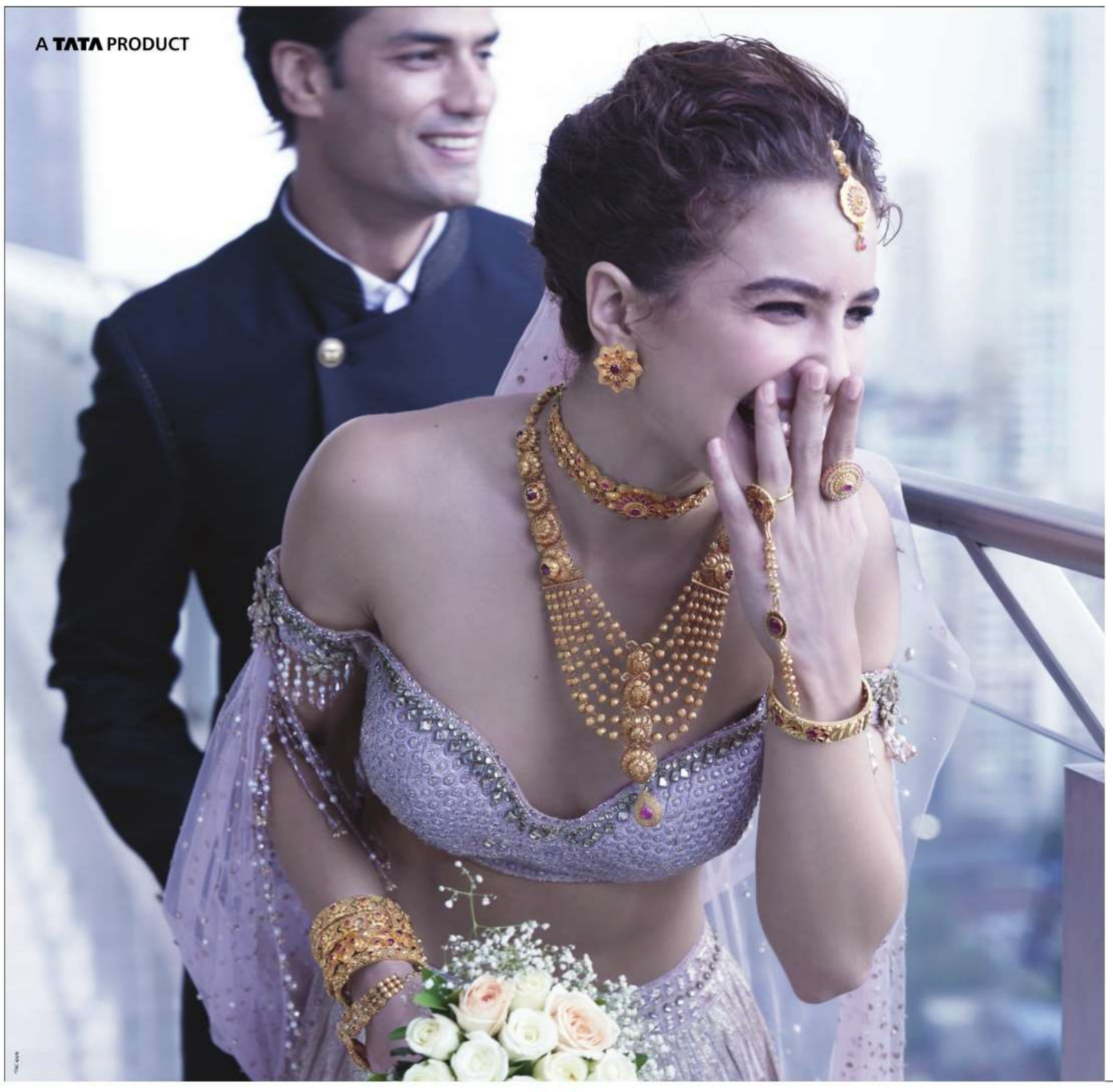

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Pak votes amid net & mobile blackouts; 11 die in violence

With Imran In Jail, Nawaz Confident Of Win, Brushes Off Need To Form Coalition

Omer Farooq Khan | TNN

Pak began counting votes in an election that critics say is the least credible in the country's history. They say polls have been engineered by military to keep Imran Khan and his party out of power

Mahira Khan joined celebs in urging people to vote

Islamabad: Pakistan held its largest-ever general elections on Thursday in a blanket blackout of mobile phone and internet services amid allegations of rigging, sporadic violence and a pre-poll crackdown on Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf led by jailed ex-PM Imran Khan.

Voting began at 8 am local time and finished at 5 pm. Mobile calls and data services were severed across the country before polling commenced, making it harder for voters to find their polling stations. Pakistan had suspended phone and internet services in the past, too, to manage information flows, but this kind of shutdown is unprecedented, especially during an election.

An interior ministry spokesperson said the action was necessary considering the recent terror attacks in Pakistan. "As a result of the recent incidents of terrorism in the country, precious lives have been lost. Security measures are essential to maintain the law and order situation and to deal with potential threats," the spokesman said. Just a day before the elections, more than 30 people were killed in three separate bomb blasts, two in southwestern Balochistan province and one in Karachi, Sindh.

NetBlocks, a global internet watchdog, said the election day internet blackout in Pakistan was amongst the largest observed in any country in terms of severity and extent. "The practice is inherently undemocratic and is known to limit the work of independent election observers and cause irregularities in the voting process," NetBlocks director Alp Toker said. Amnesty International called the suspension of mobile and internet services "a blunt attack on the rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly".

Imran's PTI lambasted the mobile service suspension, calling it a "severe assault on democracy" and a cowardly attempt by those in power to "stifle dissent, manipulate election outcomes and infringe upon the rights of the Pakistani people".

Pakistan's foreign ministry said border crossings with Afghanistan and Iran were shut for both freight and pedestrian traffic to ensure full security during voting. About 650,000 security personnel — police, paramilitary and military forces — were deployed to ensure a peaceful electoral process.

At least 11 people, including two children and nine security officials, were killed nationwide during the vote. In Dera Ismail Khan district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, four policemen were killed in an attack on a patrol. Two paramilitary force personnel and a policeman were killed in Balochistan's Kharan district when their vehicle drove over a landmine en route to a polling station.

Critics and analysts have already described the polls as the least credible in the country's history, saying the entire exercise has been engineered by the powerful military establishment to keep Imran and his party out of power. While Imran has been disqualified from the electoral process for 10 years, his party has been stripped of its cricket bat election symbol.

The run-up to the polls saw Khan being sentenced to jail in at least three different cases, while his arch-rival, former three-time PM Nawaz Sharif, who was previously jailed and then in exile, returned and emerged as a leading contender again.

Speaking after voting this morning, Nawaz said he was confident of his party, Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), winning the elections with an outright majority. Sharif brushed off suggestions his party might need to form a coalition to govern. "For God's sake, don't mention a coalition govt," he told reporters in Lahore. He even suggested he was thinking about which posts would go to whom. "Once this election is over, we will sit down and decide who is PM and who is CM (chief minister) of Punjab province," Nawaz said. If no single party wins a simple majority, the first placed must form a coalition.

An officer & the insurrectionist: US SC leans against Trump disqualification

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An anti-Trump demonstration outside the SC in Washington, DC on Thursday. The SC heard arguments about whether Trump's attempts to subvert the 2020 election disqualify him from again holding office

Washington: The US Supreme Court on Thursday appeared inclined to reject Colorado's disqualification of Donald Trump from the 2024 presidential race on grounds of insurrection, implicitly warning that such a course would set up states against each other and sunder the country. Justices on both the liberal and conservative spectrum expressed worries about the "extraordinary" ramifications of letting states decide whether a candidate is an insurrectionist, even though decentralised poll rules and the federal structure of the nation allows states to make such a call.

Even liberal justices Elena Kagan and Ketanji Jackson Brown voiced concern about states setting the agenda for national election. Conservative justices wondered what would happen if other states began disqualifying rival candidates on political grounds amid concerns that Republicans could retaliate against Trump's disqualification by moving to strike President Biden off the ballot in states they governed.

"I would expect that a goodly number of states will say: 'Whoever the Democratic candidate is, you're off the ballot. That's a pretty daunting consequence." Chief Justice John Roberts noted. Concern about the unity and integrity of the US seemed to overshadow the question of whether Trump stoked an insurrection on Jan 6, 2021, which the Colorado court cited to disqualify him in the state, setting the precedent for several other states to do the same. The justices also seemed disinclined to accept the argument that the reference to "officers of the US" in Section 3 of the 14th amendment in the constitution included the President.

The US constitution contains 4543 words — 7591 including amendments — compared to India's approximately 1,45,000 words. Each word, phrase, and sentence in the US document has been minutely assessed and interpreted across generations by constitutional scholars. The top court is hearing arguments centering largely on one crucial phrase in Section 3 that could decide the political future of Trump, and America itself. The Section 3 reads: No person shall be a senator or representative in Congress, or elector of president and vice-president, or hold any office, civil or military, under the US, or under any state, who, having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the US, or as a member of any state legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any state, to support the constitution of the US, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof. But Congress may by a vote of two-thirds of each House, remove such disability.

At the heart of the arguments is whether the phrase "an officer of the US" was meant to include the President, or only his underlings and other officials. Acting on a lawsuit by six plaintiffs, the Colorado Supreme Court last Dec ruled that Trump had led an insurrection on Jan 6, 2021, and as an officer of the US, he is ineligible to appear on the ballot in the state. The ruling marked the first time in US history that Section 3 of the 14th Amendment has been used to disqualify a presidential candidate. Trump appealed the ruling before the SC.

Constitutional mavens and presidential scholars are divided, often along partisan lines, in their interpretation of Section 3 — known as the insurrection clause or disqualification clause — that came into effect in 1868 following the Civil War. It was originally meant to bar former confederates, or southern separatists, from running for office, and no one seriously thought it would be relevant in 21st century America.

Trump lawyers and loyalists say Section 3 cannot be applied to him for several reasons: For one, the president is not an "officer of the US"; if it was meant to include the President, the language would have been more precise. They also maintain that it is the Congress, not the courts or officials in states, who have to enforce the disqualification provision; in other words, "let the people decide". The Colorado ruling, they say, has "unconstitutionally disenfranchised millions of voters in the state" and if unchecked could lead to disenfranchisement of millions more across the country.

Their overarching argument is that Trump did not engage in insurrection. "Trump never told his supporters to enter the Capitol, and he did not lead, direct, or encourage any of the unlawful acts that occurred at the Capitol," Trump lawyer Jonathan Mitchell said in his filing before the court. The court itself is under immense scrutiny given the political polarisation in the country that is reflected in its composition. Of the six conservative justices, three are Trump nominees. The court is also stained by claims of corruption and malfeasance. The wife of one judge, conservative Clarence Thomas, is an activist who was allegedly involved in trying to overturn the 2020 poll result. Three other justices were young lawyers helping the Bush campaign in Florida during the infamous Bush v Gore case when the SC stepped in to award the election to George Bush.

Zaluzhnyi bows out, Ukraine gets new military chief

Kyiv: President Volodymyr Zelensky replaced Ukraine's popular army chief with his ground forces commander on Thursday, a huge gamble at a time when Russian forces are gaining the upper hand nearly two years into their war.

The shakeup ushering in a new military leadership follows months of speculation about a rift between Zelensky and army chief General Valeriy Zaluzhnyi, who many Ukrainians see as a national hero.

"As of today, a new management team takes over the leadership of the Armed Forces of Ukraine," Zelensky said.

President Zelensky & Gen Zaluzhnyi

He named Colonel General Oleksandr Syrskyi as the new head of the Armed Forces. Syrskyi, commander of the ground forces, takes the helm amid deep uncertainty as Kyiv awaits vital military aid from the US that has been delayed by political infighting.

With Ukraine struggling to rapidly reform its army mobilisation programme, the sacking of Zaluzhnyi could deal a blow to the morale of troops on a 1,000 km front. It could also backfire politically, hurting Zelensky's ratings. Polling surveys put the public's trust in Zaluzhnyi, known by some as the "Iron General", at over 90% — significantly higher than Zelensky's 77% late last year.

The military shakeup unfolded over a series of statements in which Zelensky said he had met Zaluzhnyi to discuss changes to the military leadership. He had asked the general to remain "on his team", he said. In his own statement, Zaluzhnyi said he had an "important and serious conversation" with Zelensky and that a decision had been made to change battlefield tactics and strategy. "The tasks of 2022 are different from the tasks of 2024. Therefore, everyone must change and adapt to new realities as well. To win together too," his statement said. REUTERS

US strike in Baghdad kills pro-Iran commander

Baghdad: A US drone strike blew up a car in the Iraqi capital Wednesday night, killing a high-ranking commander of the Kataib Hezbollah militia who is responsible for "directly planning and participating in attacks" on American troops in the region, the US military said. The precision blast hit a main thoroughfare in the Mashtal neighbourhood in Baghdad.

Security forces closed off the heavily guarded Green Zone, where a number of diplomatic compounds are located, and there were concerns about social media postings urging protesters to storm the US embassy. There were conflicting reports on the number of those killed, with US officials saying the initial assessment was one, and saying there were no civilian casualties. But two officials with Iran-backed militias in Iraq said that three died, including Abu Baqir Al-Saadi, the commander in charge of Kataib Hezbollah's operations in Syria. Kataeb Hezbollah later announced his death.

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Palestinians mourn relatives killed in overnight bombardment in Rafah

Repeated US strikes against Iran-backed armed groups in Iraq are pushing the Baghdad govt to end the mission of the US-led coalition in the country, the Iraqi PM's military spokesperson said Thursday. Yahya Rasool said the coalition "has become a factor for instability and threatens to entangle Iraq in the cycle of conflict". REUTERS

Israeli raids kill 13 in Gaza's Rafah

Israeli air strikes killed over a dozen people overnight and into Thursday in Rafah in the Gaza Strip. More than half of strip's population has fled to Rafah. The overnight strikes killed at least 13 people, including two women and five children, according to the Kuwaiti Hospital, which got the bodies. At the scene of one of the strikes, residents used their cellphone lights as they dug through the rubble with pick-axes and bare hands to look for loved ones. AP

Blinken ends W Asia trip after Israeli snub

US secretary of state Antony Blinken left West Asia on Thursday after public divisions between the US and Israel. Blinken was returning to Washington after getting a virtual slap in the face from Israeli PM Netanyahu, who said the war would continue until Israel is completely victorious and rejected Hamas's proposed truce plan. PM's public dismissal of a plan the US says has merit highlighted the divide between the two allies. AP

FIRE & FURY: ICELAND VOLCANO ERUPTS AGAIN

AFP

A volcano in southwestern Iceland erupted on Thursday for the third time since Dec, sending jets of lava into the sky and triggering the evacuation of the Blue Lagoon spa (above), one of the island nation's biggest tourist attractions. The eruption began along a 3km fissure northeast of Mount Sýlingarfell, the Icelandic meteorological office said. The eruption site is about 4km northeast of Grindavik, a coastal town of 3,800 people that was evacuated before a previous eruption on Dec. 18. The met office said there was no immediate threat to the town on Thursday. However, the lava flow hit the thermal-based water pipes in the region, disrupting the supply of hot water to over 20,000 people. AGENCIES

Xi and Putin accuse US of 'interference' in call

Moscow: Chinese President Xi Jinping and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin accused the US of "interfering" in their countries' affairs during during an hour-long call on Thursday, the Kremlin said.

"The leaders of the two countries realise that the US is practically implementing a policy of double containment, (toward) both Russia and China," Kremlin aide Yuri Ushakov said.

Moscow has looked to Beijing as a crucial economic lifeline since the West hit Russia with unprecedented sanctions over its military assault on Ukraine. China has meanwhile benefited from cheap Russian energy imports and access to vast natural resources. Trade between them has surged in the last two years, hitting $240.1 billion in 2023 — a 26% annual rise — as per Chinese customs data.

China has itself been criticised by the US over increasingly belligerent behaviour toward self-ruled Taiwan. "The Russian president reaffirmed his principled position on the Taiwan issue, which is to support the 'one China' policy," the Kremlin said.

Xi said the two countries "should closely collaborate strategically, defend the sovereignty, security and development interests of their respective countries, and resolutely oppose interference in internal affairs by external forces", according to the Chinese state broadcaster CCTV. AFP

S Korea prez calls Dior bag scandal 'political gimmick'

Seoul: The release of hidden camera footage showing South Korea's first lady accepting a Dior bag as a gift was a "political manoeuvre", President Yoon Suk Yeol said Wednesday, but vowed to draw clearer lines to ensure such incidents do not happen again.

The comments were his first public response to a controversy, dubbed the "Dior bag scandal" by local media, that has roiled his ruling party ahead of a key election in April. Yoon stopped short of apologising and pointed out the fact that the footage, filmed in Sept 2022, was released in Nov 2023. The pastor who offered the $2,250 gift and secretly filmed the exchange claimed to have ties to Yoon's wife Kim Keon Hee's father who died when she was a child, Yoon said. REUTERS

AROUND THE WORLD

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TRACTORS CHOKE SPAIN: Farmers drove tractors through streets across Spain on Thursday, disrupting traffic as they stepped up protests against soaring costs, bureaucracy & cheap competition from outside EU

Everest trekkers told to bring their poop back to base camp for disposal

In its bid to tackle the increasing environmental impact on Mt Everest, Nepal has announced a regulation requiring climbers to manage their own excreta and bring it back to the base camp for proper disposal. The Pasang Lhamu municipality, which covers most of the Everest region, has introduced the new rule as part of wider measures to combat the problem of waste accumulation on the world's highest peak, BBC reported. "Our mountains have begun to stink," the report quoted Mingma Sherpa, chairman of Pasang Lhamu rural municipality, as saying. Extreme temperatures on the world's highest peak at 8,848.86 metres hinder the natural degradation of excrement. "We are getting complaints that human stools are visible on rocks and some climbers are falling sick. This is not acceptable and erodes our image," Mingma said. Climbers will be ordered to buy poo bags at base camps, which will be "checked upon their return". These poo bags contain chemicals and powders that solidify human excrement and make it largely odourless. On average, a climber is thought to produce 250 grams of excrement per day.

Stolen Van Gogh returned in Ikea bag displayed again

AFP

A precious Vincent van Gogh painting stolen and then handed to a Dutch art sleuth in an IKEA bag was displayed Wednesday for the first time since its headline-grabbing return. The 1884 "Parsonage Garden at Nuenen in Spring", worth $6.8 million, was unveiled at a Rotterdam museum, with damage from the theft still visible. A deep white scratch can be seen at the bottom of the canvas. The painting was stolen in a daring midnight heist during 2020 Covid lockdown from the Singer Laren Museum near Amsterdam.

Record Jan heat caps world's first 12-month spell above 1.5°C: EU monitor

Brussels/London: The world just experienced its warmest Jan on record, marking the first 12-month period in which temperatures averaged more than 1.5°C above pre-industrial times, the European Union's climate change monitoring service said Thursday. Already 2023 was the planet's hottest year in global records going back to 1850, as human-caused climate change and El Nino, the weather pattern that warms the surface waters in the eastern Pacific Ocean, pushed temperatures higher.

"It is a significant milestone to see the global mean temperature for a 12-month period exceed 1.5°C above pre-industrial temperatures for the first time," Matt Patterson, an atmospheric physicist at the University of Oxford, said.

The previous warmest January was in 2020, according to the Copernicus Climate Change (C3S) Service records which go back to 1950. Countries agreed at United Nations climate talks in Paris in 2015 to keep global warming well below 2°C and aim to limit it to 1.5°C, a level regarded as crucial to preventing the most severe consequences.

The first 12-month period of exceeding 1.5°C does not yet mean the Paris goal has been missed, as the UN agreement refers to an average global temperature over decades. Some scientists, however, have said the 1.5°C aim can no longer realistically be met, and have urged governments to act faster to cut CO2 emissions to limit the amount of overshoot of the target. "Rapid reductions in greenhouse gas emissions are the only way to stop global temperatures increasing," C3S deputy director Samantha Burgess said.

For the eighth straight month in Jan, Earth was record hot. That was obvious in the northern US, where about 1,000 people were golfing last month in a snow-starved Minneapolis during what the state is calling "the Lost Winter of 2023-24". Every month since June 2023 has been the world's hottest on record, compared with the corresponding month in previous years. US scientists have said 2024 has a one-in-three chance of being even hotter than last year, and a 99% chance of ranking in the top five warmest years.

El Nino began to weaken last month, and scientists have indicated it could shift to the cooler La Nina counterpart later this year. Still, average global sea surface temperatures last month were the highest for any Jan on record. While it is winter in the northern hemisphere, in parts of South America, experiencing the southern hemisphere summer, temperatures are again blistering. Argentina endured a heatwave between Jan 21 and 31, while the Chilean capital of Santiago registered its third hottest temperature on record on Jan. 31, climbing above 37°C. Such heat in central Chile caused deadly wildfires that killed at least 131 people in early Feb. REUTERS & AP

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A woman sunbathes at a Barcelona beach on Jan 26 as temperatures around 30°C were recorded in Spain

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Kerala, TN Got More In Past 10 Yrs Compared To UPA Period

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The FM said the allocation for capital expenditure has been increased

New Delhi: Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday rejected the opposition's claim that govt has "cut allocation" for farmers, poor and tribals in the 2024-25 Budget Estimate (BE), on a day the Rajya Sabha returned the Finance Bill 2024 and relevant appropriation bills to Lok Sabha, paving the way for passage of the 2024-25 Interim Budget. The House also returned the appropriation bills related to J&K.

In her reply, the FM asserted there is no reduction in budgetary allocation for flagship and welfare schemes, and allocation for capital expenditure has been increased. She said Centre has released more funds to Kerala and Tamil Nadu as per the 15th Finance Commission norms in the past 10 years compared to UPA period.

Earlier, Congress MP Randeep Surjewala countered govt's claim of its farmer welfare track record citing the NCRB data on the number of farmers and farm labourers taking their lives. He said while 1.5 lakh farmers and farm labourers died by suicide between 2014 and 2021, and in 2022 their number stood at 11,290. He also cited the govt's NSSO report which shows that farmers daily income was Rs 27 per day and the total debt on farmers was Rs 27,000 crore debt.

Quoting agriculture ministry data, Surjewala said the ministry has surrendered Rs 1 lakh crore allocated to it in the past five years. "What type of govt is this? While one farmer or farm labourer is taking life every hour, the agriculture ministry is surrendering Rs 1 lakh crore meant for farmers," he said.

Surjewala also questioned the reduction in the number of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi beneficiaries (who get Rs 6,000 financial assistance per year) as he sought a response from the FM. The Congress leader alleged that around 7.5 crore farmers have been kept out of this scheme. He said while the Agriculture Census for 2015 estimated there were 14.6 crore farmers, only eight crore got the 15th instalment of the financial assistance in Nov.

In her reply, Sitharaman said govt released the 15th instalment to 8.1 crore farmers whose land details have been fed in the system and is linked to their Aadhaar number, have DBT account, and have completed the KYC procedure. She said the number may increase, if more beneficiaries comply with these conditions.

Sitharaman also dismissed Surjewala's allegations of govt not keeping the promise of giving MSP (minmum support price) to farmers that's 50% more than the input cost and land rent. She gave details of the hike in MSP of all major crops in the past nine years and how it's more than 50% over the input cost and rent of land.

In response to claims of opposition MPs on the unemployment and women participation jobs, FM cited the data to show how rural unemployment rate has declined and women labour force in work participation has increased significantly. She also lashed out at opposition for treating the Global Hunger Index report as gospel truth and questioning the National Family Health Survey report, which has large sample base. "This hypocrisy won't work," she said.

ED summons J'khand MP for questioning in Soren case

Ranchi/New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate has summoned Congress Rajya Sabha MP from Jharkhand Dhiraj Prasad Sahu for questioning in a money laundering case in which the central agency recently arrested former chief minister Hemant Soren, official sources said Thursday.

Sahu, 64, was in the news after the Income-tax department in December recovered Rs 351.8 crore cash, an all-time high seizure, during raids against Odisha-based Boudh Distillery Pvt. Ltd, promoted by the family of the Congress legislator.

The MP is understood to have been summoned to appear on February 10 at the ED office in Ranchi. A response from Sahu in this context is awaited.

Sources said the ED wants to question and record Sahu's statement in connection with his purported links with Soren and a BMW SUV that was seized by the agency from the JMM leader's house in Delhi during searches last month.

According to the ED sources, agency officials found the keys of the vehicle in the Jharkhand govt leased residence in south Delhi and they took the SUV with them at the conclusion of the raids and parked it at their headquarters in the national capital.

The agency also raided a premise in Kadarpur village in Gurugram on Wednesday on whose address this Haryana number plate bearing SUV is stated to have been registered, the sources said. PTI

ED finds ₹2cr cash in tree-felling case

An ED team, in a series of raids conducted at 17 locations in Uttarakhand, Delhi and Haryana till late Wednesday, found approximately Rs 2 crore worth of cash, gold and valuables, along with documents related to immovable properties worth crores in connection with its investigation into the Corbett Tiger Reserve (CTR) scam in which over 6,000 trees were illegally cut even though permission was obtained for just 163, reports **Gaurav Talwar.**

BJP's receipts in 2022-23 up by 23% to ₹2,361cr

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FLYING HIGH

New Delhi: BJP's total receipts during 2022-23 rose by 23% to around Rs 2,361 crore, 54% of which came via electoral bonds, from Rs 1,917 crore in 2021-22. Its expenditure, meanwhile, surged by 59% to Rs 1,361 crore in 2022-23 from Rs 854 crore in the previous year.

As per BJP's annual audit report for 2022-23 made public by Election Commission on Thursday, electoral bonds brought in Rs 1,294 crore for the party, up 25% from Rs 1033.7 crore received in 2021-22. Other contributions, including donations from individuals, corporates and electoral trusts, totalled Rs 648 crore, down from Rs 721.7 crore in 2021-22. Receipts from Aajiwan Sahayog Nidhi rose to Rs 177.2 crore in 2022-23 from barely Rs 19.9 crore in 2021-22.

Interest from banks totalled Rs 237.3 crore in 2022-23, way beyond the Rs 133.3 crore interest earned the previous year.

On the expenditure side, 80% of the total spending in 2022-23 was on poll and general propaganda. Over Rs 1,092 crore was spent on this head, up from Rs 645.8 crore spent in 2021-22. This included Rs 844 crore spent on advertisement and publicity and Rs 132 crore on travel.

In comparison, Congress's total receipts during 2022-23 fell to Rs 452 crore from Rs 541 crore in 2021-22, while its expenditure rose to Rs 467 crore from Rs 400 crore a year ago. Its contribution receipts via electoral bonds in 2022-23 were down to Rs 171 crore, making up 63% of its total donation receipts and 38% of its overall income, from Rs 236 crore in 2021-22.

As per the audit reports for 2022-23 filed by other parties, CPM's receipts totalled Rs 141.6 crore, AAP's Rs 85.1 crore, BSP's Rs 29.2 crore and NPP's Rs 7.5 crore.

Oppn protests changes to water bill, says it is 'draconian'

New Delhi: Opposition parties, including DMK, RSP, Congress, TMC, strongly opposed a bill amending the Water Act, in Lok Sabha on Thursday, saying it is "draconian", intended to override the powers of states and pave the way for corporates to get away at the cost of environmental damage. They also asked the govt to refer the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Bill, 2024, to the standing committee for scrutiny.

Participating in the debate on the bill, DMK's DM Kathir Anand said that this is a "draconian" bill and will impact the autonomy of states.

The Vellore MP alleged that the Centre has brought similar laws on the national education policy and the Citizenship (Amendment) Act to take away the powers of states.

The bill was passed in the Rajya Sabha on Feb 6. It seeks to decriminalise minor offences related to water pollution.

RSP's N K Premachandran said he "strongly" opposed the bill. The govt, he said, is trying to do ease of doing business for the industry at the cost of environment. Supriya Sule from the NCP-Sharad Pawar echoed the sentiments. TNN

AAP doesn't wait for INDIA bloc, picks 3 for Assam seats

Guwahati: AAP dealt on Thursday a significant setback to Congress-led opposition coalition in Assam by unveiling names of its candidates for three of state's 14 Lok Sabha seats — Gauhati, Sonitpur, and Dibrugarh, reports **Kangkan Kalita**.

AAP's decision stemmed from delayed finalisation of seat-sharing arrangement and candidate announcements by INDIA bloc. "We were getting tired of talking. We have to contest and win elections. We don't have time to keep on talking," said party MP Sandeep Pathak at a press briefing in New Delhi. However, he affirmed AAP's continued alignment with INDIA bloc.

Acknowledging a potential "temporary break" in ties with AAP, Assam PCC president Bhupen Borah said Arvind Kejriwal-led party and other anti-BJP entities would jointly contest state assembly elections in 2026. JD(U) and TMC have already distanced themselves from Congress and its allies in Assam. They were part of a state-specific, 15-member coalition known as United Opposition Forum.

Still with INDIA, but want 'due respect', says RLD's Jayant

Lucknow: Amid growing suspense over reports of RLD-BJP tie-up talks for Lok Sabha elections, **Jayant Chaudhary**-led Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) on Thursday clarified it was "still" with opposition INDIA bloc and there was no question of diverting "if given due respect" by the alliance partners, reports **Pankaj Shah**.

"That's all we can say as of now," RLD national general secretary (organisation) Trilok Tyagi told **TOI**, refusing to comment on reports of switching sides in favour of BJP-led NDA.

Sources said BJP has kept doors ajar while sending alliance feelers to RLD even as the Jat-dominated outfit, grapples with concerns in the party vis-a-vis ally Samajwadi Party. Many RLD functionaries feel that SP is making unilateral decisions on seat-sharing and "imposing them" on allies.

Sources said it all started on Jan 19 when SP chief Akhilesh Yadav posted a photograph of him shaking hands with Jayant on his social media handle. Minutes later Jayant reposted it, affirming his party's alliance with SP, which unilaterally announced seven seats for RLD.

Upset with the offer, Jayant purportedly argued that it would constrain him and his party workers. Sources said a high-ranking BJP functionary then reached out to Jayant and signalled a similar offer from the saffron camp.

Jayant turned back to his drawing board and convened a high-level meeting.

COLDPLAY

ANI

Locals play cricket after snowfall in J&K's Gurez valley on Thursday. Cold wave conditions prevailed over several regions in north India with Kashmir shivering at sub-zero temperatures and Himachal Pradesh witnessing heavy snowfall and landslides that blocked more than 250 roads

BJP slams Rahul for claiming Modi was not born an OBC

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Rahul said that the PM would never allow caste census because he was born in a general caste

New Delhi: BJP on Thursday slammed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for raking up PM Narendra Modi's caste and saying that the latter was not born as an OBC but became one after the BJP govt tagged his caste as such.

BJP immediately retaliated against Rahul's remark at a public rally in Odisha by pointing out that it was a Congress govt in Gujarat which had in 1994 classified Modi's caste, Modh Ghanchi, as OBC and that the PM had not even entered electoral politics when the Centre included it in the central OBC list.

"I was serving as deputy chief minister of Gujarat in the Congress govt when the GOG (govt of Gujarat) notified Modh Ghanchi as OBC on July 25, 1994. This is the same caste our respected PM belongs to," said Narhari Amin, who held influential positions in Congress before joining BJP.

He further said the Centre, following the recommendation of the Gujarat govt, notified Modh Ghanchi as OBC on Oct 27, 1999, which was two years before Modi contested his first election.

BJP shared a copy of the gazette notification about the inclusion of Modi's caste in the central OBC list in 1999.

Rahul's allegation that Modi was not an OBC came at a rally in Odisha as par of his Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra. "Modi ji has been misleading people by saying that he is an OBC. He was not born in the OBC category. He was born into Teli caste in Gujarat which was given OBC tag in the year 2000 by BJP," the Congress leader said, adding that the PM would never allow caste census because he was born in a general caste.

Rahul went on to repeat his charge in Chhattisgarh, inviting a furious response from BJP functionaries and Union ministers. Education minister Dharmendra Pradhan, a prominent OBC face, said, "Like every time, another lie of Rahul Gandhi has been exposed..."

"It shows the entire Nehru-Gandhi family, starting from Jawaharlal Nehru to Rahul Gandhi, have been against OBCs," BJP IT head Amit Malviya said.

BJP sources pointed out that OBC as a category was recognised only after implementation of Mandal Commission's recommendation by the V P Singh govt in 1990 and gained circulation after the Supreme Court verdict in Indira Sawhney case in 1992 that upheld the govt order issued in 1990 that caste was an acceptable indicator of backwardness. Hence, it was not possible for any caste to be included in the OBC category before 1992.

OBC Modis rubbish Rahul claim, say PM one of them

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Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha burned an effigy of Rahul in Nagpur on Thursday for his remark

Gandhinagar: Leaders of Gujarat's Modi community dismissed Congress MP Rahul Gandhi's claim Thursday that PM Narendra Modi wasn't born an OBC and that his community was added to the list in 2000. They said official documents reveal Ghanchi community was included in the OBC list in 1994.

"These claims (made by Rahul) are baseless and political. PM Modi is from Modh Vanik community. His family has been part of our community for generations," said Shrivansh Gheewala, president of Shree Surati Modh Vanik Samast Panch.

Modh Vanik people, known as Ghanchi in parts of Gujarat, number around 20 lakh.

OBC revisions have been going on for several decades. In Gujarat, 82 castes were notified as SEBC/OBC in 1978 on Justice A R Baxi Commission's recommendation. Later, Morarji Desai govt constituted Mandal Commission, which identified 105 castes in Gujarat as OBCs, including Muslim Ghanchis, Hindu Telis and Modh Ghanchis.

Subsequently, in 1993, Centre notified 79 castes as OBCs, including Muslim Ghanchis. Hindu Telis and Modh Ghanchis were incorporated later. An order notifying Ghanchi community as part of SEBC/OBC list was issued on July 25, 1994, a former state official said.

Backward panel says Rahul must apologise

The National Commission for Backward Classes led by chairman Hansraj Ahir has issued a statement demanding an apology from Rahul Gandhi to the OBC community for his claims regarding the OBC status of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"Crores of OBC people across India are seething with anger at the pathetic conduct of Rahul Gandhi because of his mindless utterances against our respected Prime Minister Narendra Modi. During one of his public meetings, he made claims about the OBC status of PM Modi and the caste Modi belongs to," the statement issued by Ahir's office asserts. TNN

Criminal justice system misused by vested interests: SC

New Delhi: Observing that there has been a recent tendency to misuse the machinery of criminal justice by lodging false and frivolous cases, SC has said that judiciary should be vigilant not to allow such proceedings, which must be nipped in the bud, reports **Amit Anand Choudhary**.

A bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and Augustine George Masih said that the criminal process must not be allowed to be utilised for any oblique purpose and FIR should be quashed if the offence is not prima facie established and chances of a conviction ultimately are bleak

Court quashed the criminal proceedings against the principal of the Bishop Johnson School and College in Lucknow against whom FIR was lodged in 2017 and a chargesheet filed for allegedly embezzling fees paid by students.

"We find that in recent years the machinery of criminal justice is being misused by certain persons for their vested interests and for achieving their oblique motives and agenda. Courts have therefore to be vigilant against such tendencies and ensure that acts of omission and commission having an adverse impact on the fabric of our society must be nipped in the bud," the bench said.

Kejriwal, Mann & Farooq join Pinarayi protest in Del

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Vijayan's protest saw Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal and his Punjab counterpart Bhagwant Mann extend their support. Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin was represented by DMK leaders Tiruchi Siva and Palanivel Thiagarajan. National Conference patriarch Farooq Abdullah, Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal, CPM chief Sitaram Yechury and CPI general secretary D Raja were among others present at the protest site

New Delhi: Amid murmurs that opposition's pre-poll alliance is tottering on the brink, a clutch of INDIA bloc leaders rallied around Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan on Thursday as he led protests against the "crippling of democracy" and attack on India's federal structure by the Modi govt.

Vijayan's protest, which came on the heels of a similar protest by Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah a day earlier, saw Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal and his Punjab counterpart Bhagwant Mann extend their support. Tamil Nadu CM M K Stalin was represented by DMK leaders Tiruchi Siva and Palanivel Thiagarajan, aside from National Conference patriarch Farooq Abdullah, Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal, CPM chief Sitaram Yechury and CPI general secretary D Raja, among others.

Siddaramaiah had alleged that the Union govt was unjust to Karnataka in devolution of taxes, giving the state less than its due. Vijayan went a step further, alleging that India's federal structure was under attack both in financial terms and in the manner in which governors were "interfering" in opposition-governed states, a charge that has repeatedly been echoed by CMs of all non-BJP states.

Kejriwal accused the Centre of waging war against state govts led by opposition parties. "Govts led by opposition parties represent 70 crore people in the country. BJP has waged a war against these states. They have created an India-Pakistan situation with us. Centre is using all tactics to harass opposition govts. First, the central govt is not providing the rightful funds to states. Second, hampering everyday functioning through the interference of governor and lieutenant governor. Third, unleashing central probe agencies after opposition leaders to put them in jail," he said. Mann alleged the Centre was using governors to hinder the work of elected govts.

Stalin, in a message supporting the protest, said the Centre was not giving the rights due to states and regarded them as "municipalities". Abdullah questioned why assembly polls were not being held in J&K.

CPM chief Sitaram Yechury said, "PM said the opposition is trying to create a north-south divide. PM needs to understand India's geography. Kejriwal is not south, nor is Mann. Farooq Abdullah from Kashmir is not south either."

Price rise, joblessness...: Cong 'black paper' lists Modi govt's 'failures'

New Delhi: Congress on Thursday released a "black paper" to highlight the "failures" of the Modi got and alleged that the last 10 years have been a period of "injustice" and "discrimination" against states headed by non-BJP dispensations. The 'black paper', titled '10 saal anyay kaal' also alleged that issues such as rising prices, unemployment, subversion of institutions and farmers' "distress" had plagued the country.

Congress president Malllikarjun Kharge released the 54-page "charge sheet" against the Centre ahead of govt's tabling in Parliament of a 'white paper' on the "mismanagement" of the economy prior to 2014 aimed at drawing lessons.

"Whenever PM Modi presents his views in Parliament, he hides his failures. At the same time, when we speak about the failures of the govt, it is not given importance. Therefore, we thought of bringing out a black paper and tell the public about the failures of the govt," Kharge said. PTI

'Black paper' a bid to hide Cong's 'black deeds', claims BJP

New Delhi: Hitting back at Congress over its 'black paper' against the Modi govt, BJP on Thursday claimed that the opposition party had brought it to hide its "black deeds".

"But this will not happen. PM Modi has made it clear that there will be no compromise on the issue of corruption. There is no place for those who have looted (public money). We will expose your black deeds to people," BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad said.

"Those who indulged in corruption and were behind scams worth lakhs of crores of rupees are bringing out black paper," Prasad said and asserted that the "story of scams" was over and the country was progressing under Modi's leadership. He added that the govt had weeded out accounts of over 10 crore fictitious beneficiaries of govt schemes.

Prasad said India was seen as a fragile economy and was identified with "policy paralysis" when Congress-led UPA was in office, while it was now the fifth largest global economy and its forex reserves were on the rise. TNN

Give regular soldiers' benefits to kin of Agniveers who die in line of duty: Panel

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The panel said govt should consider increasing the ex gratia paid to families of soldiers dying in the line of duty by Rs 10 lakh in each of the different categories

New Delhi: Families of Agniveers who die during operational service should get the same benefits as are provided to the next of kin of 'regular' soldiers, a parliamentary panel recommended on Thursday.

The parliamentary standing committee on defence, in its report tabled in Parliament, also said govt should consider increasing the ex gratia paid to families of soldiers dying in the line of duty by Rs 10 lakh in each of the different categories.

The committee also recommended in "unequivocal terms" that requisite measures should be initiated and put in place to "sensitise" different state governments to bring in uniformity in their granting of ex gratia funds for families of such soldiers.

On the four-year recruitment of all new soldiers, sailors and airmen under the Agnipath scheme, the panel said, "Considering the plight of family members/next of kin, the committee desires after martyrdom of an Agniveer, same benefits should be provided to his family members that are provided to the family of a regular soldier."

As per entitlements of an Agniveer who dies in the line of duty, his or her family gets Rs 48 lakh as insurance, Rs 44 lakh as ex-gratia, the 'Seva Nidhi' component contributed by the Agniveer with an equal matching contribution by govt, and contribution of Rs 8 lakh from the Armed Forces Battle Casualty Fund. The family will also receive full pay from the date of death till the completion of four-year term.

Apart from a somewhat similar one-time lump-sum payment, families of regular soldiers — unlike Agniveers — also get a liberalised family pension and ex-servicemen benefits, among other things, as reported by **TOI** earlier.

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Shoot orders in Haldwani as demolition squad attacked

Curfew Imposed; Officials Went To Raze 'Illegal' Madrassa & Mosque

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Nainital: The district administration enforced a city-wide curfew in Haldwani on Thursday evening and orders to shoot-at-sight, following outbreak of violence during an anti-encroachment operation in the minority-dominant Banphoolpura area.

The situation escalated when residents of the area allegedly pelted stones at an anti-encroachment team from the Haldwani municipal corporation as they arrived to demolish an 'illegal' madrassa and mosque in Malik ka Bagicha. District authorities claimed that over a dozen policemen and municipal corporation staff were injured during the incident in which several vehicles were also set on fire. DGP Abhinav said that police teams were also fired upon.

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STONE AGE: Security personnel try to restore calm after Thursday's violence in the minority-dominated Banphoolpura area. A dozen cops and municipal staff were hurt in stone pelting. Several vehicles were set afire

As per officials, the anti-encroachment team, led by municipal commissioner Pankaj Upadhyay, city magistrate Richa Singh, and SDM Paritosh Verma, had reached with a JCB to demolish the 'unauthorised' structures.

The angry crowd hurled stones at them and many people, including the SDM, were reportedly injured. The JCB's glass was also shattered. However, demolition work continued despite the incident.

Following the unrest in the area, chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami convened an emergency meeting with chief secretary Radha Raturi, DGP Abhivav Kumar, and ADG law and order AP Anshuman late on Thursday evening.

Subsequently, Nainital district magistrate, Vandana, issued an order imposing curfew in "entire Haldwani city from 9pm till further orders." People have been advised not to venture out, except in case of medical emergencies, and all establishments, except hospitals and medical stores, have been asked to remain closed.

UBT neta shot dead on Facebook Live, body of killer, a bizman, also found

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Mumbai: In a shocking incident of firing in the midst of a Facebook Live session on Thursday evening, former Shiv Sena (UBT) corporator Abhishek Ghosalkar from Borivil-Dahisar was shot dead by Mauris Noronha, a local businessman who called himself a social worker and aspired to contest civic elections, in the latter's office in IC Colony in Borivli (West). Noronha, who fired five bullets at Ghosalkar, was then found dead and is believed to have shot himself.

Ghosalkar was rushed to Karuna Hospital in Borivli West and died after attempts by doctors to revive him failed.

People close to Ghosalkar said Mauris and Abhishek had a history of disputes over several issues, and tensions had been brewing over the past couple of years.

Abhishek was the son of veteran Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Vinod Ghosalkar. The father-son duo have been known to hold clout in the Borivli-Dahisar area.

However, despite their festering feud, Mauris on Thursday lured Abhishek to his office on the pretext of extending a hand of friendship and invited him to a joint Facebook Live address. In that address, both pledged to distribute saris and foodgrains to poor families of Borivli- Dahisar belt.

On the FB Live session, minutes before Abhishek Ghosalkar was shot by Mauris Noronha (in red T-shirt). They had a history of disputes over several issues

The shootout occurred during this Facebook Live session around 7.30pm. In it, Abhishek repeatedly pledged to work for the welfare of the people while Mauris echoed his words. "It may surprise people to see that Mauris and I are sharing a stage. But we have come together for the good of the people. We will do what is best for IC Colony, Kandarpada and neighbouring localities," Abhishek said on camera.

"There were many misunderstandings between us and between our karyakartas also, but now we have come together... There is a lot of work to do and this is just the beginning," he added.

After a while, Mauris got up and went off camera, and when Abhishek ended his address and got up to leave, bullets were fired.

The video showed the first bullet hit Abhishek in the stomach. He gripped his stomach and stumbled. The second bullet hit his right shoulder, after which he tried to run. More shots could be heard in the background in the video.

An eyewitness said Mauris had first invited Abhishek to another location on Borivli Link Road on Thursday. Subsequently, he changed his plan and called Abhishek to his office. Abhishek's supporters were standing outside the office when they heard sounds of gunfire.

Women getting pregnant in WB jails, 196 babies born, HC told

Subrata Chattoraj

Kolkata: An amicus curiae of Calcutta HC Thursday sought to ban male staff of Bengal's correctional homes from entering women's enclosures, saying women prisoners were getting pregnant.

The report by amicus Tapas Bhanja does not make it clear how the women got pregnant. It also does not specify the timeframe of these pregnancies. As many as 196 births took place inside jails, which "thoroughly lack" medical infrastructure, the report says.

The court had ordered Bhanja to inspect the state's jails and submit a report on the conditions prevailing there. As per the order of the bench of chief justice T S Sivagnanam and justice Supratim Bhattacharya, a division bench will take up the matter on Monday.

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The report also seeks court's directive for pregnancy tests on all women before they are jailed and suggests monitoring by chief judicial magistrates. In his report Bhanja states he found 15 children — 10 male and five female — inside Women Correctional Home at Alipore. "Based on conversations with prisoners, it has been revealed that some inmates gave birth inside correctional home itself," the report says. The home thoroughly lacked proper medical infrastructure.

Pointing towards overcrowding in women's wards, the report says 400 women prisoners were found inside Dum Dum Central Correctional Home and 90 were transferred from Women Correctional Home, Alipore, due to overcrowding.

Cabinet OKs spectrum sale, fixes reserve price at ₹96k cr

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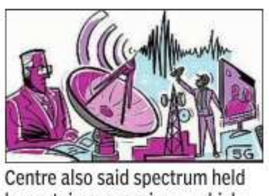
New Delhi: As digital consumption grows at a breakneck speed across the country, govt on Thursday approved the sale of spectrum across eight frequencies with a reserve price of Rs 96,318 crore. The cabinet also decided to allot spectrum for safety of railway and metro passengers, apart from re-farming of the airwaves for better utilisation of the natural resource.

To improve consumer mobile services, govt has been looking to make spectrum auctions an annual feature as telecom companies expand their high-speed 5G services across metros and other parts of the country.

Spectrum auctions will be held across the frequencies of 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz, 2500 MHz, 3300 MHz, and 26 GHz. Centre also said spectrum held by certain companies — which are undergoing insolvency — will be expiring later this year and would also be put to auction.



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In 2022, govt had sold 5G spectrum which fetched a record Rs 1.5 lakh crore for the exchequer after seven days of bidding.

On spectrum for safety of railway/metro passengers, govt had earlier assigned 5 MHz spectrum in the 700 MHz band for deployment of Kavach, which is an automatic train protection system. It had provisionally assigned 5 MHz spectrum for National Capital Region Transport Corporation.

"It has been decided that this 5 MHz spectrum will be assigned to multiple regional and urban rail-based transit systems. Considering the additional requirement for national rollout of Kavach, additional 5 MHz in 700 MHz spectrum will be reserved for Railways. This will improve passenger safety and operations of these transportation systems," an official statement said.

As part of spectrum reforms, the govt said a committee will be set up — chaired by the Cabinet Secretary — to finalise plans for re-farming of certain spectrum bands. The committee will have representatives from relevant stakeholders.

Reds moving from jungles to cities, shows secret paper

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Nagpur: With combat boots marching into what was once a liberated Red corridor and coming within sniffing distance of their impregnable headquarters of Abujmarh, Maoist think tank is changing its guerrilla tactics from jungle ambush to urban infiltration.

A classified document of Communist Party of India (Maoist) — a banned organisation — accessed by **TOI** details a blueprint for its cadres: Go undercover and operate through secret organisations in towns and cities to create a fertile breeding ground for revolution in urban areas. Standard operating procedures (SOPs), as detailed in the secret document, urge cadres to never blow their cover and to retain fake identity cards and other credentials to dodge surveillance in cities, where security forces are stepping up intelligence against urban naxals.

The party document directs urban cadres to create functional layers at different levels — city or district, local areas — and to function as sleeper cells or operate in individual capacity to sabotage and subvert.

The Maoist think tank also instructed operatives to establish dens in "bigger cities", where security vigil is blurred by high population density. Cadres have been instructed to operate with fake identities in the vicinity of their urban base. Police sources told **TOI** that several naxal dens exist in Nagpur, but they frequently change location to evade surveillance. A security official explained that if undercover operatives identify themselves as journalists, they are ordered to be convincing in their behaviour.

No proof of Naxal link, arrested prof tells SC

Former Nagpur University professor **Shoma Sen**, who has been in custody in the Elgar Parishad case for over five-and-a-half years, on Thursday contended before SC there was no prima facie evidence that she was associated with the banned Naxal outfit CPI (Maoist) and the material allegedly recovered by the probe agency from electronic devices of other accused "were planted", reports **AmitAnand Choudhary**. Pleading for her bail before a bench of Justices Aniruddha Bose and Augustine George Masih, Senior advocate Anand Grover and lawyer Paras Nath Singh submitted that there was no prima facie case against her and the embargo under Section 43-D(5) of UAPA should not be imposed. Informing the court Grover pleased that she be granted bail as the case against her is very weak because of lack of evidence and also as she is suffering from various ailments.