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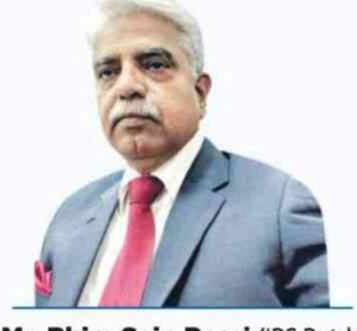
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FARMERS STEP UP PROTESTS

TRACTORS CHOKE SPANISH STREETS

Spanish farmers drove tractors through city streets disrupting traffic Thursday as they stepped up their protest against soaring costs, bureaucracy and cheap competition from outside the European Union. The protests, which started spontaneously on Tuesday after spilling over from other EU countries, are backed by the country's three main farmers' associations.

TOPOFTHE WORLD



Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu

MALDIVES

SC relief for Muizzu against impeachment

Male: In a respite for Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu, the Supreme Court Thursday ordered the suspension of a recent amendment to Parliament's standing orders that had made it easier for the opposition lawmakers to impeach the president and the vice president, local media reports said. The constitution declares that an impeachment motion against the president or vice president requires the vote of two-thirds of the members of Parliament. However, the House had recently amended its standing orders to make it easier to submit an impeachment motion by lowering the number of

IAPAN

Fukushima plant leaked radioactive water, none hurt

votes required for it. PTI

Tokyo: Highly radioactive water leaked from a treatment machine at the tsunami-hit Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, but no one was injured and radiation monitoring shows no impact to the outside environment, the utility operator said on Thursday. A plant worker found the leak Wednesday morning during valve checks. The machine has been idled for maintenance work. An estimated 5.5 metric tonnes (6 tonnes) of radioactive water - enough to fill two ordinary backyard swimming pools leaked out through an air vent, but no radioactive water escaped the compound.

RUSSIA

Officials reject poll bid of leader who flayed war

Moscow: Russia's main election authority on Thursday refused to allow a politician opposing Moscow's military action in Ukraine on the ballot for the upcoming presidential election. Boris Nadezhdin, a local legislator in a town near Moscow, was required by law to gather at least 100,000 signatures in support of candidacy. The Central Election Commission declared more than 9.000 signatures submitted by Nadezhdin's campaign invalid.

TAIWAN

US, Australia Japan conduct drills in SCS

Taipei: Warships from the US, Australia and Japan have held joint drills in the South China Sea in defiance of Beijing, which claims sovereignty over virtually the entire strategic waterway. The US 7th Fleet that oversees most US Navy operations in the region said the guidedmissile destroyer USS John Finn and combat ship USS Gabrielle Giffords carried out operations with navy ships from Japan and Australia on Wednesday and Thursday.. Beijing objects to foreign naval opera-

RESULTS TO BE OUT TODAY

Pak polls: Sharif party in tough fight with candidates backed by Imran

Huge turnout despite violence during polling; mobile Internet services downed across country

SAJJADHUSSAIN

ISLAMABAD, FEBRUARY 8

JAILED EX-PREMIER Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf partybacked indeendents were Thursday posing a tough challenge to candidates from threetime former prime minister Nawaz Sharif's party in the crucial Punjab province, according to initial trends of the general elections marred by sporadic violence.

The Election Commission of Pakistan(ECP) had deprived jailed 71-year-old former cricketerturned-politician's party of the electoral symbol of 'bat', forcing it to field independent candidates.

The polling started at 8 am and continued without any break till 5 pm. The polling percentage is not yet known, In the 2018 elections, overall voter turnout across the nation was 51.7 per cent.

Private TV channels began reporting results on the basis of partial counting, which showed that Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and PTI-supported independent candidates were neck-in-neck in the most populous Punjab province, which sends almost half of the representatives to the National Assembly,

Xi dials Putin,

urges 'close

coordination'

BEIJING, FEBRUARY 8

CHINA'S PRESIDENT Xi linping

told Russian President Vladimir

Putin that the two countries

should pursue close strategic co-

ordination and defend the sov-

ereignty, security and develop-

ment interests of their respective

Putin on Thursday, Xi said both

sides should resolutely oppose

interference in internal affairs by

external forces, state broadcaster

CCTV said. The two countries

should also cultivate new dy-

namics of cooperation and maintain the stability of the in-

dustrial chain and supply chain,

Xi was quoted as saying.

During a phone call with

countries, state media said.

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REUTERS



Voters at a polling station in Islamabad on Thursday. Former PM Nawaz Sharif casts his vote in Lahore. Reuters

Sharif and his younger brother Shehbaz were leading in their respective seats from Lahore.

In Sindh, the Pakistan Peoples Party(PPP) candidates were leading in most of the constituencies. with its leaders Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and Asif Ali Zardari ahead in their constituencies. But the situation in Karachi, the capital of Sindhwith 22 National Assembly seats, was different and Muttahida Qaumi Movement and PTI candidates were performing

better. In Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, independent candidates supported by the PTI were leading. Balochistan, which is the largest province but sends only 15 lawmakers to the parliament, showed mixed results and none of the party was in the clear lead.

Sharif has expressed confidence that his party would win elections. The ECP said it has resolved 76 poll-related complaints.

Soon after the voting started, mobile services in Pakistan were suspended due to the "deteriorating security situation".

Despite the suspension of cellular and internet services, a large number of people across Pakistan exercised their right to vote to elect lawmakers for national and provincial assemblies - on 855 constituencies.

At least 12 people, including 10 security personnel, were killed on the election day as the forces repulsed 51 terrorist attacks aimed at disrupting the polling.



TO FORM a government, a party has to win 133 seats in the 266-member National Assembly (NA). Election to one seat has been postponed following the death of a candidate.



Nikki Haley during a campaign stop at the Wild Goose Tavern in Costa Mesa, California, on Wednesday. AP

India does not trust US to lead, played smart by staying close with Russia: Haley

LALIT KJHA

WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 8

INDIAN-AMERICAN Republican presidential candidate Nikki Haley has said that India wants to be a partner with the US but considers it "weak" and is playing "smart" by staying close to Russia from where it gets a lot of their military equipment.

"I have dealt with India too. I have got to say, I have dealt with India too. I have talked with (Prime Minister Narendra) Modi. India wants to be a partner with us. They don't want to be a partnerwith Russia," Haley, 52, said.

Haley, the only Republican

candidate in the race for the party's nominaagainst tion Donald Trump, said that New Delhi has played smart in the current global situation and stayed close to Russia.

"The problem is, India doesn't trust us to win. They don't trust us to lead. They see right now that we're weak. India has always played it smart. They have played it smart, and they have stayed close with Russia because that's where they get a lot of their military equipment," Haley, a former US ambassador to the UN, said. "When we start to lead again, when we start to get the weakness out and stop putting our head in the sand, that's when our friends, India, Australia, New Zealand, all of TOP COURT TO HEAR TRUMP APPEAL

Washington: The US Supreme Court on Thursday will hear former President Donald Trump's appeal to remain on the 2024 ballot. The court will be weighing arguments over whether Trump is disqualified from reclaiming the White House because of his efforts to undo his loss in the 2020 election, ending with the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol.

them will – and Israel, Japan, South Korea - al of them want to do that. Japan gave themselves a billion-dollar stimulus to become less de-THE WHITE pendent on China," Haley, a former governor of South Carolina,

> said, "India gave themselves a billion-dollar stimulus to become less dependent on China, she told Fox Business News adding that the US needs to start building up its alliances.

> Haley also said China is not doing well economically and is preparing for a war with the US. "They have been preparing for war with us for years. That's their mistake," she said. Haley was born Nimarata Nikki Randhawa in South Carolina to immigrant Sikh parents from Amritsar Punjab.



Iceland Volcano Erupts Again

Lava spills onto the road at Grinday, Iceland, on Thursday. A volcano in southwestern Iceland has erupted for the third time since December and sent jets of lava into the sky. The eruption on Thursday morning triggered evacuations. AP

Israel intensifies strikes on Rafah, Blinken says civilian death toll in Gaza too high

REUTERS

DOHA/TEL AVIV, FEB 8

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

The rejection followed intense diplomacy to end the fourand-a-half-month conflict before a threatened Israeli assault on Rafah. U.N. Secretary General

Guterres said Antonio Wednesday that pushing into Rafah on the border with Egypt would "increase what is already



People block road as they protest delivery of humanitarian aid to Gaza and demand immediate release of hostages, at Kerem Shalom crossing, Israel, on Thursday. Reuters

a humanitarian nightmare with untold regional consequences." Israel says it takes steps to avoid civilian casualties and accuses Hamas militants of hiding among civilians.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who had shuttled between mediators in pursuit of a deal this week on his fifth trip to the region since the start of the

war, said he still saw room for ne-

gotiations. Blinken also said that the civilian death toll was still too high and reiterated that Israel's military operation should put civilians first and foremost.

"And that's especially true in the case of Rafah, where there are somewhere between 1.2 and 1.4 million people, many of them displaced from other parts of Gaza," He said he had suggested some ways to minimise harm in talks with Israeli leaders, but gave no details. Blinken returned to the US on Thursday afternoon.

Zelenskyy removes top general: 'Move to ensure victory'

Kyiv: President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine said Thursday he had removed his top general in the most significant leadership shake-up since Russia invaded Ukraine almost two years ago. While praising Gen. Valery Zaluzhny, the commander who has led the nation's war effort for two years, Zelenskyy said "urgent changes"

were needed to ensure victory. leadership of the Armed Forces of Ukraine." Zelenskyv said in an evening address to the nation, adding the he had met with General Zaluzhny and thanked him for his service. General Zaluzhny will be replaced by Gen. Oleksandr Syrsky.

REUTERS

"Starting today, a new management team will take over the

Sunak's transgender jibe at Opp leader stirs row, he says won't apologise

RACE FOR

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LONDON, FEBRUARY 8

BRITISH PRIME Minister Rishi Sunak declined on Thursday to apologise for a gender identity jibe at opposition leader Keir Starmer, which drew criticism in the light of the widely reported recent murder of a transgender girl. Sunak's Conservatives, trailing

badly in opinion polls ahead of an election this year, have increasingly sought to weaponise identity politics and cast the Labour Party as excessively liberal or "woke". On Wednesday, Sunak said Labour's leader had changed course on "defining a woman", during a parliamentary exchange that the mother of the murdered girl, Brianna Ghey, had been invited to watch.

Sunak's team said the prime minister had been trying to illustrate how Labour had changed its



Sunak

British PM Rishi

mind on major policies.

However, political opponents immediately accused Sunak of insensitively exploiting a family tragedy. Ghey's father told Sky News he had been shocked and felt Sunak should apologise.

Asked about his comments, Sunak told reporters: "I've nothing but the most heartfelt sympathy for her entire family and friends. But to use that tragedy to detract from the very separate and clear point I was making about Keir Starmer's proven track record of multiple U-turns on major policies because he doesn't have a plan, I think, is both sad and wrong, and it demonstrates the worst of politics."

BOLOGNA BECOMES FIRST ITALIAN CITY TO IMPOSE SPEED LIMIT, CITING SAFETY & LIVABILITY, BUT MANY ARE NOT HAPPY

Land of Ferrari and Lamborghini has new speed limit: 30 km/hour

ELISABETTA POVOLEDO BOLOGNA (ITALY)

WHEN BOLOGNA became the first major Italian city to impose a speed limit of 30 kilometers, or 20 miles, an hour, Luca Mazzoli, a local taxi driver, posted a sign in his cab warning passengers of the

He had to, he said grumpily the other day, "to explain why I am driving so slowly."

Since the limit became enforceable in mid-January, it has taken longer for Mazzoli to get from Point A to Point B, he claimed, meaning that he has picked up fewer passengers and has found himself stuck in traffic more often. "A city has to move," he said.

Critics of the measure say that Bologna risks slowing to a standstill since it became the first major Italian city to join a growing group of municipalities, including Amsterdam; Bilbao, Spain; Brussels; and Lyon, France, that have lowered speed limits from 50 kilometers per hour, about 30 miles per hour, in the belief that the change will lead to safer, healthier and more livable cities. Bologna's mayor, Matteo



Near the Piazza Maggiore and the tower of the Palazzo del Podestà, Bologna, Italy. NYT

Lepore, included the new speed limit among the campaign promises that helped to get him elected in 2021. Referring to the lower limit, he said, "Driving at 30 is part of a vision of a more democratic and more sustainable use of public space," where neighborhoods put children and older people first, and investments favor bike paths and public transportation to work toward carbon neutrality.

What's more, he added during an interview in his art-filled office in City Hall, Italian cities had been built over centuries and were unsuited for a glut of automobiles.

There is also the question of

safety. Slower speeds made for fewer deaths, Lepore said, noting that there had been about 60 traffic-related fatalities in the greater Bologna area in 2022.

But persuading the locals has been a bumpy ride. Bologna is the capital of a region that is home to the makers of some of the fastest and most glamorous cars in the world, including Ferrari, Lamborghini and Pagani.

There have been protests, both on the streets and on social media (memes and all), and a petition to hold a referendum on the new speed limit has accumulated just over 53,000 signatures.

The petition was begun by Guendalina Furini, a student at the University of Bologna who was concerned that her daily 25-mile commute into the city would increase substantially. She said that the new limit was "difficult to maintain" and would eventually deter people from visiting Bologna. "The city risks losing out," she said. Other protesters said that the real safety risk was having to pay attention to the speed limit on the dashboard.

"People are very angry," said Giorgio Gorza, who heads a citizen's group that has been organising protests.



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TABLES WHITE PAPER ON ECONOMY IN PARLIAMENT

Polls ahead, Govt says economy turned stagnant in 10 yrs of UPA

Sitharaman: It was a crisis, mending economy step by step was huge task

AANCHAL MAGAZINE NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8

THE UNION Ministry of Finance said Thursday that the decadelong UPA rule under the Congress-led government -2004-05 to 2013-14 - turned India "from a healthy economy in 2004 to a stagnant economy in 2014". It was marked by strained public finances, corruption scams, double-digit inflation, ailing banking sector following excessive lending during the boom phase, and policy uncertainty that marred India's business climate and dented its

The 59-page White Paper on the Indian Economy' tabled in Parliament by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said when the Narendra Modi government assumed office in 2014, the economy was in a "fragile state"; public finances were in "bad shape"; there was economic mismanagement and financial indiscipline, and widespread cor-

"It was a crisis situation. The responsibility to mend the economy step by step and to put the governance systems in order was enormous," the White Paper

The document prepared by the Ministry of Finance said the CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

White Paper red-flags NPAs, scams and policy freeze, skips growth years credit

UDIT MISRA & AANCHAL MAGAZINE NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8

THE FRAMING of the White Paper on the Indian Economy couldn't

have been more overtly political: the paper, authored by the Union Finance Ministry, starts off

saying "when we formed the government." This is an unusual departure from tradition, said at



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in Rajya Sabha on Thursday. PTI

least two former Finance Secretaries, adding that, institutionally, the Ministry isn't synony-

mous with the Government. This sets the tone for the paper which then goes on to flag the worst of the economy dur-

ing UPA's decade-long tenure.

From bad loans to high inflation, a slew of corruption cases to policy paralysis, the paper's political imperative is clear: to draw the battle-lines in the runup to the campaign for 2024. Its tone echoes Prime Minister Narendra Modi's sharp attack on the Congress in his Parliament speeches earlier this week.

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Union of States becoming Union over States: Kerala CM as Opp joins protest

AISWARYA RAJ NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8

THE PROTEST at Jantar Mantar Thursday by the Left-ruled Kerala government against what it called the Centre's "discrimination" in allocation of funds, and for "safeguarding the constitutional rights of states", turned into a unity show of INDIA bloc parties minus the Congress which is the Opposition party in the state.

Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, were State ministers and Left MPs and MLAs, as well as Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, who lashed out at the BJP government. Also present was

At the protest, led by Chief



Arvind Kejriwal, Sitaram Yechury, Pinarayi Vijayan, Bhagwant Mann, D Raja and Farooq Abdullah with other leaders at Jantar Mantar. Abhinav Saha THE PINARAYI VIJAYAN INTERVIEW PAGE 7

Kejriwal's party colleague and Punjab counterpart Bhagwant Singh Mann, Tamil Nadu IT min-

ister P Thiaga Rajan, DMK leader Tiruchi Siva, National Conference CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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RBI leaves repo rate unchanged, food inflation uncertainty persists

GDP growth for FY25 projected at 7%: Governor Das

HITESHVYAS

MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 8

THE SIX-MEMBER Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the



Shaktikanta Das in Mumbai, Thursday.PTI

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Thursday left the reporate — the rate at which the RBI lends to banks—unchangedat6.5 per cent

for the sixth time in a row as uncertainty over food inflation continues to pose athreat to inflation.

The RBI projected real GDP growth at 7 per cent and consumer-price based inflation (CPI) at 4.5 per cent for FY2025. Its growth estimate for FY2025 is lower than the 7.3 per cent projected by the National Statistical Office (NSO) for the ongoing

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1 killed, 4 injured as Metro Free movement along

station wall collapses in Delhi, falls on road below

ANKITA UPADHYAY NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8

A PORTION OF a wall at the Gokulpuri Metro Station in northeast Delhi collapsed and fell on the road below, killing a 53-year-old man on Thursday. Four people were injured in the incident.

According to the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC), the incident occurred at 11.04 am.

The dead person was identified as Vinod Kumar Pandey, 53, a resident of Karawal Nagar. According to his son, Pandey was



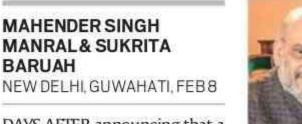
At Gokulpuri Metro station after the wall collapse on Thursday, Tashi Tobgyal RELATEDREPORTS PAGE 3

on way to work on his scooter when the debris fell on him.



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DAYS AFTER announcing that a fence would be built along the entire 1,643-km-long border with Myanmar for better surveillance, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said Thursday that the government has decided to scrap the Free Movement Regime (FMR) between India and Myanmar to ensure internal security of the country and to

maintain the demographic



structure of North-East states bordering Myanmar.

He said the Ministry of Home Affairs has recommended the im-

Modi Ji's resolve to secure our borders. The Ministry of Home CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Two killed in Srinagar were neighbours in Amritsar, moved out to earn a little extra

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KAMALDEEP SINGH BRAR

AMRITSAR, FEBRUARY 8

AMRITPAL SINGH and Rohit Masih, who were killed in a militant attack in Srinagar on Wednesday evening, had arrived in the Valley earlier that day the former after spending the winter at home and the latter for the first time. Both men came from poor families in an



The body of Amritpal Singh, who was killed in Srinagar, arrives at his home near Amritsar on Thursday. PTI

Amritsar village and had taken up work in Jammu and Kashmir

to support those at home. Singh, 31, died on the spot while Masih, 27, succumbed to his injuries on Thursday morning in a Srinagar hospital. Sources said the suspected militants fired at them just outside their rented ac-

commodation at Shaheed Gunj. Both hailed from Punjab's Chamyari village and were neighbours.

Late on Wednesday, Harjinder Singh Khaira, Station House Officer, Ajnala police station, went CONTINUED ON PAGE 2 Join Our Paid Group To Get All Newspapers Before 6 AM Papers & Magazine On Demand Available Charge ₹60/Month (Magazine & Newspapers)

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mediate suspension of the FMR. In a post on X, Shah said, "It is Prime Minister Shri Narendra

'Move to secure North-East states'

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ORION AND THE DARK MOVIE REVIEW: GENIUS WRITER CHARLIE KAUFMAN PUTS HIS EXISTENTIAL STAMP ON NETFLIX'S ODDEST ANIMATED FILM YET

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Polls ahead, Govt says economy turned stagnant in 10 yrs of UPA

UPA government inherited a "healthy economy ready for more reforms" in 2004 but made it nonperforming in its ten years. Despite having taken the reforms earlier in 1991, the then government did not undertake reforms after coming to power in 2004, it said. It notes that the country was standing at the cusp of emerging as a powerful economy in 2004. "In the years between 2004 and 2008, the economy grew fast, thanks to the lagged effects of the reforms of the NDA government and favourable global conditions. The UPA government took credit for the high growth but did little to consolidate it, the White Paper said.It further said the UPA government's "policy inaction and missteps put off valuable private investment, which could have generated growth and jobs, at its own peril".

The White Paper has listed comparison of several macroeconomic parameters between the UPA and the NDA governments:

Inflation: The first macroeconomic data listed out by the Ministry of Finance in the white paper as having taken the hit in the aftermath of the global financial crisis of 2008 is inflation. Citing data from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the ministry said inflation raged between 2009 and 2014 and the common man bore the brunt. "High fiscal

deficits for six years between FY09 and FY14 heaped misery on ordinary and poorer households. Over the five-year period from FY10 to FY14, the average annual inflation rate was in double digits. Between FY04 and FY14, average annual inflation in the economy was 8.2 per cent," the ministry said.

Banking: The banking crisis was one of the most important and infamous legacies of the UPA Government, the white paper said. Stating that the high percentage of bad debts was an underestimate by the UPA government, the Gross Non-Performing Assets (GNPA) ratio in Public Sector Banks (PSBs) including restructured loans rose to 12.3 per cent in September 2013 from 7.8 per cent at the end of Vajpayee-led NDA government, The worsening of the banking crisis was "largely because of political interference by the UPA government in the commercial lending decisions of public sector banks", the white pa-

Gross advances by public sector banks were only Rs 6.6 lakh crore in March 2004, which then increased to Rs 39.0 lakh crore in March 2012. "Further, not all problem loans were recognised. There was much under the hood. According to a Credit Suisse report published in March 2014, the top 200 companies with an interest coverage ratio of less than one owed about Rs 8.6 lakh crore to banks," it said

The White Paper went on to quote former Reserve Bank of India Governor Raghuram Rajan, from his written response to a Parliamentary Panel in 2018: "a larger number of the bad loans were(sic)originated in the period 2006-2008."

Rajan's completed sentence, however, points to strong economic growth during that phase of the UPA government leading to mistakes by banks in their calculations. "A larger number of bad loans were (sic) originated in the period 2006-2008 when economic growth was strong, and previous infrastructure projects such as power plants had been completed on time and within budget. It is at such times that banks make mistakes. They extrapolate past growth and performance to the future...," Rajan had said in the reply.

External vulnerability: Over-dependence on external commercial borrowings (ECB) led to a surge in India's external vulnerability. During the UPA government's tenure, ECB rose at a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of 21.1 per cent (FY04 to FY14), whereas in the nine years from FY14 to FY23, they have grown at an annual rate of 4.5 per cent. "The UPA government had compromised external and

macroeconomic stability, and the currency plunged in 2013. From its high to low, against the US dollar between 2011 and 2013, the Indian rupee plunged 36 per cent," it said.

Mismanagement of public finances: After the 2008 Global Financial Crisis, the UPA government announced a fiscal stimulus package which was much worse than the problem it sought to address, the paper said. "It was way beyond the capacity of the Union Government to finance and sustain," it said.

Run-away fiscal deficits led the economy to the fiscal precipice, the ministry said. For six consecutive years between FY09 to FY14, the ratio of India's Gross Fiscal Deficit (GFD) to Gross Domestic Product(GDP)wasatleast4.5per cent. The revenue deficit rose more than four times from 1.07 per cent of GDP in FY08 to 4.6 per cent in FY09.

The fiscal deficit burden became too big to bear, for the economy, it said. "As a result of its fiscal mismanagement, the UPA government's fiscal deficit ended up being far higher than it had expected, and it subsequently ended up borrowing 27 per cent more from the market than what it had budgeted for in 2011-12," it said.

Infrastructure and asset creation: Stating that Public expenditure was geared towards

short-term populist measures, the white paper said capital expenditure - which finances public investment in infrastructure -- was deprioritised in those 10 years, thereby creating long-term constraints for the economy and compromising its growth potential.

Capital expenditure as a percent of total expenditure (excluding interest payments) halved from 31 per cent in FYO4 to 16 per cent in FY14. "The economy remained supply-constrained during the UPA government's tenure. Combined with the consistent boost to aggregate demand from excessive deficits, it resulted in higher inflation, higher current account deficit and an overvalued currency, all of which climaxed in 2013 when the Indian rupee buckled under the weight of such imprudent policies," it said. The government's prioritisation of unproductive spending meant that significant funds were allocated towards consumption rather than productive investment, it

Wastage of public resources and scams: The UPA government's period was marked by "policy misadventures and scams" such as non-transparent auction of public resources (coal and telecom spectrum), the spectre of retrospective taxation, unsustainable demand stimulus and ill-targeted subsidies and reckless

'Free movement along Myanmar border being suspended'

with undertones of favouritism. the white paper said. It cited the 2G spectrum scam involving 122 telecom licenses that sliced Rs 1.76 lakh crore off the exchequer as per the estimates of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG), the coal gate scam costing Rs 1.86 lakh crore to the exchequer, the CommonWealth Games (CWG) scam, indicating an environment of "heightened political uncertainty and reflected poorly on India's image as an investment destination".

lending by the banking sector

It also made a mention of the 80:20 gold export-import scheme launched by the UPA government showing how government systems and procedures were subverted to serve particular interests for "obtaining illegitimate pecuniary gains". "In mid-2014, the then-government permitted select Premier Trading Houses (PTH) and Star Trading Houses (STH) to import gold even though the model code of conduct was in place and the counting of votes cast in the Parliament elections was due on May 16, 2014," it said.

The UPA government's term was replete with examples of decision stasis, the white paper said. The UPA government capitalised on the reforms brought in by the previous government but fell short of delivering on crucial reforms promised by them.

Kerala CM leads protest in Delhi

chief Farooq Abdullah, T Thirumavalavan of the VCK Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal, besides Left leaders Sitaram Yechury, D Raja and Binoy Viswam.

The protest by the Kerala government came a day after the Congress government in Karnataka staged a similar sit-in at Jantar Mantar against "injustice" done to the state in devolution of taxes and grants-in-aid over the past few years. The KamatakaCongress had sought to keep the protest a state affair while the Left invited friendly parties to send a larger political mes-

Addressing the protest, Vijayan said the BJP-led governmentattheCentre was trampling on the rights of states and turning India into a "Union over States".

"A democracy that was envisaged as a 'Union of States' is slowly and steadily being crippled into an undemocratic 'Union over States' We are seeing its manifestations around the country, especially in Opposition-ruled states," he said.

"This protest is against the denial of what is rightfully ours. Isn't it a fact that our borrowings have been limited and that our grants have been denied?" he said, deprecating what he called attempts to depict the genuine demands of states as an issue of North-South divide.

Keiriwal accused the Centre of waging a war against state governments led by Opposition parties, which he said represent 70 crore people in the country.

"The BJP has waged a war against the Opposition-ruled states. They have created an India-Pakistan situation with us. The Centre is using all the tactics to harass the Opposition governments," he said.

The Chief Ministers, he said were not "here to beg or ask for anything for our families".

The Congress in Keralahas accused Vijayan of using the issue of "discrimination" by the Centre to craft a narrative to hide his government's economic mismanage-Vijayan, incidentally, men-

tioned the protest by Karnataka, where the Congress is in power "It is not just Kerala that is protesting against the political discrimination against states. Karnataka has also come out in protest. They say that they suffered losses to the tune of Rs 1,87,000 crore, a loss that is similar to that of Kerala's," he said, maintaining that his protest was not "politically moti-

Vijayan said the fight was for maintaining a balance in the Centre-State relations. Vijayan, Kejriwal and Mann spoke about "overreach" and "meddling" in the day-to-day affairs of the state governments by Governors and Lt Governors and unleashing Central agencies on the Opposition leaders.

Vijayan said the Central government too had been making laws that "encroach upon the

States' powers and duties in several sectors, even on law and order, which is absolutely in the State List in the Constitution".

"Laws have been made by the

Union in agriculture, education, power, cooperation and so on, crippling the states' rights. Even a Ministry for Cooperation has been formed, Multinational agreements are being entered into, on issues that affect the states, without seeking the states' opinion, let alone getting their consent. These are all telling examples of how the rights of states are being trampled upon and how India is being changed into an undemocratic 'Union over States'," he said.

However, the body blow to India's federal structure, he said, is coming from the Centre "eating into the states' financial resources".

"The same people who wax eloquent about cooperative federalism have tried to undercut the resources to be allocated to the states by the Finance Commission. On top of that, we are seeing the Union's allocation for their own schemes coming down year after year, while the states are being forced to chip in more and more, he said. "According to RBI reports, the

states are having to cover a substantial 65 per cent of the country's total expenses, with the Union's contribution being only 35 per cent. But when it comes to revenue sharing, it goes in the reverse direction. The Union government pockets about 65 per cent and the states are left with only 35 per cent...Despite the Union having a lower share than the states in many Central schemes, they are keen to brand them. They even go to the extent of saying that funds will not be issued if there is no branding. Branding is essentially labelling. By doing so, the selfworth of the beneficiaries of such schemes is being questioned. No responsible government that sees development and welfare as people's genuine rights can name and shame their own citizens," Vijayan

On delay in payment of GST compensation to states, he said the Centre started disbursing the arrears after many of the state governments approached the Supreme Court together. On the functioning of Governors, Vijayan mentioned instances of what he called "gubernatorial excesses" in Punjab, West Bengal, Odisha, Telangana and Tamil Nadu.

"In many states including Kerala, we have seen Governors trying to overreach their Constitutional mandate by meddling with the autonomy of the Legislature. Assent to Bills passed by Assemblies have been indefinitely delayed... The Supreme Court did warn the Governors that they were playing with fire. Yet Gover nors continue to play their political games. Multiple state Governments have had to approach the judiciary against such undemocratic high handedness," he said.

White Paper red-flags NPAs, scams and policy freeze

It's not a surprise, therefore, that the paper skips references to what the UPA has often prided itself on: GDP growth in its first term at over 8.8 per CENT during 2004-05 to 2008-09 as per compound annual growth rate (CAGR) based on the old 2004-05 base

In fact, the White Paper credits the growth years during 2004-2008 to the lagged effects of the previous NDA government's reforms, and favourable global conditions. The Ministry has cherry picked data to tell the truth of UPA's failures and the NDA government's successes without touching upon UPA's successes or its own failures.

For instance, Morgan Stanley did assess India as one of the "fragile five" global economies in 2013. And it is also a fact India is currently ranked among the top five based on the size of its GDP, as the White Paper notes. But the economy was not among the 'fragile five' right through UPA's 10 years from 2004 to 2014.

Moreover, while the policy paralysis during the fag end of UPA's tenure and the economic mismanagement is well-documented, it is also true that the reason for high inflation was the US Federal Reserve's taper tantrum or sudden decision to stop flushing the market with more money and the high prices of crude oil. From meeting the mandate of

the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act in 2007-08 — the only time so far — to the resilience during the global financial crisis of 2008, the UPA government's economic management kept India safe. The 2008 crisis was a key turn-

ing point for most big economies during the first decade of the new millennium, and barring the US, none seem to have fully recovered from that shock even now. India, on the other hand, barely lost a step in terms of GDP growth rate.

However, the white paper quotes from then Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee's 2011 speech — where he said, "India, unlike most other economies, was not seriously affected by the financial turmoil of 2008 in the developed world" - to downplay the effect of the GFC. But in that very speech, Mukherjee also stated: "(India was) not completely immune from the crisis and the postcrisis developments in the real economy. The timely fiscal stimulus measures implemented by the Government helped in modgrowth and facilitated a rapid recovery."The very next year, India's GDP grew by 8.5 per cent. Lastly, there are many genuine

erating the impact on economic

achievements of the NDA government during the past decade. These include reforms like the GST and IBC, the push towards increased capital expenditure, and the clean-up of the commercial bank balance sheets to name just a few. However, it is also true that there is employment-related

Yes, the unemployment rate improved progressively during the NDA government's tenure as the White Paper notes, with the rate sliding down to 3.2 per cent in 2022-23 from 6 per cent in 2017-18 (as per the available Periodic Labour Force Surveys). The figure, however, understates the concern of a surge in the number of unpaid workers and a deterioration in the quality of jobs. PLFS data reveals that the share of unpaid workers in the labour force of the country has gone progressively up to 18.3 per cent in 2022-23 from 13.6 per cent in 2017-18. The share of salaried workers, meanwhile, reduced to 20.9 per cent in 2022-23 from 22.8 per cent in 2017-18.

Affairs (MHA) has decided that Prime Minister and Home be put in place in 2017 but was deferred due to the Rohingya refugee

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

suspension of the FMR. The announcement was welcomed by Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh and Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu. In a post on X, Biren Singh said, "Immensely grateful to Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji and Hon'ble HMShri Amit Shah Ji for their commitment to securing our borders. The decision to scrap the FMR between India and Myanmar, as recommended by the Minister of Home Affairs, is crucial for our internal security and the demographic integrity of

our North Eastern States.' "This is yet another historic decision in curbing illegal immigration and strengthening our internal security after the recent announcement to fence the 1,643 km Indo-Myanmar border by Government of India," Singh said.

In a nearly identical statement, Khandu, while thanking the Minister, said, 'The decision to revoke the Free Movement Regime between India & Myanmar holds immense significance for our internal security and demographic integrity of the North Eastern States. This landmark decision signifies yet another important step in the ongoing efforts to address illegal immigration. This builds on the recent announcement by the Government of India to fence the 1643 km Indo-Myanmar border,"

The border between India and Myanmar runs along four states -Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh. The FMR is a mutually agreed arrangement between the two countries that allowstribes living along the border to travel up to 16 km inside the other country without a visa. Under the FMR, a member of

the hill tribes, who is either a citizen of India or a citizen of Myanmar and who is a resident of any area within 16 km on either side of the border, can cross over on production of a border pass with one-year validity and can stay up to two weeks.

The FMR was implemented in 2018 as part of the government's Act East policy at a time when diplomatic relations between India and Myanmar were on the upswing. In fact, the FMR was to crisis that erupted that August. Biren Singh has been one of the biggest votaries of sealing the Indo-Myanmar border. The BJP government led by him in

Manipur, as well as large sections

of the Meitei civil society, have been pointing at "large scale illegal immigration" of Chins from Myanmar – of the same ethnicity as the Kuki-Zomis of Manipur and Mizos of Mizoram – as the root cause of volatility in the region. But in Mizoram and Nagaland, the responses have been different. Myanmar too has a Naga population, largely in the Naga Self-Administered Zone in the Sagaing

region, and the Mizo-Chins and

Nagas on both sides of the border

share close social, economic and day-to-day relations. Mizoram Chief Minister and Zoram People's Movement leader Lalduhoma has been critical of moves to seal the border, though he concedes that he does not have the authority to stop the Centre from taking such a step.

Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, who heads an NDPP-BIP coalition government, has suggested that there needs to be a "workable formula" given the presence of Nagas on both sides

Two killed in Srinagar were neighbours in an Amritsar village

to the homes of the two men to inform their families. As the news spread, a wave of mournings wept through the village.

Singh, who had been working as a carpenter in Kashmir for the last five years, had convinced Masih to join him to earn some money. Like many other migrant workers, Singh used to come back to his village when the temperature dipped, and had been home since Diwali.

According to relatives, they were supposed to leave for Kashmir on Tuesday, but missed the bus and went on Wednesday instead. Singh's family said they were planning to arrange his marriage

later this year. Masih, too, was unmarried. Militants have been targeting workers from outside the Valley since the abrogation of Jammu and Kashmir's special status in

2019. Wednesday's attack was the

first this year.

SECURITY AROUND MINORITY CLUSTERS REVIEWED

Srinagar: Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bhiduri and Inspector General of Police (IGP) V K Bridi held a virtual meeting with all deputy commissioners and district police chiefs to review security arrangements around minority clusters and other critical areas. ENS

Amritpal leaves behind five sisters and an elder brother. His father runs a small shop, "He would often talk about Kashmir and its beauty. He would also praise the people for their hospitality. He never expressed any fear,"

Amritpal's friend Gurjant Singh.

Like him, many carpenters from Amritsar go to Kashmir to make wooden homes. They earn more there than in Punjab.

Masih leaves behind a sister, a father who is too old to work, and a mother employed as a labourer to help the family make ends meet. Cabinet minister Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal visited the families and handed a cheque of Rs 2 lakh each as compensation. However, villagers said it was not enough. 'They were young, their families were dependent on them. Both the families are destroyed; this simply cannot compensate for the loss," said Gurjant Singh, a neighbour.

The J&K government meanwhile provided immediate assistance of Rs 1 lakh to each family.

According to police, militants fired at the men from close range. On May 30 last year, a circus worker from Udhampur district was shot dead in Anantnag disBihar was killed on October 31 in Pulwama district, and on July 13, three labourers were injured in an attack by militants in the Gagren area of the Shopian district.

Condemning Wednesday's attack, the Peoples Democratic Party called it a "clear manifestation and frustration aimed at disrupting the peace and tranquillity in Kashmir". People's Conference president Sajad Lone called it a reprehensible attack.

National Conference vicepresident Omar Abdullah condemned the killings and added that the continued incidents in the heart of Srinagar city are proof that the situation in Jammu and Kashmir is not the same as what the Centre claims, "Earlier they said that guns will fall silent post abrogation of Article 370, but even areas like Srinagar, Rajouri and Poonch which had almost become militancy-free are now continuously witnessing incidents of trict. A brick kiln worker from militant attacks," he said.

Wall collapse

The injured were identified as Ajit Kumar, 21, a resident of Ghaziabad; Monu, 19, and Sandeep, 27, both from Gokulpuri; and Mohd Tazir from Loni.

A case under sections pertaining to causing death by negligence and endangering life and personal safety of others has been lodged at Gokulpuri Police Station.

DCP (Northeast) Joy Tirkey said, "Four persons were injured and one was trapped under the debris... Police personnel, with the help of the people, pulled him out and he was rushed to GTB Hospital. He was riding a

scooter."

The DMRC suspended two officials and ordered a safety inspection of the entire network "Two DMRC officials, a Manager and a Junior Engineer from the civil department, have been suspended pending inquiry," said Anuj Dayal, Principal Executive Director, Corporate Communications, DMRC.

of a percentage point. will provide relief to home, vehicle, personal and other loan bor-

fiscal. The government, in the Interim Budget for 2024-25, said the nominal GDP - without excluding the pace of inflation – is likely to grow at 10.5 per cent.

Announcing the policy, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said, "Taking into account this growthinflation dynamics and the fact that transmission of the cumulative 250 bps (basis points) policy rate hike is still underway, the MPC decided to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at 6.5 per cent. The MPC will carefully monitor any signs of generalisation of food price pressures which can fritter away the gains in the easing of core inflation."

rate steady at 6.5 per cent was taken in a 5:1 majority, with one external member of MPC, Jayanth Varma, voting for a 25 basis points (bps) reduction in the reporate. One basis point is one-hundredth The status quoin the reporate

The decision to keep the repo

rowers as their equated monthly instalment(EMI) will not increase.

RBI leaves repo rate unchanged, food inflation a worry

Das said the monetary policy will continue to be disinflationary to align inflation to the target of 4 per cent on a durable basis. The government has mandated the RBI to keep inflation in the 2-6 per cent band. Retail inflation, after moderat-

ing to 4.9 per cent in October, rose to 5.7 per cent in December 2023, mainly due to food inflation, mostly vegetables. "The uncertainties in food prices, however, continue to im-

pinge on the headline inflation trajectory," Das said. The MPC also decided by a majority of 5 out of 6 members to remain focused on the withdrawal of accommodation to en-

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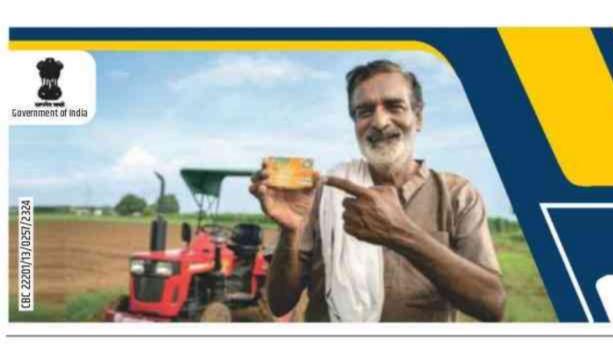
"Our stance of withdrawal of accommodation should be seen in the context of incomplete transmission and inflation ruling above the target of 4 per cent and our efforts to bring it back to the target on a durable basis," Das said.

The real GDP growth for FY25 is projected at 7 per cent, with Q1 at 7.2 percent; Q2 at 6.8 percent; Q3 at 7 per cent; and Q4 at 6.9 per cent. He said domestic economic activity continues to remain strong and the momentum is expected to continue in the next financial year (2024-25).

"At the current juncture, India's potential growth is propelled by structural drivers like improving physical infrastructure; development of world class digital and payments technology; ease of doing business; enhanced labour force participation; and improved quality of fiscal spending," he said.

The RBI's multi-pronged, proactive, and calibrated policies on the monetary, regulatory and supervisory fronts have worked well to maintain and strengthen macroeconomic and financial stability, he said.

For FY24, the RBI retained CPI inflation projection at 5.4 per cent.



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'Daughter got engaged 2 days ago': How celebrations turned into grief for family

ANKITAUPADHYAY

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8

SHIVAM PANDEY, 22, is inconsolable. Only a couple of days ago, his family was celebrating the joyous occasion of his sister's engagement. But on Thursday, their world came crashing down as they learnt that the head of their family, 53-year-old Vinod Kumar Pandey, was killed after a portion of the wall at the Gokulpuri Metro Station fell on him.

"My father was just crossing the road like any other person. He didn't know this would happen out of the blue," said Shivam, who, after receiving information about the accident, reached the GuruTegBahadur(GTB)Hospital in Dilshad Garden where he was told about his father's demise.

"Igot to know about my father after reaching the hospital," said Shivam while waiting to receive

A resident of Shaheed Bhagat Singh Colony of nearby Karawal Nagararea, Vinod was headed to work when the incident took place at 11 am. He worked as a rice delivery agent, according to his family members.

Hailing from Uttar Pradesh's Sultanpur, Vinod had been working in a wholesale shop for years now. Back from his hometown only two days ago following his younger daughter's engagement, he was busy preparing for her wedding scheduled in April.

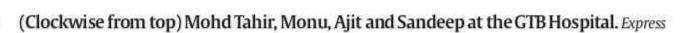
He is survived by his wife and three children – two daughters and son Shivam, who has studied till Class 12. His elder daughter is married and stays with her husband in Karawal Nagar here.

His elder son-in-law, Vikas Mishra, said Vinod was driving a battery scooter when "an entire block of metro wall" fell on him.

Shivam's mother still lives in







Sultanpur and hasn't been told about the incident yet.

GTB hospital officials said four other persons injured in the Vinod was brought dead while accident are being treated for leg injuries at the Department of Orthopaedics.

According to police, those injured are out of danger. Two motorcycles and as many scooters were damaged in the collapse.

The survivors said they were grateful they were wearing helmet at the time of the incident. One of them is 24-year-old Mohammed Tajir who said his helmet broke into two parts."I was passing through the area after picking up medicines for my mother from a nearby pharmacy when suddenly, a huge boulder fell on my head and I lost consciousness for some time. Then, a PCR van came and took meinside. I then regained consciousness and saw my broken helmet and scooter lying on the road," said Tajir, who underwent a CT scan to assess the impact of the collapse on his head.

Other survivors are Sandeep Kumar, Monu and Ajit who sell chains and zips near Gokulpuri and play drums at wedding ceremonies. They were passing by on a bike when they saw a huge chunk of debris falling. "We were on the bike on our

way home after doing some chores when suddenly, a huge slab collapsed. When we saw it, we tried to dodge it and ended up ramming into the divider," said Ajit. Sandeep said he is having difficulty in sitting and standing but is happy that doctors have assured him that his health would gradually get better.

Ajit, 21, has suffered a fracture and will undergo a surgery to get an implant inserted in his right

Sandeep and Monu are residents of Gokulpuri while Ajit lives in Balram Nagar in Ghaziabad, All three are distant relatives.

Speaking with The Indian Express, Ajit's cousin Deepak Kumar said he is the sole earning member of the family and that the accident will hamper his income.

Lying on a stretcher at the GTB Hospital, Monu said as soon as the incident happened, police officials arrived from the nearby police station and picked them up.

According to Sandeep, Monu had a helmet on while Ajit, who was sitting in the middle, was not wearing it.

The helmet, though, could not save Vinod's life. "What can a helmet do if such a huge concrete slab falls on a person..." questioned Shivam, surrounded by loved ones trying to console him

Meanwhile, the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has announced Rs 25 lakh as compensation to the family of the deceased. It also announced Rs 5 lakh as compensation for the grievously injured and Rs 1 lakh for those who received minor injuries.

Last inspection a month ago, no problem was reported



At the site of the accident on Thursday. Tashi Tobgyal

MALLICA JOSHI

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8

DEDICATED STAFF to monitor maintenance at each station, regular inspections around once in two months, and daily visual assessments — the portion of the wall at Gokulpuri metro station that collapsed escaped all these checks, only to fall on the road below and kill a 53-year-old man on a scooter, late Thursday

morning. Sources told The Indian Express that inspection of this station was done roughly a month ago, but no issues were reported.

Each station has dedicated staff to monitor operations and maintenance, which includes the maintenance of civil infrastructure, the source

added. The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) suspended two members of the civil department – a manager and a junior engineer — after the incident, and has ordered an inquiry.

"There is a Civil Maintenance department in Operations and Maintenance headed by an Executive Director level officer, and officials are deputed for each station and other civil structures. Inspections of the civil structures are done regularly to ensure their safety," DMRC said in response to questions posed by The Indian Express.

"Since the commencement of operations in 2002, DMRC has maintained an impeccable safety record. The exact reasons behind this mishap are being analysed and a thorough investigation is being carried out," DMRC said, adding that a prescribed and scheduled inspection procedure is laid down for civil structures with detailed checklists, which are reviewed

Each station has dedicated staff to monitor operations and maintenance, which includes the maintenance of civil infrastructure

at appropriate levels.

The Gokulpuri Station falls on the DMRC network's Pink Line, which, at over 57 kilometres, is the longest in the city and traverses 38 stations between Majlis Park near Azadpur and Shiv Vihar in Northeast Delhi.

The station was opened for passengers in 2018 and the average daily footfall is approximately 15,000, DMRC said.

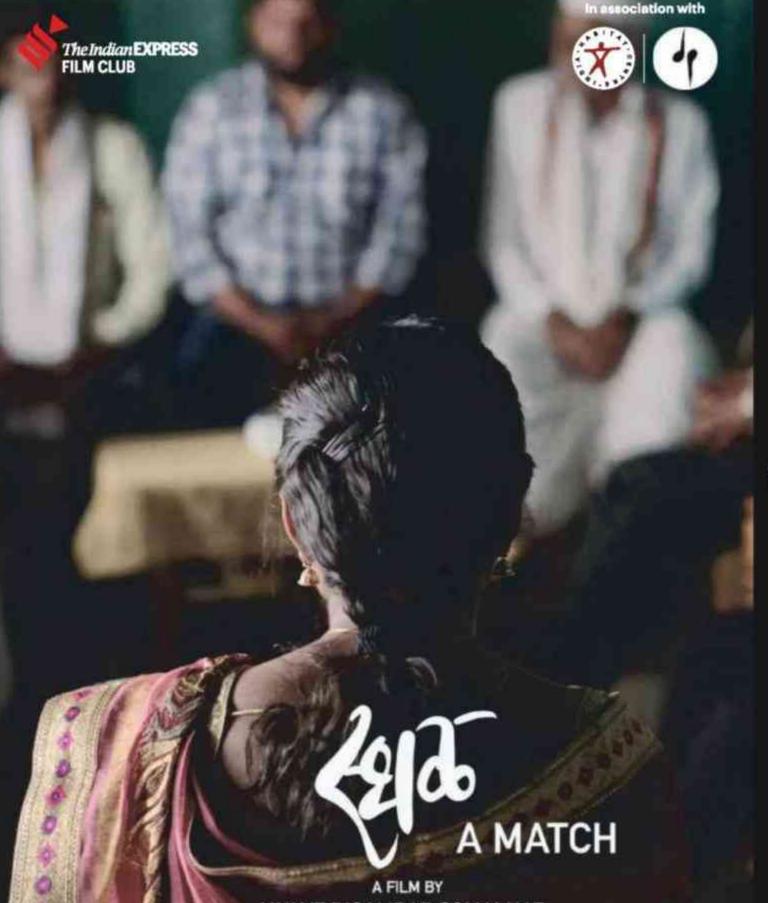
"The incident is very unfortunate. No report has been made about any infirmity in the structure," an official said.

From Friday, DMRC officials have been ordered to conduct "vigorous safety checks" across the entire network.

Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot has also ordered the constitution of a committee to inquire into the incident.

Meanwhile, operations on the line were stopped between 11.12 am and 11.23 am, after the minutes incident.

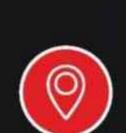
"Train services were restored from 11.23 am through a single line working between Maujpur and Shiv Vihar, a small section comprising three stations only. Normal services were restored ... after barricading the affected platform area from 2.53 pm onwards. Gokulpuri station, which was closed during this period, was also reopened at 2.53 pm with access... towards the affected area remaining closed, "DMRC said.



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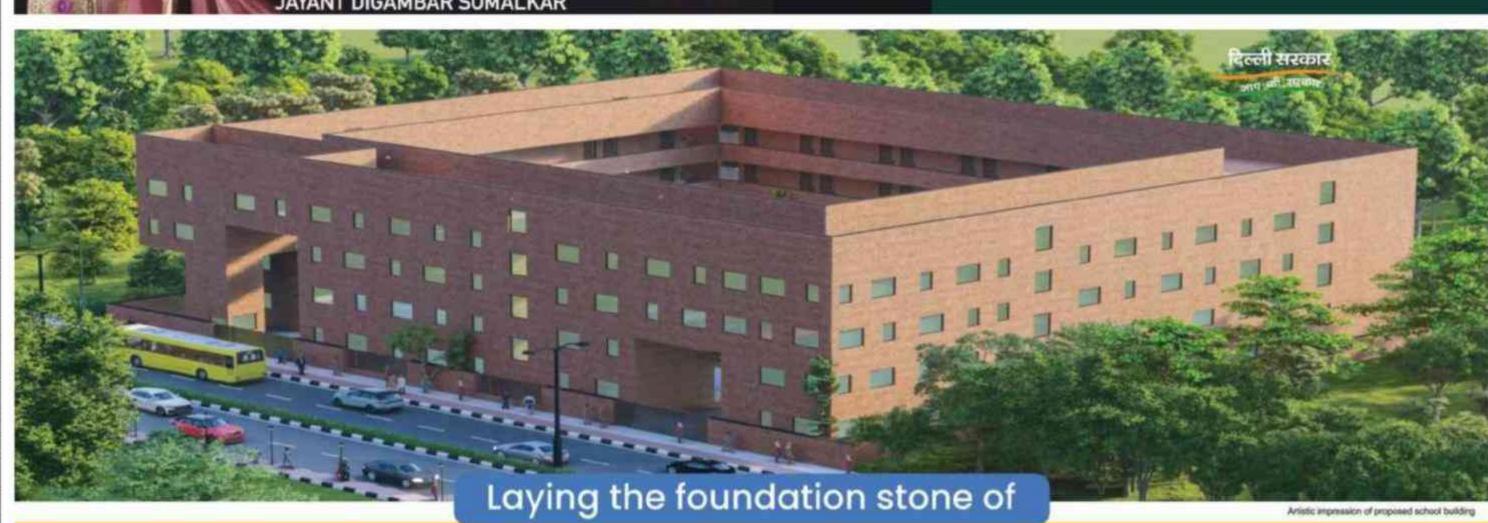
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Directorate of Education, Government of NCT of Delhi

Friday, 9th February 2024

Chief Guest

Arvind Kejriwal, Chief Minister, Delhi

Guest of Honour

Atishi, Education Minister, Delhi



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Form No.15

Before The Debts Recovery Tribunal Wing A,B & F (2rd Floor) Karpuri Thakur Sadan, Kendriya Karmchari Parishar (GPOA), Near Rajiv Nagar Thana, Ashiana Digha Road, Patna-800025. O.A No. 313 of 2023

..... APPLICANT Punjab National Bank

M/s Ankit Rice Mill.

ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULE, 1993.

1.M/s Ankit Rice Mill through Prop. Gopal Chaubey S/o Late Suresh Chaubey R/o at Katipura, PO+PS-Barahat, District-Banka, Pin-813103.

Gopal Chaubey S/o Late Suresh Chaubey R/o at Katipura , PO+PS-Barahat, District-Banka, Pin-813103. Whereas, the applicant has instituted an Application U/S 19 Of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against the Defendants for the Recovery of a sum

of Rs.75,30,665.00 (Rs. Seventy Five Lakh Thirty Thousand Six hundred Sixty The Above mentioned Defendants are, therefore, hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorised Agent in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on 15th March 2024 10:30 AM. (Forenoon) as to why Reliefs Prayed for by the

Applicant Should not be granted. Take Notice that in case of default of your appearance on the day mentioned herein

before, the proceeding will be heard and determined in your absence. Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 02nd day of February, 2024.

> Registrar Debts Recovery Tribunal, Patna

requirements for the work of "Supply, Installation and commissioning of raw water treatment system for potable water supply in Khari Yard. (Package: Raw Water Treatment/Khari)". ₹34.80 Lakh (including all taxes) **Estimated Cost of the Work** Last Date and Time of e-Bid Submission 27.02.2024, 15.00 Hrs. (IST) For further details, visit website: https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app. Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted only on the website. Chief General Manager/Banihal, USBRI. Head Office Satyam Complex, Marble Market, P.O. Sainlk Colony, Jammu, J&K-180011 भारतीय कंडेनर निगम लिमिटेड Container Corporation of India Ltd. NSIC New MDBP Building, 2rd Floor, Okhia Indl. Estate (Opp. NSIC Okhia Metro Station), New Delhi-110020 Online tenders in Single Bid system are invited for SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISIONING OF 01 NO. FULLY ELECTRONIC PITLESS LORRY WEIGHBRIDGE BOMT CAPACITY PLATFORM SIZE 18M X 3M AT ICD/DADRI, GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR, U. P. only through e-tendering mode. The tender document can only be down loaded after paying Rs. 1000/- through online CON/A-1/TECH/WB/NOMT//CD/DER/202 Electronic Lorry Weighbridge 80 MT capacity platform size 18M x 3N at ICD/Dadri, Gautam Budh Nagar, U. P.

Through e-Payment CONCOR reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any

erwizerd com/CCIL. Group General Manager/Technical (Area-1)

e-Procurement Notice

e-tender for and on behalf of Northern Railway is invited from bidders meeting qualifying

e-Tender No.: IRCON/J&K CELL/JAT/14/1014/K-B/O.Tender/Water/583

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Last Date & Time of Subr

Date & Time of opening of tender 04.03.2024 at 15:30 Hrs

सिंडिकेट Syndicate

RECOVERY & LEGAL SECTION, CIRCLE OFFICE, 3rd Floor, Luv-Kush Tower, Exhibition Road, Patna - 800001, Ph.: 0612-2320180, Email: npacopat@canarabank.com

PROPERTY FOR E-AUCTION

E-AUCTION Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / hypothecated/ Pledged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive / physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Canara Bank will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is"

Other Cost

till realization

65,76,855.51

31.10.2023

+ interest &

Other Cost

18,00,129.72

as on

06.02.2024

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SI.		Name and Address of the Borrower (s)/Guarantor (s) / Mortgagor (s)	Outstan in Re			
1	Exhibition Road	1. Mrs. Naureen Razi, (Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor) D/o Mr. Sayed Md. Raziuddin, 2. M/s Haji	88,77,15 as o 31.10.2 + intere			

(Borrower), Md. Rameez Razi and Mrs. Fanoos 8210998432

Jabeen, (Director and Guarantor - Haji Bhai Stores Pvt. Ltd.) All Resident of 303, Hussain Apartment, Kabari Gali, Exhibition Road, Patna -800001

Details of Property

Property 1 - All that Part and Parcel of Residentia Flat Property in the name of Mrs. Naureen Razi. situated in "Royal Regency Apartment" Flat No. (4th Floor), Super Built up Area - 985 sqf situated at, Maa Mansa Puram Devi Sai Mandir Mauza - Salempura Dumra Mohalla - Samanpura Plot No. - 395, Khata No. - 134, Tauzi No. - 15194 PS - Shastri Nagar, Patna - 800014. Boundary of Flat No. 402 - East - Lift / Common Passage thereafter, Falt, No. 401 & 403, West - Setback of Building, South - Flat No. 404, North - Open space

Mrs. Fanoos Jabeen, Situated at Fiat No. - 01

Ground Floor of Hussain Apartment in Kabari Gali,

Patna, Pin - 800001, Standing over part of

P.S - Gandhi Maidan, Exhibition Road, Dist.

Sale Deed No. - 8241 Dated - 17/06/2008

Gopal Paswan, South - Niz Vendor, East - Kacchi Rasta, West - Niz Vendor

interest &other No. - 24, Tauji No. - 1/1308, Situated At Mauja

Cost thereon | Bithnauli Khemchand, Anchal - K. Nagar, Thana-

till realization K. Nagar, Pargana - Dharampur, Sub - Regisrty +

All that part and parcel of land and building

Measuring 4 Decimal 2 Kari Covered Under Khata

No. - 1931 (Part), Khesra No. - 9814 (Part), Thans

Disrtict - Purnea in the name of Poonam Devi W/o Raju Goswami. Boundary - North

CNRB0002004

A/c -

Reserve Price (Rs.)

/EMD/Bid Multiplier

Amt./A/c No./ IFSC Code

Property 1 -

Rs. 38,93,000/-

Rs. 3,90,000/-

Rs. 3,84,000/-

Rs. 10,000/-

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IFSC Code -

Rs. 2,29,000/-

Rs. 24,10,000/-

Rs. 2,41,000/-

A/c - 209272434

Rs. 10,000/-

IFSC Code -

CNRB0008362

Rs. 1,54,14,800/-

Rs. 10,000/-

209272434

A/c -

Property 2 -

Property 2 - All that Part and Parcel of Residential Flat Property in the name of Mrs. Naureen Razi, situated in "Royal Regency Apartment" Flat No. -404 (4th Floor), Super Built up Area: 970 sqft situated at, Maa Mansa Puram Devi Sai Mandir, Mauza - Salempura Dumra Mohalla Samanpura, Plot No. - 395, Khata No. - 134, Tauzi No. - 15194, PS - Shastri Nagar, Patna - 800014. Boundary of Flat No. 404 - East -Lift/Common Passage thereafter, Fait, No. 401 & 403, West - Setback of Building, South - Setback of Building, North - Flat No. - 402 M/s Colour Zone. Rs. 22,82,000/-All Part and Parcel of Flat Property in the name of

Patna Exhibition Road Branch

Mob.

Proprietor - Fanoos Jabeen, Smt. Fanoos Jabeen, W/o S. M. Raziuddin, Both Address of Flat No. 303, Hussain Apartment, Kabari Mob. Gali, Exhibition Road, Patna 8210998432 800001 3. Sri Syed

till realization Mohammad Raziuddin S/o Late Mohammad Nazim, Flat No. 303, Hussain Apartment, Kabari Gall, Exhibition Road, Patna 800001

IFSC Code -Municipal Survey Plot No. - 822, Patna Municipal CNRB0002004 Corporation Holding No. - 1256/003, thereafter Holding No. - 380 Old & Holding No. 655 & 655 A, New Holding No. 1256/001, Ward No. 2/18 (Old), New Ward No. 28, Sheet No. 30, Zone - 5 Government Land Valuation List Serial No. - 267, Area (Flat) - 593 sqft. Boundary of Flat - North - Passage of the Apartment & Car Parking of

Dr. Syed Ghazanfar Hussain, South - Setback of the Apartment, East - Set Back of the Apartment, West - Set back & Generator Room of the Apartment. Boundary of Flat - North - Branch Road, South - Shiv Kunj Apartment, East - Magbool Apartment, West - House of Ainul

Alam Advocate Purnea Branch I.O. Post Box Bazar, Purnia

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Bazaar Road

Kishanganj,

Bihar -

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Mob.

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Mr. Roshan Goswam (Borrower) S/o Raju Goswami, Ward No- 11 Complex, Purnea, Bihar Bihar-85430* Mob. 8210998620

Parora, Near Harihar Mrs. Poonam Devi (Co-Borrower) W/o Raju Goswami, Parora, K. Nagar, Purnea, Bihar - 854304 Kishanganj

M/s Hotel New Satpal, Prop Mrs. Satwant Kaur (Borrower) W/o Sardar Narendra Singh, Hotel New Satpal, Shastri Marg, Ward No- 18, Station Road Kishangani, Bihar - 855108 Sardar Nareandra Singh

(Guarantor) S/o Late Inder Singh, Hotel New Satpal Shastri Marg, Ward No- 18, Station Road, Kishanganj, Bihar - - 855108

28,83,979.39 as on 06.02.2024 Cost thereon

Sale Deed No. : (1) 9523 Dated- 19.08.1988, (2) 1800 Dated- 30.03.1990, (3) 997 Dated-13.03.1991 & (4) 192 Dated 02.03.1995 All that part and parcel of land Measuring 03 Kattha interest &other 09 Dhur 4.25 Dhurki = 9 Decimal Covered Under Khata No. - 22 & 440 & 566 (old) / M.S - 10 (new) Plot No. - 246 & 247/248 & 249 / 250 (old) / M.S-

Rs. 15,41,480/-Rs. 10,000/-A/c - 209272434 IFSC Code -CNRB0008362

37(new)-{KA, KHA, GA, GHA, ANGA, CH, CHH, JA, JHA, TA, THA} & M.S - 38 (New) (KA,KHA,GA,GHA,ANGA), Thana No- 460, Tauji No- 07, Ward No. - 13 (Old) / 14 (New) Situated At Mauja - Kasba Kutubganj, District - Kishanganj, Bihar in the name of Sardar Narendra Singh S/o Late Inder Singh. Boundary (combined & All Above Mentioned Sale Deed) North - Raju Sweets, South - Municipality Road, East - Anand Bhawan, West -Satyapal Singh

Madhepura M/s Aditya Hospital Prop- Mrs. Meera Kumari, Branch W/o Pramod Kumar Pawan 1st Floor, Ward No- 04, Near P.S Main Road, College, Madhepura, Bihar Madhepura, 2. Mrs. Meera Kumari Bihar 852113 (Borrower) W/o Pramod Mob. Kumar Pawan, Jay Prakash 8210998611

Nagar, Ward No-06,

22,86,619.93 as on 06.02.2024 +interest & other Cost thereon

S.M.T Deed No-11812 Dated-22/09/2022 All that part and parcel of a land and building Measuring 4.367 Decimal = 01 Kattha Covered Under Khata No. - 9 (Old) / 26 (New), Khesra No. 4464 (old) / 2513 (New), Thana No. - 61, Touji No. 468, Situated At Mouza + Thana + Anchal + District Madhepura, Bihar in the name of Mr. Pramod

South - Niz, East - 12 Kari Road, West - Khesra No. 4464

Rs. 1,03,40,000/-Rs. 10.34,000/-Rs. 10,000/-A/c - 209272434 **IFSC Code -**CNRB0008362 Kumar Pawan S/o Late Aditya Prasad Yadav. Boundary - North - Niz.

Madhepura, Bihar - 852113 3. Mr. Sumit Anand (Co-Borrower) S/o Pramod Kumar Pawan, Jay Prakash Nagar, Ward No- 06, Madhepura, Bihar. 4. Mr. Pramod Kumar Pawan (Guarantor) S/o Late Aditya Pd. Yadav, Sunaina Niwas, Jay Prakash Nagar, Ward No- 06, Madhepura, Bihar - 852113

Kurtha Branch Mob. 8210998553

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Branch

Mob.

8809088505

Mini Rice Mill, Prop. - Mr. Dinesh Tiwari, S/o Sr Baban Tiwari, Prop. Cum Mortgagor - Mr. Dinesh Tiwari, S/o Sri Baban Tiwari Address of both are Vill-Maura, P.o- Chandra Kaithi, P.S - Chenari, Dist- Rohtas, Bihar, 821106

Sri Birendra Kumar Singh

S/o Raghu Vansh Singh, R/o

Vill Siwan, Post Dhanei, Dist

Rohtas, Kargahar, Bihar

821007

Mortgagor : (i)sri Birendra Kumar Singh

S/o Raghu Vansh Singh (ii) Ajay Kumar Singh

S/o Raghu Vansh Singh, (iii) Rahul Kumar

Singh S/o Raghu Vansh Singh, (iv). Raghu

Vansh Singh Son of Late Ram Janam Singh

All Are Residing At Vill Siwan, Post Dhanej,

23,00,531,26 as on 06.02.2024 + interest & Other Cost thereon till realization

Rs.

as on

06.02.2024

+ interest &

Other Cost

0,60,460.71

till realization

The property is situated at Mauza- Maura (462), Khata No- 13(Survey)/13 chak, Plot No-43(survey)/6 chak, Halka No-02, P.S- Chenari Dist-Rohtas, BiharExtent of Area-10.00 Decimal Boundary: North - Awadh Bihari Tiwari, South Pappu Tiwari, East - Niz Mokir, West - Niz Mokir Name of Property Holder - Mr. Dinesh Tiwari S/o Sri Baban Tiwari

Property 1 - Residential Land & Building situated

at Mauza - Siwan, Thana No. - 78, Khata No. - 371

Khasra No. - 1369, Thana - Kargahar, Dist-

Rohtas, Bihar - 821107. Extent of Area- 2.5

Decimal, Boundary: (Actual) North - Mishi

IFSC Code -CNRB0001939 Property 1 -Rs. 9,92,000/ Rs. 99,200/-

Property 2 -

Rs. 24,25,000/-

Rs. 2,42,500/-

Rs. 1,96,500/-

Rs. 10,000/-

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A/c -

Singh, South - 3' Wide Gali & Dharmendra, East thereon till Niz, West - 13' Wide Kachcha Rasta realization Property 2 - Residential Land situated at Mauza -Siwan, Thana No. - 78, Khata No. - 371, Khasra No. - 2194, Thana Kargahar, Dist - Rohtas, Bihar - 821107, Extent of Area- 43 Decimal Boundary: (Actual), North - Khobhari Sah, South - 21 feet Wide

Rs. 10,000/-A/c - 209272434 IFSC Code -CNRB0001737

Dist. - Rohtas, Kargahar, Bihar - 821007 Kachcha Road, East - Bishwanath Singh, West - 31 feet Wide Kachha Rasta. Property Holder - 1. Birendra Kumar Singh S/o Raghu Vansh Singh, 2. Ajay Kumar Singh S/o Raghu Vansh Singh, 3. Rahul Kumar Singh S/o Raghu Vansh Singh and 4. Raghu Vansh Singh S/o Late Ram Janam Singh

Branch Mob.

Rohtas, Bihar - 821123

M/s Mishra Enterprises Sasaram Prop. Santosh Kumar Mishra Address: Vill - Budhua, PO 8651488414 Raipurchore, PS - Shivsagar, Dist. - Rohtas, Bihar - 821123, Mr. Santosh Kumar Mishra, (Proprietor Cum Mortgagor) S/o Late Mahendra Mishra, Address : Vill + PO - Raipurchore, PS - Shivsagar, Dist.

27,69,722.00 as on 06.02.2024 + interest & Other Cost thereon till realization

Emt of Residential Property Situated At Mauza Budhua, Thana No. - 360, Khata No. - 23, Survery Plot No. - 20 Me, Halka No. - 07, Dist. - Rohtas, Bihar in the name of Sri Santosh Kumar Mishra Son of Late Mahendra Mishra, Total Extent O Area- 15 Decimil Boundary (Actual) - North Vacant Plot, South - Ramsagar Bind, East - Road West - Vacant Plot

Rs. 11,72,000/-Rs. 1,17,200/-Rs. 10,000/-A/c -209272434 IFSC Code -CNRB0002315

Last Date of EMD 08.03.2024 For Detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in www.canarabank.com

Authorised Officer Canara Bank

Celebrating 76 Mears Of Independence

An Ongoing Journey Of Progress And Unity

The struggles and triumphs of our forebearers have paved the way for the vibrant, independent Sri Lanka we proudly celebrate today, says Valsan Vethody, Consul General for Sri Lanka (Mumbai)

The pursuit of Independence has been a collective struggle shared by nations worldwide, transcending challenges posed by both monarchies and colonial powers. Sri Lanka, with its extraordinary 2,500-year history and distinct civilisation, stands as a testament to this enduring journey.

Throughout the ages, our resilient kings confronted the formidable task of safeguarding our sovereignty against foreign invaders. It has been 76 years since our nation secured freedom from a 450-year-long period of European colonial rule.

Even in the aftermath of gaining Independence, we confronted almost three decades of adversity, countering efforts by specific international forces driven by geopolitical motives to destabilise and fragment our nation through acts of terrorism.

This struggle for unity is deeply ingrained in the tapestry of our unique history, reflecting the unwavering spirit of the Sri Lankan people. The echoes of resistance and determination resonate through time, illustrating our steadfast commitment to safeguarding our nation.

As we reflect on our storied past, we draw inspiration from the resilience of our forebearers and get strengthened in our patriotism. The enduring struggles and ultimate triumphs of our forebearers have paved the way for the vibrant, independent Sri Lanka we proudly celebrate today, marked by commendable socio-economic indicators. As we reflect on our storied past, may the invaluable



lessons of history continue to serve as guiding beacons, steering us through the ongoing journey of progress and unity.

Consul General for Sri Lanka (Mumbai)

Adani Ports Puts India On The International Maritime Map

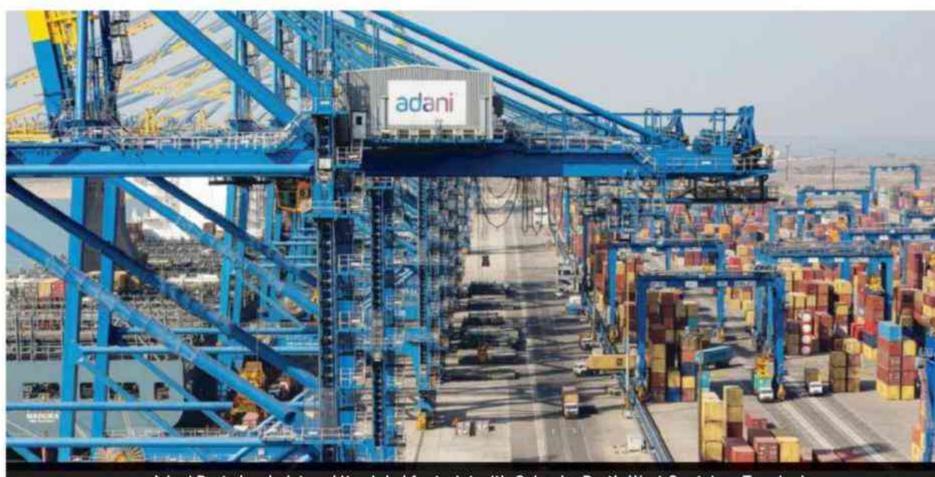
Adani Ports has expanded its presence globally through acquisitions and partnerships, particularly in key regions such as the Middle East and the Indian Ocean

wenty-five years ago, the Adani Group developed its first port at Mundra in Gujarat - marking the beginning of a historical journey, not only for the group but also for India's international maritime trade. Today, Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited (APSEZ), a part of the globally diversified Adani Group, has evolved from a port company to an Integrated Transport Utility providing end-to-end solutions from port gate to customer gate.

APSEZ is the largest port developer and operator in India with seven strategically located ports and terminals on

the ability to handle 500,000 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) annually, the Adani logistics business is growing rapidly. APSEZ's ports-to-logistics platform comprising port facilities, and integrated logistics capabilities, including multimodal logistics parks, Grade A warehouses, and industrial economic zones, puts it in an advantageous position as India stands to benefit from an impending overhaul in global supply chains.

Adani Ports has expanded its presence globally through acquisitions and partnerships, particularly in key regions



Adami Ports has bolstered its global footprint with Colombo Port's West Container Terminal

the west coast (Mundra, Tuna, Dahej, and Hazira in Gujarat, Mormugao in Goa, Dighi in Maharashtra and Vizhinjam in Kerala) and seven ports and terminals on the east coast of India (Haldia in West Bengal, Dhamra in Odisha, Gangavaram and Krishnapatnam in Andhra Pradesh, Kattupalli and Ennore in Tamil Nadu, and Karaikal in Puducherry). It

represents 27% of the country's total port volumes, thus providing capabilities to handle vast cargo from both the coastal areas and the hinterland. The port facilities are equipped with the latest cargo-handling infrastructure, which is not only best-in-class but also capable of handling some of the largest vessels on Indian shores. The ports can handle a diverse range of cargo.

Over the years, APSEZ has grown to become a provider of integrated port infrastructure services and Mundra SEZ in Gujarat is a landmark. Spanning over 8,000 hectares, the Mundra Economic Hub offers investment options as the largest multi-product SEZ, Free Trade and Warehousing Zone (FTWZ) and Domestic Industrial Zone. The company's integrated services across three verticals, i.e. ports, logistics and SEZ, have enabled it to forge alliances with leading Indian businesses making APSEZ an undisputed leader in the Indian port sector.

Through its subsidiary, Adani Logistics Limited, APSEZ operates three logistics parks at Patli in Haryana, Kila-Raipur in Punjab, and Kishangarh in Rajasthan. With

such as the Middle East and the Indian Ocean. These international operations position it as a key player in the global maritime industry. Outside India, APSEZ operates Haifa Port in Israel, and it is also developing a transhipment Ports and port in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Logistics

Recently, the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) announced

that it would be funding, to the tune of USD 553 million, the Colombo West International Terminal Private Limited (CWIT) -a consortium of Adani Ports and SEZ Ltd., Sri Lanka's leading enterprise John Keells Holdings (JKH) and the Sri Lanka Ports Authority. The port of Colombo is the largest and busiest transhipment port in the Indian Ocean. It has been operating at more than 90% utilisation since 2021, signalling a need for developing additional capacity. The new terminal will cater to growing economies along the Bay of Bengal, taking advantage of Sri Lanka's prime location on the major shipping routes and its proximity to the expanding

The Adani Group's vision extends beyond mere business pursuits to encompass nation-building efforts. Through initiatives like skill-building programs and the development of quality infrastructure, the group aims to contribute to the long-term development and sustainability of the nation. By aligning with the objectives of local governments, they seek to ensure that their endeavours benefit communities and facilitate holistic growth.

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Land Of Endless Opportunities

Sri Lanka's commitment to open trade makes the island nation one of the most promising business destinations in Asia

ri Lanka's central location in the Indian Ocean, straddling trade routes from the East to the West, made it a popular trading hub in ancient times and acts the same today. Sri Lanka's export sector is led by dynamic business leaders who are steadfastly committed to safeguarding the island's reputation as a reliable supplier in the international marketplace. Sri Lanka's export sector is mainly comprised of merchandise exports and export of services.

Sri Lanka has entered into Free Trade Agreements with India, Pakistan, Singapore, and Thailand. Additionally, the Economic and Technology Cooperation Agreement (ETCA) between India and Sri Lanka and the China-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement (CSLFTA) are two proposed trade agreements which will be signed soon.

India is the third largest export destination for Sri Lanka. The total export value from Sri Lanka to India was USD 829.7 million in 2023 and total imports from India to Sri Lanka for the same period were USD 3,171.78 million. India is the first import origin for Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka's main export products to India in 2023 were animal feed, pepper, areca nuts, petroleum oils, non-alcoholic beverages, insulated wires & cables, cloves, pulp of wood, waste & scrap of paper and paper boards. Its main import products from India in 2023 were sugars, sugar confectionery & bakery products, pharmaceutical products, knitted fabrics, woven fabrics, yarn, chillies, and paper & paper products.

Apparel is Sri Lanka's major merchandise export to the world. It has three decades of experience and it strongly promotes ethical working conditions, free of child & forced labour, discrimination, and sweatshop practices. A flagship green destination, Sri Lanka is the only outsourced apparel manufacturing country in Asia which complies with EU GSP+. It boasts three top-rated apparel companies amongst the world's 50 most important suppliers.

Sri Lanka prides itself on manufacturing several value-added rubber products by processing raw rubber. This range of rubber products made in Sri Lanka is internationally acclaimed and accepted for quality and durability.

Sri Lanka is also an emerging ICT/BPM hub. Its Island of Ingenuity (IOI) brand has rapidly gained fame for Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and Business Process Management (BPM). Sri Lanka's ICT/BPM sector is progressively contributing to the Global Value Chain while



WHY INVEST IN SRI LANKA

- 1st Port in South Asia Colombo Port (WB, S&P Mkt. Intelligence 2022)
- 1st South Asian country to trial 5G technology in 2022
- Best Transhipment Hub in South Asia

(Women Solo Travel Index 2022)

- Boasts the safest cities for women travelling alone
- Ranked 17th in Top 20 Places to Travel (Readers' Choice

serving many Fortune 500 companies in the world.

The inherent uniqueness of Sri Lanka's Electrical & Electronics industry is its ability to provide end-to-end delivery of products and services. Electrical & Electronics manufacturers and service providers in Sri Lanka, at present operate within the domains of Electronic Manufacturing Services (EMS), Electrical & Electronics Component Manufacturing, Original Equipment

Manufacturing (OEM), and Design Services, coupled with R&D. Endowed with delicious seafood as a tiny island surrounded by

the Indian Ocean, Sri Lanka is blessed with a large fishing ground filled with the most delicious bounties of the Indian Ocean.

In place of the customary processed food products that are high in sugar, salt and fat, Sri Lankan processed food and beverages are mainly based on natural fruits, vegetables, and cereals like rice and millet that are naturally gluten-free. Sri Lankan processed food and beverage sector covers a wide range of products including coconut, vegetables, and fruit-based products, concentrates and juices, semi-cooked food, confectionery, bakery products, ready-to-serve food, beverages, animal feed, and preparations of cereals and flour.

Sri Lanka's agricultural practices, agro-industries, and manufacturing companies have expanded their product range to meet global quality standards in processing, packaging and green manufacturing. Certifications include ISO Standards, Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP), Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP), USDA Organic, Japanese Agricultural Standards (JAS), 'Halal' certification, and 'Kosher' certification.

Historically, Sri Lanka was attractive to the Western nations for its spice riches. Today, it exports the most sought-after cinnamon, pepper, cloves, cardamoms, nutmeg, mace and vanilla. These spices grow in abundance all over the island in fertile and diverse soil types and varying temperature conditions, In addition, Sri Lanka also supplies a range of essential oils and oleoresins derived from homegrown spices. Sri Lanka is also the only supplier of true cinnamon to the world.

All tea grown in Sri Lanka is now 100% ozone-friendly. This is a distinction which no other tea-producing nation can boast. All Ceylon Tea is entitled to bear the new 'Ozone Friendly Pure Ceylon Tea' logo, certifying that it has been produced without the use of any ozone-depleting substances.

Sri Lanka is virtually a 'Treasure Island', enriched with an astonishing range of vividly coloured gemstones. These were positioned amongst the priceless exhibits in the Royal Museum of Great Britain. A precious and enticing spectrum of Blue Sapphires, Star Sapphires, Rubies, Star Rubies, Alexandrite, Spinel, Cat's Eyes, Garnets, Zircons, and Tourmalines of unsurpassed quality and quantities have been dotingly delivered in an uninterrupted continuum since the biblical days of Solomon & Sheba to this date from the gem rich soil of the phenomenally

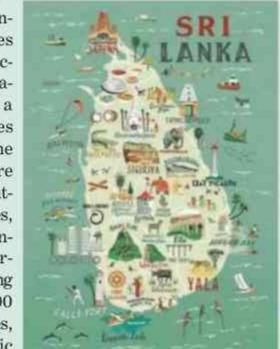
blessed island nation.

Heaven On Earth

n February 4, 2024, Sri Lanka unfurled its 76th Independence Day celebrations, highlighting the country's multitude of travel and holiday options to visitors from across the world.

This island nation which resembles a teardrop in the Indian Ocean, offers everything the modern traveller seeks -

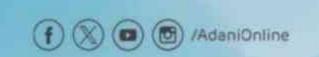
from golden sunkissed beaches to numerous picturesque locations. Here is a land that houses some of the world's more sought-after natural resources, cultural wonders and heritage sites dating back to 2,500 years. Besides, exotic wildlife, adrena-



line-inducing adventures and delectable culinary trails are guaranteed to liven up the experience of any holiday seeker.

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It has been a difficult journey, but as a result of the relentless promotional efforts, Sri Lanka Tourism together with the industry stakeholders has achieved its target of bringing the maximum number of tourists to Sri Lanka in 2023, capping a perfect year. It now aims to double these numbers in 2024. Touché!



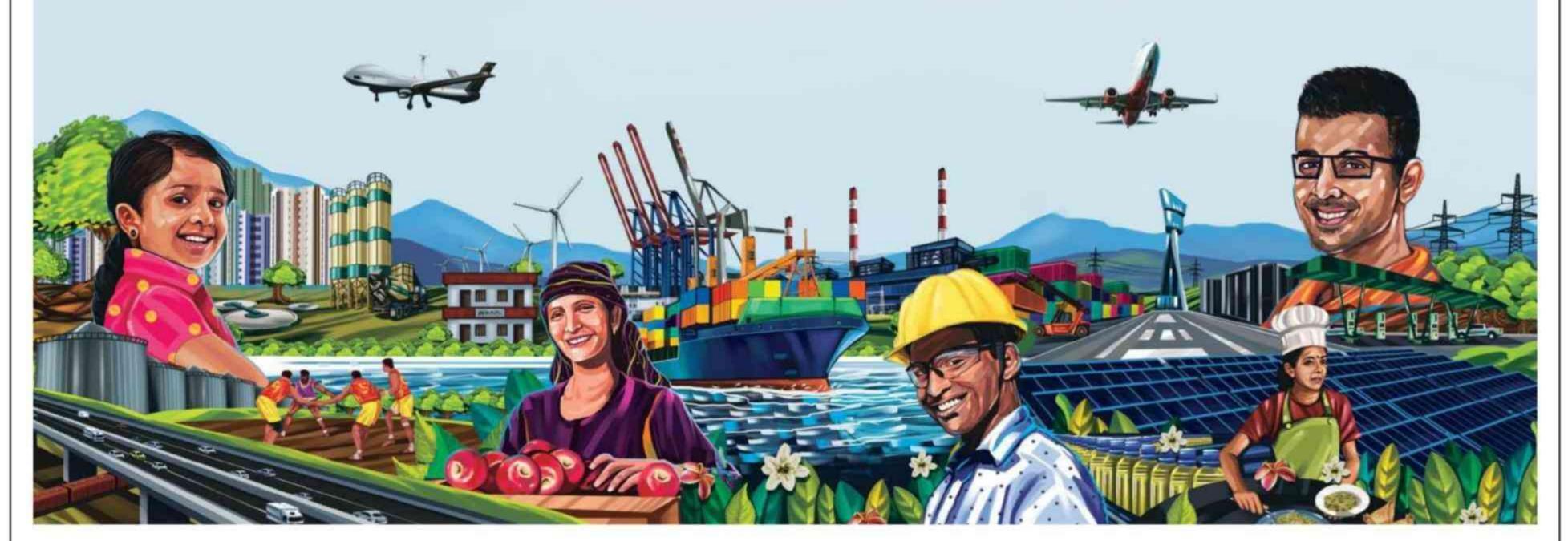


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PROTESTERS WERE FROM 140 VILLAGES IN NOIDA, GREATER NOIDA

Farmers protest at Delhi-Noida border, leave after assurance

Panel to look into demand for higher compensation on land acquired

DHEERAJMISHRA NOIDA, FEBRUARY 8

FOLLOWING THE call by three farmer organisations to march to the Parliament, hundreds of farmers of Noida and Greater Noida from around 140 villages in the state came together to protest against the Noida, Greater Noida and Yamuna Authority, and the Uttar Pradesh government, for allegedly not accepting their demands related to compensation for their land.

Though the farmers had planned to walk up to the Parliament in the Capital, they were stopped by Noida Police at Dalit Prerana Sthal, Following talks with the police and representatives of the Gautam Budha Nagar administration, the stir, which started around 1 pm, was called off after around six hours even as farmers said they will continue their protest at their respective places in Noida and Greater Noida.

Among assurances given to the farmers were formation of a high-powered committee to look into their issues, and a meeting with the police commissioner later in the day.

"A high-powered committee has been formed, where all the farmer issues related to Noida. Greater Noida and Yamuna Authority will be discussed in detail," Sukhbir Khalifa of Bharatiya Kisan Parishad, one of the organisations leading the protest, said. The other organisations were lai Jawan Jai Kisan Sangathan and Akhil Bharatiya Kisan Sabha. The committee would comprise an MP, an MLA, CEOs of all three authorities, NTPC CMD, and the Industrial Development minister.

On the meeting with the police commissioner, Rupesh Verma, district president of Kisan Sabha, said, "The meeting has completely failed and re-

mained inconclusive. In the end, it was decided that another round of meetings with CEOs of three authorities will be held."

The protest also created a huge traffic jam in the city, especially on the roads leading to Delhi with the police installing barriers at all the borders connecting Noida with the Capital.

'Not left with any land'

Subodh Yadav, 34, who joined the protest, said his 12 bigha land, which was in his father's name, was acquired in 2013 by the Greater Noida Authority, which gave him a 6% developed plot as compensation. "It has been around seven

years since we have been fighting but we are vet to get the additional 4% plot. Hum kisi se kuchh maang nahi rahe hain, ye hamara haq hai (We are not asking for anything, except what is rightfully ours). After fighting for years in court, they gave us an additional 64.7% compensation, On my land, Gaur city and Amrapali housing societies have been developed while we are here on the road," said Yadav, a resident of Itaihdavillage.

Surender Kasana, 43, resident of Badauli village, said around 70 Bigha of land of his family, belonging to his father and three uncles, was acquired by the Noida Authority in 2007. However, he is yet to get additional compensation and 10% plot. "... Now, we do not have any land left. I have two children. How will I take care of them?" said Kasana.

A Noida authority official said the demands were discussed in previous meetings and were forwarded to the government,

"The board discussed both the major demands of the farmers, which is 10% developed plot and additional compensation, in its earlier meetings and the proposal has been forwarded to the UP government to take a final call...," said the official.



During the protest in Noida on Thursday. Gajendra Yadav

Protest leads to traffic snarls on several stretches, commuters stuck for hours

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NOIDA, FEBRUARY 8

TRAFFIC IN the national capital crawled for hours, with commuters complaining of congestion, inadequate arrangements, and police restrictions on arterial routes between Noida and Greater Noida amidst the farmers' proposed march to the Parliament on Thursday.

Though police denied any congestion in the district, commuters claimed to have witnessed restrictions on Pari Chowk, service lanes along the Noida Expressway, and various sectors on route leading to the Mahamaya flyover near the Uttar Pradesh-Delhi border — where the march was contained by security personnel, spilled over across Gautam Buddha Nagar. "The Kalindi Kunj border wit-

nessed major traffic issues. All other Delhi borders did not face heavy congestion. However, because we had diverted the traffic already, it did not create major congestion at other places within the city. The traffic police had issued an advisory, so commuters took that into account," said Anil

Kumar Yadav, DCP (Traffic). Commuters who ended up spending hours in the crawling traffic, however, complained of "evident mismanagement" by the



A massive traffic snarl on the DND Expressway on Thursday. Tashi Tobgyal

MCD passes Rs 16,000-crore budget

Decision was taken amid chaos during its second presentation on Thursday

Noida traffic police, "Instead of effectively managing and regulating the vehicles of protesting farmers, police blocked access to the Noida Expressway at many points on the service lanes connecting residential areas to it," Jyoti Singh, a corporate employee who resides in Greater Noida and

works in Noida, complained. "Police personnel standing

next to UP public buses, heavy machinery, and barricades had no answer when asked which route drivers should take to reach Noida. I had to drive via Greater Noida West, and travelled for over two hours to reach work, which usually takes 45 minutes," she said,

Shashi Kaushik, a resident of a high-rise in Sector 137 along the Noida Expressway, also com-

plained of heavy congestion due to "poor" traffic mismanagement. "The exit points of service lanes were randomly restricted, and there was chock-a-block traffic for several hours between the Amity University and Mahamaya flyover," he alleged. "No police officers were present to regulate the bumper-to-bumper congestion, which was made worse by two-

wheelers... Many even took the wrong side to head back towards Pari Chowk on the Expressway."

The Delhi traffic police, meanwhile, said that heavy traffic was witnessed on the DND, Chilla, and Ghazipur borders; as Sarita Vihar in South Delhi witnessed several vehicles heading towards Noida through Kalindi Kunj getting stuck for hours.

WHAT ARE THE FARMERS **DEMANDING**

The farmers in Noida and Greater Noida, whose lands were acquired for various projects, have three major demands:

10 PER CENT OF THE DEVELOPED PLOT:

The protesting farmers are demanding 10% of residential plots for their families on the developed land as compensation for their land acquired by the authorities for different developmental projects. Currently, the Noida Authority grants the farmers 5% plot of the total acquired land, while the Greater Noida Authority gives them 6%, and Yamuna Authority 7% plot as land acquisition compensation.

ADDITIONAL

COMPENSATION: Farmers are demanding additional monetary compensation on the basis of 2011 Allahabad High Court order, where a full bench had decided the Writ Petition by upholding the acquisition with regard to several villages of Noida and Greater Noida and directed additional compensation of 64.7% to the farmers whose lands had been acquired by the Noida and Greater Noida authorities. The order of the Allahabad HC was later upheld by the Supreme Court.

OBS: Farmers are also demanding jobs and medical facilities for their families along with permission for commercial use of allotted plots. This, especially, is in terms of the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) over the land it acquired from them in the 1980s, to set up a power project in Dadri.

-DHEERAJMISHRA

Posing as passenger, cop nabs pickpocket at station

ARNABJIT SUR NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8

ON FEBRUARY 7, a man stood in

the ticket line of the Sarai Rohilla Railway Station, his mobile phone peeking out of his back pocket. A 23-year-old man spotted it, placed himself behind the passenger, and reached out to grab the device. Next he knew, the pickpocket was overpowered by another man standing right behind. What he didn't know, though, was that the passenger that he was trying to target was a policeman and the mobile phone, abait to catch him. The person behind was another cop.

Head Constable Surieet and Constable Pritam came up with the idea when an ITBP Constable, TSamuel, approached police alleging he was robbed of his phone while trying to board a train. The two cops had been camping at the station for a week as part of their drive to catch



the railway station's ticket line.

pickpockets. Officers said at least four incidents of theft of cellphones had been reported near the lift of the station.

When Samuel approached the police Wednesday, his phone's location showed that the device was present on the premises of the station. Surject then kept his phone in his back pocket. 'The accused spotted it and headed to the ticket counter while Pritam followed him. After five minutes, he jumped the queue and took away Surjeet's phone, moments after which Pritam overpowered him," said

another officer. DCP(Railways)KPSMalhotra said the accused was identified as Shabad, originally a resident of Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh.

Accused at SAMANHUSAIN NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8

THE MUNICIPAL Corporation of Delhi (MCD) passed its budget for the financial year 2024-25, totaling Rs 16,000 crore, amidst chaos during its second presentation on Thursday.

The House session witnessed disruptions from the opposition BJP councillors, with Mayor Shelly Oberoi passing the budget in the absence of MCD Commissioner Gyanesh Bharti. In the previous financial year 2022-23, the corporation had recorded an income of Rs 9.506.58 crore. For the upcoming fiscal year, the corporation anticipates an increase in the tax collection, aided by geo-tagging of properties, with an aim to hit a Rs 2,000-crore boost.

In addition to revenue from property tax, revenues from car parking, advertisement, and trade licensing is also expected to rise. Meanwhile, claiming that the

budget was passed through an "illegal passage" in the absence of the Commissioner, a Delhi BIP delegation submitted a memorandum to L-G V K Saxena.

The Delhi government's contribution to the MCD for teachers' salaries is set to increase to Rs 1,500 crore - reflecting a slight uptick from the previous year. The health department's budget has also seen an increase, focusing on improving MCD hospitals to align with the Delhi government standards. A substantial allocation is earmarked for sanitation in the upcoming fiscal year, with an aim to tackle

long-standing garbage issues. Efforts include the deployment of vacuum-based batteryoperated cleaning machines as well as plans for waste management. Furthermore, initiatives to improve air quality through the promotion of e-vehicles and

charging stations are also on the agenda. There are provisions for road improvement projects worth Rs 1,000 crore, along with a 100time increase in the Mayor's discretionary, Additionally, Rs 15 crore was allocated for the maintenance and construction of gau sadans for the welfare of cows.

To enhance transparency, the MCD plans transition from a single-entry accounting system to a double-entry one, along with efforts to digitise all transactions. Special provisions for repairing corporation buildings and addressing road safety concerns, including dark spots, have also been outlined. The corporation aims to incentivise the councilor's attendance with a proposed allowance of Rs 25,000 per House meeting, while allocating Rs 10 crore for the purpose.

The MCD plans doorstep delivery of government services and revenue-generating measures such as renting school play-

What is the plan?

To promote garden as a

venue of pre-wedding

photoshoots, shooting

of webseries and films

be allowed in a day?

Five to 10 on an average,

can exceed during peak

What's more in store?

A facility for staycation

and a guest room

seasons

How many shoots will

grounds and auctioning illegal parking sites. Utilisation of AI for maintaining roads, monitoring garbage, and managing parking areas are part of the budgetary initiatives. These include using Al for prompt road cleaning and equipping parking spaces with FASTags, and a new app for parking areas.

"Today, we passed the budget amidst the ruckus created by BJP councillors... Our biggest achievement is there has been no change in the budget presented by the MCD Commissioner," said Oberoi. The initial proposal for the

budget was put forth by the Commissioner during the Special Budget Meeting of the House on December 8 last year.

The budget presentation was labeled as the "Commissioner's and officers' budget"; and in response, leaders of the AAP-led MCD had pledged to conduct over 200 meetings to gather public opinions and input for the final budget.

the official, adding that tenders

have been floated with the proj-

ectcostat Rs 40-50 lakh (approx-

ment plans redevelopment of

the Garden along the lines of the

Singapore-model gardens and

parks, with cafes and restau-

rants, guest rooms, and stayca-

tion facilities to promote eco-

tourism and increase the footfall

The Delhi Tourism depart-

imately).

'GREEN AREAS ARE LUNGS OF CITY'

HC disposes of plea to stop demolition, says no illegal structure on public land

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8

"RIGHT TO health, right to breathe, and right to heritage and culture have to be harmonised and balanced," said the Delhi High Court on Thursday, while hearing a public interest litigation (PIL), seeking directions to authorities including the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) to desist from demolishing the 'Ashiq Allah Dargah', including the 'Baba Farid' chillagah and other nearby historical monu-

ments, in Mehrauli or Sanjay Van. A division bench of Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Manmeet Pritam Singh Arora said in the order, "This Court is of the view that undoubtedly life in its expanded horizons includes all that gives meaning to a man's life, including his culture and heritage, and the protection of that heritage in its full measure.

However, this Court takes judicial notice of the fact that Delhi is one of the cities that are worst affected by pollution..." It said Mehrauli and Sanjay Van are marked as "green/forest areas" in the city's Master Plan, adding that green areas are the "lungs of the city", and all statutory authorities have to put in efforts to ensure that "no illegal or unauthorised construction is

The HC, after examining photosin PIL, said that it was apparent that some of the structures located in the midst of thick forest have been "renovated recently, and are occupied by certain families".

carried out on this public land".

The petitioners' counsel argued that the area where the Ashiq Allah Dargah is, has been barricaded by police as well as public access has been restricted..., raising "serious apprehension of its impending demolition". He argued "the dargahs and surrounding monuments ought to be protected".

Authorities working at ground level, all failed us: Delhi HC

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Thursday said that despite "multi-disciplinary jurisdiction" Nizamuddin ki Baoli and

Barakhamba Tomb. The HC was hearing a public interest litigation (PIL) moved by an NGO, Jamia Arabia Nizamia Welfare Education Society, claiming that "illegal and unauthorised

'Khasra number 556 Ziyarat guest house' near the baoli (stepwell). During the hearing, a division

bench of Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Manmeet Pritam Singh Arora said, "We are troubled by the fact that the DDA, MCD, Delhi Police, and ASI have all not risen to the occasion. With so many authorities working at the ground level, they have all failed us... We will bring in an independent investigative agency

FULL REPORTON

At Garden of Five Senses, pre-wedding shoots in comfort soon nished babysitting room...," said ALL ABOUT THE PLAN

GAYATHRIMANI

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8

FULLY FURNISHED changing rooms, makeup rooms that will accomodate five-six persons each with attached washrooms, a common room and a drawing room — the Garden of Five Senses in Delhi's Chhatarpur will soon get a mega revamp, in a bid to make an exclusive facility to promote pre-wedding, bridal, and other kinds of film shooting.

A senior official said that the Garden is one of the popular destinations for "pre-wedding photoshoots" in the Capital. "On an average, we see two to five

pre-wedding shoots and filming every day. This goes beyond 10 during the peak wedding season, especially in winter — between October and March-end... Shooting for web series, short films, documentaries, and feature films also take place. But, there is no proper changing room for brides at present," said the official.

To ensure that women are safe, the department will also develop a dedicated 1,500square-foot (approximately) facility for bridal shoots. According to officials, the air-conditioned facility will be fully furnished with sofa, chair, and table sets.

"At present, women struggle



to change clothes... The plan has



The Garden of Five Senses in Delhi's Chhatarpur. Express

been proposed. So, keeping in Wedding shooting is not done in view their comfort and safety... Dilli Haatasit is mainly a place for

shopping, but the department has planned to develop a fully fur-

proval...," said the official. FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

of the city's civic authorities, it is troubled over their failure to prevent "unauthorised construction" at a sealed property near centrally protected monuments

of tourists as well as locals. "The revamping plan is almost ready, and will soon be submitted for administrative and financial apconstruction" is underway at

and it will examine it."

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HERE AND THERE

THE SUPREME Court's seven-judge constitution bench hearing sub-classification of Scheduled Castes witnessed some lighter moments this week when Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud asked a lawyer as to which side he was appearing for, petitioners or respondents. The counsel replied, "I am partly on this side and partly on the other side." "So you are neither here nor there," guipped Justice B RGavai. Matters didn't end there as the CJI upon noting the tone of the lawyer's submissions said he seemed to have opened the batting for the respondents. The court was still hearing the petitioners when the lawyer took his chance. Responding to the CJI's statement, the counsel said, "But my name is included in the list of petitioners."

LICENCE' TO STUDY

THE CENTRE for Policy Research (CPR), which has been in the Ministry of Home Affairs' crosshairs for over a year for allegedly violating foreign funding rules, has been roped in by another ministry to evaluate one of its flagship missions. Along with the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), the CPR is studying the functioning of Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) of Smart Cities Mission of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. When questioned by a House panel on whether it had done any evaluation of the SPV model, the ministry said it had commissioned the CPR and NIUA study. The study is expected to be completed by March. Recently, the MHA had cancelled The think tank's FCRA licence, cutting offits ability to receive foreign funds.

No room for divisions in India's unity in diversity, says PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi on Thursday said there was no place for divisions in India's mantra of unity in diversity and that "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat" was a spiritual belief.

"We have harnessed our strength and diversity, transforming every corner of the country into a powerhouse of progress. As Shri Krishna teaches us - 'I am the soul seated in the hearts of all living beings' - emphasising the unity that lies within the diversity

Cabinet approves

Rs 6,000-crore

fishery scheme

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8

Yojana (PM-MKSSY)".

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THE CENTRE on Thursday ap-

proved the "Pradhan Mantri

Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-

taken by the Union Cabinet, which

met under the chairmanship of

Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The PM-MKSSY is a central sector

sub-scheme under the Pradhan

Mantri Matsya Sampada for for-

malisation of the fisheries sector

and supporting fisheries micro

and small enterprises. Under PM-

MKSSY, an investment of over Rs

6,000 crore will be done over a pe-

riod of next four years from finan-

cial year 2023-24 to 2026-27 in all

Singh Thakur said this is an at-

tempt in the direction of formal-

isation of the fisheries sector.

Under this initiative, a National

Fisheries Digital Platform will be

created to provide 40 lakh small

and micro-enterprises work-

tension of Fisheries and

Aquaculture Infrastructure

Development Fund (FIDF) for an-

other three years up to 2025-26

within the already approved fund

size of Rs 7,522.48 crore and budg-

etary support of Rs 939,48 crore.

proved the proposal for signing

of three Bilateral MoUs by

International Financial Services

Centres Authority (IFSCA) with

Financial Services Commission

Mauritius (FSC Mauritius),

Capital Markets Authority, State

of Kuwait (CMA Kuwait) and

Bangladesh Securities and

Cabinet Committee on Economic

Affairs approved six projects of

the Ministry of Railways with a

cost of Rs 12,343 crore with 100%

funding from the Centre.

In a separate decision, the

Exchange Commission (BSEC).

The Union Cabinet also ap-

The Cabinetalso approved ex-

based identities.

Union Information and

States/Union Territories.

A decision to this effect was

of our nation. This unity in diversity is ingrained so deeply in the Indian psyche that the notion of division finds no place within it. For the world, a nation may represent a political ideology, but for India, 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' is a spiritual belief," the PM said.

He was addressing the 150th birth anniversary of Acharya Srila Prabhupada, the founder of Gaudiya Mission that propagates the teachings of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. For the next 25 years, till the 100th year of Independence in 2047, he said the country would work with development and heritage in harmony. says BJP knows how to buy parties

ASAD REHMAN LUCKNOW, FEBRUARY 8

WITH CONSENSUS yet to be reached with the Samajwadi Party (SP) on details of seat-sharing in Uttar Pradesh, the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) is moving closer to joining the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in the coming days, sources within the party told The Indian Express on Thursday. The BIP, party insiders said, was offering it four Lok Sabha constituencies, a Union ministry, and two state ministries.

If the RLD jumps ship, it will be amajor blow to the Opposition IN-DIA alliance in UP at a time when the Congress and the Samajwadi Party (SP) are also attempting to resolve differences over seat-sharing. A senior RLD leader said, "Things have been almost finalised between us and the BIP. The formal announcement may happen soon, perhaps in a day or two."

An RLD leader also provided details of the seat-sharing arrangement. "The BJP is giving us four seats for the Lok Sabha polls, one



RLD-NDA deal 'almost final': SP

SP president Akhilesh Yadav and RLD chief Jayant Chaudhary had announced to contest 7 Lok Sabha seats together in UP.

Union ministry, and two state ministers in UP. There are some issues on some seats but they will be worked out. One of the seats they are refusing to give us is Muzaffarnagar, That, too, will be worked out," the leader said. Union Minister Sanjeev Balyan has been representing Muzaffarnagar in the Lok Sabha since 2014.

Sources in the BIP also confirmed progress in the talks between the two parties. A senior BJP leader in Delhi said, "Our party is offering them Baghpat, Mathura, Hathras, and Amroha. The party leadership has refused to give them Muzaffarnagar and

Kairana. We are even offering Bijnor and Saharanpur."

If the RLD quits the INDIA alliance, it will further weaken the beleaguered alliance in UP. Last month, SP president Akhilesh Yaday announced that the RLD would be allotted seven constituencies as part of a seat-sharing arrangement but the lack of clarity about which constituencies the party would get had created a sense of uncertainty in party ranks.

SP insiders had earlier said that the RLD would get Baghpat, Kairana, Mathura, Hathras, and Fatehpur Sikri while discussions were on for Muzaffarnagar, Meerut, Bijnor, and Amroha. RLD leaders said there had been issues over the SP wanting its leaders to contest some of these seven seats on their symbol. Among these seats was Kairana, where the SP wanted to field Igra Hasan, the sister of SPMLA Nahid Hasan. In Varanasi, Akhilesh on

Thursday did not provide a clear answer on the future of the SP-RLD partnership. "The BJP knows how to break parties and when to take whom. The BJP also knows how to cheat. You have seen how cheating happened in the recent Chandigarh mayoral elections. The BJP knows how to buy parties. It is not by coincidence that the BIP has become the biggest party. They know where to send ED, CBI, and the IT department," he said.

For the last couple of days, there have been reports of RLD leaders meeting the BJP leadership. Amid this, RLD chief Jayant Chaudhary, who was elected Rajya Sabha MP from UP in 2022 with the SP's support, maintained silence. On Wednesday, Akhilesh appeared to dissuade the RLD from joining the NDA.

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around the time the Atal Bihari

Vajpayee government led by the

BIP came to power. The following

year, the list was further amended

to include the Teli Sahus, Teli

OBCs features 104 communities

BJP response to Rahul

sued a short note titled "facts re-

garding Rahul Gandhi's statement

on PM's caste", in which it said the

Modh Ghanchi caste was included

in Gujarat's list of socially and eco-

nomically backward classes and

OBCs. The note added that the no-

tification to include the sub-group

in the list of OBCs was issued on

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"The same sub-group was in-

helmed by the Congress.

Currently, the Central list of

The Central government is-

Rathods and Teli Rathores.

from Gujarat.



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi being felicitated by Chhattisgarh Congress chief Deepak Baij and other party leaders at Rengarpali in Raigarh on Thursday. PTI

'Modi not OBC by birth': Rahul says PM will never hold caste census

SUJIT BISOYI & JAYPRAKASH S NAIDU BELPAHAR, JHARSUGUDA, RAIPUR, FEBRUARY 8

CONGRESS LEADER Rahul Gandhi on Thursday hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi for "lying to the world", saying that Modi was not born into the Other Backward Class (OBC) category. PM Modi will never hold a caste census in the country, he added.

"Narendra Modi OBC paida nahi hue the... aap sab logon ka bhayankar bewakoof banaya ja raha hain...Narendra Modi Teli caste main Gujarat main paida hue the... Unki community ko BJP government ne saal 2000 main OBC banaya... (Narendra Modi was not born as OBC. You are being made a fool of. Modi was born in the Teli caste in Gujarat. The BIP government made his community OBC in 2000," Gandhi said, addressing a rally at Belpahar in Odisha's Jharsuguda district during the third day of his Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra in the state.

He later clarified that Modi belongs to the Modi-Ghanchi caste.

The Congress leader also accused the PM of lying about his birth. "I don't need any birth certificate to prove that the Prime Minister was not born as OBC. He never hugs any OBC... never holds hands of any OBC... he never shakes hands with the labourers or farmers. He only holds the hands of Adani ji," Gandhi said.

At a time when the Opposition INDIA alliance has decided to push the caste census demand to counter the BIP's

Hindutva narrative, Gandhi said only the Congress would hold a caste census. "He [PM Modi] will not hold a caste census... Because your PM is lying to the world... Only Congress and Rahul Gandhi will hold a caste census," he said.

"When I spoke about social justice and caste census, Modi, in his speech said, there were only two castes in the country - one is rich and another is poor. If there are only two castes...which caste do you belong to? You are not poor since you wear new suits 24/7. If there are only two castes, how can you claim yourself as OBC?" Gandhi asked.

Stating there are 8% tribals, 15% Dalits and 50-55% OBCs in the country, Gandhi said the media questions him for raising his voice against casteism. "Show me an SC worker heading any of the top 200 companies, Can anyone show me any OBC or Dalit among 90 people who run the country? When 73% of the population does not have proper representation, how can the country unite?" he said.

Union minister Pralhad Josh said the caste was made OBC two years before Modi became Gujarat CM. "Once again, Rahul Gandhi shamelessly peddles falsehoods... Congress insults the OBC community yet again, but OBCs will deliver a resounding lesson in the LS polls," he said on X.

On this, Gandhi said on X "Modi ji is not by birth but a 'paper OBC'. He was not an OBC until five decades after his birth. Thanks to the BIP government for confirming this truth of mine," he said, while sharing a news report to back his claim.

Telis notified under Cong's Gujarat govt: BJP

PARIMAL DABHI & LEENA MISRA

AHMEDABAD, FEBRUARY 8

CONGRESS MP Rahul Gandhi on Thursday found himself in another row during his Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra's Odisha leg by claiming Prime Minister Narendra Modi was "not born an OBC", prompting a sharp retort from the Centre.

"He was born a Teli, which was in the general category, and it was the BJP which included them in the OBC category in 2000," the Wayanad MP said, later revising it to say Modi was a "Modh Ghanchi" in Chhattisgarh.

"Modi ji was not born OBC. Modi is from Modh Ghachi caste in Gujarat and the state government gave it OBC status in 2000. Your Prime Minister (Modi) was not of OBC caste. He was from general caste. For 24 hours, he says he is OBC but Modiji you are not OBC, you are from general caste," Rahul said.

Accusing Modi of "fooling the people", he said this was why his government was not infavour of a nationwide caste census as it was essentially meant to determine the real proportion of different castes and groups.

Who are Telis in Gujarat?

According to the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC), members of the Teli community in Gujarat are oil millers by occupation and are involved in the traditional craft of "tel ghani (oil extraction)". On July 25, 1994, Gujarat gov-

led

Congress's Chief Minister Chhabildas Mehta had issued a resolution while adding the Ghanchi community among the list of Socially and Economically Backward Classes (SEBCs).

Another resolution of the Gujarat government - dated June 20, 1995, places the Teli and Modh Ghanchi communities at number 25A in the list while the Ghanchi (Muslims) are placed at number 25. "From now on, as per the SEBC list, caste certificates should be issued as per entry 25 - Ghanchi (Muslim) or as per entry 25A - Teli and Modh Ghanchi (Hindu)," the 1995 government resolution states.

Are Modh Ghanchis on Central OBC list? A public hearing of the Gujarat

Bench of the NCBC was held in Ahmedabad in August 1997 to include Telis and 16 other sub-castes, including the Modh Ghanchis in the Central list of OBCs.

The Teli community, represented by general secretary of the Gujarat State Tailik Sahu Mahasabha, NS Chaudhari, submitted that the Telis and Modh Ghanchis were not included in the Central list on the ba-

> sis of the "principle of commonality", as they found a place in the Mandal list, but Ghanchi (Muslims) featured in

"Those present at the public hearing not only did not object to the inclusion of Teli and Modh Ghanchi as synonyms of Ghanchi (Muslim) in the Central list of OBCs but also supported

both.

it," the NCBC noted and recommended the inclusion of the Teli community in the list with retrospective effect from the date when the reservation for backward classes came into effect -September 8, 1993. Following the recommenda-

tions of the NCBC, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment amended the Central list and added the Telis and Modh

the time," the Centre's response said. Modi assumed charge as the CM of Gujarat in 2001, a post he held till 2014 when he became the Prime Minister.

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EXTRACT OF STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

[₹ in crores except per share data]

	Quarter ended	Nine months ended	Quarter ended	
Particulars	31.12.2023	31.12.2023	31.12.2022	
	Un-audited	Un-audited	Un-audited	
Total income from operations	6,366.09	20,654.63	6,442.79	
Net profit for the period before tax and exceptional items	513.35	1,965.29	977.43	
Net profit for the period before tax and after exceptional items	513.35	1,965.29	977.43	
Net profit for the period after tax and exceptional items	374.13	1,448.96	694.54	
Total comprehensive income for the period (after tax) (attributable to owners of the Company)	355.36	1,389.59	684.96	
Equity share capital	480.62	480.62	480.62	
Reserves (excluding revaluation reserve as shown in the balance sheet of previous year)			10,529.38 (as at 31.03.2023)	
Earnings per share (of ₹ 10/- each)				
Basic (₹)	7.49	29.19	14.24	
Diluted (₹)	7.49	29.19	14.24	

EXTRACT OF THE STATEMENT OF STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS

	Quarter ended	Nine months ended	Quarter ended	
Particulars	31.12.2023	31.12.2023	31.12.2022	
	Un-audited	Un-audited	Un-audited	
Total income from operations	4,680.77	15,170.37	4,867.24	
Net profit for the period before tax and exceptional items	521.70	1,825.51	986.11	
Net profit for the period before tax and after exceptional items	521.70	1,825.51	986.11	
Net profit for the period after tax and exceptional items	383.74	1,354.51	694.94	
Total comprehensive income for the period (after tax)	379.91	1,343.04	695.16	

The above is an extract of the detailed financial results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2023 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the same, along with the notes, are available on the websites of Stock Exchanges at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com and also on the Company's website at www.torrentpower.com.

Place: Ahmedabad Date: February 08, 2024

'Not on warpath... but there's discrimination against Opp-ruled states, especially Kerala'

IN DELHI with his entire Cabinet and LDF MLAs and MPs to protest against the Centre over its fiscal policy towards states, Kerala Chief Minister and CPI(M) Politburo member PINARAYI VIJAYAN talks to LIZ MATHEW about why his government was forced to take this step and why he sees no contradictions in the Left's alliance with the Congress in INDIA, Excerpts:

The Left has always been on the warpath against the Union government and BJP. But this time the state's entire ruling apparatus led by you was in Delhi to protest. You have also moved the SC against 'discrimination' by the Centre.

We are not on any warpath, we have cooperated effectively Broadcasting Minister Anurag on various developmental projects and welfare schemes. At the same time, we have some serious concerns about discrimination and injustice being meted out to Kerala, especially with regard to our finances. It is not just Kerala, all Opposition-ruled states are facing such trouble. Ours is probably the severest. We have raised them (the issues) through various means, but they have fallen on deaf ears. That is why we had to approach the Supreme Court.

> There is a criticism that your protest was political and the real intention was to divert attention from mishandling of the state economy.

> If that was the case, why did the government of Karnataka also protest? Why is it that several states have approached the Supreme Court on issues related to their finances and administration? We have come out in protest after trying everything else. We wrote to the Union... the FM was briefed in person. The PM was notified

> officially. Despite trying for





more than a year... the Union has not responded favourably... Despite the Union strangling us, we have achieved remarkable Kerala's growth. total expenditure has risen from Rs 1,31,884 crore in 2020-21 to Rs 1,58,738 crore in 2022-23. By the end of this year, it is poised to rise to Rs 1,68,407 crore. Our own revenue has grown from Rs 58,341 crore in 2021-22 to Rs 71,968 crore in 2022-23 and, by this year end, it will increase to Rs 78,000 crore. Does this look like mishandling?

POLITBURO MEMBER

Though the LDF and UDF are part of the INDIA alliance, the Congress did not participate in

your government's protest. The state leadership of the Congress should answer this... In a similar situation in the past... when the UDF was in office, the Leader of the Opposition from the LDF... accompanied the then CM to meet the PM (of BJP)... to demand that the state get what is ours... However, the present

Opposition in Kerala isn't interested in standing for state...

Do you think people will acceptyour proposition of fighting the Congress in Kerala and aligning with them elsewhere?

During UPA-I, we had

provided outside support to the government on the basis of common minimum programme. We have always stood for the interest of the country. In the all-India scenario, the Sangh Parivar and BJP are furthering their communal agenda without addressing issues of people's lives and livelihoods. They are anti-Constitution. They are trying to weaken all its values, especially secularism and federalism, and ultimately our democracy. So, they have to be Accordingly defeated. democratic and secular parties

Federalism is common concern of Opposition. Given your long administrative experience, how do you view the Centre-state relations under Narendra Modi?

have to come together ...

Those who wax eloquent about cooperative federalism (BJP) have tried to undercut the devolution of funds to states by influencing the Finance Commission (FC). The Terms of Reference of FCs are determined by the Union government. States' opinions and suggestions are not taken into account. At the same time, we are seeing the Union government amassing funds by hiking cess and surcharge which are not shared with the states as they do not fall in the divisible pool, Yet, the Union government's allocation for its own schemes is coming down year after year, with states forced to shell out more from

their cash-strapped pockets...

Essentially we should have a

strong Union and empowered

states. Kerala is doing its fair share in making the Union strong by contributing massively by way of bringing in much-needed foreign exchange... The NRKs (Non-Resident Keralites) too fetch foreign exchange. Despite our contributions... we are being discriminated against.

BJP always speaks of rampant use of Article 356, including against the first Left govt in Kerala led by E M S Namboodiripad. Do you see Modi govt as more considerate?

Subsequent to the Supreme Court's verdict in the S R Bommai vs Union of India, it is not that easy to invoke Article 356. However, the current ruling dispensation does not have to use Article 356. They are able to topple elected governments through horsetrading... Is altering people's verdict the definition of being considerate? They abrogated Article 370. They make governors dance to their tune in Opposition-ruled states.

Your daughter is facing serious charges.

All through, there have been a slew of allegations against leaders of the Left. Not a single one has come true, because we in the Left are incorruptible... The PM has all the central agencies at his beck and call... his agencies are notable to find anything concrete.

Your govt's relations with Governor Arif Mohammed Khan? Have they reached a point of no return?

The issue is not isolated to Kerala, It affects the whole country, especially its federal character. We cannot allow Indian democracy which was envisaged as a 'Union of States' to be crippled into an undemocratic 'Union over

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8 IN PARLIAMENT BUDGET SESSION

House passes Bills to amend SC, ST lists in Andhra, Odisha

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8

TWO BILLS which seek to modify the list of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Andhra Pradesh and Odishathrough inclusion of more communities were passed by the Lok Sabha on Tuesday by a voice vote. The Bills had already been cleared by the Rajya Sabha.

Replying to the debate on the Bills, Minister of State for Tribal Affairs Bharti P Pawar said the Modi government has done a lot for the uplift of tribal people. The government has launched schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan to improve the socioeconomic conditions of the Primitive Vulnerable Tribal Groups, she said.

In Andhra Pradesh, three ethnic groups — Bondo Porja, Khond Porja and Parangiperja – are being added to the list of STs. In Odisha, it will add four groups in the list.

Though the Bills were supported by all parties, the Opposition raised various issues related to tribals.

Odisha MP Saptagiri Ulaka of the Congress suggested that such Bills should ideally be brought through a Joint Parliamentary Committee so that right communities can be identified for inclusion in tribal list.U laka picked out the Uniform Civil Code as being detrimental to tribal identity.

52-PAGE DOCUMENT ECHOES RAHUL YATRA THEMES

Cong 'black paper' flags Modi govt's economic, social, political 'injustice'

MANOJCG NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8

AS THE Government mounted yet another offensive on the Congress party by tabling in Parliament a white paper on "mismanagement" of the economyinthe UPA era, the main opposition party hit back, calling it a "laughable" attempt to hide the "dark truth" of the BIP-led Centre's failures.

Hours earlier, the party released what it said was a "black paper" on the Narendra Modi government's tenure, accusing it of having "devastated" the economy, "aggravated" unemployment and "committed grave injustices" against minorities.

As the white paper came out, there was silence in the opposition INDIA bloc. Social media posts by senior Congress leaders K C Venugopal and Abhishek Singhvi were perhaps the only response by the grand old party.

"A White Paper to hide the dark truth. Laughable that after a decade in power, the BJP comes out with a White Paper on our performance, because they have no real accomplishments to speak of," Venugopal said.

"Hunger, price rise, unemployment and abject poverty are a lived reality for a vast majority of Indians. That is a Modi-made disaster. No amount of window dressing, campaigns, gimmicks



Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, along with party leader Pawan Khera and MP Nasir Hussain, releases the 'Black Paper' on the Modi Government, in New Delhi on Thursday. ANI

or lengthy speeches will make that reality disappear," he added.

With Lok Sabha elections round the corner, the thrust of the Congress's "black paper" titled "10 Saal Anyay Kaal 2014-2024(10 years of injustice)" was on bread and butter issues such as price rise and unemployment. The 54-page document showcased what the Congress claims was economic, social and political "injustice" committed by the Modi government over the past ten years, and also the spread of social disharmony, "subversion of institutions" and the "compromise of national security".

The themes of the document are similar to Rahul Gandhi's ongoing Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra. In a jibe over the Congress's move, Modi thanked Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge for coming out with a "black paper" against his government and referred to it as "kaala teeka" (to ward off the evil eye) in the midst of good work being done by his government.

Releasing the document, Kharge accused Modi of often dwelling into history and talking about Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi to hide his government failures, "What have you done to tackle price rise, address

unemployment and double the income of farmers? What happened before Independence, what Nehru, Indira and Rajiv Gandhidid... you only talk about irrelevant things," he said.

Keen to corner the government on the issue of unemployment hoping that it will strike a chord with the young voters, the document said total unemployment in the country has risen to 14 crore in 2022 from one crore in 2012. "Ten lakh sanctioned central government posts remain unfilled Youth unemployment has more than doubled, from 6 percent in 2011-12

to 15 percent in 2019-20 according to the PLFS data. The unemployment rate for graduates and post graduates is about 33 per cent - one in three are looking unsuccessfully for a job," it said.

"Under the UPA, between 2004-05 and 2011-12 the Indian economy saw the creation of 75 lakh non-farm jobs every year. Between 2013 and 2019, the number of non-farm jobs created was 29 lakh per year, less than half the UPA's rate. After 2019, the number has been even lower according to government data," it said.

Besides, it argued, the Modi government has reversed the structural transformation of the economy. "As economies mature, workers move away from lowpaying farm jobs to higher paying jobs in manufacturing and services. The opposite has happened to India under Modi. Modi's policies have forced India's youth back into farming. The number of agricultural workers declined by 6.7 crore between 2004-05 and 2017-18. This entire progress has almost been reversed in three years. In a single year, 2019-20, even before Covid, the number of agricultural workers rose by 3.4 crore. Since 2018-19, the number of agricultural workers has gone up by 6 crore," it said.

The Congress argued that wage growth too has suffered. It said the share of regular salaried workers in total employment, 23.8%in 2019, fell to 20.9%in 2023.

Govt allocated 22% less funds for MGNREGA in RE for FY24: House panel

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8

THE FINANCE Ministry allocated 22 per cent less funds for MGN-REGAin revised estimates for the current financial year (2023-24), as compared to Rs 1.1 lakh crore sought by the Rural Development Ministry, shows a Parliamentary committee report tabled in the Lok Sabha on Thursday.

The report — "Rural Employment Through Mahatma National Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) - An Insight into Wage Rates and Other Matters Relating Thereto" — shows that the Department of Rural Development (DoRD) had sought Rs 1.1 lakh crore for MGNREGA at the Revised Estimate (RE) stage, which was 83% (Rs 50,000 crore) higher as compared to its Budget Estimate (BE) of Rs 60,000 crore for the current financial year. The finance ministry, however, revised it upward to Rs 86,000 crore, which was much lower than the amount sought by the Rural

Development Ministry. Quoting a written submission of the DoRD, the report stated, "There is an allocation of Rs. 60,000 crore at BE stage under MGNREGS for financial year 2023-24. The Ministry has released Rs. 56,423.38 crore during the 2023-24 (as on 13.10.2023) and balance amount of Rs. 3576.62 crore is with the Ministry of Rural Development, MoRD has proposed Rs. 1,10,000 crore as a RE stage from Ministry of Finance ..." **FULL REPORT ON**

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FAREWELL FOR MPs WHO ARE RETIRING

Before Govt White Paper, PM's praise for Manmohan: 'A shining example'



PM Narendra Modi during a farewell for retiring Rajya Sabha MPs on Thursday. PTI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8

BIDDING FAREWELL to retiring Rajva Sabha MPs, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday lavished praise on his predecessor and Congress stalwart Manmohan Singh, calling him a "shining example" and praying that "he continues to guide us". The rare praise came hours

before the Government released a "white paper" on the economy, saying the decade-long UPA rule under the Congress-led UPA -2004 to 2014, during which Singh was PM — turned India "from a healthy economy in 2004 to a stagnant economy in 2014".

"I would especially like to remember Dr Manmohan Singh ii," Modi said in the House, recalling an incident last year when the former PM, who has been an MP since 1991, came to vote in Rajya Sabha on a wheelchair.

"Everyone knew that the Treasury benches would win... but Dr Manmohan Singhji came on a wheelchair and voted. This is the duty of a member of this House and he is a shining example. Even for election of some committee he came in a wheelchair." "It does not matter whom he had come to support, but my belief is that he came to support democracy," Modi said, adding, "I pray for his long life and wish he would continue to guide us."

The farewell, however, witnessed some acrimony too.

Former PM H D Devegowda took on Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge for his remark that the ID(S) leader had changed his political course in the fag end of his life. "I want to save my party when some of the Congressmen want to destroy it ... I have taken the decision to extend my support to BJP. That is the only reason," Devegowda said.

acknowledging Kharge's honesty, Devegowda blamed "some Congress leaders" for the fall of the Congress-ID(S) government in 2019, which was led by his son HD Kumaraswamy. He claimed that despite his suggestion then that Kharge should become the chief minister of Karnataka and not his son, the Congress high command insisted Kumaraswamy be the chief minister. "...within 13 months, who removed him (Kumaraswamy)? Not Kharge but it was the Congress leaders," he said.

Devegowda further said,"Mr Kharge, do you want to become the Prime Minister? Will Congress tolerate (it)? Please tell me, I know (the) Congress."

Sixty-eight MPs are retiring between February and May, including Ministers Dharmendra Pradhan, Narayan Rane, Ashwini Vaishnaw, Mansukh Mandaviya, Bhupender Yadav Parshottam Rupala, Rajeev Chandrasekhar,

Muraleedharan and LMurugan. In his speech, Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar said the wisdom shared by the retiring MPs would be missed and their departure would leave a void.

He also paid tributes to five female retirees - Jaya Bachchan, Vandana Chavan, Kanta Kardam, Sonal Mansingh and Amee Yajnik. All five were on the panel

of vice chairpersons. Leader of the House and Union Minister Piyush Goyal said the Opposition needs to win the hearts of people with their work, increase its numbers and become strong, "but that cannot

be the responsibility of the ruling party". Congress MPs Syed Nasir Hussain, Rajmani Patel, Kumar Ketkar, BJP's Anil Jain, Rakesh Sinha, GVL Narasimha Rao, Samir Oraon, also gave speeches,

among others. Ketkar, a former journalist, said he had never seen such a polarised House.

"This polarisation is full of hate," he said.

projects to miss June 30 deadline, states must take over, panel told

400 Smart City Mission

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8

SOME PROJECTS under the Smart Cities Mission would not be able to meet the June 30 deadline and the respective state governments would be responsible for completing them thereafter, Union Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary Manoj Joshi told the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Housing and Urban Affairs.

In its report on the evaluation of the Smart Cities Mission presented in the Lok Sabha on Thursday, the committee said the ministry had informed it that 400 projects, out of the 7,970, worth Rs 22,814 crore would take beyond December 2024 to complete. Last year, the Ministry had extended the mission's deadline from June 2023 to June 2024.

"The ministry has stated be-

fore the committee that in case of non-completion of these projects within the extended time frame, the state governments concerned will have to complete the projects at their own cost. The committee is of the strong opinion that the ministry's role should not be confined to transfer of their share regarding mission/scheme/project, but they have to remain watchful for the execution and successful completion of the projects," the report said.

The committee, chaired by JDU MP Rajiv Ranjan Singh, was told by Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary Manoj Joshi that the ministry did not want to extend the mission further.

difficulties in resettlement of local population and legal issues such as land procurement. Frequent transfers of smart cities' CEOs and delay in projects that require convergence with other government ministries or agencies were also flagged.

As on December 1, the minsmall Union Territories.

projects so far respectively," it said.

The committee recom-CCTV

Among the reasons cited by the ministry for the delays were

istry said that out of 7,970 projects worth Rs 1,70,400 crore in the 100 cities, 6,419 projects worth Rs 1,25,105 crore have been completed and 1,551 projects worth Rs 45,295 crore are underway. Among the cities lagging behind were North-Eastern, Himalayan cities and those in "Progress of work is from 80%

to 100% in 57 cities amongst which Madurai is the only Smart City which has completed 100% of smart city projects by December 2023. However, progress of work is 50% or below 50% in 14 cities. Gangtok, Atal Nagar, Shillong, Silvassa, Itanagar, Puducherry, Saharanpur and Port Blair have completed only 16%, 23%, 24%, 28%, 31%, 32%, 35% and 39% of

mended that the next phase of the mission be brought for Tier-2 cities in the radius of 50-100 km of capital cities and tourist hubs. The committee also recommended that the right to privacy be protected, given that the mission had led to installation of over 76,000 cameras, Integrated Command and Control Centres in all 100 cities, red-light violation detection and smart health systems.



Thai Lawmakers Meet Birla

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla being presented with a memento by a Thai Parliamentary delegation during a meeting at Parliament House on Thursday. ANI

No major flagship programme curtailed, Sitharaman tells RS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8

REPLYING TO the general discussion on the Interim Budget 2024-25 in Rajya Sabha, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman Thursday said it highlights the focus of the government on capital expenditure and keeps up

the pace of economic growth. She said no major flagship programmes have been curtailed nor has she reduced allocation in response to criticism from a few MPs on reduced allocations under certain heads.

Stating that capital expenditure for creation of public infrastructure is growing faster than real GDP growth, she said with the capital expenditure in the fo-



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in RS. PTI

cus, the government in the last three-four years has made sure the debt management is done in such a way that the glide path for fiscal deficit given in 2021 is honoured.

She said money spent on capital expenditure gives returns compared to revenue expenditure, adding that the government is making sure that fiscal deficit is managed without hurting any project.

Speaking about the Global HungerIndex, she said it is not a balanced approach to measure hunger. She said the unemployment rate in rural areas has decreased from 5.3 per cent in 2017

to 2.4 per cent in 2023. AAP MP from Punjab, Sanjeev Arora, spoke about the need for more focus on the health sector in the Budget. Congress MP Randeep Singh Surjewala said the Appropriation Bill is not for the lower-income families. He said India's farmers earn so less even as the government earns more from what the farmers provide. "Then why does the government say they can't pay the farmers?" he asked.

NINE MINISTERS RETIRING AS MPs

Dharmendra Pradhan: Education; Skill Development &

Narayan Rane: Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

Entrepreneurship

Ashwini Vaishnaw: Railways; Communications;

Electronics and IT Mansukh Mandaviya: Health and Family Welfare; Chemicals and Fertilizers

Bhupender Yadav: Environment, Forest and and Employment Parshottam Rupala: Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Rajeev Chandrasekhar

Climate Change; Labour

(MoS): Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Electronics and IT; Jal Shakti VMuraleedharan (MoS): External Affairs;

Parliamentary Affairs LMurugan (MoS): Fisheries, Animal

Husbandry and Dairying;I&B

BJP asks state units to plan nationwide campaign on White Paper content

LIZ MATHEW

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8

THE WHITE Paper on Indian economy, which slammed the Congress-led UPA government for "its policy misadventures" and explained how the Narendra Modi government has "straightened" it, will be one of the major poll planks of the ruling BJP with its state units being directed to launch a nationwide campaign

around it. To build the narrative around the 59-page document, tabled in Parliament on Thursday, the government has also scheduled a discussion in the Lok Sabha on Friday and the Rajya Sabha on

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is expected to reply to the debate for which four hours have been allocated in the Lok Sabha on Friday. The Rajya Sabha will take up the discussion on the White Paper after clearing the legislative business listed

for Friday. Sources said BJP state units across the country will highlight the details of the "White Paper of the Economy" - first time in Independent India – underscoring "What went wrong in economy during the 10 years of UPA and the effortstaken by the Modi government to put it back on track".

Sources in the BJP said the discourse on the White Paper

would certainly reinforce the message of the "strong and able leadership" of Modi and the "good governance record of his government that takes the country to be a major economic force in the world.'

> A senior BJP leader said: "Every BJP state unit will take this up. The leaders will describe how difficult it was for our government to overcome the crisis created by the UPA government's mismanagement of economics. Despite the poor state of affairs and the hardships, the Centre had not reduced any tax share for the states. We kept the government on the reform path which led to an increase in revenue."

> > The leader said the White

Paper would give a reply to the charges of the non-NDA state governments about inadequate tax devolution.

The BIP would also campaign the "differences between the Commonwealth Games in 2010 and the G20 summit in 2023" held under the UPA and the BJP government.

"While one led to the country losing its face, the other enhanced its prestige. While the CWG was centred in the national capital where works were done shabbily and involved corruption, the Prime Minister ensured that every state was involved (for the G20), which gave local economies a fillip," said a BIP leader.

The Congress government in

Karnataka and the Left Democratic Front government in Kerala protested in New Delhi against the alleged financial atrocities carried out against the

non-BJP-ruled states. Sources in the government said Prime Minister Modi "felt bad and outrageous" at the state of economy when he took charge in 2014.

"But he took a conscious call not to come out with a White Paper then because the government did not want investors as well as people to lose confidence in the Indian economy, Now, that the government has worked for 10 years systematically to correct the wrongs and improve the situation, it's time to tell the peo-

ple," said the leader, adding, "He (Modi) personally took initiative in correcting the mistakes. For every sector, corrective measures were taken and he personally followed it up."

"Economic crisis, fiscal management crisis, industrial policy crisis, banking crisis - all were outcomes of the mismanagement - and they pushed the country to the fragile-five-economy status," said the leader.

The White Paper tore into the Congress-led UPA rule, stating that it had turned the Indian economy into a non-performing one through indiscriminate revenue expenditure, off-budget borrowings and piles of bad debts at banks.

For example, said a source in the government, the UPA government had announced the loanwaiver scheme, but the changes required in the banking laws to ensure that the farmers who got the one-timer waiver would have no difficulty in availing loans in future were not made.

The White Paper also said: "The special bonds in lieu of cash subsidy issued to the oil marketingcompanies, fertiliser companies and Food Corporation of India by the UPA government totalled a little over Rs 1.9 lakh crore in five years from FY06 to FY10. Their inclusion in the subsidy bill for each year would have swelled the fiscal deficits and revenue deficits."

Aspire to make Lakshadweep development model: Govt

New Delhi: The Government as-

pires to "position Lakshadweep as a model" for responsible and inclusive development, balancing economic progress with environmental conservation, Union Tourism Minister G Reddy said in a written response in Rajya Sabha. "The overall strategy for the development of Lakshadweep Islands is based on achieving sustainable growth, preserving the unique cultural and environmental characteristics, and enhancing the quality of life for the islanders," he said.

FEBRUARY 13 DILLI CHALO MARCH

Police will seal the state's borders

with Punjab by installing "RCC

structures" at "strategic points on

roads" with the help of engineers

from the Army and the Railways.

have already stocked up concrete

blocks, barbed wire, sandbags,

barricades and other items at the

Shambhu border in Ambala to

stop framers from Punjab from

to Delhi from the Ambala-

Shambhu border, Khanauri-lind

and the Bathinda-Dabwali border.

to enter the state. "We will make

unconventional preparations this

time, Instead of normal barri-

cades, we will erect reinforced

concrete cement (RCC) structures

at the strategic points on the roads

with the help of the engineers of

Army and Railways, which would

be difficult to penetrate even for

Kapur said, "We won't allow

breach of peace in any way in the

state, Action will be taken if some-

one tries to spread anarchy". A

senior officer said the Haryana

government had sought 64 com-

panies of the CPMF and 50 of

them have already been allotted,

Haryana DGP Shatrujeet

Army vehicles," said the officer.

A police officer said the farmers from Punjab won't be allowed

Farmers have planned to head

marching towards Delhi.

This comes even as the police

it has been learnt.

Union ministers meet farm leaders; consensus on some demands: Mann

Boulders stocked up at Bathinda border. Express

crops. Dallewal said the meeting

with the Union ministers was held

with facts. When Prime Minister

Narendra Modi was the Gujarat

chief minister, he had constituted

a committee which had recom-

mended the legal guarantee to the

MSP. We also put forward how

farmers were getting burdened

with debt, The central team heard

us and they (Union ministers) said

they will discuss the issue in Delhi

before getting back to us," said

Dallewal said it still stands. "The

Centre assured that they will soon

hold another meeting. If the

Centre resolves our issues by hold-

ing a meeting before February 13,

then it is right. Otherwise, our

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KANCHAN VASDEV, RAAKHI JAGGA & SUKHBIR SIWACH CHANDIGARH, LUDHIANA FEBRUARY 8

ATHREE-MEMBER team of Union ministers Thursday held detailed discussions with the leaders of farmer organisations with Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann saying that a consensus was reached on some of the demands of the agriculturists and second round of talks was likely before the Dilli Chalo protest march by farmers on February 13. The farmer leaders said their march on February 13 still stands, and added that they will take a call on it only if "government gets back to us with a positive response".

Mann, who coordinated with the farmer leaders for arranging the meeting, said the ministers agreed on several issues including withdrawal of cases registered against farmers during the previous agitation against the now-repealed farm laws and strict punishment for those selling fake seeds and chemicals.

The Central team comprised Agriculture Minister Arjun Munda, Food and Civil Supplies Minister Piyush Goyal, and Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai. They flew down to Chandigarh in the evening to reach out to the farmer leaders. From farmers' side, the meeting was attended by Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee (KMSC) general secretary Sarwan Singh Pandher and Samyukta Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) leader Jagjit Singh

Dallewal among others. The SKM (Non-Political) and the KMSC had announced 'Dilli Chalo' march by more than 200 farmers' unions on February 13 to press the Centre for accepting several demands, including enactment of a law to guarantee a minimum support price (MSP) for

In jolt to Annamalai, HC dismisses his quash plea in hate speech case

ARUNJANARDHANAN CHENNAL FEBRUARY 8

THE MADRAS High Court on Thursday dismissed a petition filed by K Annamalai, the Tamil Nadu BJP president, which sought quashing of the criminal proceedings against him in a hate speech case.

The case stemmed from allegations that Annamalai, in an interview with a YouTube channel just two days before the 2022 Diwali, made divisive remarks that a Christian NGO was behind a legal challenge in the Supreme Court to the bursting of crackers during the festival in its bid to attack the Hindu culture.

Rejecting Annamalai's plea, Justice N Anand Venkatesh passed an order that not only addressed the specifics of the case but also delved into the ramifications of hate speech in the society.

Underlining that the "persons of influence, keeping in view their reach, impact and authority they wield on general public or the specific class to which they belong, owe a duty and have to be more responsible," the high court said such personalities "are expected to know and perceive the meaning conveyed by the words spoken or written, including the possible meaning that is likely to be conveyed".

Annamalai's petition was based on the argument that his comments had not caused any disturbance to public tranquility so far.

In his order, Justice Venkatesh however made reference to the apex court's rulings to flag the potential of hate speech to act as a "ticking bomb".

The high court's order said, "...(The) psychological impact of a statement made by a popular leader must not be merely confined by testing it only to immediate physical harm. It is the duty of the court to see if it has caused a silent harm in the psyche of the targeted group, which, at a later point of time, will have their desired effect in terms of violence or even result-

ing in genocide."

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'Shocking', says Karnataka CM on PM's threat to unity remark

Bengaluru: Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah on Thursday lashed out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his remarks against the 'Delhi Chalo' protest held by the Congress government on February 7.

"Modi's remarks that the 'Delhi Chalo' protest - held against the injustice to Karnataka in devolution of taxes and other issues - threatens the unity and security of the nation has shocked me," he said. Recalling the criticism by Modi as Gujarat CM against the then UPA govern-

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ment, he asked "whether his statements had not threatened national unity and security?"

Siddaramaiah said that as

Gujarat CM, Modi had advocated for an increase in the state's share of taxes devolved by the Centre. "He wanted a change in the taxsharing formula that gave more incentives to states who have failed in finance management and ignored the states which did well... He had argued this with the (14th) Finance Commission. Was it not a stance against the Centre?" he said,



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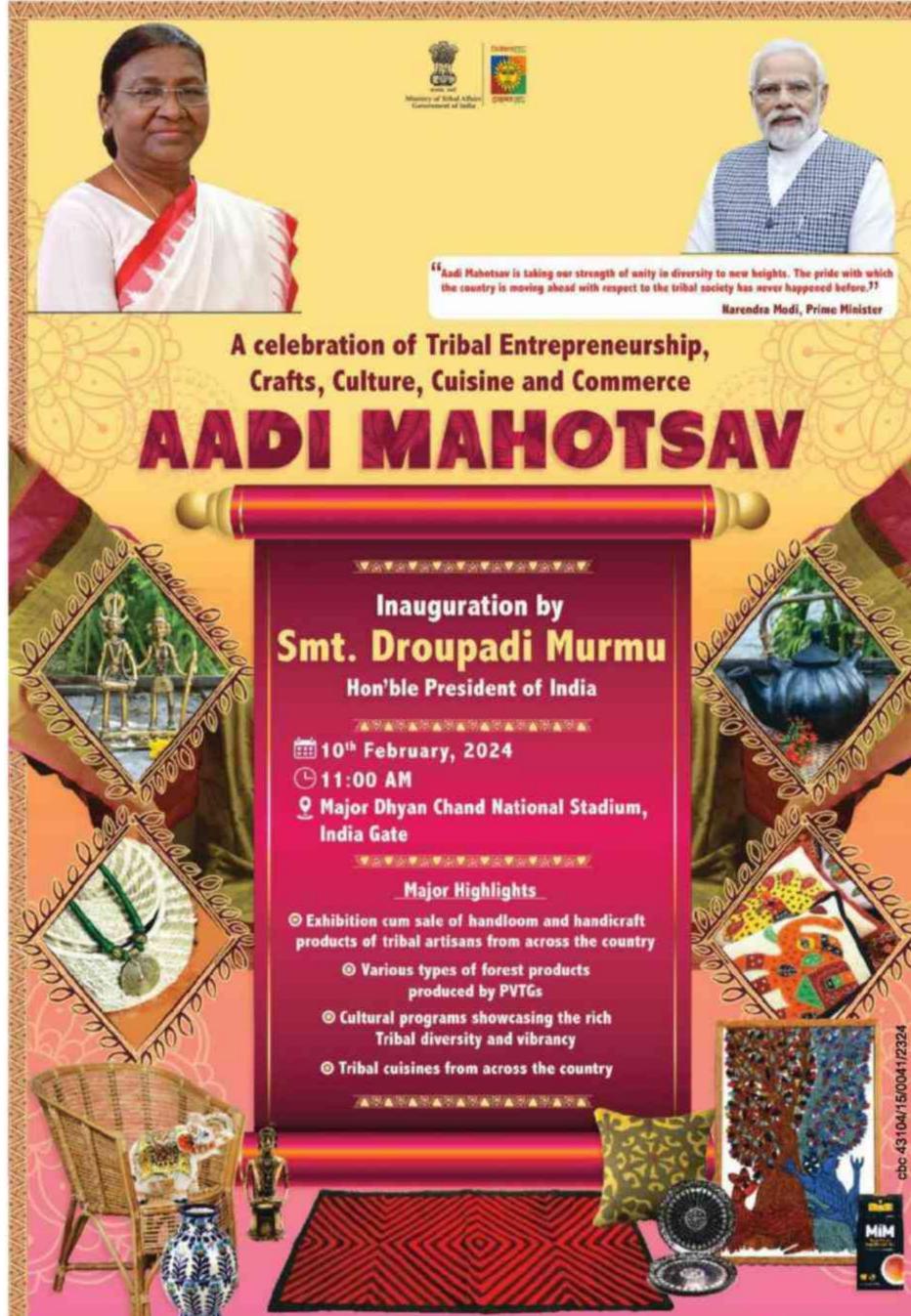
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- (2) Notice is hereby given that the Registrar of Companies had received applications from the above-mentioned companies under section 248(2) of the Companies Act, 2013 for removal of its/their name (s) from the register of companies either on the ground that they have failed to commence business within one year of their incorporation or on the ground that the company(ies) is/are not carrying on any business or operation for a period of two immediately preceding financial years and has/have not made any application (s) within such period for obtaining the status of a dormant company under section 455 of the Companies Act, 2013 or the company(ies) have obtained the status of dormant company/subscribers to the memorandum have not paid the subscription which they had undertaken to pay at the time of incorporation of a company and a declaration to this effect has not been filed within one hundred and eighty days of its incorporation under subsection (1) of section 10A/ have not been carrying on any business or operations, as revealed after the physical verification carried out under sub-section (9) of section 12, but it/they do not wish to continue its/their registration as companies and have, therefore, requested for removal/strike off of its/their names from the register of companies.
- (3) Accordingly, the Registrar of Companies proposes to remove or strike off the names of the
- above-mentioned companies from the Register of Companies. (4) Any person objecting to the proposed removal or striking off of name of the companies from the register of companies may send his or her objection to the office address mentioned here above within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice.

(Harihara Sahoo) Registrar

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Shoot-at-sight orders in Uttarakhand's Haldwani as violence breaks out during demolition drive

Arson as admn shows up to raze 'illegal' structures in madrasa area; CM calls for peace

AVANEESH MISHRA DEHRADUN, FEBRUARY 8

STONES WERE pelted and several vehicles torched after the administration conducted a demolition drive where a mosque and a madrasa stood, allegedly on nazool land, in Uttarakhand's Banbhoolpura area in Haldwani

According to a statement issued by the state information department, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami called a high-level meeting in wake of the tension and issued orders to shoot rioters on sight. The district administration has imposed curfew in Banbhoolpura area.

Talking to The Indian Express, a resident said the area is on edge and they can "hear teargas being fired". "Things became tenseearlier in the day after the administration conducted a demolition drive at the Mariyam Masjid in Malik Ka Bageecha locality and a madrasa as they were allegedly on nazul land. Stones were pelted and four-five vehicles parked on the road were set on fire," he said.

The Chief Minister reviewed the situation with the Chief Secretary and Director General of Police and gave instructions to deal strictly with unruly elements.

Found indulging in illegal activities, Centre tells Delhi HC on Swain's

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE DELHI, FEBRUARY 8

High Court that it cancelled Sweden-based professor Ashok Swain's Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) registration after it was "satisfied" that he had been found indulging in "illegal activities inimical" to the interests of the sovereignty, integrity, and security of India.

The submission has been made in Centre's response to Embassy to Sweden and Latvia which cancelled his OCI registra-

The Centre through the



Vehicles set on fire by mob after demolition drive in Haldwani, Uttarakhand, Thursday. PTI

He also appealed to the people to maintain peace.

Nainital District Magistrate Vandana meanwhile issued orders to impose a complete closure in the entire area of Haldwani city.

The order states: "It has been informed by SSP, Nainital and City Magistrate, Haldwani that during the process of removal of encroachment and demolition from pre-marked site of Banbhoolpura area, there have been incidents of protest, stone pelting and arson by a particular community. Due to this, there is a threat to law and order in the area as well as a fear of damage or danger to human life and public property... Hence, in my opinion, it has become necessary to prevent the

threat posed to the safety of pub-

ATRIMITRA & RAVIK

KOLKATA, FEBRUARY 8

RAINING SOPS, the Trinamool

Congress (TMC) government of

West Bengal on Thursday hiked

the Dearness Allowance (DA) by

another 4 per cent for the second

time in two months, increased

incentives of Direct Benefits

Transfer (DBT) schemes such as

Lakshmir Bhandar - a financial

assistance scheme for women -

and launched targeted welfare

Chandrima Bhattacharya tabled

the Rs 3.6 lakh crore Budget out-

section of the society.

After state Finance Minister

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FOCUS ON WOMEN, WELFARE SCHEMES

lic life and public property." As per the order, no person

will leave the house except for urgent work, and all business institutions, shops, industries, etc will remain closed. Only hospitals and medical shops will remain open.

"It is also ordered that the information of this order should be given in Banbhoolpura area through loudspeaker," the DM stated, adding that the order will be in force from 9 pm Thursday until further orders. Zafar Siddigui, a resident of

Banbhoolpura, told The Indian Express that the mosque was built by one Abdul Malik on a piece of land sold to him by someone who got it on lease. Nazool land is government land not officially mentioned in revenue records.

Mob surrounded police station, reinforcements were sent in, says DGP

AVANEESH MISHRA DEHRADUN, FEBRUARY 8

THE DIRECTOR General of Police in Uttarakhand has told The Indian Express that they are looking into "rumours" of deaths in the

Haldwani violence. He also said the mob had surrounded a police station, and additional forces had to be called to ward them off. DGP Abhinav Kumar said the

police and administration teams had gone to the area to remove an illegal encroachment for which there was already litigation in the High Court, which had ordered its removal.

Shakeel Ahmad, Councillor of Ward Number 31, under which the incident took place, however told The Indian Express that the High Court had not given a final decision in the case of removing illegal encroachment.

"Some miscreants started stone pelting and violence. The exact sequence of events that led to this kind of situation is a matter of administrative inquiry. We will check what was the cause for this kind of public anger, and if there is some conspiracy, we will look into it," said Kumar.

He said that the rioting went on for three-four hours starting around 5.30 pm, and by 9 pm, the situation was brought under con-

"There are some rumours of deaths, but as of now, I do not have any confirmed information of any casualty in this incident. The mob surrounded also Banbhoolpura police station and set some vehicles on fire, but reinforcement was sent to the spot and the police station was saved. We are still assessing the property damage. On Friday morning, the Chief Secretary and ADG Law and Order will fly to Haldwani to do a proper assessment of the situa-

Talking about the force used by the police, he said that when faced with a violent mob that resorts to stone pelting, arson, and sometimes even illegal firearms, as per provisions of the law police are authorised to fire back in selfdefence. "I have been told that there were some firing incidents (from the side of the police). But we are still gathering information about the exact number of rounds fired," he said.

tion," said Kumar.

Asked if the incident, which took place in a Muslim-dominated area a day after the Uttarakhand government passed the Uniform Civil Code Bill in the Assembly, shows an intelligence failure, he said that they will investigate all aspects related to it.

among SCs will grab benefits if there is no sub-classification He asked if one "can...deny ANANTHAKRISHNANG the ground realities that in the (Presidential) list (of backward

Top court: Advanced

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8

NOT ALLOWING sub-classification of Scheduled Castes (SCs) will lead to a situation where the "advanced among" them "would grab all benefits", a 7-judge Constitution bench of the Supreme Court observed Thursday, as it reserved its judgment on a reference that raises the question of sub-classification of SCs.

Senior advocate Manoj Swarup, appearing for the respondents in the matter, said the Scheduled Castes, as held by the SC in its 2004 judgment in EV Chinnaiah vs State of Andhra Pradesh, formed a homogenous group and hence there cannot be any sub-division among them.

He contended that the states have no power to make changes to the list of Scheduled Castes issued by the President under Article 341 and if any change was needed, only Parliament could

The bench presided by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, also comprised Justices B R Gavai, Vikram Nath, Bela M Trivedi, Pankaj Mithal, Manoj Misra, and Satish Chandra Sharma. The bench is examining if the Chinnaiah judgment needs a relook.

On Swarup's submission, Justice Gavai said the question was not about identification but providing benefits to those iden-

classes), blacksmiths are there and scavengers are also there. Did they face the same degree of discrimination when they were brought into the list? Were they (scavengers) not untouchables amongst the untouchables? Therefore recognising that, if the state decides to provide among that class, a preferential treatment, would Article 341 come in that way?"

Swarup said it would be barred by Article 341.

"Then it would perpetuate inequality amongst those classes," said Justice Gavai.

He said, "After the SC 1976 ruling in 'The state of Kerala vs N M Thomas', it was held that even if Article 16(4) - it provides that the State can enact a law to reserve posts in favour of any backward class of citizens - was not there, still taking a queue from Articles 14(right to equality) and 16(1), it could have made reservations. The purpose is to remove inequalities and bring equality. So, taking for example particular caste in Maharashtra, for the last 75 years if they are taking reservations of 75-80% of the 13% available reservation and there are some caste which have a sizable representation but they do not have even one or two percent

reservation so would it not

amount to perpetuating inequality amongst those classes iden-

tified under Article 341?"

OCI cancellation

THE CENTRE has told the Delhi

Swain's plea challenging a July 30, 2023, order of the Indian

Ministry of Home Affairs in its response has said that it sought a report from security agencies and the Ministry of External Affairs in the matter. "The Ministry examined the

activities of Mr. Ashok Swain in view of reports received from security agencies and Ministry of External Affairs and provisions under section 7D(c) of The Citizenship Act, wherein the OCI Card of the petitioner was found liable to be cancelled. Therefore, on 06.11.2020, this Ministry served a "Notice" to the petitioner through Embassy of India in Sweden to show cause as to why his OCI Card may not be cancelled for indulging in inflammatory speeches and anti-India activities," the response

KEY SCHEMES & ALLOCATION

Lakshmi Bhandar: ₹12,000 cr

Samudra Sathi: ₹200 cr Artisans Financial Benefit Scheme: ₹200 cr

Karmasree: Allocation not mentioned

Mid-day meal workers: ₹ 140 crore

Sasthya Sathi: ₹ 150 cr

lay for 2024-25 fiscal year in the "I was telling everyone that Assembly, Chief Minister you will be shocked after seeing Mamata Banerjee called it a the Budget. So, it happened. If "wonderful Budget" for every you want to do something, you have to have the thinking



"For the last four-five days, po-

lice had been coming to the area

and informing that the mosque

and the madrasa would be de-

molished. On Thursday morning,

the administration arrived with a

JCB machine. Around 5-6 pm, I

came to know that there has been

stone pelting and some vehicles

have been set on fire. Some pro-

testers also vandalised the police

station. This went on for around 30-40 minutes. As of now, curfew

is imposed and we all are locked

food joint near the mosque, said

he saw several police vehicles and

only then did he come to know

about the violence. He closed his

shop and locked himself and his

DBT, DA hike in Bengal Budget, ₹3.6 lakh cr outlay

family inside his house.

Siraj Khan, who runs a fast-

in our houses," said Siddiqui.

the Assembly. Express

power," Banerjee said.

Conceding the state government's financial constraints, the CM said: "In our limited ability, we did everything possible for

every sector of the society." "What this budget has done

has never been done in the country by anyone. We will make our name in the Guinness Book Of World Records," she added. In her Budget speech,

Bhattacharya also announced the launch of a new scheme -Karmasree – under which the state government will ensure at least 50 days of work to each job cardholder. The scheme, the Finance Minister said, would commence from May 2024.

The new scheme has been announced when the state government has been pressing for the release of pending Central funds, including Rs 6,900 crore for MGNREGA - the rural employment scheme. For over two years, the Centre has withheld the payment of wages under the MGNREGA in the state, citing si-

phoning of funds and fake job cards. While no budgetary allocation has been made for Karmasree scheme, the state Budget has allocated Rs 3,700 crore for the pending wages of 21 lakh MGNREGA workers. The state government also

announced the launch of Samudra Sathi Scheme for fishermen of Purba Medinpur, North 24 Parganas and South 24 Parganas districts who will get Rs 5,000 for two months during the "lean season". Similar schemes have been announced for artisans, youths, and migrant workers, "We have limitations, but I received requests from several stakeholders to increase the DA for government employees. We said we will give the dues slowly. In January we gave 4 per cent DA. In this budget, we gave another 4% DA hike," she said.

2013 verdict on Sec 377 infructuous, says SC D Y Chandrachud said dismiss-EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

Curative pleas against

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8

THE SUPREME Court on Thursday said the curative petition filed against its 2013 ruling upholding Section 377 of IPC that criminalised homosexual acts had become infructuous in view of its 2018 judgment in the case Navtej Sigh Johar versur Union of India, decriminalising the same.

"The curative petitions have been rendered infructuous by the judgment delivered by this court in Navtej Johar (case)," a five-judge constitution bench presided by Chief Justice of India ing the pleas. The bench also comprised Justices B R Gavai, Bela Trivedi, Pankaj Mithal and Manoj Misra. The Delhi High Court had in

India, struck down Section 377 IPC in 2009. However in 2013, the SC in Suresh Kumar Koushal versus

Naz Foundation Vs Union of

Naz Foundation, reversed the HC decision. Subsequently, the top court

also dismissed review petitions filed against the 2013 ruling.

mained pending.

The curative petitions filed against the dismissal of the review petitions however re-

Goa budget: Single window for beach weddings, memorial for razed temples

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA PANAJI, FEBRUARY 8

RESUMPTION OF sand mining, a single-window system for issuing permission for beach weddings and events, construction of a 'Smruti Mandir' in memory of temples destroyed during the Portuguese era and creating infrastructure for industry, IT. tourism were among the major announcements in the state Budget for 2024-25, presented by Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant on Thursday.

Sawant said the total budget size is Rs 26,855 crore, of which revenue expenditure is 20,000 crore and capital expenditure is Rs 6,855 crore. "The Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) is expected to grow at 13.87 per cent in the financial year 2024-25. No additional tax has been levied," he added. Sawant said resumption of sand mining through a proper policy and extending the duration of the lease period for minor minerals in the state is a priority for the government.

"The construction of Smruti Mandir in memory of restoration of temples destroyed during the Portuguese era will commence this year. Rs 20 crore has been allocated for it," he said.

Other major announcements include a single window system for issuing a no-objection certificate (NOC) for amplified sound, beach weddings and events and a one-time amnesty scheme for residential houses that are being operated illegally as home stays, hotels and restaurants.

Yuri Alemao, Leader of Opposition, said the Budget is an attempt to create a "feel good factor" ahead of the LS elections.

Focus on jobs, farmers, education in Rajasthan Budget HAMZA KHAN

JAIPUR, FEBRUARY 8

RECRUITMENT FOR 70,000 posts, free education from kindergarten to post graduation for low-income groups, Rs 1,000 crore for establishment and upgrade of schools, colleges, hospitals and administrative offices in "deprived areas", Rs 2,000 additional annual payout to farmers under the Centre's PM-KISAN scheme and a Rs 125 per quintal hike in wheat MSP these were among the major announcements in the Bhajan Lal Sharma government's first



FREE EDUCATION FROM KG TO PG TO STUDENTS FROM LOW-INCOME GROUPS

Finance Minister Diya Kumari arrives to present the interim Budget in Jaipur, Thursday. Rohit Jain Paras

Budget, a vote-on-account, presented in Assembly Thursday. Rajasthan Deputy Chief Minister and state Finance Minister Diya Kumari, who presented the Budget, alleged that during the previous Ashok Gehlot government's tenure, constituencies such as Ladpura, Nasirabad, Siwana and Ahore among others from where Opposition MLAs

were elected – were ignored, leading to an imbalance in development. In order to maintain regional balance, a provision of Rs 1.000 crore has been made to develop such areas, she said.

For students, she said free education will be given from KG to PG to those belonging to families of low-income

small/marginal/bataidarfarmers and farm labourers. A financial assistance of Rs 1,000 per student for school bags, books and uniform for students of class 1 to 8 and girl students of class 9 to 12 was also

For farmers, she announced

an additional payout of Rs 2,000 under the PM-KISAN scheme which will take the total annual payment amount to Rs 8,000 each. Also, the minimum support price (MSP) for wheat has been hiked to Rs 2,400 from Rs 2,275 per quintal. **FULL REPORT ON**

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Vastu consultant 'conned firms' in Assam, arrested

SUKRITA BARUAH GUWAHATI, FEBRUARY 8

KHUSHDEEP BANSAL, a 'vastu' expert now in the police net, allegedly convinced businessmen he had close connections in the Assam government and convinced their company to deliver goods worth Rs 63 crore for what he claimed was a government project being supervised by Assam's Chief Minister, according to an FIR registered by Assam's Crime Investigation Department.

Bansal was arrested, along with his brother, in New Delhi on Monday, Subsequently, he was brought to Assam, produced be-

fore a court, and placed in police remand for six days, a CID officer said.

An FIR was registered with the Assam CID in October last year on the basis of a complaint from businessman Kamal Sabharwal, alleging that his company Sabharwal Trading India Pvt Ltd was paid only Rs 4.43 crore in return for delivering goods worth Rs 63 crore against work orders that the company believed were issued by the Assam government. These orders, however, were allegedly fraudulent, and the FIR named Khushdeep Bansal, his brother Harish Bansal, and four others as accused in

MAHENDERSINGH MANRAL NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8

> Mental health-related issues are still a "taboo" in the security forces and the personnel hesitate in sharing their problems for the fear of being "mocked and taunted as weak" by other colleagues, states a draft report prepared by a task force formed to look into suicide and fratricide cases in the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs).

In its final draft-report submitted to the Ministry of Home Affairs last month, after studying of 642 suicide cases and 51 fratri-

cidal deaths in the last five years, the task force has recommended in its report that seniors should stop using abusive language with their juniors and behave decently with them, sources said.

The task force found three major factors - working conditions, service conditions and personal/individual issues - that led to incidents of suicides and fratricides. The task force was constituted by the Home Ministry to study and analyse incidents and prepare a comprehensive report.

Some of the work-related key reasons are prolonged deployment in high-risk areas, long separation from families/forced bachelorship, tough duty hours in inhospitable conditions.

CAPF personnel don't share mental issues for fear of being

mocked, says final draft report on suicides in security forces

"Mental health-related issues are still a taboo in the forces as well as in society. In the security forces, there is not only the apprehension of being mocked and taunted as weak, worthless, but also a fear of losing their job because of it. As a result, personnel facing mental issues usually don't open up and share it with their seniors or colleagues," the source said.

Data shows that in total 642 personnel, including 10 women personnel, died by suicide and 51 fratricide incidents took place in the CAPFs between 2017 and 2021. The maximum suicide incidents

for the said period were reported in the CRPF (227), while 175 suicides, including 4 women personnel, were reported in the BSF.

The task force mentioned in the report that it found that over 80 per cent suicides happened when the personnel returned to work after availing leaves, Most of the suicides were reported between 7 and 15 days after returning from home, said the sources.

"The task force has found that the trigger for suicides may be related to family or duty. If one of the fronts is easy and smooth, the stress level of the personnel gets managed considerably. The cases of suicides and attempts by women personnel are less as compared to their male counterparts. Male personnel hesitate sharing their problem because of the fear of being mocked," said a source, citing the report.

The task force has recommended that there should be a provision of mental health screening of all CAPF personnel returning from leave or from other long-term duties, through a questionnaire. "Some of the common challenges associated with combat zones are insomnia, agitation and nightmares, which

are considered to be one of the

important contributors to suici-

dality," the source said.

The task force found that service-related reasons such as "trauma of being abused, bullying at workplace, leave-related issues, extended working hours and inadequate time for rest" also triggered suicidal thoughts.

"The newly recruited jawans are highly educated and their immediate bosses should be sensitised to treat them with dignity, hear their grievances and recognise their services. They cannot be treated as subordinates who do not know anything about operations strategy. Seniors should stop using abusive language with their juniors and behave decently with them," the source said.

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1.	M(E&M)-	D/o Vill's (Providing Distribution Line Network in Vill-Bishanpura), Sector-58, Noida.	190.34

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2nd Floor, (A, B & F Wing) Karpuri Thakur Sadan, Kendriya Karamchari Parisar (GPOA), Ashiana Digha Road, Patna-800025. **DEMAND NOTICE**

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RC/276/2023

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(CD 2) Dharmendra Yadav Son of late Mahavir Yadav, Resident at N.A.C. Road, P.O and District-Khagaria-851204 (CD 3) Rinki Devi Wife of Dharmendra Yadav Resident at N.A.C. Road, P.O and

District-Khagaria-851204 (CD 4) Bijay Kumar son of late-Garib Das resident at Hajipur Road Ward No-12,

P.O. and District-Khagaria-851204 This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL PATNA in OA/341/2021 an amount of Rs. 3072717.16 (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Seventy Two Thousands Seven Hundred Seventeen And Paise Sixteen Only) along with pendentellite and future interest @ 14 % Compound Interest Monthly w.e.f. 06/10/2021 till realization and costs of Rs 33000 (Rupees Thirty Three Thousands Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/

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3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.

 You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 03/04/2024 at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.

In addition the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:

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(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 02/02/2024

Recovery Officer **DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, PATNA**

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SL.	EVENTS	DATE & TIME		
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2.	Online Tender purchase end date	24/02/2024 by	03:00 PM	
3.	Online Bid Submission End date	24/02/2024 by	05:00 PM	
4.	Submission of Pre-Bid queries by prospective bidders	till 15/02/2024 by	03:00 PM	
5.	Hard copy of technical submission end date	24/02/2024 by	05:00 PM	
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- 1. 43/S.M.(JAL)-I/E.T./2023-24, M/o W/s (Two Years Maintenance of 40 HP VT Motor, Starter, Transformer & Other Electrical work in Network Sector-106, Sector-132 & 135) Noida. Cost
- 46/S.M.(JAL)-I/E.T./2023-24, M/o W/s (P/L Water Lines Gowshala and Nandishala in Sector-135), Noida. Cost Rs. 44.76 Lacs
- 50/S.M.(JAL)-I/E.T./2023-24, Strengthening of W/s (P/L RCC Slab for UGR-4 & Other misc. Civil work in UGR Compound, Sector-4), Noida. Cost Rs. 35.42 Lacs 4. 47/DGM(Jal)/A.O./S.M.(JAL)-1/2023-24, M/o W/s (Two year Maintenance of PVC Water Line, Sluice Valve & Reflex valve in Network Village-Salarpur, Bhangel, Nagli Wazidpur,
- Sector-132 & 135) Noida. Cost Rs. 52.97 Lacs 48/Sr.M.(JAL)-1/2023-24, Internal/External Water & Sewer in Sector-162 (P/LSewer & Water Line in front of Plot No.-15 & 16 in Sector-162) Noida. Cost Rs. 81.33 Lacs
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GRAND BARGAIN 2.0

Protests by Karnataka and Kerala are driven by politics — they also point to concerns of fiscal federalism that need addressing

NE STATE'S CHIEF minister hit the national capital's streets, along with his cabinet colleagues, against the Centre's alleged discrimination in devolution of tax revenues and non-release of drought relief funds. Another state's CM followed suit, having already moved the Supreme Court against the Centre imposing limits on its borrowing powers. The fact that both of them, Karnataka and Kerala, are Opposition-ruled and the timing of the protests, ahead of Lok Sabha elections, may make these seem purely political in nature. Nor have these states' own fiscally irresponsible actions helped. The ruling Congress in Karnataka should have thought twice before announcing its five assembly poll "guarantee" schemes, which are costing the state exchequer an additional Rs 52,000 crore per year. The Kerala government has, likewise, sought to circumvent its normal net borrowing ceiling, of 3 per cent of GDP fixed by the Centre, by resorting to off-budget loans raised by two state-owned entities.

The political motivations notwithstanding, there are genuine concerns with regard to both the letter and spirit of fiscal federalism that need addressing. To start with, the Centre accounts for more than 60 per cent of the gross tax revenues collected together with the states. On the other hand, the states have well over a 60 per cent share when it comes to total government spending. The disparity between revenue generation capacities and expenditure responsibilities imparts an inherent vertical fiscal imbalance. That imbalance would only have widened with the implementation of the goods and services tax (GST), which has replaced the value added tax and a host of other levies that were major sources of revenue for the states earlier. But the states accepted the apparent loss of fiscal sovereignty through a grand bargain that was a result of consensus building and addressing apprehensions of revenue loss, if any, from the new nationwide non-cascading indirect tax regime. The high point was the setting up of the GST Council, comprising the finance ministers of the Centre and all states, to decide on tax rates, exemptions and any regulatory changes.

A similar compact is required today in matters of tax devolution and other resource transfers, both vertical (Centre to states) and horizontal (among states). Karnataka, for instance, is justified in asking why its share in the divisible tax pool was reduced from 4.713 to 3.647 per cent between the 14th and 15th Finance Commission awards. The next commission should frame clear and transparent rules for distribution of the Centre's tax proceeds and grants-in aid. As part of a Grand Bargain 2.0, the Centre must desist from levying non-sharable cesses and surcharges on taxes, just as states should be made to strictly adhere to deficit targets and borrowing limits.

HOLDING THE LINE

RBI keeps interest rates unchanged. If inflation evolves along expected lines, it could open up space for rate cuts

"N LINE WITH expectations, the Monetary Policy Committee of the Reserve Bank of India voted in its February meeting to keep interest rates unchanged. The reporate stands at 6.5 per cent. The committee also decided to remain focused on the withdrawal of accommodation. In his policy statement, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das noted that "the job is not yet finished" and that policy must "continue to be actively disinflationary to align inflation to the target of 4 per cent on a durable basis".

In December, retail inflation, as measured by the consumer price index, had edged upwards to 5.69 per cent, up from 5.55 per cent the month before. However, this rise in inflation, driven by rising food prices, was not unexpected. On the other hand, core inflation, which excludes the more volatile food and fuel components, had dipped lower to 3.8 per cent in December. The central bank now expects inflation to trend lower to 5 per cent in the fourth quarter (January-March). For the next financial year (2024-25), assuming a normal monsoon, it expects inflation to moderate further to 4.5 per cent. However, the outlook is uncertain. As the RBI also notes, adverse weather events which could impact food prices, and geopolitical tensions and conflicts which could lead to supply chain disruptions, could heavily influence the trajectory of inflation. Governor Das also sounded a note of caution, saying that policy needs to be "vigilant about new supply shocks that may undo the progress made so far." On growth, the RBI Governor sounds optimistic, expecting the economic momentum to continue in the coming financial year (2024-25) as well. Das points to industrial activity "gaining steam", while the services sector "is expected to remain resilient". He sees rural demand continuing to gather pace, even as urban consumption remains strong, with investment activity also "gaining steam" on the back of a sustained push in government spending. Based on these trends, the central bank expects the Indian economy to grow at 7 per cent in 2024-25.

The monetary policy committee's decisions were, however, not unanimous. MPC member Jayanth Varma disagreed with other members of the committee on both interest rates and the policy stance. Varma, in fact, voted for reducing the reporate by 25 basis points and for changing the policy stance from remaining focused on the withdrawal of accommodation to neutral. In the past as well, Varma has argued that monetary policy should be less restrictive. However, hostilities in the Red Sea and uncertainty regarding the trajectory of food prices are likely to have an outsized influence in the immediate term. If inflation evolves along expected lines over the coming months, it could open up space for the committee to change its policy stance and cut rates.

CONNECT, DISCONNECT

Australia's new law prevents bosses from emailing and calling workers beyond working hours. It opens up possibilities

HE CURIOUS THING about words is that they can change the very thing they are supposed to explain. Take "gig worker". The term conjures up a young millennial, or even an old Gen-Zchap, sitting in an artisanal (read over-priced) coffee shop engaged in a white-collar well-paying semi-creative profession - coding, designing, etc. This creature's time is her own. Now, take "unorganised sector labourer". A very different picture comes up — this person is the picture of, and often euphemism for, the exploited. The Closing Loopholes Bill, passed earlier this week by the Australian Parliament, makes it clear that the gig worker, like the labourer, needs protection.

Among the slew of provisions in the Bill, the ones around the right to disconnect and the path to formalisation for gig workers have received the most attention. The former allows workers not to take calls or answer emails on holidays or outside working hours. The logic is simple - being constantly "connected" and "on-call" is, in essence, unpaid overtime. Whether in office or not, work is work. The path to formalisation is a bit more complex. On the one hand, it ensures benefits and long-term security, and on the other, the flexibility that many people now prize may become a more scarce phenomenon. Australia's proposed law, if and when implemented, will put it in the company of countries in Europe that have allowed the right to disconnect. Beyond the nitty-gritty of the economics of the law, though, is the waning halo around the idea of the gig worker.

Yes, there is a minority, the so-called "digital nomads", who can use flexible work hours to their advantage. For many, if not most, though, the blurred line between work and non-work has meant the former creeps its way into the latter — without overtime pay. As more countries recognise that gig workers need protection, perhaps the 70-hour workweek will not be considered a virtue. In a disconnected utopia, workers won't check their emails. Just Instagram.

A Goldilocks phase

Monetary and fiscal policies have put in place conditions for steady growth, moderate inflation

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WITHIN A WEEK, the interim Union budget and the monetary policy have put in place a framework for a Goldilocks phase of steady growth and moderate inflation for the Indian economy.

On Thursday, the monetary policy committee decided to maintain the status quo, keeping the policy reporate at 6.5 per cent. The forecast for GDP growth in 2024-25 has been kept at 7 per cent, while for headline inflation it has been reduced in line with our expectations to 4.5 per cent. With inflation expected to fall meaningfully below 4 per cent after June, the first rate cut could be as early as August if not in June itself. The growth forecasts by the RBI, which seem conservative, and rightly so, have been trailing the official estimates for the last two years. However, they only validate the country's robust growth trajectory.

Among the development and regulatory policy changes, the RBI has extended the requirement of the Key Fact Statement to cover all retail and MSME loans and advances. This is designed to provide customers with a clear understanding of the actual annualised interest rate and the overall financial commitment associated with the loan. This move can be seen as a significant step towards empowering customers with comprehensive information, enabling them to make informed decisions about their borrowing.

The technology for authentication of payments has also received fresh attention. With innovations in technology, there is a need to look at a comprehensive framework for alternative authentication mechanisms. Accordingly, a principle-based "Framework for authentication of digital payment transactions" will be explored for the orderly development of this space.

Alongside, enhancing the robustness of the Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS) now being used by more than 37 crore users and 47 entities – and the adoption of a The fiscal consolidation path continues to be influenced by the exceptional deviation taken during the pandemic. The primary deficit is expected to correct by 80 basis points to 1.5 per cent of the GDP in FY25. In FY21 the

primary deficit was more than 5 per cent of the GDP. The revenue deficit has also moderated. Public debt as a percentage of the GDP has also reduced and is expected to decline by 90 basis points in FY25 from its level of 58.1 per cent in FY24. Thus the debt to GDP ratio is expected

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principle-based framework for authentication of digital payment transactions will help in preventing digital frauds. The changes proposed in the Central Bank Digital Currency could help onboard people from fringe areas into the CBDC architecture thereby enabling its acceptability exponentially. However, with credit demand outpacing

deposit accretion, the onset of a Just in Time (JIT) mechanism that streamlines the release of government of India funds may anchor the floor of yield on advances, apart from strengthening short-term borrowings as market players are also resorting to non-deposit sources to satiate the rising demand for credit, even as the credit to deposit ratio is a short breath away from hitting 80. This MPC meeting comes a few days after

the interim Union budget firmly stepped away from crowd pleasing measures, and focused on the vision of a developed India in Amrit Kaal, by enabling every Indian to align with the ambitious, yet achievable goal through action-oriented collaborative works. It set the right tone by focusing on infrastructure development, innovation and connectivity leading towards a Viksit Bharat.

As per our estimates, in the interim budget, the overall allocation for capital expenditure is Rs 18.4 trillion (this takes into consideration the capex by central public sector enterprises and grants for the creation of capital). This is equivalent to 5.6 per cent of GDP and implies a growth of around 13 per cent. This sustained thrust on public sector investments will go a long way towards making India a \$5 trillion economy by 2027-28.

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the GDP has also reduced and is expected to decline by 90 basis points in FY25 from its level of 58.1 per cent in FY24. Thus the debt to GDP ratio is expected to move along a stable path. There is also the possibility that if growth and inflation move along expected lines, the fiscal deficit will be lower than the 5.1 per cent target. Further, the market capitalisation of CPSEs is now at around Rs 40 trillion, with the government's stake at around Rs 27 trillion. Buoyant market conditions will create opportunities for disinvestment later.

We would also like to use this opportunity to address some concerns over the state of the rural economy. Take for instance the implications of significant improvements in physical (road/rail) infrastructure which ensure seamless last mile connectivity are changing rural demand and supply. A farmer can now travel long distances comfortably to buy (and sell) goods. These purchases /sales are more often captured under urban/metro area heads even though the goods are being primarily purchased by the rural populace. Thus, it is possible that in some cases the numbers reported for rural areas may not be an accurate reflection of rural demand. The integration of cities, urban centres and their satellite nodes with surround ing areas and until now far flung areas on the back of the infra boom needs to be factored in carefully. Alongside, a closer look at the data on median wages of rural labourers during FY14-FY23 (November) clearly shows a rising trend. Median wages are now closer to the average wages. This is in clear contrast to the FY05-FY14 period. Further, the audacious target of increasing the lakhpati didi numbers through the 8.3 million plus selfhelp groups in the recent budget also bodes well for the rural economy.

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AT STAKE IN PAKISTAN

Challenges facing economy are daunting, will need bold structural reforms

AYESHA JALAL

HELD AGAINST THE backdrop of a systemic economic crisis, deepening political polarisation, and the grim aftermath of an unprecedented attack on the most powerful institution of state by a key political party on May 9, 2023, the 2024 election on February 8 was extremely important in determining Pakistan's immediate and future trajectory. While there is every reason to be concerned about charges of unfair treatment being meted out to one party - Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaaf (PTI) — accusations of this kind are not altogether new. All polls for the past 75 years except for 1970 and to some extent 2008 and 2013 have been mired in controversy and regrets about the absence of an even playing field for all contenders. The handover of power from one civilian

government to another in 2013 had been significant but could not be sustained. The role of the higher judiciary in overthrowing Nawaz Sharif with the backing of the military in 2017 pushed democracy off the rails once again. The 2018 elections that anointed Imran Khan as prime minister were choreographed by the establishment. The current elections are also being held under close coordination with non-elected institutions of the state that have been dominant in Pakistan since the 1950s. Yet, however compromised, the electoral process is necessary constitutionally and better than an outright military takeover and some new-fangled variant of martial rule.

Now that its decades-long project of grooming and installing Imran Khan and his party PTI into power in 2018 has failed miserably, the establishment - as the army high command is called — has to let parties that There is no question that demographic changes could

throw up surprises, especially if the turnout is high and women as well as youth come out to vote in large numbers. If they do, the PTI is expected to benefit. But with its electoral symbol taken away and several candidates claiming to represent the party in different constituencies, it remains to be seen how well it will actually perform.

were demonised and persecuted at its behest try their luck at the hustings. While some see the Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-N) as the new favourites of the establishment, this is simply because there is no other party that can command enough votes to govern the country's biggest province, Punjab. This does not mean that other parties like the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) are not trying to take advantage of the PTI's predicament to surge ahead. But the PPP has hardly any presence in Punjab, which leaves the PML-N as the main contender against a PTI in complete disarray with its leader and top leadership languishing in jail on various charges, including treason.

The consensus is that given the multiple crises facing Pakistan today, the elections cannot be expected to be completely free and fair. But there is still hope that everything will be done to ensure that all contenders are given a chance to make their case to

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The PPP is unlikely to sway voters in Punjab as it has done precious little groundwork in Pakistan's largest province. So, despite a vigorous campaign by Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, who is contesting from a constituency in Lahore, the PPP's success will most likely be confined to Sindh even if it

picks up more seats in Punjab than in the 2013 and 2018 elections. The challenges facing the national econ-

omy are daunting for any party and will require bold decisions so that structural reforms are instituted to stretch the unacceptably limited tax base, improve productivity and promote exports. Going by the past record, most in Punjab believe that the PML-N is best placed to manage the country's economy. But this is by no means the view in other provinces with the PTI holding its ground in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and the PPP in Sindh.

All parties make grandiose promises to voters during election campaigns based on some variant of welfarism, but are typically unable to carry them out once at the helm. While large promises are being heard everywhere, no one expects much to change and the best that is being hoped for is some modicum of political stability and judicious economic decision-making to pull the country out of the current quagmire.

All parties in the fray in Pakistan also claim to want to improve relations with India and the USA. But improved foreign relations depend on both sides making the necessary moves to restore trust and confidence. As things stand today, not much can be hoped by way of improved Indo-Pakistan relations. As for US-Pakistan relations, Washington's tilt towards New Delhi is now too evident to give much hope to an incumbent government in Islamabad for any dramatic shift in relations to take place.

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Punjab Bandh

BARRING A FEW scattered incidents in which more than 25 people got minor injuries, the one-day Punjab bandh sponsored by the Akali Dal went off peacefully. The bandh was total, except a few shops that were open in Patiala, where the police had to intervene to keep two groups of people separated and under control. Significantly, the state-wide bandh was by and large free from acts of arson.

CENTRE-AKALI TALKS

THE GOVERNMENT IS expecting a favourable response from the Akalis to the

decision to hold a tripartite meeting on the Punjab problem. Invitations for the talks maybe sent early next week after consultations with some of the opposition leaders. In any case, the talks are expected to take place before the commencement of the Parliament session on February 23.

INDO-PAK & KASHMIR

THE MURDER OF the Birmingham-based Indian diplomat Ravindra Mhatre by a group calling itself member of the Kashmir Liberation Army (KLA) appears to be taking a new political turn which may have unpredictable repercussions in south Asian politics. The Guardian published an article with a background of the dispute between India and Pakistan over Kashmir, providing an oblique boost to the KLA and the JKLF.

PM FOR PEACE PRIZE

PRIME MINISTER INDIRA Gandhi, Canadian Premier Pierre Trudeau and Italian President Sandro Pertini, are among the candidates for the 1984 Nobel Peace prize, the prize committee confirmed. Names of 75 candidates have been proposed for the prestigious prize which is due to be awarded in October. Last year's winner was Lech Walesa, leader of the outlawed Solidarity of Poland.

THE IDEAS PAGE

Ram's bell of justice

What we can learn from tribal communities that have a consciousness which evaluates gods - worship them and question their divinity



Devanura Mahadeva

"EVALUATION OF GODS and A Muslim Deity named Dr Khan" is a small, heartwarming piece of writing by Panju Gangolli that has completely captured me. In hundreds of tribal communities across Bastar district in Chhattisgarh, there is a religiosity that transcends the boundaries of caste and religion and a consciousness that evaluates gods - a finding that has struck me like a revelation that can light up our world,

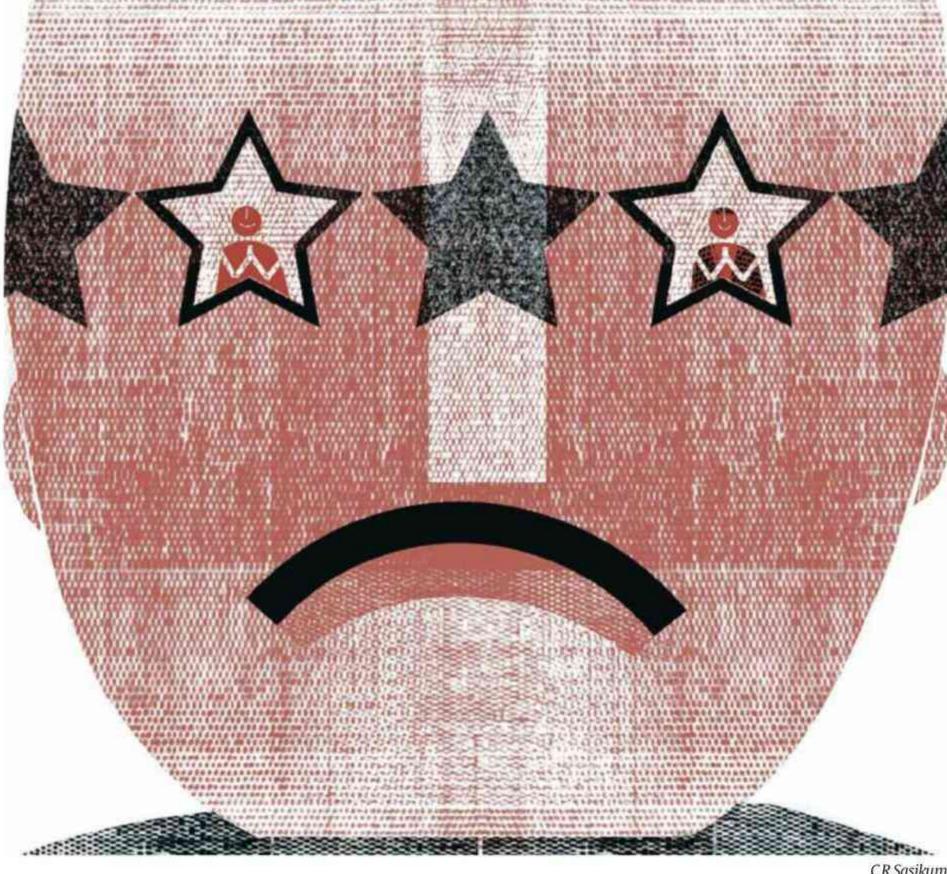
The story goes like this: Bangaramdevi is a prominent God among Bastar district's various tribal communities. Once a year, a festival named "Bhado Jatra" is conducted here. On that day, tribal communities from over 240 villages carry their gods along and place them under Bangaramdevi's feet. In the presence of Bangaramdevi, the priests examine these gods. Those gods who did not address and solve the problems of their devotees over the previous year are stripped of their divinity. Without divine power, they are mere figurines made of wood and stone, which are then banished to the backyard of Bangaramdevi's temple and end up in a heap in some corner. Then they continue to shrivel up under the sun, bearing the brunt of rain and cold alike, and can often be found stuck in some bushes or leaning against the roots of an old tree.

There's another interesting thing to note here: On the top of Bastar's Keshkal hill, there's a small temple where a terracotta stage can be found. On this stage, a black wooden piece shaped like a Shivalinga has been installed. An earthen lamp is lit next to it. The temple doors are opened during the "Surdongar" fair and thousands of people from nearby tribes come to seek the darshana of God. There is also a belief that even other gods visit this God. The name of this deity is Dr Khan.

Around 200 years ago, when Bastar was afflicted with diseases like cholera and smallpox, a Muslim man named Dr Khan arrived here and saved many people from the clutches of death. He stayed behind and continued to serve the people of the region. Following his death, the local tribes elevated him to the status of a God and started worshipping him. All this and more can be found here. In our own land.

But do we have the consciousness of evaluating our gods? Let alone the gods, we don't even evaluate our representatives whom we elected. So, how can we expect our problems to be addressed and solved? Tribal communities, which are essentially our earthly ancestors, do possess this consciousness of examining the gods and discarding those they deem useless. But we who are the progeny of the same Adivasis have turned ourselves into superstitious souls. Since the connection to our Adivasi roots has been severed, we as a populace are no longer vigilant and are unable to preserve the best practices of our ancestors that are still relevant.

We need to be alert: The 2024 Lok Sabha elections are just around the corner. We need to cultivate the consciousness of evaluation



CR Sasikumar

in the upcoming election. The health of our democracy, the judiciary, and the sovereignty of our independent organisations, the weakening of the federal structure by the ruling Centre, social justice, women's reservation, Swaminathan report, and education, health, unemployment - all these issues need to be evaluated. We need to open our eyes to look at how our precious natural resources are beingused, the toll that is paid by common people due to inflation and price rise, and how corporates close to power unduly benefit.

This is what we have to do next — when parties and candidates contesting the upcoming election approach us for votes, we need to tell them: "We will evaluate your words as well as your actions. We won't tolerate your lies any more." If we can give such a warning, the nation can move forward, however small those steps may be.

We need to free ourselves from the influence of fraudulent weapons like Sammohanastra (weapon of collective hypnosis), Dweshastra (weapon of hatred), Asahanastra (weapon of intolerance), Bhramastra (weapon of illusion) which are being used by the people in power to lull us into submission so that we are unperturbed by real issues.

First, we need to identify this veil of illusion. For example, "Hindutva" is triumphing over "Hindu". Is this the Hindutva of the Chaturvarna system? Even the idea of "Sanatana" is being spread now. But what is Sanatana, anyway? We need to inculcate humane and healthier values of Sanatana and relieve ourselves from its flawed ones.

Compassion, patience, love, coexistence, equal justice, the adage "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" and more light our paths even today. They are good Sanatana values. Along with them, Chaturvarna system, caste discrimination, intolerance, hatred too are Sanatana values that exist even today. But these are the evil values that only light the fire and lead to conflagration. Today, there is a struggle between these good and evil Sanatana values. I believe India's collective consciousness possesses the essence to pull us back from the brink, What we need is the wisdom of farmers who weed their land for the health of their crops.

India is celebrating the inauguration of Ayodhya's Ram Mandir. India should celebrate Ram's commitment to vachanapalane, honouring the promises made. It is said that "A Bell of Justice" was hung outside Ram's palace. One day, a horse is found ringing the bell and Ram delivers justice to this hungry horse. Let a bell of justice be installed in Ayodhya where all struggling living beings can ring it. But will the Delhi Darbar listen?

Mahadeva, a Kannada writer, is a pioneer of the Dalit movement in Karnataka. He is a member of many social and political movements

Translation from the original Kannada by Amulya B

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The state must take every measure to ensure citizens' security today... Given that they are being held after considerable delay, it is important that voters are able to participate freely in these elections, which must be concluded to the public's satisfaction. History awaits our people's verdict." -DAWN, PAKISTAN

An ethical minefield

Data transparency, a fundamental tenet of scientific discovery, is conspicuous by its absence in trials of Neuralink's brain-computer interface



SIMANTINI GHOSH

IN THE first week of February, tech mogul Elon Musk announced the first human implantation of the Neuralink device -Telepathy. Initial data collection is in progress and going well, he said. Neuralink is a tech startup and its proprietary chip is a surgically implantable device. It can record a massive amount of data from individual neurons and transmit it to a computer, which, in turn, can read the intention coded in that data to execute a certain task.

Neuralink made headlines with a video a few years ago, in which a monkey used the company's surgically implanted chip to play a video game on a computer. The wow factor kicked in then, as it has now. The first human application is intended to return the ability to control digital devices to quadriplegic individuals. This is part of the project's short-term goal - bringing back functionality to the clinically and neurologically disabled population. This probably also aided their fundraising endeavours, However, the company's vision statement is more ambitious -- "create a generalised brain interface to restore autonomy to those with unmet medical needs today and unlock human potential tomorrow". The second goal, to alter and enhance cognitive abilities in healthy humans, opens up Pandora's box of ethical and legal concerns.

Even if we stick to the company's current short-term goal of using the implants to fulfil unmet medical needs, far more critical scrutiny is needed. Scientists and doctors prefer to err on the side of caution. There are professional bodies, associations and regulatory authorities to protect the rights of study participants whose safety and privacy take (as they should) precedence over the efficiency of a new study. The most important criterion is to ensure the availability and transparency of data. Replicability and the ability of raw data to withstand the scientific community's scrutiny are among the basic tenets of scientific discoveries. In all these areas, Musk's company falls short.

Neuralink has previously refused National Institute of Health funding to keep its patented technology secure - federallyfunded research comes with more oversight, datasharing and transparency requirements. While most academia-sponsored clinical trials that happen through major university hospitals in the US need to be registered, Neuralink's PRIME (Precise Robotically Implanted Brain-Computer Interface) study is not. The device did receive FDA approval that ideally should provide ironclad oversight to maximise patient safety. However, the FDA has fallen short of that task in the past. Ultimately, the gold standards of replicability and reliability in science tie back to the verything that has been absent from the very beginning - transparent data. Because the trial was unregistered, it is virtually impos-

sible to find out anything about the conditions under which it was conducted. The only clues we have are the basic information disclosed in the brochure. The inclusion criteria specify adult patients with quadriplegia (paralysis or loss of function in all four limbs from ALS or spinal cord injury without much improvement up to a year post-injury, and those who have an available full-time reliable caregiver. The trial will preclude individuals who have other implants (such as pacemakers or electrodes for deep brain stimulation) as well as people whose conditions need procedures such as regular MRI scans or Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS). This is likely to ensure no damage due to embedded electrodes being subjected to a high-powered magnetic field. Also excluded are individuals with a history of seizures. This is related to something that is theoretically plausible to predict - the brain often responds to foreign objects by encapsulating in a layer of certain glial cells, and these "glial scars" are notoriously epileptogenic.

However minute, the threading of up to 1,024 recording electrodes in the brain will lead to some form of micro-injuries in the brain. Neuralink will need to convince the scientific community that these implants do not enhance the likelihood of microbleeds or strokes or any other form of injuries in the brain, Such microscopic injuries are often not picked up by diagnostic modalities yet they accumulate over time and predispose individuals to serious neurological conditions such as neurodegeneration. The study has to prove that the recording capacity of the electrodes is maintained consistently - this is a problem with existing brain-computer interfaces. The efficiency of the recording decays over time. The PRIME study calls for 18 months of primary observation followed by periodicfollow-ups up to five years. Hopefully, they will have designed the study to collect enough safety data during this period.

Aprimary ethical concern is data ownership. There is no clarity on who the recorded data belongs to, which will be decoded to interpret the "intentions" of a person. Embedding proprietary technology enabling data recording and routing it through a proprietary app raises a crucial question: Will the subjects retain ownership of this recorded data? Will Neuralink have data ownership? If yes, what can they technically do with this ownership of "intent to carry out an action" on behalf of a third party? In the current situation, it is easy to overlook the ramifications of this issue because the population on which the trial is being conducted is clinically disabled and there is direct benefit to them. However, Neuralink's ambition and vision extend beyond clinical use to enhance human cognition and possibilities. Keeping that in mind, the ethics of data ownership is nontrivial and extremely important to settle at the outset. Any wrong precedent here can en-

Neuralink would serve itself better if it were more open about the data it generates. That secrecy does not instill confidence and trust is something scientists have learned the hard way.

danger human agency and privacy.

Ashoka University. Views are personal

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Colonial habits die hard

Those who oppose Ayodhya movement suffer from Stockholm Syndrome

BALBIR PUNJ

PRATAP BHANU Mehta is correct when he says that the pran pratishtha at Ayodhya on January 22 is a "watershed moment" ('January 22', IE, January 22). The moment is a turning point in India's history - an important milestone in the decolonisation of India. Mehta, however, adds, "The pran pratishtha, following the foundation stone of Ayodhya, marks the consecration of Hinduism as a political religion, pure and simple." This part of Mehta's statement is half-true,

bordering on sophistry. If the rebuilding of the temple at Ram Janmabhoomi in Ayodhya is a political statement, so was its demolition by an Islamic invader and the opposition to its reconstruction, spanning over seven decades after independence.

The Babri structure was never a place of worship — it was raised to humiliate the vanguished Hindus after razing a temple that was especially reverent to them. Arnold Toynbee, one of the great historians of the past century, while delivering the Azad Memorial Lecture in February 1960, said, "In the course of the first Russian occupation of Warsaw (1614-1915), the Russians had built an Eastern Orthodox Christian Cathedral on this central spot in the city that had been the capital of the once independent Roman Catholic Christian country, Poland. The Russians had done this to give the Poles a continuous ocular demonstration that the Russians were now their masters. After the re-establishment of Poland's independence in 1918, the Poles pulled this cathedral down. The demolition had been completed

pulled down that Russian Church, The purpose for which the Russians had built it had been not religious but political, and the purpose had also been intentionally offensive."

Referring to mosques at Kashi, Mathura and Ayodhya, Toynbee said, "Aurangzeb's purpose in building those three Mosques was the same intentionally offensive political purpose that moved the Russians to build their Orthodox Cathedral in the city centre at Warsaw. Those three mosques were intended to signify that an Islamic Government was reigning supreme, even over Hinduism's holiest of holy places.'

Mehta talks about Gandhi, "who rejected the logic of retaliation". Gandhiji was asked how to deal with a situation when a mosque is forcibly built on someone else's land. He dealt with the vexed issue in Young India on February 5, 1925. Here are excerpts of Gandhiji's response, "The question of mosques built on another's land without his permission is incredibly simple. If A is in possession of his land and someone comes to build some things on it, be it even a mosque, A has the right at the first opportunity of pulling down the structure. Any building of the shape of a mosque is not a mosque. A building to be a mosque must be duly consecrated. A building put up on another's land without his permission is pure robbery. Robbery cannot be consecrated... If A has not the will or the capacity to destroy the building miscalled mosque, he

just before the date of my visit. I do not greatly has the right of going to a law court to have blame the Polish Government for having the building pulled down/Law courts are forbidden to convince non-co-operators but not to those who require such conviction."

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Post-independence, the Janmabhoomi movement was neither a Hindu-Muslim problem nor a political issue. It was an effort by civil society in a free India to obliterate a symbol of colonisation and reclaim Lord Ram's birthplace. The cast of the high voltage drama played out in Ayodhya during 1949-50 was a smorgasbord of characters belonging to divergent backgrounds and disparate professions. KKK Nair and Guru Datt Singh were bureaucrats with Nair belonging to the coveted ICS. Ramchandra Paramhans and Digvijay Singh were mahants and Hindu Mahasabha leaders. Abhiram Das was a naga bairagi. Baba Raghav Das was a local Congress MLA, a Gandhian of impeccable credentials. Bhagwan Sahai, the chief secretary of the province, Premier Govind Ballabh Pant, a well-respected freedom fighter, and Purushottam Das Tandon, another freedom fighter, to name a few were all silent supporters of the bloodless revolution in Ayodhya.

Even at that time, there were a few diehard communists (read left-liberals) and colonial remnants who were alarmed by what was happening in Ayodhya — as they are now. Such people are victims of the "Stockholm Syndrome", wallowing in the psyche of servitude and reminiscing about the times when the locals could be trampled upon in the name of rules and regulations imposed by an oppressive regime. The then Prime Minister, Jawahar Lal Nehru, provided support and leadership to such desperate elements. As a result, the temple reconstruction was delayed by over seven decades and this delay cost the country immensely in terms of human lives, destruction of private and public property and the global perception of India.

Nehru's antipathy was not limited to Somnath or the Ram temple in Ayodhya; it extended to all Hindu temples as such. Delivering his inaugural address at a seminar on architecture in Delhi in 1959, he said: "Some of the temples of the South, however, repel me in spite of their beauty. I just can't stand them. Why? Ido not know. I cannot explain that, but they are oppressive, they suppress my spirit. They do not allow me to rise, they keep me down...". Those inspired by the "Nehruvian consensus" are the ones who opposed the Janmabhoomi movement; and now find it difficult to reconcile with the reconstruction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya.

Logically, the debate on the issue should have ended on November 9, 2019, when a five-member constitutional bench of the Supreme Court in a unanimous verdict put paid to all the arguments that had been used to denigrate the Ram Janmabhoomi movement. But old habits die hard. The colonised minds outlive the colonisers.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PM ON THE FLOOR

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, The gloves are off' (IE, February 8). PM Modi's speeches revealed his strategic analysis of the future of India aimed at decimating the Congress party and challenging regional opposition parties. He quoted Jawaharlal Nehru and other Congress party leaders to show that the country was led by a party that was anti-poor. He also mentioned that the nation has been gaining global recognition under his leadership and then enumerated the roadmap for the future in which the poor, youth, women and farmers will have a better quality of life.

Y G Chouksey, Pune

AFFORDABLE CARE THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Taking cancer on' (IE, February 8). The editorial highlights the promising advancements in homegrown cancer therapy, particularly CAR T-cell therapy in India. While these innovations offer hope for effective treatment with reduced side effects, the editorial emphasises the critical need to address affordability issues. Despite lower costs compared to western treatments, homegrown therapy remains financially out of reach for many in India, exacerbating the growing cancer burden. Urgent action is required to ensure equitable access, including efforts to reduce treatment costs and increase investment in cancer research and infrastructure.

Ambi Dey, Bangalore

OUR STAR BOWLER

days' (IE, February 8). Whether he is ICC's number one ranked bowler or not, he belongs to a different league altogether. Adjectives fail to describe his true genius, In the current India-England series, where spinners are supposed to lead the wickets chart, it is Bumrah who has created havoc in the minds of Bazball batters and that is his sheer class. Since IPL is just around the corner, followed by T20 World Cup, he is to be used judiciously. Bal Govind, Noida

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Bumrah

THE FUSION MOMENT

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Finding harmony' (IE, February 8). The origins of East-West fusion music can be attributed to Anand Shankar, nephew of Sitar maestro Pt. Ravi Shankar. His 1970 fusion album substituted the sitar for the guitar for rock music covers like Jumpin' Jack Flash by The Rolling Stones. The Beatles had also recorded 'Within You Without You' and 'Lucy in the Sky With Diamonds' from Sgt. Peppers in 1967 using the sitar, tabla and tanpura. Against the backdrop of the recent Grammy to Shakti, its original band member Zakir Hussain won yet another award for Indo-Western Jazz number 'Pashto' with master flautist Hariprasad Chaurasia's nephew Rakesh playing the flute. For Indians and fusion global music, this is truly the moment.

Raja Bandopadhaya, Vadodara

In-law dead, Bilkis Bano case convict out on parole a fortnight after surrender

ADITIRAJA& SOHINI GHOSH

VADODARA, AHMEDABAD, FEBRUARY 8

A LITTLE over a fortnight after 11 convicts in the Bilkis Bano gangrape case surrendered at the Godhra sub-jail on January 21 – in line with the stipulated two-week deadlineset by the Supreme Court (SC) – one of the convicts, Pradip Modhiya, returned to his native village of Randhikpur in Dahod district on Wednesday on a fiveday parole granted by the Gujarat High Court following the death of his father-in-law.

The court of Justice M R Mengdey on February 5 allowed Modhiya parole from February 7 to 11. In his plea, moved on January 31, Modhiya had sought 30-day parole due to his father-in-law's death. The prosecution had pointed to the HC that as per jail records, Modhiya had "reported back on time" when he was last released on parole and that his conduct in jail is also "reported to be good".

On Thursday morning, Modhiya was seen running errands in the Randhikpur market by local residents. A villager said, "His father-in-law passed away in the last week of January at Limdi, about 32 km from Randhikpur... He had arrived in the village late Wednesday and stepped out on Thursday."

Speaking to The Indian Express, Deputy Superintendent of Police Vishakha Jain from Limkheda in Dahod said, "The HC has granted parole to the convict and he has returned to his village for five days. As per his parole conditions, he is not required to report

to the Randhikpur police station... The district police has no role to perform during the parole period. He is expected to return on his own to jail.'

According to details pertaining to the parole and furlough granted to the 11 convicts in the Bilkis Bano case - submitted by the state government to the SC in an affidavit in October 2022 -Modhiya has been let out on parole for 1,041 and on furlough for another 223 days while he was serving his life sentence in the case since January 2008.

The affidavit also recorded that of the 19 instances when he was let off on parole, he had surrendered late by a day on three occa-

Modhiya and 10 other life term convicts in the Bilkis Bano case had surrendered at Godhra sub-jail shortly before midnight on January 21, after the SC on January 8 annulled the remission and premature release granted to them by the Gujarat government on August 15, 2022, vide an order dated August 10, 2022.

The Gujarat government had released the convicts as per its 1992 remission policy, based on a May 2022 SC order in a petition filed by one of the convicts, Radheshyam Shah. Bano had challenged the state government's decision before the SC.

The 11 convicts Radheshyam Shah, Jaswant Nai, Govind Nai, Kesar Vohania, Baka Vohania, Raju Soni, Ramesh Chandana, Shailesh Bhatt, Bipin Joshi, Mitesh Bhatt and Pradip Modhiya – had arrived from Singwad in Dahod district to the Godhra sub-jail in Panchmahal in the last hour of their stipulated time awarded by SC.

Sena UBT ex-corporator shot dead on Facebook live; accused kills himself

VIJAY KUMARYADAV& VALLABHOZARKAR MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 8

ABHISHEK GHOSALKAR, 41, former corporator of Shiv Sena (UBT) and son of party's former MLA Vinod Ghosalkar, was shot dead in Borivali, in suburban Mumbai on Thursday evening during a Facebook live, allegedly by his old rival Mauris Noronha, 49, who later shot himself fatally.

Abhishek and Mauris, a busi-

The incident comes a week after the Thane shooting incident, where Ganpat Gaikwad, BJP MLA



Mauris Noronha

station in Ulhasnagar.

Soon after he was shot at on Thursday, Abhishek was rushed to nearby Karuna Hospital, where he died during the treatment.

A senior IPS officer on condi-

tion of anonymity said, "Both Abhishek and Mauris succumbed to their injuries. Abhishek's body will be taken to Sir JJ Hospital for postmortem, while Mauris' body will be taken to Cooper Hospital. We will share more details later."

As the two were on Facebook live when the incident took place, the video of the incident went viral and a total five bullets were heard to have been fired at **Abhishek**

In the four-minute 26-second video of the live video session, the two were seen talking comfortably and telling their audience that they have resolved all their past disputes and were in good terms. "Today we have decided to come together and unite. We have

decided to distribute sari and ration together," Mauris said during the session. "We are distributing sari to 300 working and needy women," Abhishek said during the session. The moment the live session got over and Abhishekgot up, Mauris allegedly fired five bullet that was heard in the video.

Shiv Sena (UBT) MLA and leader Aaditya Thackeray questioned the law and order situation. 'There is a government of goons in the state. There is no law and order in the state. First the firing took place in Kalyan and now in Mumbai," Aaditya said.

Demanding the resignation of Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis who holds the home portfolio, Shiv Sena UBT MP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

JHARKHAND GOVERNOR C P

Radhakrishnan on Thursday de-

nied former chief minister

Hemant Soren's allegation that

he had played a role in Soren's

arrest in an alleged money laun-

claims that he wanted to impose

down as CM, and picked

Champai Soren to succeed him

to the post, just before his arrest

by the Enforcement Directorate

in connection with a "huge

racket of illegal change of own-

ership of land by the mafia".

Despite his arrest, Hemant was

allowed to take part in the new

On Thursday, the Governor

The first allegation he ad-

held a press conference in Ranchi

and addressed a number of is-

sues that came after the arrest of

dressed was related to the delay

in inviting Champai Soren to

form the government. The rul-

the former CM.

The Governor also denied

Hemant Soren had stepped

dering case on January 31.

President's rule in the state.

RANCHI, FEBRUARY 8

JHARKHAND

Sanjay Raut said, "There is a rule of gangsters in Maharashtra. The chief minister and his people meet goons everyday and induct them into their party. The home minister has disappeared and the state is in the hands of gangsters. That is why there is no fear of law and police are left to serve the Shinde gang (faction)."

Potnis said Mauris and Abhishek had a history of dispute. "Abhishek and Mauris had past dispute but recently their dispute was settled...," Potnis claimed.

Shiv Sena (UBT) MLC, Vilas

Sources said that while Abhishek was an ex-corporator, Mauris, too, had political ambitions and was often seen with political leaders.

ing coalition leaders visited the

Governor three times over 26

hours before they were invited

to form government late on

February 1 night. While the

coalition had questioned the de-

lay at the time, the Governor said

on Thursday that "every demo-

tion, and that is why I had asked

for legal advice. A sitting CM was

absconding, as per media reports.

And the next day, he was arrested.

was

on (Hemant Soren's) resignation.

We also received one or two calls

from people saying they do not

support the new government

formation... Even then, we ex-

tended our invitation to

Champai Soren... So, where is

the question of imposing

President's Rule? Writing news

articles about the imposition of

President's rule without verifi-

cation gives a wrong signal to the

people, and it makes a mockery

of everything," he said.

Radhakrishnan said.

followed,"

"It was a very peculiar situa-

cratic norm was followed".

'Did Raj Bhavan ask him to

resign?': Governor denies

his role in Soren's arrest

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8 INDIA ON Thursday strongly re-

interference in

baseless: MEA

Canada elections

Allegations

of Indian

jected as "baseless" allegations of its interference in Canada elections and said that the core issue has been Ottawa's "meddling" in New Delhi's internal affairs. According to Canadian me-

dia reports, the country's federal commission of inquiry into foreign interference is looking to examine allegations of "meddling by India" in the last two general elections.

The official spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs, Randhir Jaiswal, said on Thursday, "We have seen media reports about the Canadian commission enquiring into... We strongly reject all such baseless allegations of Indian interference in Canadian elections."

The Canadian federal commission's terms of reference is primarily to examine the possible interference by China, Russia and other foreign states or nonstate actors in the 2019 and 2021 federal elections, the CTV News reported. "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, Jaiswal said.

"We have been raising this issue regularly with them. We continue to call on Canada to take effective measures to address our core concerns," he said.



Bangladesh Foreign

Minister Hasan Mahmud

India's decision to fence border with Myanmar good for region, says Bangladesh

BJP earned more than

norm

23% more than previous fiscal and

DAMINI NATH NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8

THE BJP'S income in 2022-2023 increased by around 23% from the previous year, with the party earning Rs 2,360.84 crore, which was five times as much as the Congress's income, according to the party's annual audit report submitted to the Election

In 2022-2023, the BJP spent Rs 1,361.68 crore, 80% of which was on "election expenses" (Rs 1,092.15 crore), as per the annual report published by the ECI on Thursday. Out of that, the BJP spent the most on advertisements (Rs 432.14 crore).

In keeping with the previous years' trends, a large portion of the party's income came from electoral bonds. In fact, 61% (Rs 1,294.14 crore) of the income from voluntary contributions (Rs 2,120.06 crore) was in the form of anonymous electoral bonds, the party's annual report shows. The

party closed out the financial year with cash and cash equivalents of Rs 5,424.71 crore to its name, up from Rs 4,456.18 crore in 2021-2022. In 2022-2023, electoral bonds worth Rs 2,800.36 crore in total were sold by State Bank of India, as per an RTI reply by SBI to The Indian Express. The BJP's declaration shows the party received 46% of the total amount of EBs sold that year.

A distant second to the BIP, the Congress had declared an income of Rs 452.37 crore and expenditure of Rs 467.13 crore in 2022-2023, as perits annual audit report published by the ECI on January 31. The Congress's report showed the party had spent Rs 71.83 crore on the Bharat Jodo Yatra.

Registered parties are required to submit their annual audited accounts to the ECI, as well as a list of all donations of Rs 20,000 and above, including name and PAN of the donor. Among the six national parties, the BJP was the last one to submit its 2022-2023 report,

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8

CALLING INDIA'S decision to fence its borders with Myanmar a "good move", Bangladesh Foreign Minister Hasan Mahmud on Thursday said India and Bangladesh were facing the same problem of insurgency and that they should work together.

During an interaction at Vivekananda International Foundation in Delhi, Mahmud said: "Fencing the India-Myanmar border would be good for India and the region as I think there is insurgency (flowing) from Myanmar. In recent weeks, hundreds of people fled from Myanmar to India and Bangladesh. That is why the Indian government decided to

go for it (fence the border)." Later, in another interaction with the media at the Foreign Correspondents' Club of South Asia, he said: "We have discussed this issue and I think we should work together on it because it's a common problem."

Mahmud said 1.2 million "forcibly displaced" Rohingya refugees was a "burden" on Bangladesh and sought India's assistance for their repatriation to Myanmar.

He said the refugees are creating environmental and security problems besides other difficulties for Bangladesh.

Mumbai: Extortion racket 'mastermind' has past crime record, say police; ED says no official involved

HIREN BHAGAT, better known as Romi Bhagat (50), a Khar resident, allegedly at the centre of an extortion bid on a builder arrested by Mumbai crime branch, has had at least four cases registered against him by the Mumbai Police in the past, an officer said. Between January 21 and 31,

It was alleged that the complainant

The builder alleged that in a meeting held at a café, Dhanuka along with other accused threatened to get an Enforcement Directorate (ED) case registered against him if the amount was not paid. The complainant approached the state home department following which an FIR was registered at the Bandra police station which led to six arrests. Dhanuka, named as an accused, is currently at large.

Eyebrows were raised when during raids conducted at Romi's residence, the police found ED documents, as per a re-

Bhagat would appear before victims claiming to represent an ED official and threaten that a case would be registered against the person if money was not

police, one of the accused has been identified as "an ED person". Sources in the ED - which has also

registered an offence in the matter - is also carrying out an inquiry in the matter. The ED said that the agency so far has found no involvement of any of their personnel in the alleged extortion racket.

The accused person falsely boasted about his connection with an ED officer to threaten the victims. To rule out any connection of ED personnel with the said case, the agency checked multiple CCTV footage of the places where the al-

Police sources said that Romi is one of the top "liasoning agents" and has close links to some politicians and government officials.

nessman who resides in Borivali, had recently patched up and were at the Facebook live together.



Abhishek Ghosalkar and

from Kalyan (E), shot at Shiv Sena Eknath Shinde group functionary Mahesh Gaikwad inside a police

NITISH CALLS ON ADVANI

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar meets former deputy prime minister and veteran BJP leader L K Advani at the latter's residence in New Delhi, Thursday. PTI

THREATS OF 'POACHING', SPEAKER YET TO RESIGN

Political mind games continue ahead of Bihar trust vote

SANTOSHSINGH PATNA, FEBRUARY 8

WITH DAYS to go for the Bihar trust vote on February 12, the NDA government led by Nitish Kumar and the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) are engaged in mind games. Speaker Awadh Bihari Choudhary has yet to step down from his position, with the RID saying that the Nitish government is "precari-

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ously placed" and hinting at more changes in political equations in the state. The BJP, meanwhile, has warned of "stem action" if horse-

trading is attempted. An RID leader told The Indian Express, "It is always safe to have our Speaker in a situation when the Nitish government is precariously placed. The Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular), which has been supporting the govern-

ment, looks non-committal.

Some ID(U) MLAs also look upset with Nitish changing sides."

The Mahagathbandhan has 114 MLAs in the 243-member Assembly, eight short of a simple majority. Even if Jitan Ram Manjhi's Hindustani Awam Morcha backs it, the Opposition alliance will be four short of the majority mark. The NDA has the support of 128 MLAs, including Manjhi's party and one Independent MLA.

Chhattisgarh: 12-year-old girl

dies by suicide, teacher held

HOURS AFTER being pulled up by a schoolteacher for

rested the teacher on charges of abetment to suicide.

plinary in-charge, got to know about the girls not attend-

ing the last class and took disciplinary action by seizing their

According to the police, the girl told her mother she was

not feeling well and went to her room, Around 9,30 pm

when she did not respond to phone calls, her mother went

would be asked to come to school," said a police officer.

her two friends bunked the last period.

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EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

RAIPUR, FEBRUARY 8

gion on Tuesday.

The other scenario in which the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government can fall is if legislators in the ruling alliance break ranks. Deputy CM Samrat Choudhary of the BJP on Thursday said, 'The NDA government will comfortably win the trust vote. It is the Opposition that needs to worry about keeping its flock together." On Tuesday, Samrat Choudhary had warned the RJD of any "stern action", saying, "Lalu

government's floor test in the Prasad should know I am well aware of his party's vulnerability Assembly on February 5, during to a split, though the BIP does not which he alleged that Raj Bhavan believe in such tactics." was involved in his arrest.

About the Speaker, he said, "It is only amatter of time before the Speaker, against whom all NDA MLAs have moved a no-confidence motion, is replaced. Either he will resign or face the ignominy of being voted out in the House where a majority of members do not have faith in him."

'TIRED OF WAITING' FOR SEAT-SHARING DEAL

AAP announces 3 candidates for Lok Sabha polls in Assam

SUKRITA BARUAH

bunking the last period in school, a 12-year-old girl died by suicide in Ambikapur city in Chhattisgarh's Surguja re-On Wednesday, based on her suicide note, the police ar-The minor studied in a co-ed convent school in Ambikapur city. On Tuesday around 2,30 pm, the girl and The 45-year-old accused teacher, who is also the disci-

the Opposition INDIA bloc. identity cards. "The girl got frightened that her parents

> The party, which has previously not contested any parliamentary or Assembly elections in Assam, is part of the INDIA bloc nationally and is also one of 15 parties in the United Opposition

> The United Opposition Forum had been stitched together even before the INDIA bloc was launched, and it had announced that it would field consensus candidates to all 14 Lok Sabha seats in the state. None of the other parties in the alliance -Congress, TMC, RJD, CPI(M), CPI, and regional parties like Akhil

Gogoi's Raijor Dal and Lurinjyoti Gogoi's Assam Jatiya Parishad have announced candidates in

Of the 14 current MPs from Independent.

Sandeep Pathak made an official announcement declaring its Choudhury as its Guwahati can-Manoj Dhanowar as its Dibrugarh candidate, and state organising secretary Rishiraj date. Having claimed these three seats through its announcement, the party sought to appear to leave the ball in its alliance partners' court, saying that it hoped the INDIA alliance would give

"We have quite little time left for Lok Sabha elections... That's why AAP is announcing three candidates from Assam for the Lok Sabha elections..." Pathak said.

GUWAHATI, FEBRUARY 8

SAYING IT is "tired of talking" about seat-sharing with alliance partners, the Aam Aadmi Party's central leadership on Thursday announced candidates for three out of Assam's 14 Lok Sabha seats. At the same time, the party insisted that it is "strongly" with

AAP has not yet announced any candidates from either Delhi or Punjab, states where the party is in power.

Forum alliance in Assam.

the state.

Assam, nine are from the BJP, three are from Congress, one is from the All India United Democratic Front, and one is an On Thursday, AAP's national general secretary (organisation)

president Bhaben didate, state vice-president Kaundinya as Sonitpur candi-

these seats to AAP.

Rs 2K crore in 2022-23

five times as much as Congress

Commission of India.

which was dated January 12.

कारपोरेशन लि० ई-निविदा गुना इस कार्यालय द्वारा निम्नलिखित ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। जिसका विवरण ई-टेण्डर की वेबसाईट:

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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER (ROADS), PUBLIC WORKS ROADS DEPARTMENT, ASSAM, GUWAHATI-03

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to check on her and

found the door

locked from inside.

On breaking the

door, the girl was

registered under sec-

tion 305 of the IPC

and the teacher has

been arrested. She is

in judicial custody,"

said Ambikapur city

"An FIR has been

found dead.

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The Chief Engineer (Roads), PWRD, Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3 invites Re-Bids on behalf o Governor of Assam for 1 (One) no. of Package for Construction of Roads and Bridge projects under SOPD-G for the year 2023-24 in Sivasagar Districts of Assam amounting to Rs. 4.36 Crores (approx. including GST etc. from approved & eligible Contractors registered with PWRD, Assam.

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the bidders.

Chief Engineer (Roads), PWRD Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3.

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the crime branch arrested six persons with Bhagat being the latest in connection with the extortion case.

builder was asked to "settle" a dispute regarding redevelopment of a property by paying Rs 164 crore to another builder Satish Dhanuka, who was to develop the property earlier.

mand report submitted in court.

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MONETARY POLICY REVIEW

RBI targets inflation at 4% for sustainable economic growth

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 8

RESERVE BANK Governor Shaktikanta Dason Thursday emphasised on achieving the fourper cent inflation target as stable and low inflation at four per cent for providing the necessary bedrock for sustainable growth.

"Headline inflation moderated to an average of 5.5 per cent during April-December 2023 from 6.7 per cent during 2022-23. Food price inflation, however, continued to impart considerable volatility to the inflation trajectory," he said while unveiling the monetary policy review.

"In contrast, the deflation in consumer price index (CPI) fuel deepened and core inflation (CPI inflation excluding food and fuel) moderated to a four-year low of 3.8 per cent in December," he said. The decline in core inflation continued to be broad-based with inflation remaining steady or softening across its constituent groups and sub-groups.

The medium-term target for CPI inflation is 4 per cent within a band of plus or minus 2 per cent, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) said.

Retail inflation surged to a fourmonth high of 5.69 per cent in December driven by higher prices of food items such as pulses, spices, fruits and vegetables, data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) showed.

Headline inflation has re-

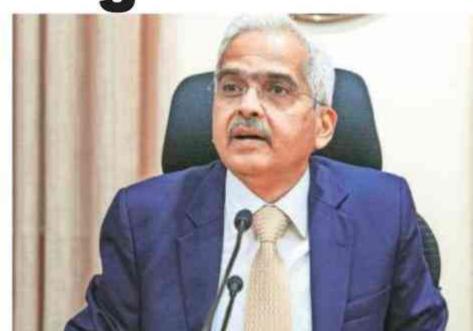
RBI asks banks, NBFCs to reveal more details to retail, MSME borrowers

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to ask banks and other regulated entities (REs), including non-banking finance companies (NBFCs), to provide more transparency and details on pricing of loans and other charges levied on retail and medium, small and micro enterprises (MSME) customers.

The RBI has decided to mandate all REsto provide the 'Key Fact Statement'(KFS)to the borrowers for all retail and MSME loans. "Providing critical information about the terms of the loan agreement, including all-inclusive interest cost, will greatly benefit the borrowers in making an informed decision," it said. ENS

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RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das delivers the Monetary Policy statement, at the RBI headquarters in Mumbai Thursday. PTI

mained high and has seen considerable volatility, moving in a range of 4.3 per cent to 7.4 per cent during the current financial year. "Recurring food price shocks could interrupt the ongoing disinflation process, with risks that it could lead to de-anchoring of inflation expectations and generalisation of price pressures. Adding to these are the renewed flash points on the geo-political front, including supply chain disruptions. Importantly, the CPI inflation target of 4.0 per cent is yet to

be reached," Das said. Das said the inflation trajectory, going forward, would be shaped by the outlook on food inflation, about which there is considerable uncertainty. Adverse weather events remain the primary risk with implications for the rabi crop. Increasing geopolitical tensions are leading to supply chain disruptions and price volatility in key commodities, particularly crude oil, he said.

On the positive side, the progress in rabi sowing has been satisfactory and augurs well for the season. Prices of key vegetables, especially onions and tomatoes, are registering seasonal price correction. Taking into account these factors, the RBI has projected retail inflation at 5,4 per cent for the current year (2023-24) with Q4 at 5.0 per cent. The policy panel has projected retail inflation for 2024-25 at 4.5 per cent with Q1 at 5.0 per cent, Q2 at 4.0 per cent, Q3 at 4.6 per cent and Q4 at

Sensex dips 1% on policy, inflation, FMCG woes

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 8

BENCHMARK INDICES on Thursday fell by up to one per cent as the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) set a hawkish tone in the monetary policy, triggering worries that the central bank is likely to keep the policy restrictive for a longer time amid inflation concerns.

BSE Sensex fell 724 points to close at 71,428.43 and the NSE Nifty plunged by 213 points to settle at 21,717.95 on nervous selling.

"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," said Prashanth Tapse, Senior Vice President (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd.

4.7 per cent.

Analysts said selling intensified after the RBI's monetary policy announcement in the first half with heavy selling in private banking scrips leading the slump. Banking industry has been facing liquidity issues in recent times and with the central bank's decision showing no signs of interest rate cut in the near term, investors slashed their positions in financial stocks, Tapse said.

The RBI has projected retail inflation at 5.4 per cent for the currentyear(2023-24)withQ4at5.0 per cent. The policy panel has projected retail inflation for 2024-25 at 4.5 per cent, higher than the

four per cent target set by the RBI. The ripple effect was seen in the government 10-year yield, which inched higher to 7.08 per cent. FMCG, banks and auto de-

Why MPC kept repo rate unchanged? rate at which RBI lends money to for financial year 2024-2025 (FY **GEORGE MATHEW &** banks to meet their short-term

HITESH VYAS

MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 8

AS EXPECTED, interest rates on home, vehicle, personal and other loans in the banking system will remain unchanged with the sixmember Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) keeping the main policy instrument, reporate, unchanged at 6.5 per cent in a 5:1 majority decision in its bimonthly policy review.

The central bank also retained the stance of the monetary policy as 'withdrawal of accommodation' in a 5:1 majority decision. The central bank has retained the headline inflation forecast at 5.4 per cent for the current fiscal as uncertainty persists on the food prices front.

However, Jayanth Varma, member of the MPC, differed with other members and voted for 25 basis points (bps) reduction in reporate and changing the policy stance to 'neutral' from 'withdrawal of accommodation'.

What will happen to lending, deposit rates?

Interest rates on loans and deposits are largely likely to remain unchanged as of now. Certain segments of the retail loans are expected to cost more as the RBI recently hiked the risk weights on retail loans and many banks raised marginal cost of fund-based lending rate (MCLR). All external benchmark lending rates that are linked to the reporate will not rise. It will provide some relief to borrowers as their equated monthly instalments (EMIs) will not rise.

However, as banks are under pressure on the deposit growth front due to competition from mutual funds, deposit rates are likely to rise in certain buckets.

Why has RBI kept the reporate unchanged?

The six-member rate-setting panel, headed by Governor Shaktikanta Das, has decided not to tinker with the reporate – the funding needs - to manage and balance the retail inflation and growth.

A major reason for the continual pause in the reporate hike is because retail inflation continues to remain above the 4 per cent target of the RBI. Retail inflation (CPI) rose to 5.55 per cent in November from 4.87 per cent in October and 5.02 per cent in September, and further reached 5.69 per cent in December. Even in FY25, the RBI has forecast a 4.5 per cent retail inflation. "Going forward, the inflation

trajectory would be shaped by the evolving food inflation outlook. Rabi sowing has surpassed last year's level. The usual seasonal correction in veg-EXPLAINED etable prices is con-

tinuing, though unevenly. Yet considerable uncertainty prevails on the food price outlook from the possibility of adverseweather events," Das said.

This is the sixth monetary policy on the trot when the MPC has kept the repo rate unchanged at 6.5 per cent. Last time, the repo rate was raised from 6.25 per cent to 6.5 per cent in February 2023.

Anu Aggarwal, President and Head, Corporate Banking, Kotak Mahindra Bank said, "the sustained pause in the reporate hike is poised to benefit India's economic trajectory positively. Moreover, the remarkable growth in capital expenditure witnessed in FY24, coupled with robust capex push by the government underscores a pivotal moment for economic resurgence. The capex push also aligns with the broader endeavour to propel India towards achieving its \$5 trillion economy milestone."

What's the basis of 7 per cent GDP projection?

While stating that domestic economic activity is strengthening, the policy panel has projected a lower GDP growth of 7 per cent 2025), down from 7.3 per cent projected by the National Statistical Office (NSO) for FY24.

"Headwinds from geopolitical tensions, volatility in international financial markets and geoeconomic fragmentation pose risks to the outlook," Das said. Taking all these factors into consideration, the MPC has projected real GDP growth for the first quarter (Q1) of 2024-25 at 7.2 per cent, Q2 at 6.8 percent, Q3 at 7.0 per cent and Q4 at 6.9 percent. However, the government has

projected nominal GDP growth higher - including the pace of inflation — of 10.5 per cent in the Interim Budget presented on February 1 as against 8.9 per cent in 2023-24. The high nominal growth helps the govern-

ment bring down fiscal deficit.

Nominal GDP refers to the GDP evaluated at current market prices without excluding the pace of inflation. However, it can inflate the growth figure. "Looking ahead, recovery in

rabi sowing, sustained profitability in manufacturing and underlying resilience of services should support economic activity in 2024-25. Among the key drivers on demand side, household consumption is expected to improve, while prospects of fixed investment remain bright owing to upturn in the private capex cycle, improved business sentiments, healthy balance sheets of banks and corporates and the government's continued thrust on capital expenditure," the MPC said.

GDP growth in the second quarter of the current financial year has been significantly higher than market and RBI's forecasts at 7.6 per cent, translating to a robust growth of 7.7 per cent in the first half of FY24. "We expect a moderation in growth in the second half of the year given the impact of El Nino on rainfall in the current year and its consequent effect on agricultural output and rural demand. Some of the high frequency indicators such as two-wheeler and FMCG sales as well as higher demand for MGNREGS reflect a weakness in rural incomes," Suman Chowdhury, Chief Economist and Head, Research, Acuité Ratings & Research.

Whythere's no change in the policy stance?

The RBI has retained the policy stance as the 'withdrawal of accommodation' despite the deficit in the liquidity in recent weeks. "Our stance of withdrawal of accommodation should be seen in the context of incomplete transmission and inflation ruling above the target of 4 per cent and our efforts to bring it back to the target on a durable basis," Das said. However, analysts said there

is a strong case for the RBI to change its stance from "withdrawal of accommodation" to "neutral". Financial condition has tightened a lot in the last few quarters. Real rates are reasonably high and likely to increase further as inflation is trending down. Liquidity condition has also tightened with banking system liquidity running in deficit of over Rs. 2 lakh crore on daily basis.

"Its impact is clearly visible in the money market with AAArated PSU banks issuing threemonths CDs at more than 120 bps above the reporate. In the last five years, this spread has been close to 30-50 basis points," said Pankaj Pathak, Fund Manager, Fixed Income, Quantum Asset Management.

The RBI is expected to maintain the system liquidity at a slightly deficit level to ensure better transmission of interest rates and this has been in evidence in November. "With higher govt. bond redemptions scheduled in the current month and also the likelihood of higher FPI flows, the RBI may consider the deployment of tools like OMO to suck up additional liquidity from the market," said Chowdhury. FULL REPORT ON

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Telecom spectrum worth ₹96,000 cr to be up for grabs

FEBUREAU

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8

THE UNION Cabineton Thursday approved the next telecom spectrum auction across multiple bands at a reserve price of ₹96,317.65 crore. Atotal of 10,523.15 MHz spec-

trum across 800 MHz, 900 MHz 1800MHz, 2100MHz, 2300MHz, 2500 MHz, 3300 MHz and 26 GHz bands, will be put to auction While the government did not announce a timeline, the spectrum auction is expected to be conducted in the next few months. "The leftover spectrum in the

2022-23 auctions, the one which is getting expired in 2024, and the spectrum which has been surrendered by companies, will be put to auction," said Anurag Thakur, minister of information and broadcasting. With a certain quantum of

spectrum held by Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea due for renewalthis month (at the end of a 20-year lease period), the Cabinet has also approved fresh allotment of spectrum to the companies till the time auctions are conducted This has been done to avoid any disruption in the telecom serv-

In the interim period, Airte and Vodafone Idea can continue to use the spectrum by paying the last auctioned determined price.

According to analysts, for Airtel, renewal of spectrum is due in 900 and 1800 MHz bands in six circles — Uttar Pradesh (East) Uttar Pradesh (West), West Bengal, Assam, Bihar, Jammu and Kashmir, and Odisha. For Vodafone Idea, the licence is expiring in two circles — West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh (West).

From the upcoming auction, DoT is expecting a subdued response from telcos as demand is expected to be restricted to airwaves which will be up for renewal in some circles. The government is not expecting anything beyond ₹10,000 crore revenue from the upcoming auc-

tions, according to officials. "The next spectrum auction will be a limited auction because an already large part of the spectrum required by the industry was auctioned last year. Every financial year, we are trying to have one auction, communications and IT minister Ashwin Vaishnaw had said earlier this month. 'This will not be as big as the last round. This will be a significantly smaller auction," he added.

The Cabinet has also approved allocation of additional 5 MHz Capital Region Transport

'Action on Paytm due to persistent non-compliance' One 97 Communications, sources

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 8

THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) on Thursday said that the action on Paytm Payments Bank (PPBL) was taken due to persistent noncompliance and that there is no worry at the systemic level.

The central bank will soon issue a frequently asked question (FAQ) which will provide all clarification on the Paytm Payments Bank issue, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said. This comes a day after the central government urged the RBI to issue an FAQ for the customers of the bank.

"Let me put the record straight... There is no worry about the system at the moment. Here we are talking about a specific in-



RBI soon will issue FAQs for Paytm Payments Bank customers

stitution, a payments bank," Das said when asked if there is any risk

to the entire fintech sector.

On January 31, the RBI barred PPBL from accepting deposits or top-ups in any customer account, prepaid instruments, wallets, FASTags, and NCMC card after February 29 in the wake of per-

sistent non-compliances and material supervisory concerns.

Therewas non-compliance of various regulatory guidelines including those related to know your customer (KYC), concerns over anti-money laundering and not maintaining a distance with

group company,

non-compliance. Such actions are invariably preceded by months and, at times, years of bilateral engagement where we not only point out deficiencies but also provide more than adequate time for them to take corrective action," RBI Deputy Governor Swaminathan J said. He said the RBI will act to safeguard the interests of the ultimate consumer and to protect the stability of the financial system.

Das said, in general, the RBI's emphasis is on bilateral engage ment with the regulated entities (REs), with a focus on nudging them for corrective action. The RBI gives sufficient time to the REs to undertake such action.

spectrum in 700 MHz band for Indian Railways for Kavach technology. Additional 5 MHz spectrum in 700 MHz band has also been approved for National

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Sebibans 10 entities for share rigging via TV

New Delhi: Sebi on Thursday barred 10 entities, including guests experts, appearing on a business news channel from the securities market and directed seizure of unlawful gains of Rs 7.41 crore made by them through alleged stock manipulation. In its probe, Sebi found that few guest experts shared advance information pertaining to recommendations to be made by them with certain entities called "profit makers" before the broadcast of the recommendations on Zee Business. PTI

LIC posts 50% rise in Q3 profit

Bengaluru: Life Insurance Corporation of India reported a nearly 50 per cent rise in third-quarter profit on Thursday, as it moved more money to a shareholders' fund. LIC, country's largest insurer, posted a profit after tax of Rs 94.44 billion (\$1.14 billion) for the quarter ended December 31, up from Rs 63,34 billion a year ago.

India likely to begin LNG supplies to Sri Lanka by end of next year

SUKALPSHARMA BETUL (GOA), FEBRUARY 8

INDIA IS likely to start supplying liquefied natural gas (LNG) to Sri Lanka by the end of next year and will eventually establish an offshore regasification terminal at the Colombo port. The supply which will be done using tankers that will be shipped to Colombo - as well as the terminal construction and operation will be done by India's largest LNG terminal operator Petronet LNG. Petronet LNG will supply

around 850 tonnes a day of LNG, or super-chilled gas, to Sri Lanka for five years, during which it plans to build and commission a floating storage regasification unit (FSRU), which is essentially a regasification unit housed on a vessel, Petronet LNG's Chief Executive Officer Akshay Kumar Singh told reporters at India Energy Week in Goa. The firm is looking to supply around 350,000 tonnes of LNG to the island nation every year.

"The requirement is almost 50 containers per day and we will have to take it through barges there...then again regasify there (using a vapouriser). So, 50 tankers (one tanker is around 17 metric tonnes)...need to be transported per day to Sri Lanka," Singh said, adding that the average frequency

of supply will be once in two days using ships that can accommodate 100 such tankers.

Sri Lanka has been scouting for LNG for running gas-based power plants and use it in other industries, and has now agreed to take supplies from Petronet LNG. As for the planned FSRU, it has been under discussion for years, and is finally likely to see the light of day some time in 2028.

"We have not finalised the investment plan but it (FSRU) may roughly cost around Rs 2,500 crore," Singh said. Petronet LNG will prepare a detailed feasibility report (DFR) once the Sri Lankan government gives a formal approval to the FSRU project.

Petronet LNG has long-term LNG purchase agreements from Qatar and Australia, and operates two land-based regasification terminals at Dahej in Gujarat with a capacity of 17.5 million tonnes per annum(mtpa)anda5-mtpa unit at Kochi in Kerala. The LNG supply to Sri Lanka will be done from the Kochi terminal, helping the unit increase its capacity utilisation levels. While the Dahej terminal usually clocks high capacity utilisation levels, the Kochi unit has been struggling due to lack of requisite pipeline network to supply

Singh said that the company and its promoters-Indian Oil

regasified LNG to industries.

Corporation, GAIL, Bharat Petroleum Corporation, and Oil and Natural Gas Corporation—are looking at sourcing more gas through long-term contracts, given Petronet LNG's additional regasification capacity that is expected to come on streamin a few years. On Tuesday, Petronet LNG extended its 7.5-mtpa long-term LNG contract with QatarEnergy for another 20 years beyond 2028. Petronet LNG is expanding the

Dahej terminal's capacity by 5 mtpa to 22.5 mtpa. Around 4 mtpa capacity at Kochi, which is not being utilised, will also see high capacity utilisation by next year. Additionally, Petronet LNG will be building a 4-mtpa FSRU at Gopalpur in Odisha. "So naturally, there will be a re-

quirement for more gas," Singh said, but did not give details of how much additional volumes Petronet LNG plans to purchase through long-term contracts. He, however, indicated that Petronet LNG and its promoter companies could be in the market for over 10 mtpa of additional LNG through long-term contracts. Around 80 per cent of India's LNG imports are through long-term deals, while the remaining is through spot contracts. Long-term LNG contracts are

more stable in terms of pricing, while spot contracts are more prone to price volatility.

In India, momentum around developers, development is unbelievable, says Nadella

BIJINJOSE BENGALURU, FEBRUARY 8

MICROSOFT CHIEF Executive Officer (CEO) Satya Nadella on Monday said that India is second to the US when it comes to the total number of developers on GitHub and it is going to cross that in 2027, making it the place with the maximum number of developers. In terms of generative artificial intelligence (AI) projects on GitHub by Indian contributors, it is next to the US.

"India is a place where the momentum around developers and development is unbelievable," Nadella said to a packed crowd full of developers at an event in Bengaluru on Thursday. The underlying theme of the high-stakes event has been the democratisation of Al, making it accessible and transforming lives and society at large. "It is awesome to see the human capital of the country embrace this new platform and effectively lead this new platform shift," he added. "If you take 70 years of computing, one of the dreams has always been: Can we create computers that can understand us versus us understanding

computers? I think we may be

finally there with the break-

through of natural language,' the Microsoft CEO said.

Nadella said developers tend to digitise people, places, and things, but with AI, things are changing. "We put into data models, query it, and essentially all our computing is getting up in the morning and digitising. Now, we have a new tool in our arsenal, think of it as a neural reasoning engine that can find patterns and give us that predictive power," he said.

Nadella emphasised that developers need to understand the power of platform shifts as they are key to why we take these as inputs that drive economic growth in India. "Something like 10 per cent of India's GDP growth can come from this output. And, that's what grounds us in our mission to empower every person and every organisation in India to be able to achieve more and take advantage of this platform shift."

Nadella went on to describe the key components of Al transformation opportunities for Indian organisations, which include enriching employee experience, reinventing customer engagement, reshaping business processes, and bending the curve on innovation.

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EVERYDAY ECONOMICS

How ride-hailing cabs charge you, what Karnataka order can change

AGGAM WALIA

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8

THE KARNATAKA government has announced uniform minimum fares for appbased cabs and city taxis depending upon the cost of the vehicle, and disallowed surge pricing.

The order, issued on February 3 and effective immediately, may lead to higher earnings for cab drivers. However, it can disrupt India's crowded ride-hailing market, in which companies have innovated and differentiated their business models to gain a competitive edge.

Be it the fare settlement mechanism or the booking process, companies such as Uber, Ola, BluSmart, and inDrive offer similar services in significantly different ways. The ride-hailing companies will now have to rework their business models in Karnataka, and look for new ways to remain competitive.

What does the Karnataka transport department's order say?

It specifies minimum fares based on three slabs of vehicle costs.

For vehicles that cost up to Rs 10 lakh, the minimum fare has been fixed at Rs 100 up to 4 km, and Rs 24 for every subsequent kilometre. For vehicles that cost between Rs 10 lakh and Rs 15 lakh, the minimum fare up to 4 km is Rs 115, and an additional Rs 28 for every subsequent kilometre. For vehicles costing more than Rs 15 lakh, the initial 4 km will cost a minimum of Rs 130, and an additional Rs 32 for every kilometre there-

The order makes no distinction between types of vehicles (sedans, SUVs, etc), and does not consider the availability of features like airconditioning.

Also, fares are based only on distance travelled, not on the time taken. This implies that surge pricing, which is the hiking of fares during peak hours, is also not allowed. But the order does allow for a 10% surcharge on trips between midnight and 6 am.

How will the order impact Uber, Ola, and BluSmart?

Uber and Ola together command the bulk of India's ride-hailing market. Both companies offer an upfront fare which consists of the base rate, and rates for estimated time and distance of the route. The fare also factors in the current demand for rides in the area. This third component is determined by an algorithm that automatically increases the cost of the trip based on the demand for rides in the user's locality. Once the user selects the vehicle and the corresponding upfront fare, the app connects them to a nearby driver.

By disallowing surge pricing and price determination on the basis of time taken, the Karnataka order fundamentally alters Uber's and Ola's price settlement mechanism.

Also, Uber and Ola fares are based upon vehicle type and not vehicle cost, as mandated by the order. It is not clear how the two companies plan to alter their business models to adhere to the order.

Unlike Uber and Ola, the ride fares of BluSmart, which offers rides on battery-run vehicles, are not sensitive to fluctuations in demand. BluSmart, which currently operates only in Delhi-NCR and Bengaluru, has fixed rates for specified distance slabs.

For its Delhi market, BluSmart additionally applies a distinction between relaxed and rush hours. Thus, a BluSmart cab for a 6-km ride during rush hours in Delhi costs Rs 199, but only Rs 149 during relaxed hours. For city rides up to 6 km in Bengaluru,

BluSmart charges a flat rate of Rs 199. For rides between 6 and 9 km, it charges Rs 249, and so on. For airport rides and rentals, BluSmart follows the same system, albeit with different rates.

As per the order, the minimum fare for a 6 km ride in a car costing between Rs 10 lakh and Rs 15 lakh would be Rs 171. Still, among the major ride-hailing companies, BluSmart

is likely to be the least affected by the order: it has no surge pricing, and it already only considers the distance travelled.

What about in Drive?

inDrive's ride-hailing model is significantly different, as there is no predetermined trip fare thrust upon the passenger and the driver, inDrive only recommends a base fare which is subject to in-app negotiation between passengers and drivers to reach a mutually agreed fare. The recommended fare takes into account the normal cost per kilometre, the normal cost per minute, and the cost of the driver coming to the pick-up location.

inDrive's recommended fare does not include any algorithm-based surge charge. The company says that for peak-hour rides, drivers themselves can negotiate a higher price. At all times, the ride is confirmed only after both the passenger and driver agree on

The Karnataka order requires inDrive's

UPA AND NDA YEARS: WHAT SOME CRUCIAL NUMBERS SAY

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2014-15

2015-16

2016-17

2017-18

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2019-20

2020-21

2021-22

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2023-24

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rate(%)

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AVERAGE OF NDA YEARS

Source: MoSPI and CMIE, *(as a % of Nominal GDP)

GDP growth

Real GDP Fiscal

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base fare to match the minimum fares prescribed by it. While it does not impose any restrictions on additional negotiations between rider and driver, a higher fixed base price might make trips with inDrive more expensive.

"In our experience, fixed rates don't necessarily lead to increased ride opportunities for drivers or improved vehicle availability for passengers," Arijit Das, inDrive India's public policy head said.

Will the Karnataka order allow drivers to earn more?

The order does not specify commission rates for ride-hailing companies. Currently, Uber and Ola can charge up to 30% of the ride fare as commission. inDrive charges 10%. BluSmart drivers are paid weekly, and their earnings are linked to the business they do on the platform. If the commission rates stay at these levels, the higher minimum fares set by the order can improve drivers' earnings.

EXPLAINED POLICY

NEW GUIDELINES TO MAKE CINEMA HALLS ACCESSIBLE TO THOSE WITH DISABILITIES

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8

THE MINISTRY of Information & Broadcasting last month came out with 'Accessibility Standards in the Public Exhibition of Feature Films in Cinema Theatres for Persons with Hearing and Visual Impairment', and invited stakeholder comments on the draft till February 15.

These guidelines are applicable for those feature films that are certified by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) for commercial public exhibition in movie theatres. Once notified, the guidelines will require production houses and movie theatres to either run dedicated shows for the impaired, or ensure special provisions in theatres so they can enjoy the cinema experience like anyone else.

Why the guidelines?

The proposal quotes Sections 29 and 42 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, which mandate the government to take measures to promote universal access in the information and communication sector. This includes access to films for persons with hearing and visual disabilities.

As per the Census 2011, 2.21% of the total population in India has been marked as 'disabled', of which 19 per cent are visually impaired, and another 19 per cent have hearing disabilities.

What do the guidelines propose?

According to the proposed guidelines, two versions of the same film will have to be delivered for certification to the CBFC: a standard version, and a version with special accessibility features - audio description, open/closed captioning, and Indian Sign Language Interpretation.

After both versions are certified, movie theatres can either hold dedicated screenings with accessible services, or use certain specialised equipment during standard shows to facilitate the viewing experience for the hearing and visually impaired.

Such equipment can include smart glasses for displaying captions, closed caption stands near the seats, a separate small screen below the big screen to display captions, headphones for audio description, and specialised mobile apps. Theatres need to make available at least two such equipment per 200 seats.

Moreover, cinema owners, in consultation with organisations for disabled persons, also have to train their staff to serve customers with disabilities.

How will the guidelines be implemented?

The licensing authorities will monitor places under their jurisdiction to ensure that accessible seats are provided. The I&B Ministry will also set up a committee to monitor the implementation of these rules, with at least 50% of the members being persons with hearing/visual impairment, and the rest being representatives from the film industry.

Grievances can be filed with the licensee of the respective cinema theatre, and further be escalated to the licensing authority. The CBFC will also annually collect and publish information about different accessible services provided.

When do they come into effect?

Films dubbed in more than one language would be required to provide at least one accessibility feature each for the hearing impaired and visually impaired, within six months from the date of implementation of these guidelines.

Feature films submitted for consideration in the National Film Awards, in the Indian Panorama Section of the International Film Festival of India, Goa, and Mumbai International Film Festival have to include closed captioning and audio description with effect from January 1 next year.

All other Feature Films being certified through CBFC and meant for theatrical releases would be required to provide accessibility features within three years from the date of issue of the guidelines.



EXPLAINED ECONOMICS

What white paper says—and doesn't

The govt has come out with a white paper on the Indian economy, comparing its performance over 10 years with the UPA decade. It has attacked its predecessor for 'abandoning reforms' and 'policy paralysis'

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AVERAGE OF UPA YEARS

UDIT MISRA

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8

FINANCE MINISTER Nirmala Sitharaman presented a "white paper" on the Indian economy in Parliament Thursday. The document, which has been prepared by the Ministry of Finance, essentially compares the 10-year record of economic governance under the Congress-led UPA governments (between 2004-05 and 2013-14) with the 10year record of the BJP-led NDA governments (between 2014-15 and 2023-24).

What is a white paper, and is this one? A white paper typically provides infor-

mation about a specific issue. A government may present a white paper - say, on black money - to make people aware of the nature and scope of the problem and the possible ways to resolve it.

In that sense, what was presented in Parliament is not exactly a white paper, because it is a comparison between the record of two governments on a variety of economic parameters. A comprehensive review of the state of the Indian economy as things stood in 2014, when the incumbent government first took charge, would have been a white paper on the economy.

Why is it being presented now?

The document explains why the white paper is being presented at the end of 10 years instead of at the start. "Our government refrained from bringing out a white paper on the poor state of affairs then. That would have given a negative narrative and shaken the confidence of all, including investors. The need of the hour was to give hope to the people, to attract investments, both domestic and global and to build support for the muchneeded reforms."

What is its objective?

There are four stated objectives.

One, it seeks to inform everyone "of the nature and extent of governance, economic and fiscal crises that were bequeathed" to the NDA government when it assumed office in 2014.

Two, it informs about "the policies and measures that (NDA) government took to restore the health of the economy" since 2014.

Three, it "hopes to generate a wider, more informed debate on the paramountcy of national interest and fiscal responsibility in matters of governance over political expediency."

Narendra Modi's speech on last year's Independence Day, "to commit ourselves to national development, with new inspirations, new consciousness, new resolutions, as the country opens up immense possibilities and opportunities."

What does it say?

The white paper was

Sitharaman. PTI/File

presented in Parliament by

Finance Minister Nirmala

The 58-page white paper has three main

Part 1 discusses the macroeconomic situation during the 10 years of UPA rule. Part 2 provides the "current status of the various corruption scams of the UPA government". Part 3 shows how the NDA "turned the economy around".

Here are some of the most important claims in the white paper.

The UPA Government inherited a healthy economy ready for more reforms, but made it non-performing in 10 years.

UPA abandoned economic reforms. In a quest to maintain high economic growth by any means after the Global Financial Crisis of 2008, UPA severely undermined the macroeconomic foundations. For instance, it underscores high inflation, high fiscal deficit (or the money borrowed to meet

expenses), and high proportion of bad loans

in the banking system that dragged down

■ Not only did UPA borrow heavily from the market, but the funds raised were apinterest payments) halved from 31 per cent in FY04 to 16 per cent in FY14." This ratio stands at 28% in the current year. The resulting "neglect of infrastructure creation and challenges of the logistical constraints caused industrial and economic growth to stumble."

as a per cent of total expenditure (excluding

Health expenditure of Indian households showed very little improvement.

Defence preparedness was hampered by policy paralysis. "By 2012, shortage of combat-ready equipment and ammunition was a chronic issue plaguing our forces," quotes the document from another of PM Modi's speeches in 2018.

UPA's decade was marked by "policy misadventures and scams such as non-transparent auction of public resources (coal and telecom spectrum), (and) the spectre of retrospective taxation..."

A substantive part of the documents goes on to claim how things have improved under the NDA. It uses data from the International Monetary Fund to show how "average headline Inflation has been lower in the NDA decade". Or how many of the schemes - such as construction of toilets or opening of bank accounts — achieved higher results during the NDA decade.

What is the upshot?

Analysing the performance of any economy over two decades, even when they are Four, and it quotes Prime Minister plied unproductively. "Capital expenditure aligned back to back, is a daunting task, This

is so because a variety of factors affect not just the economy but also how we meas-

For instance, a very big reason why domestic inflation was very high during the last couple of UPA years and immediately subsided during the first two of NDA is the cost of crude oil, which ranged between \$111 and \$105 a barrel between FY12 and FY14, and then fell to \$84 in FY15 and to \$46 in FY16.

Indeed, on aggregate, data shows that India registered better GDP growth as well as lower fiscal deficits during the UPA time.

The NDA government has several genuine achievements to its credit - such as the GST and IBC — but the white paper ignores all that is amiss with the economy. For instance it does not even contain the word "unemployment". This was when the government's own Periodic Labour Force Survey showed that unemployment had reached a 45-year high in 2017-18.

Similarly, it makes no mention of the fact that there has been no formal measure of poverty since 2011. Or that this government has failed to conduct the decadal Census the first such miss since 1881, Also, a white paper on the Indian economy over two decades does not have a single chart on GDP growth over this period.

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Court reserves verdict: debate around subcategorisation within SC quota

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8

A SEVEN-JUDGE Constitution Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud Wednesday reserved judgment in the sub-classification among Scheduled Castes (SCs) case.

Some states have argued that despite reservation, some castes are underrepresented compared with 'dominant' Scheduled Castes. They want to create a separate quota for such castes within the SC quota of 15%.

In 2004, a five-judge Constitution Bench in E V Chinnaiah v State of Andhra Pradesh held that under Article 341 of the Constitution, only the President can notify which communities get reservation, and states don't have the power to tamper with this.

A number of states have now returned to the Supreme Court to argue against this decision, claiming they do have the power to make sure reservation benefits are distributed to communities that need them the most. The respondents, on the other hand, argue that all Scheduled Castes must be treated equally.

The beginning

In 1975, Punjab issued a notification dividing its 25% SC reservation at that time into two categories. In the first category, seats were reserved solely for the Balmiki and Mazhabi Sikh communities, which are still among two of the most economically and educationally backward communities in the state. Under the policy, they were to be given first preference for reservation in

education and public employment. While the notification remained in force

for nearly 30 years, it ran into legal hurdles in 2004, when a five-judge Constitution Bench, in the Chinnaiah case, struck down a similar law introduced by Andhra Pradesh in 2000 for being violative of the right to equality. Two years later, the Punjab & Haryana High Court in Dr. Kishan Pal v. State of Punjab struck down the 1975 notification.

The appeal

LAW In October 2006, Punjab attempted to bring back the law by passing the Punjab Scheduled Caste and Backward Classes (Reservation in Services) Act, 2006. This Act reintroduced the first preference in reservations for the Balmiki and Mazhabi Sikh communities.

struck down this provision. The Punjab government then moved the Supreme Court. In 2014, the Supreme Court in Davinder

In 2010, the High Court once again

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economic activity.

In 2020, the Constitution Bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra held that the court's 2004 decision required reconsideration.

to a five-judge Constitution Bench.

Reconsidering Chinnaiah

The ruling disagreed with the premise that Scheduled Castes are a homogeneous group

Singh v State of Punjab referred the appeal

and said there are "unequals within the list of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and socially and educationally backward classes."

Crucially, since the EV Chinnaiah decision, the concept of a "creamy layer", which puts an income ceiling on those eligible for reservations, has trickled down to SC reservations too, from OBCs. In the landmark 2018 ruling in 'Jamail Singh v Lachhmi Narain Gupta', the Supreme Court upheld the concept of

"creamy layer" within SCs too. States have argued that the sub-classification is essentially an application of the creamy layer formula.

Since the Davinder Bench was also of five judges (same as E V Chinnaiah), a sevenjudge Bench is now hearing the issue.

Arguments from both sides

The Advocate General of Punjab, Gurminder Singh, argued that EV Chinnaiah was mistaken when it held that states could not tamper with the classes that comprised the Presidential list under Article 341.

Highlighting the language in Article 16(4), he pointed out that it allows the State to provide reservations for backward classes who are not "adequately represented" in State services. Additional Advocate General of Punjab Shadan Farasat pointed out that the recently introduced Article 342A on the Constitution made it clear that the Chinnaiah

decision could no longer apply. This provision specifically empowers States and Union Territories to maintain a list of Socially and Economically Backward Classes which may be different from the Presidential list.

Senior Advocate Sanjay Hegde, appearing for the respondents, argued that all the communities included in the Presidential list suffered from the "taint of untouchability", and the Constituent Assembly made a choice not to enter into comparisons of who suffered the most.

He then claimed that if a community named in the Presidential list did not receive reservation benefits, they would only be left with the stigma of being a Scheduled Caste. Another intervenor argued that states did not have the discretion to ignore some Scheduled Castes in favour of others.

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or write to Dy. Director (LAB) H or

Director (H) -1, D Block, 3rd Floor

Sd/- B.B.N.DEO, Advocate

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Greens, 15, Shivaji Marg, Moti

A residential Apartment bearing CGH-086, Parking No. PH-1023 & PH-3069, at DLF

Nagar, New Delhi-110015 was jointly

purchased by Lt. Smt. Sumithra Acharya

W/o Late Sh Admar Vedevyas Acharya &

Mr. Ramesh Acharya R/o B-7/30/1,

Safdarjung Enclave New Delhi from M/s

DLF Home Developers Ltd. Smt. Sumithra

Acharya was expired on 10.10.2022,

leaving legal heirs as daughters Ms. Lata

Raghvendra Rao, Ms. Ashis Acharya & son

Mr. Ramesh Acharya. Ms. Leta

Raghvendra Rao & Ms. Asha Acharya

relinquish their rights in the captioned

apartment in favour of Mr. Ramesh

Acharys & accordingly name Ramesh

anybody has objection or any claim on this,

he or she may approach M/s DLF Home Developers Ltd., DLF Centre, Sansad

Marg, N.D.-110001 or the undersigner

within 21 days from the publication of this

notice, falling which it shall be deemed tha

there are no claims against the said

Apartment Prashant Neel (Advocate)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Priya Jyoti W/o Mr. Manish Rai, R/o

405, 5th Floor, Sant Nagar, East of

Kailash, New Delhi-110065, the general

public is informed that she is the owner

and in possession of Left Side Portion of

the Terrace Rights of Second Floor

measuring 108 Sq. Yards, (out of total

trea 228 Sq. Yarda), being part of

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Village Garhi Jharia Maria, colony

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110065, by way of SALE DEED dated

18th May, 2023, registered in the office

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Regn. No.3,085, in Book No.1, Vol.

No.2,498, on page 46 to 58, dated

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Seven) days from the publication of

RAMESH KUMAR

Mob. No.9810029482

Enrolment No.D/2421/99

Advocate

14/16 Punjabi Bagh Extension,

N.D. 110026 (M): 9911959222

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I, hitherto known as NITISH alias

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I, Shiva Goyal S/o Raj Kumar Goyal

R/o C-5/145A Keshavpuram Delhi

110035, solemnly affirm and

declare that Shiva and Shiva

Goyal is one person. My India

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I, Vineet Kumar S/O. Rakesh Gupta R/O. 1/10336,S/F,Gali No- Gorakh Park Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have changed my name to Vinit Gupta.

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I,VIKASH MALIK,S/O SHRICHAND SINGH, R/O FLAT.NO-H-2106.KW-SRISHTI NH-58,NOOR-NAGAR,RAJ NAGAR EXTENSION, GHAZIABAD UTTAR PRADESH 201017, changed my name to VIKAS MALIK. 0040712838-1

I,Uzma Akhtar,W/o Salman Akhtar,R/o M-13m,Street.No-6/6, Jogabai Ext, Jamia Nagar, Okhla, New delhi-110025, have changed my name Uzma. 0040712844-1

I,Telender Lakra S/o, Ajit Singh Lakra R/o,H.No.15,Near Masjid, Mundka, Delhi-110041, have Changed my-minor daughter's name Marshneel to Marshneel Lakra. Aged-14-years.

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I,Tasmeet Kaur Rekhi,D/o Mahander Pal Singh R/o-406, Hero Bhawan, Bhola Nath Nagar, Shahdara Delhi-110032.have changed my name to Tasmeet Kaur, for all purposs. 0040712843-2

I,Tanya Tanwar D/o Rameshwar Singh Tanwar, R/o:WZ-377, Basai Dara Pur, New Delhi-110015 Have Changed My Father's Name from Ramesh Tanwar to Rameshwar Singh Tanwar for all Purposes

0070887770-1

I,Suresh Chander, S/o. Sugan Chand R/o-B-1/7, Mianwali Nagar Paschim-Vihar Delhi-87.have changed my name to Suresh Kumar Gupta, permanently. 0040712843-8

I,Sonal Guru,W/o Aditya Raj,R/o Villa.No-VB 15,Tata Primanti, Sector-72, Gurgaon Haryana-122001, have changed my-minor son's name, from Aabir Raj to Aabirr A Raj.

0040712844-2

I,Sher Singh, S/o Avtar Singh, R/o A-13, First Floor, Gali. No-22, Mahendra-Park, New Delhi-110033, have changed my name Sher Singh Bedi. 0040712844-3

I,Sheetal Dalal,W/o Abhishek Maru Address-E-2,201,golf link residency, pocket 2, sector-18B,Dwarka,new Delhi-110078. Changed my name to Sheetal 0040712822-3

I,Sakira w/o.Mohammad noumaan, R/o. 485, Masjid chakkar wali, mathura road, Hazrat Nizamuddin, New Delhi-110013 have changed my name to SHAKIRA BEGUM

permanently. 0040712843-6 I,SHAIDA KHATUN, W/O. MAQSOOD ANSARI, ADD-3/480, DAKSHINPURI-EXTN, SOUTH DELHI-110062, changed my name to SAIDA KHATOON, for

all, future purposes. 0040712843-4

I,SARVIND,S/O JAGDEESH,R/O GRAM-MAKHANIVADA, POST-ORIYA.ORIA. KANPUR DEHAT. UTTAR PRADESH 209204, have changed my name, from PINTU to SARVIND, for all, future 0040712843-1 purposes

I,SANTOSH,W/O VINOD KUMAR KAROTIA,R/O H.NO.G-620, BLOCK-G JAITPUR BADARPUR, SOUTH DELHI-110044.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME, FROM SANTOSH TO SANTOSH DEVI.VIDE-AFFIDAVIT IN-DL4085054937000W, DATED 08/02/2024, BEFORE NCT-DELHI. 0040712822-9

I,Ruchi Wadhwa/Ruchi Wadhwa Sharma, W/O Vishal Sharma R/O,3516, Sector-23, Opposite Sbi Bank Gurugram Haryana-122017, have changed my name to Ruchi Sharma. 0040712817-2

I,Rohlt S/o Sh.Ved Prakash Dhiman,R/o H.No.1778,Sector-4. U.E., Gurugram, Haryana-122001, That I have changed my name Rohit to Rohit Dhiman, for all Future Purposes. 0040712844-4

I,Ritu/Ritu Chaudhary,W/o Harish Kumar R/oH.No-40, Baprola Nazafgarh, New Delhi-110043, have changed my name Ritu Chaudhary, for all 0040712846-2 purposes.

I.Rani Kumari W/o Abhishek Gupta,R/o Plot.No-202,Nawada Vipin Garden, Delhi -110059, changed my name to Rani

Gupta. 0040712843-10 Mohinder Paul S/O, Sh. Sewa Ram Jagdev R/o Flat No. 213, Pragati Apartments Gh-68, Sector-55, Gurgaon-122011

Haryana have changed my name to Mohinder Paul Jagdev.

0040712333-1

I Raju Alias Raju Mourya S/o Avodhva Prasad R/o A-1/31-A. Sharma Colony, Budh Vihar Phase-2, Budh Vihar, Delhi-110086, have changed my name to Raju Maurya

0070887705-1

I,Ramneet Kaur Saggu,W/o Malkeet Singh Saggu, R/o House.No.90,Bharat Nagar, New Delhi 110052, have changed my name to Ramneet 0040712822-5

I,Rajesh Kumar Arora,S/O

Manohar Lal Arora.R/O

nagar, Sonipat, Haryana, have changed my name to Rajesh Arora, for all purpose. 0040712843-7 I, Narendar Singh S/o Jagdish Prasad R/o L-1st-10/516-

B, Sangam Vihar, South, Delhi,

to Narender Kumar.

110062, have changed my name

H.no.34,near shiv mandir Tara

0040712822-2 I,ANUPAMA GUPTA.W/O RAKESH KUMAR GUPTA R/O-N-1704 SUNRISE GREENS AHINSA KHAND-1 VTC, INDIRAPURAM GHAZIABAD, UP-201014, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO

ANUPA MA TRIPATHY 0040712843-3

I,Meenakshi Joshi,W/o-Prashant Joshi, D/o-Umesh Chandra Pathak, R/o-F1/A36, Bharat Appt., Ext. II, Shalimar Garden, Sahibabad, GZB-201005, will continue with the name as Meenakshi Pathak for all purpose and correspondence. 0040712845-2

I.Md.Noor Alam Ansari Son of Abdur Razzague Ansari, R/O F-49, Gali, No-10, West Jawahar Park Shakarpur, Delhi-110092, Have changed my name to Noor Alam Ansari, permanently

I.Krishn Mohan Jha S/o Ishwar

Nath Jha R/o 2304, Tower-6,

Lotus-Panche, Sector-110,

0040712817-7

Noida-201301 have changed my name to Krishna Mohan Jha for all purposes. 0040712748-1 I,Komal Dhillon,W/o-Kunal Dhillon,R/o-A-426,Shastri Nagar,ashok vihar, Delhi-

110052, have changed my name

from Komal, to Komal

Dhillon, for all future purposes. 0040712844-5

I,Kamia Sharma alias Kamal Sharma,W/o-Late Sh. Radhe Shyam Sharma, R/o-H.No.20.Gali No.19.Chandu Park, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051, declare that Kamla Sharma and Kamal Sharma are both my names and same person and shall be known as Kamla Sharma in future.

I.KHUSHBOO D/O TRIVENI MISHRA R/o-1042-E, Inder, Gali East, Babarpur Shahdara, Delhi-110032, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as MRS. KHUSHBOO MISHRA in my Punjab National Bank Service Records. The actual name of mine is KHUSHBOO

0040712844-7

I,Jagmohan Singh Sandhu, S/o Avtar Singh Sandhu, R/o-B-3, Gurudwara Bala Sahib, Ashram, Delhi-14,have changed my name to Jagmohan Singh. 0040712844-6

I,JAN MOHAMMED S/O DIN MOHAMMAD R/O R-818,N-BLOCK, MANGOLPURI, DELHI-110083.HAVE CHANGED MY NAMETO JAAN MOHAMMAD.

0040712822-1

I,HARINDER KUMAR, S/o Late Pyare Lal, R/o A/71, J.J.Colony, Sector-7, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075 that my name got recorded in my children School Record as HARVINDRA SINGH, my name got recorded in my educational document as HARVINDER KUMAR and I am presently known as HARINDER KUMAR.

0040712838-2

I,DAVINDER SINGH, S/O GARIB SINGH,R/O M-3/24,MOHAN PARK, MODEL TOWN-3, DELHI-110009.HAVE CHANGED MY

NAME TO DEVINDER SINGH. 0040712817-1

I,Birender,S/o Rajpal,R/o-434, Tarla Mohalla, Ghitorni, Village & Post office-Mehrauli Delhi, have changed my name to Birender Kumar, for all 0040712817-5 Purposes.

I,Ashish Sharma, S/o-Shri niwas, Address-Kh.no.11/17. plot.no.7B/8,C-block Naveen palace najafgarh Delhi-110043, have change my-minor child-name jayant to jayant 0040712822-4 sharma

I.Anii Kumar Rajput S/o Mitthulal, R/o A-26, Giri Marg, Mandawali Fazalpur, Delhi,have changed my name to Anil Kumar. 0040712846-1

I,Abhishek Kumar Gupta,S/o Raiendra Prasad Gupta.R/o Plot No-202, Nawada Vipin-Garden, Delhi-110059, Changed my name to Abhishek Gupta.

0040712843-9

I, Yashasvi S/o Amit Kumar R/o 220, New Mohanpuri, Meerut have changed my name to Yashasvi Thakur. 0070887763-1

I, Vijay Singh s/o Shri Lallu Singh r/o Q-41, Uttam Vihar Uttam Nagar New Delhi-110059 MY ACTUAL AND CORRECT NAME IS VIJAY SINGH.THAT VIJAY AND VIJAY SINGH BOTH ARE ONE AND SAME NAME PERSON. THAT IT IS MY TRUE AND CORRECT STATEMENT

0040712787-1

0070887709-1

I,Kamlesh Shatma,W/O Bhagwan Dev Sharma, R/O House.no-D-963 Ground-floor New Friends-Colony, New Delhi-110025 Have changed my name to Kamlesh Sharma, Permanently. 0040712817-6

I Chanchal Sharma W/o Tilak Raj R/o A-485, Sector-19, Noida, Gautam Budha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301, have changed my name to Chanchal Bhola

, VANDANA CHAWLA W/o Praveen Madaan, R/o QU-45C, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to VANDANA MADAAN for all purposes

0040712795-1 I, SHREERAM PRAJAPATI, S/O JAGDAMBA PRASAD, R/O,H.NO-449, SECTOR-8 R.K.PURAM, NEW DELHI-110022, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME, FROM SHREERAM PRAJAPATI TO SHRI RAM, VIDE-AFFIDAVIT IN-DL40851338150675W, DATED 08/02/2024, BEFORE NCT-DELHI.

I, Prerak Aggarwal S/O Mukesh Aggarwai, R/o Flat No.-234, Kamal Vihar CGHS Plot No.-5, Sector-7, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Prerak Aggarrwal.

0070887720-1 I, Parul, D/o Med Singh, R/o 52, Sultanpur, New Delhi 110030, have changed my name to Parul Sabharwal

0070887774-1

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I, Nimish son of Baldev Raj Arora, holder of Indian Passport No Z6489581 issued at Delhi on 26/11/2021, Permanent Resident of Barakhera, Gadarpur, U.S.Nagar, Pin-263152, Uttarakhand, India and presently residing at 157 Binder Twine Trail, Brampton, Ontario, Canada L6X 4V6 do hereby change my name from Nimish to Nimish Arora, with immediate effect.

0040712747-1

I, Madan Kumar Misra S/O Bateshwar Misra, R/o 21/2, Shanti Mohalla, Shanti Marg, Mandawali, Fazalpur, East Delhi, Delhi- 110092, Declare that name of Mine and My Wife has been wrongly written as Madan Mishra and Jyoti Mishra in my minor Daughter vani Mishra, aged about 6 Years, In her birth Certificate. The actual name of Mine and My Wife are Madan Kumar Misra and Jyoti Kumari, which may be amended accordingly.

0070887766-1

, MAKSOOD ANSARI, S/O. DARUD ANSARI, ADD-3/480, DAKSHINPURI-EXTN, SOUTH DELHI-110062, changed my name to MAQSOOD ANSARI, for all, future purposes

0040712843-5

I, Ishfaq Ahmad Din S/O-Abdul Gaffar Din R/O- Ruhoo, District-Anantnag. In my PAN Card my name has been wrongly mentioned as wrongly mentioned as Ishfaq Ahmad Deen instead of Ishfaq Ahmad Din as per my Aadhaar Card. It needs correction. Objections be filled to concerned authorities within seven days.

0020471742-1

I, Ashok Kumar, S/O Rishi Pal Singh R/O H.No 24A, Flat no 203/04,SF, Sai Glory Apartments, Gali No 2, Mohit Nagar, New Delhi 110078 have changed the name of my minor son from Akshit Kumar to Akshit Tondak for all future purposes.

0040712744-1

I. Anita Verma W/o Amit Kumar R/o 220, New Mohanpuri, Meerut have changed my name to Anita Kumar.

0070887762-1

I, Amit Verma S/o Shyam Singh R/o 220, New Mohanpuri,

Meerut have changed my name to Amit Kumar.

0070887764-1 I. Amit Kumar R/o 220, New Mohanpuri, Meerut have changed my minor daughter

name from Kirti to Kirti Thakur. 0070887761-1

I, ALEYAAMMA W/o No.6292868S Rank HAV Late ULAHANNAN PM R/O 65-C, POCKET J&K, DILSHAD GARDEN, DELHI-95 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ALEYAMMA JOHN VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATE 8.2.2024 BEFORE DELHI

0070887760-1

IR. Mani alias R. Mani Yadav alias Sethu Ramalingam alias Mani RS/o Shri Raman Konar permanent R/o No. 4/263, 5th Cross Street, Santhi Nagar, Palayamkottai, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu -627002 and present residing at RZ-3A/4, Indra Park, Street No. 22, Palam Colony, New Delhi - 110045 have changed my name to Sethu Ramalingam alias Mani R for all purposes.

0040712484-2

I hitherto known as Ridhi Chugh D/o Ashok Kumar Chugh and W/o Rahul Chopra residing at D-21, Upper Ground Floor, Rana Pratap Road, Adarsh Nagar, Delhi-110033, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ridhi Chopra.

0070887714-1

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Pearl D/o Sh.Vishnu Garg W/o Sh.Prateek Gupta R/o Flat No.80, Kamakshi Apartment, Plot No.28, Sector-6, Dwarka, South West Delhi, Delhi-110075 have changed my name to Pearl Gupta for all purposes.

I Manish Kumar S/o Sh. Joginder Singh R/o House No.11, Pana Mamurpur, Narela, Delhi-110041 have changed my name to Pooja in future being a transgender for all purposes.

I, AMIT OBEROI, ADD C-102 APEX

ACACIA VALLEY VAISHALI.SECTOR-3 GHAZIABAD-201010, U.P. have changed my minor daughter name AASTHI to AASTHI OBERO, for all future purposes. 0040711703-2

PUBLIC NOTICE This is to notify publically that my client Mrs. Amina, Wio Late Mr. Shijauddin, R/o E-9, DDA Flats, Asaf Ali Road, Turakman Gate, Delhi-110006, has disowned & debarred her son Ayaz Umar, who is in rehabilitation center and her daughter-inlaw Ms. Amreen, W/o Ayaz Umar, R/o 2148/49, Opp. Chaurasi Ghanta Mandir, S ta Ram Bazar, De h -110006 from her

SALIM ALVI (Advocate) Ch. No. 529, Saket Court, New Delhi-17

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They both are not under the control of my

client therefore my client has severed a

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My dient Rajender Kumar S Late. Sh. Om Prakash R/o H. No 96. Savitri Nagar, New Delh 110017, has severed his al elation and disowned/debarre his sons Ajay Kumar and Sagar and their wives from his al movable-immovable properties and assets. My client shall not be responsible for their any acts and

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Sd/- (AYYUB AHMAD) ADVOCATE Ch.No. 457, Lawyer's Chambe Block, Saket Court Complex New Delhi-110017

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on the OUAT website: www.ouat.ac.in.

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW for Engagement of CMPs Employment Notice No.: 01/2024 (MED)/CMP/CKP-24 South Eastern Railway, Chakradharpur Division, Govt. of India, Ministry of Railway intends to engage 08 (Eight) posts (UR-03, OBC-02, SC-01, ST-01 & EWS-01) of full time Contract Medical Practitioner (CMP-GDMO)/Specialist of [Eye/Specialist-01] Orthopedic Surgeon-01 & Physician (MD)-01] at Railway Hospital in Chakradharpur Division purely on contract basis for a period of one year. The contract shall be for one year from the date of entering into contract. The contract is not extendable on any grounds. However, the Railway Administration reserves the right to enter into fresh contract with the CMP upto 12 consecutive terms on year to year basis or till the regular incumbent joins or attaining the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier. Candidates shall be selected through a 'Walk-in-Interview". Remuneration (i) Rs. 95,000/- pm (for 1st year) & Rs. 1,05,000/- pm (from 2nd year onwards) for the Specialist Doctors in the requisite field, (ii) Rs. 75,000/- pm for General Duty Medical Officer & (iii) Rs. 75,000/- pm for retired Govt. Doctors (Railway/Central/State) subject to the condition that Contractual Remuneration + Pension drawn by the Retired Doctor should not exceed the last Pay drawn at the time of retirement . The "Walk in-Interview" shall be held on 16.02.2024 at 10.00 hrs. at office of the Chief Medical Superintendent, South Eastern Railway, Chakradharpur, P.O. - Chakradharpur, Dist. - West Singbhum, PIN-833102 (Jharkhand). Desirous Candidates may visit our website www.ser.indianrailways.gov.in (go to

(PR-1119) Divisional Railway Manager (P)/Chakradharpur South Eastern Railway

Division>Chakradharpur>personnel>notification) for details.

Moreover, corrigendum or addendum or cancellation, if any, shall

be published on the above website only. Please follow our

website periodically. Willing candidates may appear for "Walk-In-

Office of Superintending Engineer, 6th Circle, HP PWD, Kullu-175101 Ph. 01902-222530, Fax:01902-222299. E-mail:hp-kul@nic.in PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJNA (PMGSY) CORRIGENDUM

Interview" at the above time and venue.

The percentage rate bid invited in electronic tendering system, vide this office letter No.PW/SEV1/Bud/PMGSY/e-Tender PMGSY-III-2023-2024-14210-309 dated 24-01-2024 and arrended by this office Corrigendum No.PW/SEVI/Bud/PMCSV/c-Tender PMGSV-III/2023-24-14655-754 dated 02:02:2024 the ollowing corrigendum has been made for the below mentioned work. The updated details may be read as under-Name of work 1) Up-gradation of Banjar Bathad road Km.0/0 to 20/0 Package No.HP-06-152, (2) Up-gradation of Damothi Bharthidhar road Km.0/0 to 10/0 Package No.HP-06-153 (3) Up-gradation of Dhoru Plach road Km.0/0 to 6/0 Package No. HP-06-154 Up-gradation of Sainj Neoli Cartah road Km.0/0 to 10/020 Package No./IP-06-162 (SH2- Improvement, passing places, R-walls, B-walls, Missing Cross Draining, side drain, Parapets Crash barrier, Panel CC Pavement, Tarring and road signs etc. I/c 5 year maintanance) under PMGSY-III Batch-I 2023-24 number FDR Technology) Estimated Cost (in lacs) Construction Cost:- Rs.3490.97, Maintenance Cost:- Rs.305.11 Total Work Cost - Rs.3796.08 Bid Security (in lucable, 2% of total cust Period of Completion 24 Months 09-02-2024 ts 03:00 PM. Date & Venue of Fre-Bid Meeting At O/O Chief Engineer(M.Z.), HPPWD Mandi or through Video Conferencing 09-02-2024 at 10:00 AM Date of availability of hid document Last date & Time for receipt of Bid through 19-02-2024 at 5:00 PM e-tendering.

कार्यपालक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, रामगढ

20-02-2024 at 11:30 AM

-:: शुद्धि पत्र ::-

पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, रामगढ़ अन्तर्गत आमंत्रित निविदा Detailed survey, designing and drawing, Construction of UGR, GSR, Supplying and laying Clear Water rising main & Distribution Main, Compound wall, Pump House, Supplying and Installation of Centrifugal pump motor with allied works etc. all complete job for Restructuring & Augmentation of South Eastern Part of Gola Block (Barlanga Village) Rural Water Supply Scheme in Block Gola District Ramgarh under D.W. & S. Division Ramgarh on turnkey basis: PR No:-317715 Drinking Water and Sanitation (23-24)#D @

Sl. No.	Particulars		After Amendment
1	वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	Date:-	08.02.2024 at 01.00 PM
2	निविदा प्राप्ति (ऑन लाईन बिडींग) की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय	Date:-	15.02.2024 upto 05.00 PM
3	सरकार के सचिव, सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी एवं ई—गवर्नेस, झारखण्ड मंत्रालय, के ज्ञापांक—120 दिनांक— 03.10.2023 के आलोक में विपत्र का मूल्य एवं अग्रधन की राशि Online जमा करने की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय	Date:-	15.02.2024 upto 05.00 PM
4	तकनीकी बिड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	Date:-	16.02.2024 upto 05.00 PM

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कार्यपालक अभियन्ता पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल

Superintending Engineer,

6th Circle HP.PWD Kullu

PMGSY Superintending Engineer, 4th Circle, HPPWD, Winterfield, Shimla H.P., 171003

Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department UNDER PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY-III) e-Procurement Notice

The Superintending Engineer, 4th Circle, HPPWD Shimla-171003 on behalf of Governor Himachal Pradesh invites the Percentage Rate bids in electronic tendering system for construction of roads under Prachan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-III in the district of Shimla for the following package from the eligible contractors registered with HPPWD/CPWD/P&T,

Railways/other state Govt. /Central Govt agencies. Name Package Name of work Estimated cost Total of Distt. construction in Rupeas (in lacs) Cost in security in Days Rupees (in facs) part (excluding (excluding (in lacs) (excluding GST) GST) GST) Shimla HP-09-Up-gradation of Janedghat 1011.85 84.56 lacs 21.93 road Km. 0/0 to 1096.41 14/070.(SH: ROFD Protection lacs: works. Cross drainage works, Metalling and Tarring, Paver Block, V-shape drain, Parapets, Crash Barries Road safety, Km. Stone & dumping site Rd. 0/0 to

14/070 Km. (Package No. HP-Non-registered bidders may submit bids, however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with

appropriate authorities before signing the contract. Cost of form in Rupees 5000/- for Per Package (non-refundable) (Online) 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 Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying

The technical bids will be opened in the office of Superintending Engineer, 4th Circle, HPPWD, Winterfield, Shimla

H.P., 171003 on 21.02.2024 at 1500 hours. Submission of Original Documents: Nil The site for the work is available

Last Date/ Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement: 21.02.2024 upto 1400 Hours.

All the required materials like Cement/Steel/Bitumen/Explosive etc. shall be arranged by Contractor at his own level. Also, the bidder is not required to quote his rate for routine maintenance. The rates to be paid for routine maintenance are indicated in the Bidding Document. Further, the payment for routine maintenance to the contractor shall be regulated based on his performance of maintenance activities as per e-Marg.

The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than ninety days after the deadline date for bid Bidders may bid for any one or more of the works mentioned in the Table above. To qualify for a package of contracts made up of this and other contracts for which bids are invited in the same NIT, the bidder must demonstrate having experience and

resources sufficient to meet the aggregate of the qualifying criteria for the individual contracts. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The Employer shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidder's responsibility to verify the website for the latest

information related to the tender. For further details please log on to http://pmgsylendershp.gov.in The undersigned has right to extend or cancel the bids without declaring any reasons there-of. Superintending Engineer

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Fax: 0177-2805097. Tel: 0177-2653455.

advertisement but not later than 29.02.2024 through Regd. post/by hand. A copy of the Application Form must be sent to the D.C.D.C., M.D. University, Rohtak within due date. Note: Only eligible candidates/applicants whose Application Form is/are received in the institute as well as in the

for the interview. President Governing Body

Online Bid Opening date and time

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The other terms and conditions of the bid shall remain unchanged.

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आवश्यक सूचना

PR.NO.-002204 (NiNi) 2023-24

विज्ञापन सं0-07/2023 से 36/2023 (व्यवसाय अनुदेशक के विभिन्न पदों)

श्रम संसाधन विभाग, बिहार पटना, अन्तर्गत निदेशालय, नियोजन एवं प्रशिक्षण (प्रशिक्षण पक्ष), बिहार, पटना के अधीनस्थ विभिन्न औद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण संस्थानों में व्यवसाय अनुदेशक के रिक्त पदों पर ITI योग्यताघारी अभ्यर्थियों की नियुक्ति हेतु दिनांक-06.02.2024 को आयोजित परीक्षा के प्रश्न-पत्र पर दिनांक-09.02.2024 से 11.02.2024 तक अभ्यर्थियों से Online Portal पर आपत्ति प्राप्त किया जाना है।

उक्त से संबंधित विस्तृत दिशा-निर्देश एवं आपत्ति Portal का लिंक आयोग के Website- www.btsc.bih.nic.in पर प्रकाशित की जायेगी। अभ्यर्थियों को निदेश है कि आयोग के Website का सत्त अनुश्रवण करते रहेंगे।

उक्त सूचना www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar पर भी देखी जा सकती है।

PR- 17117 (B & C) 2023-24

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प्रभारी सचिव, बिहार तकनीकी सेवा आयोग, पटना।

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER (BUILDING) PUBLIC WORKS DEPARRTMENT, NIRAMAN BHAWAN, Plot No. 27-28, Arera Hills, BHOPAL

PHONE No. 0755-2559571 E-mail:-apdpiubhopal@gmail.com BHOPAL DATE 30/01/2024 NIT No. 26/2023/Tender/G/CE(B)/ Online bids for the following works are invited from registered contractors and firms of repute fulfilling

S. No.	Tender Portal No.	Name of work	District	Probable Anmount Contract (Rs. in lakh)	Money Deposit (EMD) (in Rs.)	Cost of Bid Document (in Rs.)	Period of completion (in months Ve Rainy Season)
1	2	3	4	5	- 6	7	8
1	2024_PWPIU_ 330195_1	Consultancy for supervision and Quality control Services for Construction of Various Building of Various Department at Raisen	RAISEN	9000.00	180000	12500	24 Month i/c Rainy season
2	2024_PWPIU_ 322048_2	Construction Of Govt. Higher Secondary School At Chitawar Tehsil-Sironj District- Vidisha. (Second Call)	VIDISHA	117.52	117520	12500	12 Month i/c Rainy season
3	2024_PWPIU_ 329076_1	ZONAL TENDER FOR SMALL CONSTRUCTION WORK, BALANCE WORK AND P.G. REPAIRING WORK UNDER DISTRICT-VIDISHA	VIDISHA	105.22	105220	12500	12 Mosth i/c Rainy season

- 1 All details relating to the Bid Document (s) can be viewed and downloaded free of cost from the website http://mptenders.gov.in Bid Document (s) can be purchased after making online payment of portal fees through Credit/Debit/Cash
- Card/internet Banking. The Bid Document (s) can be purchased only online from 10:30 (time) 30.01.2024 (date) to 17.30 (time)
- 14.02.2024 (date). Other key dates may be seen in Bid Data Sheet.

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

CHIEF ENGINEER (BUILDING) P.W.D. BHOPAL M.P.

G-23974/23

Covt. of Bilbar

Bihar Medical Services & Infrastructure Corporation Limited (A Govt. of Bihar Undertaking)

2" & 3" Floor, Swasthya Bhawan, Behind IGIMS, Sheikhpura, Patna-800014 RE-TENDER NOTICE

Re-tender for empanelment of agencies for supply of stationary Notice Inviting Re-tender Ref No.: -BMSIC/10035/04-23/02

(Only through E- Tender on website: -https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

Bihar Medical Services and Infrastructure Corporation Limited (BMSICL) invites E-Bids from the interested agencies for "Re-tender for empanelment of agencies for supply of stationary". Detailed tender document containing eligibility criteria, selection mechanism, other terms and conditions are available on the website https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in. Tender Schedule

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Bid Submission Start Date	From 16/02/2024, 11:00 AM on https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in.
Pre- Bid Meeting Date & Place.	On 19/02/2024, 03:00 PM at Conference Hall of BMSICL, Swasthya Bhawan, Behind IGIMS, Sheikhpura, Bihar, Patna.
Bid Submission Last Date	Up to 04/03/2024, 05:00 PM on https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in
Last date and time for submission of EMD (Only in the form of BG) in hard copy (Offline mode) & tender document	Up to 05/03/2024, 03:00 PM in the office of BMSICL, Patna.
Opening of Technical Bid	05/03/2024, 03:30 PM on the e-proc2 Portal

BMSICL reserves the right to amend or withdraw any of the terms and conditions contained in the Tender document or to reject any or all tenders or annul the tender process at any stage without giving any notice or assigning any reasons.

For further details please visit: www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar PR-017005 (B & C) 2023-24

GM (Admin) BMSICL

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Govt. Man of Bihar

BIHAR STATE DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

SECTION I

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Secretary, Bihar State Disaster Management Authority, Patna invites RFP (Two Bid System) on behalf of Bihar State Disaster Management Authority (BSDMA) from an Indian Registered Company under Companies Act 1956 or 2013/Proprietorship or Partnership Firm Located in Bihar for 'Design, Preparation, Printing & Supply of Books for (a) मुख्यमंत्री विद्यालय सुरक्षा कार्यक्रम : शिक्षकों के लिए हस्त-पुस्तिका/ Handbook for Teachers : Chief Minister School Safety Programme और (b) मुख्यमंत्री विधालय सुरक्षा कार्यक्रम : बाल प्रेरकों के प्रयोग हेत् हस्त-पुस्तिका/ Handbook for Child motivators : Chief Minister School Safety Programme to Govt. Schools of Bihar in all 38 districts.

Above mentioned books have to be supplied to all 38 district headquarters of Bihar after Design, preparation & printing. Dotnile of Mod

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SI.	Name of work	Quantity (No. of books)	EMD (Rs. in lakh)	Period of work
1	मुख्यमंत्री विद्यालय सुरक्षा कार्यक्रम : शिक्षकों के लिए हस्त—पुस्तिका / Handbook for Teachers : Chief Minister School Safety Programme & मुख्यमंत्री विद्यालय सुरक्षा कार्यक्रम : बाल प्रेरकों के प्रयोग हेतु हस्त—पुस्तिका / Handbook for Child motivators : Chief Minister School Safety Programme	1,00,000 (One lakh) each	4.00 (Four Lakh Only)	45 days

SI. No.	Event Descriptions	Timeline
1.	Date of Issue of Advertisement	06.02.2024
2.	Date & time of Purchase of RFP	22.02.2024 up to 16.00 Hrs from the O/o BSDMA, Patna Payment Mode Via Demand Draft in Name of Secretary, Bihar State Disaster Management Authority, Patna
3.	Last date & time for submission of Bid	23.02.2024 by 15.00 Hrs to "The Secretary, Secretary, Bihar State Disaster Management Authority, Sardar Patel Bhawan, Baily Road Patna."
4.	Pre Bid Meeting	15.02.2024 at 15:00 Hrs at Bihar State Disaster Management Authority, Sardar Patel Bhawan, Baily Road Patna
5.	Time, Date of opening of Technical Bid	28.02.2024 by 15:00 Hrs in O/o Secretary, Secretary, Bihar State Disaster Management Authority, Sardar Patel Bhawan, Baily Road Patna."
6.	Time, Date of opening of Financial	To be announced later after Evaluation of Technical Bid

Note - (i) Interested bidders may obtain further information about this Notice Inviting RFP from the office of the Secretary, Secretary, Bihar State Disaster Management Authority, Sardar Patel Bhawan, Neharu Path, Patna.

Secretary

PR. No. 017042 (Disaster) 2023-24 Bihar State Disaster Management Authority

विस्तृत जानकारी www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar से प्राप्त की जा सकती है।

नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार।

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)

Recruitment Cancellation Notice for engagement of Research associate in Bihar Museum, Patna, Bihar on contract basis.

This is in reference of the recruitment advertisement No.-Pr. No. 014237 (Art & Culture) 2023-24 dated 28" December 2023 and Ad ID-130127 dated 27th December 2023 which was for engagement of Research associate for one year on Contract basis for a project on "Nomination of Chhath Puja in the UNESCO Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage. The advertisement was published in News Paper and Website, is hereby cancelled due to no candidates were found suitable as per essential qualification. The fresh advertisement for the same shall be notified shortly. This information is available on www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar also

(Ranbeer Singh Rajput) Additional Director Admin (I/C) Bihar Museum, Patna PR. No. 017030 (Art & Culture) 2023-24

दिनांक: 27.01.2024

नशामुक्त हो जाए बिहार, सुरक्षित रहे घर परिवार।

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता सहारनपुर वृत्त, लो०नि०वि०, सहारनपुर अल्पकालीन ई-प्रोक्योरमेन्ट निविदा सचना

पत्रांक- 611 /25एम0/एस-एस/24

महामहिम राज्यपाल उ०प्र० की ओर से उ०प्र० लोक निर्माण विभाग के ए० मार्ग श्रेणी के पात्र पंजीकृत निविदादाताओं से ई-टेण्डरिंग के माध्यम से नीचे दर्शाये गये कार्य हेतु निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। कर्म की धरोश्य कर्म विशित्त नेकेला

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बिंड डाक्युमेन्ट वेबसाइट http://etender.up.nic.in पर दिनांक 09.02.2024 से दिनांक 17.02.2024 तक उपलब्ध है जो कि दिनांक 17.02.2024 को दोपहर 12.00 बजे तक अपलोड किये जा सकते हैं। इसकी तकनीकी बिंड दिनांक 17.02.2024 को अपरान्ह 12.30 बजे खोली जायेगी। निविदा से सम्बन्धित अधिक जानकारी वेबसाइट http://etender.up.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है।

> (सनत गुप्तरिशी) अधिशासी अभियन्ता प्रान्तीय खण्ड, लो०नि०वि० शामली

(सीवपीव सिंह) अधीक्षण अभिवन्ता सहारनपुर बन्त, लो०नि०वि०

UPID-202497 Date 07/02/2024 www.upgov.nic.in

LUCKNOW MUNICIPAL CORPORATION T.N. Road, Lalbagh, Lucknow - 226001 (U.P.) Website: www.lmc.up.nic.in

Ref. No.: D/978/AMC/EE/23

Dated: 08/02/2024

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST Expression of interest are invited by Lucknow Municipal Corporation from Experienced and

technically qualified Private entities or Navratna PSUs for setting up of mixed waste processing & disposal facility of 2000 TPD Capacity in Lucknow on Design, Build, Finance, Own, Operate and Transfer (DBFOOT) basis based on sustainable advance Zero Residue Green Technology along with scientific disposal of 100% inert generated from processing of Municipal Solid Waste. Interested firms are required to process the Municipal Solid Waste generated in Lucknow City and has to develop waste to energy plant, bio-methanisation, composting, torrefication, or any suitable proven Zero Residue Green Technology that are easy to maintain and in line with the applicable laws & regulations for processing the mixed MSW and RDF including Construction of modern Scientific Sanitary Landfill for inert disposal and Construction of Leachate treatment plant and other treatment facilities. During the time of installation of plant, agency has to process the daily coming waste through traditional as well as scientific manner. The EOI documents and other terms and conditions can be downloaded from the UP Government Etender portal and the EOI has to be submitted through NIC e-tender website i.e. https://etender.up.nic.in and in per below given time Schedule:

EOI Upload & Download	10/02/2024 11:00 AM
Last date of query Submission	16/02/2024, 04:00 PM
Date and Place of Pre EOI Submission Meeting	17/02/2024 , 01:00 PM, LMC, Seminar Hall, Triloknath Marg, Lalbagh, Lucknow
Last date of Submission of EOI	23/02/2024, 04:00 PM
Last date of Hard Copy Submission	24/02/2024, 04:00 PM
Opening date of EOI	24/02/2024 Time: 5:00 PM
Cost of EOI Document	Rs 50,000.00/-
Contact Details	Sanjeev Pradhan Environment Engineer Email id: envengmnlko@gmail.com Mobile No.: 7906928959
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR -Selection of Agency for In-Situ Treatment of Sludge of Septic Tanks of Community/Mobile Toilets and Sewage through Bioremediation for Treatment of the Drains flowing into the Rivers in the State of Bihar.

Urban Development and Housing Department, Govt. of Bihar 1" Floor, Vikas Bhawan, New Secretariat, Patna - 800015 (Tel - 0612-2215880, Email -urbansec-bih@nic.in)

RFP No.-BGCMS/2024/Bioremediation/02-37 Project Officer-cum-Additional Director, UD&HD on behalf of Principal Secretary, Urban Development & Housing Department, Govt. of Bihar, invites proposal for Selection of Agency for In-Situ Treatment of Sludge of Septic Tanks of Community/Mobile Toilets and Sewage through Bioremediation for

Treatment of all the Drains flowing into the rivers in the State of Bihar. UD&HD, Bihar, invites Bids under Single Stage two-envelope system - Technical and Financial Bid, from reputed and experienced agencies for Bioremediation work as per works detailed in the table below. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding and is open to all eligible bidders. Bids will be received through Bihar Govt, portal www.eproc2 bihar gov.in.

	Name of the Work	Bid Security	Bid Processing Fee (BELTRON)	Cost of Bidding Document	Period
(1)	Selection of Agency for In -Situ Treatment of Sludge of Septic Tanks of Community/Mobile Toilets and Sewage through Bioremediation for Treatment of all the Drains flowing into the rivers in the State of Bihar	Rs.10,00,000/-	As per applicable BELTRON Fee.	Rs. 10,000/-	Two Year

- Applicants may download the bidding documents from the e-procurement portal www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
- Last date to receive Pre-Proposal Queries: 13/02/2024 up to 06:00 PM. Date of Pre- Proposal Meeting: 15/02/2024 at 03:00 PM.
- Last date and time of receipt (Upload) of Bids: 28/02/2024 up to 06:00 PM. Last date and time for receipt of Hard Copies: 29/02/2024 up to 03:00 PM.
- Time and date of opening Technical Bids: 29/02/2024 at 04:00 PM.
- Time and date of opening of Financial Bids: (To be communicated later). For further details please visit: www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar Project Officer-cum-Additional Director UD&HD, Bihar.

PR-017049 (Urban) 2023-24 नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दुढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER (ROADS), PUBLIC WORKS ROADS DEPARTMENT, ASSAM, GUWAHATI-03

No. CE/DEV/MMNPPNA/402/2023-24/06

PRESS NOTICE INVITING TENDER(RE-BID)

The Chief Engineer (Roads), PWRD, Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3 invites Bids on behalf of Governor of Assam for 1 (One) no. of Package for Construction of Roads and Bridge projects under MMNPPNA for the year 2023-24 in Sivasagar District of Assam amounting to Rs10.14 Crores (approx.) including GST etc. from approved & eligible Contractors registered with PWRD, Assam.

Details may be seen from 10.02.2024 at website www.assamtenders.gov.in. Amendment /Addendum to the SBD, if any, and further notifications shall appear in this website and also at the office of the undersigned during office hours. The contractor/bidder must be registered with the Electronic Tendering System (ETS) of PWRD, Assam website www.assamtenders.gov.in.

The schemes are not yet sanctioned by the competent authority. In the event of non - sanction

of the schemes, the bids may be cancelled and no claim what so ever on this account shall be entertained from the bidders.

Note: - N.I.T Value is inclusive of GST (12%), Labour cess (1%) etc.

Chief Engineer (Roads), PWRD, Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3.

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Varthana Finance Private Limited

(Formerly known as M/s. Thirumeni Finance Private Ltd.,)

Registered Office at : No. 5 BC-110, Varasiddhi. 3rd Floor, Outer Ring Road, Service Road, 3rd Block, HRBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560043. Website www.varthana.com, Email: care@varthana.com, Phone: 080-68455777. Branch Office: Unit no. 3, Ground Floor, Pearls Omaxe Tower, Plot B 1, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitampura, Delhi - 110034.

DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Section 13(2) & (3) of The Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security

We hereby serve upon you this notice, the contents whereof you may kindly note: That you the Borrower along with Co-applicants/Mortgagors

have approached and requested for grant of the credit facility from M/s Varthana Finance Private Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as "Company") (Formerly known as Thirumeni Finance Private Limited). This Demand Notice issued on 22.01.2024, the contents of which are being published herewith as per Sec. 13(2) of the Act R/w Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, by way of alternative service upon the Borrower/ Co-Applicants/ Mortgagor No. 2 for service of notice, since notices could not be served on the given addresses. At your request and instance, we granted you the following credit facilities (hereinafter collectively referred to as "credit facility"). The details are mentioned below. Loan Account No: S19DEL-DEL-008205, U21DEL-DEL-017637, U22DEL-DEL- 020026 and U23DEL023219.. Sanctioned loan amount Rs.61,76,787/-, Rs.11,63,908/- Rs.6,50,000/- and Rs.39,89,418/- Total Liability as on 22-01-2024: Rs.1,12,03,022/-(With Contractual Rate Of

Interest), Name & Address of Borrower, Co-Applicants & Mortgagors :1. M/s. Nav Chetna SR. SEC School, Represented by its Authorized Signatory, Village Badhra, Distt Bhiwani, Haryana - 127308. 2. M/s. Nav Chetna Shiksha Samiti, Represented by its Authorized Signatory, Village Badhra, Distt Bhiwani, Haryana - 127308. 3. Mrs. Beermati, W/o. Rajender Kumar, H. No. 258, Badhra Village, Bhiwani, Haryana 127308. 4. Mr. Rajender Kumar, Sfo. Bal Kishan, H. No. 258, Badhra Village, Bhiwani, Haryana - 127308. That you availed of the above mentioned credit facilities from time to time and utilized the amount and Further, while availing the financial

assistance you have given an undertaking for repayment of the said financial assistance in terms of the said agreement(s)/documents(s). You have also created a mortgage by way of Deposit of Title Deeds/ Registered Mortgages creating security interest in favor of the Company which is more fully described in below Schedule. That you continued to enjoy the above credit facility, however, you became irregular and failed to maintain the financial discipline, despite our repeated request and reminders from the officers of the Company you have failed and neglected to repay the said dues/ outstanding liabilities.

The operation of and conduct of the above said credit facility has become irregular and the debt has been classified as Non-Performing assets (NPA) in accordance with directives/guidelines relating to asset classifications issued by the Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by you in repayment of principal debt and interest thereon accordingly Loan Account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset on 14.01.2024, and hereby recall the said loan / credit facility, and call upon you to pay the entire outstanding balance together with interest and all sums payable by you under the said Agreement. On account of defaults committed by you, you are jointly & severally liable to pay to us the total outstanding dues of 22-01-2024; Rs.1,12,03,022f-

with agreed contractual rate of interest, until the date of payment, together with incidental expenses, cost and other charges, thereon. Under the circumstances, we hereby call upon you to repay the above said entire dues of Rs.1,12,03,022/- ((Rupees One Crore Twelve Lakh Three Thousand Twenty Two Only)) as on 22-01-2024 together with future interest from 20 January, 2024 at contractual rate plus legal

costs/charges thereon within 60 (Sixty) days from the date of this notice. If you fail to repay to the Company the aforesaid sum with further interest. and incidental expenses, cost as stated above in terms of this notice U/Sec. 13(2) of the Act, the Company will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 and under other applicable provisions of the said Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of Sub-section (13) of Section 13 you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed below without obtaining written consent of the Company.

This notice is without prejudice to the Company's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings, as it deems necessary under any other applicable provisions of Law to recover its legitima

If you have any representations to be made in response to this, please mark the same to the Authorized Officer, M/s Varthana Finance Pvt Ltd., Varasiddhi, 5BC-110, 3rd Floor, Service Road, 3rd Block, HRBR Layout, Bangalore-560043.

Description of the Immovable Property (Secured Asset): All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Admeasuring Area 13 kanal 0 made Part of 119/240 Out of 26 Kanal 5 Marie Khasra No. 62/12/2 (0-16), 18/2(3-17), 19(8-0), 20/1 (0-16), 21/2 (0-16), 22/8-0), 23/1 (4-0) Khewat No.85 Khatoni No 97 Property Situated at Village-Badhra. Tehsil Badhra. District Dadri and bounded as under. East By: Agri Land West By: Agri Land

Date: 09-02-2024, Place: Delhi.

North By: Dhighawa Road South By: Agri land

Authorised Officer - Varthana Finance Private Limited,

Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited (CIN: U40108JH2013SGC001702)

O/o General Manager cum Chief Engineer, Ranchi Electric Supply Area Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi- 834002

Phone No. 0651-2490550 Fax No. 0651-2490670 E mail ID :- gm_rncjseb@yahoo.in

e-Tender Notice

Online tenders are invited from manufacturers/ authorized dealers/ supplier firms authorized by principal manufacturer for supply of under mentioned ADP Head materials

NIT	SI No	Name of material	Unit	Quantity	Estimated Cost	EMD Amount	Cost of BC (Non- refundable
	1	33KV Polymer Pin Insulator with GI Pin	Nos.	1000			
436/PR/JBVNL/	2	33KV Polymer disc Insulator with H/W Fitting	set	300	16,74,060.00	33,500.00	5900.00
2023-24	.3	11 KV Polymer Pin Insulator with GI Pin	Nos.	3000	10,74,000.00	55,500.00	(Includin GST)
	4	11 KV Polymer disc Insulator with H/W Fitting	set	750			
		V Cross Arm for Rail pole	Nos.	1,000			
	2	Clamp for V Cross Arm	Nos.	1,400			
	3	for Rail pole Clamp for pole top Bracket for Rail pole	Nos.	2,000			
	4	V Cross arm (400KG PSC Pole)	Nos.	500			
	5	Clamp for v Cross arm (400KG PSC Pole)	Nos.	300			
	6	Clamp for pole top	Nos.	150			
	7	Bracket (400KG PSC Pole) 33 KV Cross Bracing	Set	150	-		
	8	Clamp for 33 KV Cross Bracing	set	300			
	9	33 KV line DP Channel (9 feet long) (100mmx50mmx6mm)	Nos.	50			
	10	Clamp for 33 KV line DP	Set (2	50			
	n	Channel Stay set complete (1900x20 mm) with staywire 7/10 SWG 8 kgs	Pair) Set	200			
437/PR/JBVNL/ 2023-24	12	& guy Insulator) Stay set complete (1800x16 mm) with staywire 7/10 SWG 8 kgs & guy Insulator)	Set	1,500	12,311,250.00	246,500.00	11,800.0 (Includir GST)
	13	33 KV Angle stay clamp	Nos.	200			
	14	11KV V Cross arm	Nos.	1,000			
	16	Clamp for v Cross arm 11 KV Pole Top Bracket	Set Nos.	1,000			
	17	Clamp for H KV Pole Top Bracket	Set	500			
	18	11 KV HG Fuse Set (75x40x6mm)	Set	200			
	19	Clamp for HG Fuse Set	Set	200			
	20	11 KV line DP Channel (3 feet long) (75x40x6mm)	Nos.	200			
	21	Clamp for 11 KV line DP Channel	Set (2 Pair)	200			
	22	11KV Transformer Base Channel (100x20x6 mm)	Nos.	200			
	23	11 KV Clamp Base Channel	set	200			
	24	11 KV Top Channel (100x20x6 mm)	Nos.	200			
	25	Back Clamp for Top Channel	Set	200			
	26	11KV Side/Angle stay clamp	Set	1,500			
	1	MS Nuts and Bolts 3" (Full thread)	Kg.	1500			
	2	MS Nuts and Bolts 4" (Full thread)	Kg.	1500			
hard and the	3	MS Nuts and Bolts 5" (Full thread)	Kg.	1500			1,475.0
438/PR/JBVNL/ 2023-24	4	MS Nuts and Bolts 7" (Half thread)	Kg.	1500	6,91,418.00	14,000.00	(Includir
	5	MS Nuts and Bolts 9" (Half thread)	Kg.	1500			GST)
	6	MS Nuts and Bolts 11" (Half thread)	Kg.	800			
	7	MS Nuts and Bolts 14" (Half thread)	Kg.	800			
	1	2.5 mm2 copper 2 core control cable	Mtrs.	1,500			
	2	2.5 mm2 copper 4 core control cable	Mtrs.	1,500			
439/PR/JBVNL/ 2023-24	3	2.5 mm2 copper 6 core control cable	Mtrs.	1,500	917750.00	18500.00	1475.00 (Includin
2014-37-27	4	2.5 mm2 copper 10 core	Mirs	1.000			GST)

2.5 mm2 copper 12 core 1,000 Mtrs. control cable

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	IMPORTANT SCHE		T-18-18-18-18-18-18-18-18-18-18-18-18-18-
1	Availability of tender document on website	:-	From 08.02.2024 to 28.02.2024 upto 17.00 Hr
2	Last date and time for submitting e-tender	25	From 08.02.2024 to 28.02.2024 upto 17.00 Hr
3	Last date and time of receipt of bid documents (Online)	i de	28.02.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs.
4	Date and time of opening of tender (Techno- Commercial Cover) i.e. Cover-I		29.02.2024 At 3.00 PM.

- Guidelines for online submission of bids can be downloaded from the website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in
- Interested bidders can download the bid from the website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in. Bidders have to upload the online transaction slip if generated or SSI/NSIC/MSME registration certificate towards Tender Fee & EMD as mentioned in NIT on or before the cutoff date & time as mentioned in the NIT failing which bid will not be accepted. The details of cost of documents, EMD specified in the tender documents should be the same as
- submitted online (scanned copies of online transaction slip) otherwise tender will summarily be rejected. Tender Notice is also available on our website : www.juvnl.in For any clarification please contact: 0651-2490550/9431135609/9534218638.

control cable

General Manager-Cum-Chief Engineer

स्विहत एवं राष्ट्रहित में ऊर्जा बचावें। कृपया अपनी शिकयतों को टॉल फी नं० 1800 345 6570 पर दर्ज करायें ESA, Ranchi

PR 318334 Jharkhand Bijlee Vitran Nigam Ltd(23-24).D

Balmer Lawrie & Ca Ltd.

Government of India Enterprise) Regd. Office: 21, N. S. Road, Kolkata - 700 001 Phone: 033 - 22225290, e-mail: sharma.bhaskar@balmerlawrie.com CIN: L15492WB1924GOI004835, Website: www.balmerlawrie.com

TENDER NOTICE FOR LABOUR LAW COMPLIANCE AUDIT Balmer Lawrie invites online bids from experienced bidders for Labour Law Compliance Audit. Interested bidders to download tender from above website. Last date for submission is 29.02.2024. Any amendment / corrigendum to be hosted on the Company's website.

कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता

लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड, बलौदाबाजार (छ.ग.)

निविदा संशोधन सूचना

कार्यालयीन जापन क्रमांक 525 दिनांक 02.02.2024 के तात प्रस्तुत निविदा क्रमांक 98 से 103 दिनांव 02.02.2024 जी. कं. 07540 दिनांक 05.02.2024 में निम्नानुसार संसोधन किया जाता है-संक्रं. पूर्व में प्रसावित विवस्थ मंसोधित विकास सिंग्स विलेज नल जल प्रदाय गोजना नल कृप खनन कार्य मोर:- अन्य शर्ते यथावत रहेगी।

कार्यपालन अभिवंता लोक स्वास्थ्य योत्रिकी खण्ड बलीदाबाजार-भाटापारा (छ.ग.)



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Prayagraj Nagar Nigam 1, Sarojini, Naidu Marg,

Prayagraj- 211001 Uttar Pradesh E-TENDER NOTICE Date: 07.02.2024

Nit No/997/ ENV/2024 This is to inform to all prospective bidders having the required qualification mentioned is the RFP document that Municipal Corporation Prayagraj invites Request for Proposal (RFP) for Selection of Implementation Agency for Mobile Application based Facial Recognitio Attendance System for Prayagraj Municipal Corporation. Schedule For Tender

S. No.	Activity	Date	Time
1	Tender Document Availability	08.02.2024	14.00 hrs onwards
2	Last date of Bid submission	01.03.2024	up to 15:00 hrs
3	Technical Bid opening Date	01.03.2024	16:00 hrs onwards

For more details, please visit the website at http://www.etender.up.nic.in Uttam Kumar Verma **Environment Engineer**

पत्रोक्त सं. २९३॥





M.P. POWER GENERATING CO. LTD.

Office of The Executive Director (Prg); Shed No. 1 & 2 Rampur, Jabalpur (M.P.), Pin-482008, INDIA E-Mail: prgatps660mw@gmail.com, Ph.: 0761-2925650

DOMESTIC COMPETETIVE BIDDING

Ref.: Tender Ref No.07-01/ATPS/St-IV/Unit#6/PRG Tender ID: 2023 MPPGC 311686 1 INTIMATION OF UPLOADING; EPC TENDER FOR INSTALLATION OF 1X660 MW ULTRA-SUPERCRITICAL UNIT AT ATPS

CHACHAI VILL. DISTRICT: ANUPPUR; M.P.

M.P. Power Generating Co. Ltd. have uploaded tender inviting E-Bids for Design, Engineering, Supply, Civil Works, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 1X660 MW Ultra-supercritical Thermal Power Unit, on EPC Turnkey basis, at Amarkantak Thermal Power Station, Chachai Distt. Anuppur. The detailed NIT & Bidding Documents are already available for sale on the e tendering website www.mptenders.gov.in from 02.02.2024 with last date of Bid submission and date of opening 15.04.24 and 18.04.24, // SAVE ELECTRICITY //

M.P. Madhyam/113659/2024 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (PRG)**

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr.PC.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Rehman @ Kausar, R/o H.No. 1110, E-Block, JJ Colony, Bawana, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in Case FIR No. 520/2017, dated 30.06.2017, U/S 307 IPC, PS Narela, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Rehman @ Kausar can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Rehman @ Kausar has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Rehman @ Kausar of FIR No. 520/2017, dated 30.06.2017, U/S 307 IPC, PS Narela, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 25.04.2024.

> By Order Sushil Kumar Additional Sessions Judge-04 (North Distirct) Room No. 206, 2nd Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi

कार्यालय कलेक्टर एवं जिला निर्वाचन अधिकारी जिला-जांजगीर-चांपा (छ.ग.)

DP/1518/ON/2024

-:: संक्षिप्त निविदा सूचना ::-

निविदा विज्ञप्ति क्रमांक / 312. /निवां/स्टोर/2024 जांजगीर दिनांफ 29.01 2024 जिला-जांजगीर चाम्पा अंतर्गत लोकसभा निर्वाचन 2024 के लिये के लाईट, माईक, टेन्ट, शामियान से संबंधित सामग्री किरावे पर प्रदान किये जाने हेतु इच्छुक एवं योग्य फर्मों में निविदा शर्तों के अधीन पंजीकृत डारू हारा मुहरबंद निविदा आमंत्रित किया जाता है। निविदा प्रपत्र जिला निर्वाचन कार्याल (सामान्य निर्वाचन) जांजगीर चांम्या के लेखा शाखा से 1000.00 (एक हजार रूपवे मात्र) नगद रहि जमा कर अध्या चालान हारा शुरूक जमा कर दिनांक 27.02.2024 तक कार्यालयाँन समय में प्राप कर सकते हैं। उक्त के अतिरिक्त निविदा प्रपन्न गिले के अधिकारिक वेबसाईट से भी डाऊनलोड कर प्राप्त कर सकते है। किंतु निविदा प्रपत्र प्रेषित किये जाने के पूर्व निर्धारित निविदा शुल्क कार्यालय में जमा किया जाना अनिवार्य होगा। निविदा प्रपत्र अवकाश दिवसों में विक्रय नहीं किया जावेगा तथा अंतिम विधि तक प्राप्त निविदा को निविदाकारों का उनके अधिकृत प्रतिनिधि के समक्ष, निविदा/क्रव समिति के सदस्यों के द्वारा खोला जावेगा। निविदा की विस्तृत शर्ते निर्धारित तिथि के पूर्व कार्यालयीन कार्य दिवसों में टेण्डर फार्म के साथ प्राप्त की जा सकती है या जिले के वेबसाईट https://janjgir champa.gov.in/en/notice_category/ten-ders में अपलोड टेण्डर फार्म क

अवलोकन कर प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। निविदा बिक्री की प्रारंभिक तिथि 29.01.2024 समय 02.00 बजे तक निविदा बिक्रों की अंतिम तिथि 27.02.2024 समय 02.00 बजे तक निविद्य जमा करने की ऑतेम तिथि 27.02.2024 समय 03.00 बजे अपरान्त तक निविदा खोलने की तिथि 27.02.2024 समय 04.00 बजे अपराना से स्थान:- जिला निर्वाचन कार्यालय जांजगीर चाम्पा (छ.ग.)

(कलेक्टर एवं जिला निर्या, अधि, द्वारा अनुमोदित) उप जिला निर्वाचन अधिकारी

हेत् कलेक्टर एवं जिला निर्वाचन अधिकारी जांजगीर-चांपा (छ.ग.)

HIGH COURT OF DELHI, AT NEW DELHI DESPATCH BRANCH

Last date of submission of tender: 12.03.2024

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Link for T&C (dha nic in No 4580/x Dispatch/DHC Dated 07/02/2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR COURIER SERVICES

Sealed tenders are invited, as per Performa attached to the terms & condition enclosed herewith, from reputed firms, companies or other Body Corporate in the field of courier services for awarding of contract for Courier Services for delivery of letters, notices/summon, parcel etc. dispatched from High Court of Delhi to every nook and corner of the country and outside India.

Preference will be given to the Courier services having features such as security, speed, tracking, specialized and individualized service, committed delivery time and large network throughout the country, including remote areas as well as adequate arrangement for services outside India.

Interested parties may send their sealed tender in two separate sealed envelopes, one for submitting the tender and another containing Earnest Money, on each envelope superscribing (i) Tender for Courier Services and (ii) Earnest Money for Courier Services addressed to the Registra (R&D) so as to reach on or before 12.03.2024 up to 5 p.m which will be opened at 12.30 p.m on the next working day i.e. 13.03.2024 in the chamber of Registrar General first floor A-Block for the purpose before the tenderers or their authorized representatives who may wish to remain present at the opening of the tender. The tenders received after due date and/or time and/or without Earnest Money shall not be entertained.

> Registrar (R&D) Room No.101, first floor, A-Block, Delhi High Court, New Delhi.



UJVN LIMITED H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006,

Telephones.: 0135-2763808, Fax- 0135- 2763508, CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvnl.com

RO: 08 02 2024 **Tenders Time Extension Notice-1** Due to unavoidable circumstances the date of submission and opening of following tender invited by the office of the Executive Engineer (Gen.), MB-II, Chinyalisaur (Uttarkashi) is hereby extended as follows:

Tender No: 35/EE(Gen.)/MB-II/2023-24 Name of Work: Routine maintenance work of LT and Switchyard at MB-II,

Dharasu Power House. Last date of submission of tender: - 14.02.2024 up to 15:30 Hrs.

Date of opening of tender: - 17.02.2024 up to 11:00 Hrs. For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "www.ujvnl.com"

GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity" Executive Engineer (Generation)

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TASHILING SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK-737101

No. Gos/PDD/SI-WBP/07PMC&TSA/2023/11 Dated: 09 February 2024

NOTICE INVITING e-PROPOSALS

The Planning & Development Department, Government of Sikkim invites electronic proposals from consultancy firms for the following consultancy services: Technical Support (TSAs) for five Departments to support Government of Sikkim in 'Sikkim: Integrated Service Provision and Innovation for Reviving Economics (INSPIRES)' programme. For further details, kindly visit https://sikkimtender.gov.in

Sd/- Secretary R.O No.:359/IPR/Pub/Classi/23-24 Planning & Development Department Date: 07/02/2024



Prayagraj Nagar Nigam

UJVN LIMITED H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006 Telephones: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135-2763508 CIN No.U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website:www.ujvni.com

Tender Notice Office of the Executive Engineer (Generation) Chibro Power House, Chibro, invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below::

Tender No. 25/EE(G)/CPH/2023-24 Name of work/supply/services:"Hiring of Non AC vehicle with round O' clock driver for emergency duty of Chibro Power House".

Tender No. 27/EE(G)/CPH/2023-24 Name of work/supply/services:"Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of Ventilation system at Chibro Power House". Estimated cost: Rs. 6,18,731/- GST Extra & 24,84,000/- GST Extra Date of availability of tender on website: 07-02-2024 from 10:00 Hrs. Last date for submission of bids on website: 28-02-2024 up to 14:00 Hrs For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website www.ujvnl.com

"AVOID WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY"

EE(G), Chibro

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person namely Vasudha, D/o Vade Prakash, R/o A-89/90, Jivodaya Ashram, Shiv Vihar, Vikas Nagar, Mohan Garden, Delhi, died during treatment at Jivodaya Hospital, Ashok Vihar, Delhi on 28.01.2024. The dead body has been preserved at BJRM Hospital mortuary. In this regard DD No. 36A, U/s 174 Cr.P.C., dated 28.01.2024, has been registered at P.S. Ashok Vihar, Delhi.



The description of the UIDB is as under:

Sex: Female, Age: About 83 years, Height: 5'4", Compexion Wheatish, Face: Long, Built: Normal, Wearing: Suit and salwar. If anyone has any information about this UIDB, kindly inform the SHO/Ashok Vihar, Delhi. SHO

P.S. Ashok Vihar, Delhi Ph. No.: 8750870221 DP/1596/NW/2024 E-mail: sho-ashokvhr-dl@nic.in

following materials:

MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka undertaking)

	Corporate Office, "MES Ph: 0824-2885795			
No. E-8	9205/E 56103/I/76562/7	6578/2024	Date	: 08.02.2024
SHORT TE	ERM TENDER NOTIFICATIO	N (THROUGH E-	PROCUREMENT	PORTAL ONLY)
MESCO	M invites Short Term	tenders for I	Manufacture i	& Supply of

Tender No.	Name of the Material proposed for Procurement	Quantity
MESCOM/2023-24/ IND0057	Ultra Sound partial discharge detector	2 Nos
MESCOM/2023-24/ IND0058	Leaky insulator detector	2 Nos
MESCOM/2023-24/ IND0059	Non-Contact Voltage detector	50 Nos
MESCOM/2023-24/	LOT-1: 11KV 242KVAR Capacitor Units for Mangaluru Zone	400 Nos
IND0052	LOT-2: 11KV 242KVAR Capacitor Units for Shivamogga Zone	400 Nos

The interested eligible bidders may log on to www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 09.02.2024. Further, the paper notification No E-89205/1/75485/2024 dated 31.01.2024 stands cancelled

Sd/-, Superintending Engineer (Ele) (Procurement) For Power Related Complaints & Assistance Call Toll Free Number 1912

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 Nitesh Aggarwal S/o Kunj Bihari Aggarwal R/o H.No.4477, 2nd floor Roshanpura Nai Sarak Delhi, have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under FIR. No. 775/14 U/s 406/34 IPC., has been registered at P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said, Nitesh Aggarwal cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, Nitesh Aggarwal has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant)

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Nitesh Aggarwal of FIR. No. 775/14 U/s 406/34 IPC., Registred at P.S: Karol Bagh, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 04.03.2024. By Order

Shipra Dhankar, MM DP/1319/CD/2024 Room No.180, 1st Floor, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

Soban Singh Jeena Government Institute of Medical Science & Research Almora Near Vikas Bhawan, Pandeykhola, Almora, Distt-Almora-263601 (Uttarakhand

e-mail - principal.gmcalmora@gmail.com, Website - http://www.ssjgimsralmora.org & Mob. No. +91 9412410759 GSTIN: 05AAAGS2989B1ZA PAN: AAAGS2989B TAN: MRTS16286E Letter No.:-85 GMCA/G-1/2022-23/ Almora Date: - 08th February, 2024

Walk-In-Interview

"Walk In Interview" against vacant post of "Senior Resident & Junior Resident* post(s) as per Departmental requirement of Soban Soban Singh Jeena Government Institute of Medical Science & Research Almora on 01 year contractual basis will be held from dated 12th February, 2024 (Monday) at 10:00 AM daily (except public holidays) "Office of the Principal, Soban Soban Singh Jeena Government Institute of Medical Science & Research Almora, Near Vikas Bhawan, Pandeykhola, Almora, Distt.-Almora, Uttarakhand-263601". Salary: Senior Resident - Rs. 90,350/- pm

Junior Resident - Rs. 76,600/- pm 1-Qualification & Age - As per NMC norms. 2-Reservation - As per Rule of Uttarakhand Govt.

Principal SSJ Govt. IMSR Almora Almora

RF-Sarpr Greeks



NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

An e-tender is invited by Executive Director, Power Marketing, CESC Ltd on 08.02.2024, having registered office at CESC House, Chowringhee Square, Kolkata-700001 for purchase of power on Short Term basis from May, 2024 to June, 2024 as per Ministry of Power (MOP), GOI guidelines dated 30.03.2016 and amendments thereof. Request for Proposal (RFP) is available on www.mstcecommerce.com and www.cesc.co.in. The bids are to be submitted electronically through DEEP Portal of MSTC.



The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking (OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)

TENDER NOTICE

E-tender is invited for the supply of following item. (1) 77912- Purchase of new fully built cash van and delivery van with CNG engine.

Re - invited e-tenders

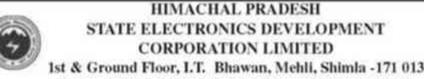
(2) 78013, (3) 77795, (4) 78030, (5) 78006.

Note: For more details, log on to website https://mahatenders.gov.in

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GENERAL MANAGER



Tel. No. 0177-2623259 2623513, 2626320, 2623513 2623043, FAX:0177-2626320 Website: www.hpsedc.in

No.: SEDC/PCB-Microscope/2k24-Date: 08-02-2024 E-TENDER NOTICE

-Tenders are invited from eligible bidders for Rate Contract for Stereo Zoor Microscope with Colour Digital Camera attachment and Computer System. Pre Bid meeting will be held on 15/02/2024 (11:30AM) through Vide Conferencing.

ast date for online e-bid submission is 06/03/2024 (upto 02:30 PM) and shall be opened on 07/03/2024 at 2:30 PM. Detailed Tender Document containing Technical Specifications and Terms & Conditions are available on HPSEDO vebsite www.hpsedc.in and https://hptenders.gov.in. 1210/HP

General Manager (Technical



उत्तर प्रदेश पावर ट्रॉन्समिशन कारपोरेशन लि०

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना (2023-24) विद्युत जानपद पारेषण मण्डल आगरा

1. अल्पकालीन ई—निविदा सूचना संख्या—26 / वि०जा०पा०मं० / आगरा / 2023— 24:- विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल, आगरा के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न विद्युत उपकेन्द्रों के जानपदीय वार्षिक अनुरक्षण कार्य। समय अवधि 24 माह, धरोहर धनराशि रू० 8,20,000.00, निविदा मूल्य रू0 10000+1800 =11800.00, अन्तिम तिथि 23.02.2024 | 2. अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या-27 / वि०जा०पा०मं० / आगरा / 2023- 24:- विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल, मधुरा के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न विद्युत उपकेन्द्रों के जानपदीय वार्षिक अनुरक्षण कार्य। समय अवधि 24 माह, घरोहर धनराशि रू० ६,40,000.00, निविदा मूल्य रू० 10000+1800 =11800.00, अन्तिम तिथि 23.02.2024 | 3. **अल्पकालीन ई**-निविदा सूचना संख्या-28/वि0जा0पा0मं0/आगरा/2023-24:- 220 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र फिरोजाबाद पर (1x10) एम0वी0ए0आर0 कैपिसिटर बैंक-द्वितीय की स्थापना से सम्बन्धित जानपदीय निर्माण कार्य। समय अवधि 02 माह, धरोहर धनराशि रू० 36,000.00, निविदा मूल्य रू० 2000+360=2360.00, अन्तिम तिथि 22.02.2024। निविदा का विस्तृत विवरण, विस्तारीकरण शुद्धिकरण इत्यादि की सूचना ई-टेण्डर की बेवसाइट http://etender.up.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है, जिसको बेवसाइट के माध्यम से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। बैंक खाता अधिशासी अभियन्ता (जानपद) आगरा A/C No.-30065294923, IFSC Code-SBIN0005717 Payable at S.B.I. Foundry Nagar (Agra). अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत जानपद पारेषण मण्डल, उ०प्र० पावर ट्रान्सिमशन कारपोरेशन लि0, 220 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र सिकन्दरा आगरा। "राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचायें " पत्रांक:91-वि0जा0पा0मं0आ0 / निविदा प्रकाशन / 06.02.2024

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER, Gwalior Municipal Corporation No.-/PIU/2024 Date: 07/02/2024 (NIT) Gwallor Municipal Corporation, Gwallor Invites online for the following work: जनसम्पर्क RO क्रमांक 83, दिनांक 07-02-2024 8. E-Tender Probable Period of Date & **Tender Name** Amount of completion (Rs.) Contract (Rs.) Providing and Laying of Paver Block 2,35,05,945.00 1,17,530.00 15,000.00 at Taran Pushkar to DRDO via 06/02/24 09 निविदा सं0 : T-28/ EGD/Mzn/2023-24. 10:30 Am Month निरगाजनी जल विद्युत गृह की मशीन संव Upmanyu Park and Manshapurn Hanuman Ji Mandir, Gwalior in 15 07/03/24, 01 की ओरहॉलिंग का कार्य। घरोहर राशि

Nodal Officer (PIU) Gwallor Municipal Corporation

झारखण्ड राज्य ग्रामीण पथ विकास प्राधिकरण (JSRRDA) एफ०एफ०पी० भवन, ततीय तल्ला, धर्वा, राँची -834004, झारखण्ड

Full detail of the above tenders can be seen on www.mptenders.gov.in Amendments to NIT, if any shall be

अल्पकालीन ई- पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना (4th Call) dated 25.10.2023

PR No. -309843 अल्पकालीन ई-पुनर्निविदा संख्या:- 302/2023-24

F.C. File no. 36/24/3/6

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दिनांक :- 07.02.2024 मुख्य अभियंता, जे॰एस॰आर॰आर॰डी॰ए॰, राँची द्वारा निम्नविवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित

ळ०	आईडेन्टीफिकेशन	प्रखण्ड		कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलिव	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि	
सं०	संख्या / पैकेज संख्या	का नान			अक्षर में (रूपये में)		
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1	JH-M-KHU- 05 /2023-24	मुरहू	1	L041 घनसांरा से टेंगरिया तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं० -3.870 कि०मी०)	1313.847	तेरह करोड़	15 महीना
		मुरहू	2	L043 दुदरी से तुम्बुकेल तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लंo -1.117 किंoमीo)		तेरह लाख	
		मुरहू	3	ओएबुरा से ईटकेडीह तक पथ का सुद्दीकरण कार्य। (लं० -5.800 किं०मी०)		चौरासी हजार	
		मुसहू	4	एटकेडीह तजना नदी से जेउरी भाया कुदा तक पथ का सुद्दीकरण कार्य। (लं० -2.800 कि॰मी०)		सात सौ स्रु० मात्र	
		मुरहू	5	L046 बाला से घघारी तक पथ का सुद्दीकरण कार्य। (लं०3.430 किं०मी०)			
		मुस्ह्	6	L047 ओस्केया से गनगीरा तक पथ का सुदुढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं० - 3.559 कि०मी०)			
		मुरहू	7	सिरका सिमाना मुख्य सड़क से कोजरंग तक पथ			

2. वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि: 09.02.2024

3. ई--निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय:- 15.02.2024 अपराहन 5.00 बजे तक। निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय:-16.02.2024 अपराहन 5.00 बजे।

 निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता:- मुख्य अमियंता का कार्यालय, जे०एस०आर०आर०डी०ए०, राँची, एफ०एफ०पी० भवन, तृतीय तल्ला, धूर्वा, राँची -834004, झारखण्ड। ई—निविदा प्रकोध्ठ का दूरमाथ सं०—

का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लं० -2.770 कि॰मी॰)

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है। मुख्य अभियंता PR 318237 Rural Work Department(23-24)#D जे०एस०आर०आर०डी०ए०, राँची

SALUTE THE SOLDIER

A tribute to Brave Hearts 09th February







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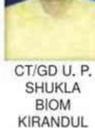
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KIRANDUL 09-02-2006 09-02-2006 CISF proudly remembers the supreme sacrifice of these brave-hearts. On this day, they laid down their lives at the altar of duty while fighting with LWE outfits at Dantewada

(Chhattisgarh). Their Courage and bravery would remain an abiding source of inspiration for the force. The force will remain eternally indebted to them for their noblest deeds.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely Vinay @ Ali, S/o. Sh. Mukesh @ Shajnawaj, R/o. Gali No. 7, Sonia Vihar, Delhi, Also at: Gaushala Mohalla, Hamirpur, U.P., has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case Cr. Case 1804/2019, FIR No.214/2019 U/s 380/457/411 IPC registered at P.S. Lohori Gate, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said Vinay @ Ali cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Vinay @ Ali has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said Vinay @ Ali accused of Cr. Case 1804/2019, FIR No.214/2019 U/s 380/457/411 IPC P.S. Lohori Gate, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 30.05.2024

By Order Sh. Mayank Agarwai Metropolitan Magistrate-09, Central, Room No. 286, 2nd Floor Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi



NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER, Short Term E-tender No. ETC/MU/ T-50/2023-24 is invited for Operation and Maintenance

of different primary Sub-stations under jurisdiction of Electricity Transmission Circle, Muzaffarnagar E-tender is being uploaded on www.etender.up.nic.in. EMD cost Rs. 2000000.00 Lacs. Cost of tender documents including GST: Rs. 2950/-Scheduled date & time of submission of bid: Up to 21.02.2024 by 17:00 Hrs. Scheduled date and time of opening of Part-I: 22.02.2024 at 12:00 Hrs. Short Term E-tender No. ETC/MU/T-51/2023-24 is invited for Maintenance of different voltage Transmission Lines under the jurisdiction of Electricity Transmission Circle, Muzaffarnagar. E-tender is being uploaded on www.etender.up.nic.in EMD cost Rs. 400000.00, Cost of tender documents including GST: Rs. 2950/-Scheduled date & time of submission of bid : Up to 21.02.2024 by 17:00 Hrs., Scheduled date and time of opening of Part-I: 22.02.2024 at 12:00 Hrs. For Detailed information, please visit website www.etender.up.nic.in for any corrections/amendments/ modifications/ extensions till the date of submission of tender and thereafter. (Nikhil Kumar) Superintending Engineer Electricity Transmission Circle Muzaffarnagar "Save Electricity in the interest of the Nation" No. 208 / विवपावमव (ETC)/ मृ0नगर(MZN)/ दिनांक/ DATED 08.02.2024

उठ्या जल विद्युत निगम लिए ई-निविदा सूचना

इस खण्ड के अन्तर्गत निम्नलिखित कार्य हेत् अनुमवी / प्रतिष्ठित ठेकेदारों, जो सम्बन्धित कार्य का अनुभव रखते हो, से निम्नलिखित ई-निविदाए दो भाग में आमंत्रित की जाती

रु० 24,000.00 (RTGS/NEFT के रुप में) निविदा शुल्क 1416.00 जी०एस०टी० सम्मिलित (RTGS/NEFT के रुप में). 2. वेबसाईट पर ई-निविदा स्वीकार करने तथा डाउनलोड करने की अन्तिम

तिथि / समय : 28-02-2024 / 16:00 बजे 3. ई-निविदा का प्रथम भाग खुलने की

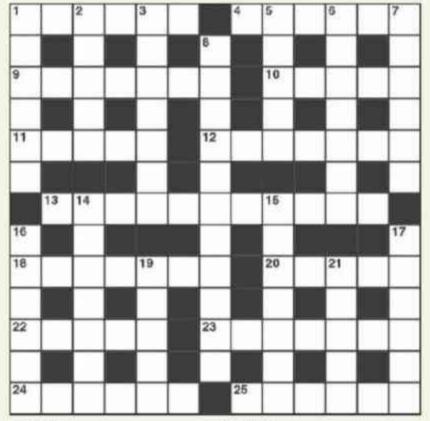
तिथि / समय : 29 02 2024 / 12:00 बजे नोट:- निविदा सम्बन्धित समस्त जानकारी

विवरण / डाउनलोड / निविदा में पतिभागिता हेत् वेबसाईट www.etender.up.nic.in पर लॉग इन करे किसी भी प्रकार के संशोधन / विस्तार की सूचना उल्लिखित वेबसाईट पर दी जायेगी समी जानकारी उ०प्र० जल विद्युत निगम लिं0 की वेबसाईट www.upjvn.org पर भी उपलब्ध रहेगी। अधिशासी अभियन्ता, जल विद्युत उत्पादन खण्ड, मुजफ्फरगनर के भारतीय स्टेट बैंक, मैन मार्किट, मुजपकरनगर के खाता संख्या 33722690590 एव IFSC Code SBIN0002412 में RTGS/NEFT के द्वारा वांफित धरोहर राशि/निविदा शुल्क जना कराना होगा। इच्छुक निविदाकार, निविदा खुलने की तिथि से पूर्व, किसी भी कार्य दिवस में अनुमति उपरान्त, विद्युत गृह में कराये जाने वाले सम्भावित कार्यों का निरीक्षण कर सकते हैं। निविदा के प्रथम भाग की विवेचना एवं अनुमोदन पश्चात् निविदा का द्वितीय भाग खोलने की तिथि सूचित की जायेगी। अद्योहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा बिना कारण बताये निविदा को निरस्त करने का अधिकार सुरक्षित है।

अधिशासी अमिबन्ता, विद्युत उत्पादन खण्ड, नई मण्डी, मुजफ्करनगर। "राष्ट्रहित में कर्जा बचायें"

20 CALENDAR

CROSSWORD 5283



DOWN

occupant(6)

overseas (5)

jacket?(5)

society? (6)

parties(7)

aflutter(6)

inventor(6)

supply (5)

bill of exchange (5)

1 I meant to put out the

2 Language used in schooling

cunning capital investments

6 Grass around the seaport (7)

8 Little cared for being petty (5-6)

15 Walk wearily out of boisterous

16 A game bird for example all of

17 Conversion is done by

19 Desert island with a water

21 Examine what's said to be a

14 Managed to continue with

3 Many quietly engaged in

5 Attractive material for a

7 Animals unleashed on

foreign capital (7)

ACROSS

1 Marital relations (2-4)

4 Religious retreats for sailor and Turks (6)

9 For thirty seconds one has quiet at least (7) 10 Superiorkind of cut

11 Monster fish?(5)

12 Right of access to a famous statue?(7)

13 Possibly uppermost in arrogance (11) 18 Hit by a car, not at all well (3,4)

20 Bent and crooked cedar

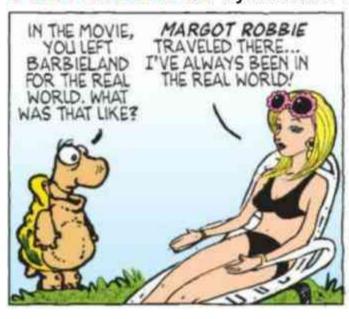
22 Open-air types will be out of these(5)

23 Quick to declare

24 Hemingway and Sterne at variance(6) 25 Give the call sign

Solutions Crossword 5282 Across: 1Radical, 5 Ports, 8 Revolving door, 9 Lento, 10 Obscene, 11 Unsafe, 12 Abodes, 15 Carry on, 17 Reset, 19 Reincarnation, 20 Slept, 21 Widgeon Down: 1 Rural, 2 Divine service, 3 Call off, 4 Laidon, 5 Pages, 6 Rooted dislike, 7 Shrieks, 11 Uncurls, 13 Bernard, 14 Andrew, 16 Yacht, 18 Tenon

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



BARBIELAND IS PART OF THE REAL WORLD. JUST LIKE DISNEYLAND. DOLLYWOOD.

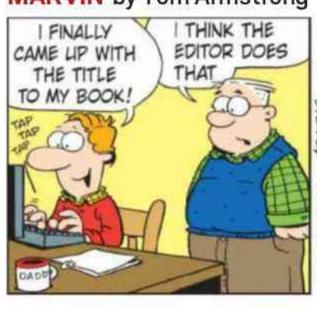




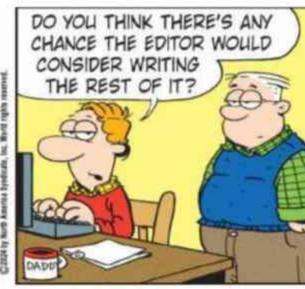




MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



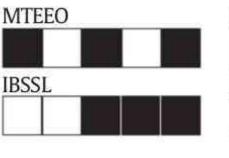


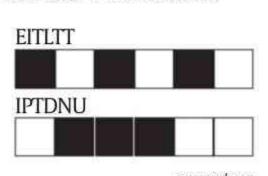


JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given guip.

Great men are like eagles, and build their __on some lofty ____. - Arthur Schopenhauer





Answer: Great men are like eagles, and build their nest on some lofty solitude. - Arthur SOUTHON: EMOTE, BLISS, TITTLE, PUNDIT

Difficulty Level 5s Instructions

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nineboxes.

Difficulty Level 1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

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DAYTODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) You may now wish that you hadn't shot your mouth off or been so open about your plans. There is no going back now, though, and you must learn to deal with partners' interests in your

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

affairs as best you can.

Time is on your side, so by all means keep lines of communication

open and continue trying to negotiate terms. After next weekend, the balance of power will shift dramatically, but briefly, in your favour. Children and younger relations may be confused, but it could be another two weeks before you can help.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Now you must stay one step ahead of the planets and consider what will

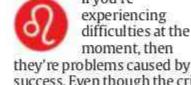
happen when negotiations break down or move behind the scenes. One thing you must do is make sure that you are absolutely sure of your facts. There is no need to finalise plans at home for another fortnight.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Being someone who

is skilled at reading the hearts and minds of others, you must now see that partners are in genuine need of your help. You must not ride roughshod over people who have caused you no harm. You've done well financially

and can rest on your laurels.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) If you're



moment, then they're problems caused by success. Even though the crisis seems to have gone off the boil, don't allow wrangles at home to continue to poison the atmosphere or undermine your confidence.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

So many doors seem to be opening that you may not know which is the best

path to take, Once the weekend is past, you will again be focusing on questions of principle: where, for example, do you really want your life to lead? In love, hang on to your secrets; nobody has the right to pry into your soul.

Perhaps you have tried to force too many changes through at home this year. Yet, whatever you feel now, if you are a truly sensitive person you will already be aware of undercurrents that are bound to produce further upheavals.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) You will probably be unaware of the stressful patterns sent your way by the Moon and Pluto. This does not change the fact that, one way or another, these planets will have their effect, perhaps through unsettling dreams, but also through your wallet. Emotionally speaking, you do seem to be on the right track.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22) Seldom have you experienced a period when close associates seemed to be so in command. One thing is certain, though: never have you

been in such a position to benefit from partners' love and generosity, if only you are prepared to accept it. CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

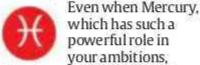
It may be time, once again, to point out a fact of life you too often ignore: this is a period of great change and, as such, one when you should

not expect everything to be plain sailing. You must realise, though, that in every event is a thoroughly helpful and worthwhile lesson to be learnt and remembered. AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

Perhaps you are

only now emerging triumphant from a trial of wills at work. Even though diplomacy may not be your greatest asset at the moment, there seems to be little you can do to sabotage your professional relationships. Why not take the line of least resistance?

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)



alters its position, this will do little to affect the status of a current agreement. It will, however, give you a breathing space in which to sort out various practical details. You have about another ten days before commitment is required.

CORRIGENDUM

Reference the Tender Notice issued by this Office vide No. PTS/RECR/TENDER/2023-24/34 - A dated Shg., 22nd January 2024 and based on the outcome of the Pre Bid Meeting held on the 5th February, 2024 at DGP's Conference Hall, the Pre Bid Committee had made corrections in the Clauses of the Tender Notice. Full details regarding the Corrigendum Notice are available in the Office of the undersigned during office hours as well as in the Meghalaya Police Department website http://megpolice.gov.in Deputy Inspector General of Police (ER)

-cum- Chairman, Pre-Bid Tender Committee, Meghalaya, Shillong.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER

MIPR No: 1627

Dt: 8.2.24

RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BALASORE

0-2479 E-Mail ID: serw_balasore@yahoo.in Ph-No-- 06782/260318, "e" Procurement Notice for Road Work

Identification No.- Online Tender- Road N.C.B. No. 78 of 2023-24 Date. 07/02/2024

1. Name of the Work 2. Total No. of work

:- Road under MMSY-TRIP

3. Estimated Cost

:- 3 Nos, of Roads

NAME OF

No. BOARD/CORP./AUTH

4. Eligible Class

Contractor

:- From Rs. 613.71 Lakhs to Rs. 833.09 lakhs

5. Period of Completion 6. Other details

"A" & "Special" Class (of Odish P.W.D.) or relevant Class of other Licensing authorities (as per annexure) From 09 (Nine) to 11 (Eleven) Calender months for the work

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	tender O	oility of n-line for ding	Last Date & Time of seeking Tender	Date & Opening of in O/O S Circle, B	of Tender .E.R.W.
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle,		From	To	Clarification	Technical Bid	Financi al Bid
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Construction Engineer, Rural Works	N.C.B. No75	13.02.2024 at 10.00 A.M	27.02.2024 Up to 5.00 P.M	26.02.2024 Up to 5.00 P.M.	28.02.2024 at 10.00 A.M	Will be intimated latter.

Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in

NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER

ESTORATE FOR AUCHIDITATION OF 220 MV SUBSTRIBUN

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SHEPLA-ASSAUDHA TRANSMISSION LINE (ROHTAK)

Er. N.V Harihar Rao Chief Construction Engineer (OIPR-25105/11/0102/2324) R.W. Circle, Balasore

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE No. EL/118/21R, 64,/2023-24/W6/TF Dt 07.02.2024 DRM (Electrical) Jaipur, for

and on the behalf of president of Union of India, invites e-tenders for following works: 1. NIT No.: EL/JP/21 R/2023-24 Name of Work: JP Div.: Provision of 08Nos. Escalator at Khatipura Station (Electrification of Escalator only) NIT Cost: 21,11,484 Earnest Money: 42200/- Tender Opening Date: 29.02.2024 2. NIT No.: EL/JP/64/2023-24 Name of Work: Provision of individual MPCB for water pumps and shifting of its controller to onboard in set of panels for LHB Non-AC/EOG coaches NIT Cost: 617934 60 Earnest Money:12400/- Tender Opening Date: 29.02.2024 Note: Date & time of closing of e-tenders: On tender opening date Upto 15.00 hours. Date & time of e-tender opening: On tender opening date after 15.00 hours. Complete details of tender can be seen on website No.: http:// www.ireps.gov.in 170-AC/24

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WEBSITE OF THE BOARD

CORP./AUTH

www.hvpn.org.in

www.hypn.org.in

Open Tender Notice No-: NER-BSB0SnT-OT-04-2024

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

"Open Tenders" through Online (E-Tendering) are invited by Divisional Railway Manager (Signal & Telecomm) /Varanasi/ N.E. Railway for and behalf of the President of India for the following works:

S.N.1:Tender Notice No. and Description of Work: NER-BSB0SnT-OT-04-2024: Name of of work: Signalling work in connection with Engineering work related to LHSW etc in the section of SrDSTE/II/Varanasi. Approx. Value: ₹93,56,071.73, Earnest Money ₹1,87,100.00, Cost of Tender Form 0.00, Completion period: 12 Months, Tender Closing date & Time: 01.03.2024 up to 15.00 Hrs.

 Tender Online will be submitted up to 15 Hrs on date 01.03.2024 2. For full details and submission of bid kindly visit the Official website of Indian railways i.e. www.ireps.gov.in Divi. Rly. Manager(S&T)

Never travel on roof and foot boards.

Date:07.02.2024

NADU CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION Head Office, 12, THAMBUSAMY ROAD, 100 KILPAUK, CHENNAI-600 010. Ph.No. (044) 26426773, Email id.: tncsc.tn@nic.in CIN:U15137TN1972SGC006157

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-TENDER No.BS4/048800/2023/TNCSC/23-24

NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT

DETAILS/EMAIL

01722583789

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Online e-tender invited for "THE PURCHASE OF 1,34,000 Nos. of 'Y' cone as per specifications.

Complete e-tender document can be viewed and downloaded through https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app from 10.02.2024 @ 9.00 A.M.

The bidders have to participate only online bidding with Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class-II or Class-III

Last Date for Online Submission: 24.02.2024,

up to 11.30 A.M.

Managing Director

🚳 EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🚳 OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE DHANBAD DIVISION, STORES DEPARTMENT

Open Tender Batch No- 22/2024, Dt. 06/02/2024 E-Tender Notice for supply of materials "Participation in through" Web Portal of IREPS www.'reps.gov.in Offers are invited for supply of the following material. The closing time for the tender is at 14.00 Hrs. 1. Tender No.: 39235668B (i) Short Description of Item: HUCK BOLTING MACHINE WITH POWER PACK AND TOOLS SIZE: 1/2", 3/4", 5/8",1" & 1 3/8" as per Annexure attached. (ii) Quantity: 04

Sets, (iii) Publishing Date & Time:

31 January 2024 19:01 Hrs. (iv) Tender

Closing Date & Time: 29 February 2024

14:00 Hrs. 2. Tender No.:39235324D (i) Short Description of item: Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Electric Driven Screw Air Compressor of 300 CFM at 10 kg/cm2 Specification as per annexure attached. Make: ELGI, Sullair, or similar. (II) Quantity: 02 Sets (iii) Publishing Date & Time: 31 January 2024 18:19 Hrs. (Iv) Tender Closing Date & Time: 29 February 2024 14:00 Hrs

Participants are required to submit their offer only on-line through the web Portal of IREPS www.ireps.gov.in before the closing date and time. Other details regarding Consignee and detailed description of stores are available in tender document in tender notice on the above portal.

PR/02254/DHN/STORE/T/23-24/40

जिला निर्वाचन कार्यालय, रेवाडी दूरमाष - 01274-222779 ई-मेल elt rwr@yahoo.in

पुराका निर्यासन-2024 / 180

जानी है अतः लोक समा/विधानसभा जाम चुनाव 2024 के दौरान महत्वपूर्ण घटनाओं की विडियोंग्राकी करनवाने हेतू आन लाईन दिनोंक 12.02.2024 प्रात: 10.00 बजे से दिनोंक 20.02.2024 को सांय 3.00 बजे तक ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है जो कि दिनांक 21.02.2024 को सांच 11:00 के बाद खोली जायेगी।

आनलाईन निवेदावें दो बोली प्रणाली (Two Bid System) के आधार पर खोली जाएंगी। वेबसाईट के रजिस्टर्ड यूजर द्वारा https://etenders.hry.nic.in वेबसाईट से निविदा मरी जा सकती है।

टेंडर प्रोसेसिंग फीस रूपये 1180/- जो कि नान रिफंडेबल है।

2. टेंडर फीस राशि रूपये 5000/-जो कि नान रिफंडेबल है।

EMD राशि के रूप में रूपये 100000/- रिफंडे-ल है।

तक वेबसाईट https://etenders.hry.nic.in पर गरी जा सकती है। निविदा दिनांक 21.02.2024 को सार्च 11:00 के परचात ऑनलाईन खोली जायेगी। निविदा से संबंधित अन्य आदश्यक जानकारियां एवं निर्देश उपराक्त वेबसाईट पर उपलब्ध है।

क्तोः उपायुक्त एवं जिला निर्वाचन अधिकारी,

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Road Infrastructure (TEC), N.R.Square, Bengaluru-02 No. EE/RI-TEC/TEND/13/2023-24 Dated: 08-02-2024

Short Term Tender Notification (Request for Proposal (RFP)) (Through KPP Portal only) Two Cover System

Bengaluru on behalf of the Chief Commissioner, BBMP invites tenders from eligible Agencies / Consultancy Firms who have registered in any State Government organizations and license holders from labour department for the Man Power Supply detailed in the table below.

SI. No.	Name of the Work	Value of Work / Service including GST (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (Rs.)	
1	Availing Graduate / Diploma Engineers and Literate Assistants	50 F 50 D 4 S 6 S 79	2,15,000/	

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the KPP Portal from 09.02.2024 (1) Last Date for Tender queries: 15.02.2024 up to 3.00 pm. (2) Pre bid Meeting on 15.02.2024 at 4.30 pm at Office of Engineering-in-Chief, No. 109, 1st Floor, Annex Building 2, N.R. Square, Bengaluru. (3) Last Date for Receipt of Tender is 20.02.2024 up to 4.00 pm. (4) Date of opening of technical Bid is 21.02.2024 by 4.30 pm. (5) Date of opening of financial Bid: After approval of Technical Bid. For details, registration and e-payment visit GOK KPP

e-procurement Helpdesk at 080-22371090, 22373788.

Road Infrastructure (TEC) Division, BBMP

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



a identified dead body of a male namely Pappu, S/o: Sadhu Singh, R/o: Begabond Parking Shamshan Ghat, Tihar Village, Delhi found dead on 31.01.2024. In this regard DD No. 04 A dated 31.01.2024, has been lodged at

General public is hereby informed that

Police Station, Hari Nagar, New Delhi. Identification of identified dead body of male is as under: Name: Pappu, Age: 40 Years, Height: 5'6",

Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long, Built: Medium, Wearing: Multidar Checkdar Shirt, Grey & Black Colour Jacket and Blue Colour Pant and Bare Feet.

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

Police Station, Hari Nagar, New Delhi Ph.: 011-28255719, 8750871128 DP/1605/WD/2024

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Where as complaint has been made before me that accused Abhishek @ Kunal S/o Sh. Rajesh Kumar, R/o- H. No. 785, Gram Sabha, Village- Pooth Kalan, Delhi has committed (or suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide FIR No. 130/19 U/s 25/54/59 Arms Act P.S. North Rohini, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused Abhishek @ Kunal can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Abhishek @ Kunal has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Abhishek @ Kunal of case FIR No. 130/19 U/s 25/54/59 Arms Act P.S. North Rohini, Delhi is required to appear before this court (or before me) to answer the complaint on or before the day of 19.03.2024. By Order,

Ms. Deepali Shrivastava Metropolitan Magistrate (N/W) Room No. 107, First Floor Rohini Court, Delhi

DP/1534/RD/2024 (Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr.PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Igbal, S/o Achhan Phelwan R/o Kuldeep Tyagi Makan, Vill. Burari, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No.719/15 u/s 324/323/34 IPC, P.S. Burari, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Iqbal cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused lqbal has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Igbal of FIR No.719/15 u/s 324/323/34 IPC, P.S. Burari, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 14.03.2024. Sh. Mayank Aggarwal

Metropolitan Magistrate-09 DP/1540/N/2024 Central, Room No.286, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

JANASANYOG/CF/5392/23/9-FEB-24

No. CE/Maint/MMPPNA/01/2023-24/18

(approx.) including GST etc. from approved & eligible Contractors registered with PWRD, Assam. Details may be seen from 09-02-2024 to 16-02-2024 at website www.assamtenders.gov.in. Amendment / Addendum to the SBD, if any, and further notifications shall appear in this website and

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

DATE

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, PWD (ROADS),

ASSAM, CHANDMARI, GUWAHATI-03

PRESS NOTICE RE-INVITING TENDER

The Chief Engineer (Roads), PWRD, Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3 invites rebid on behalf of

Governor of Assam for 6 (Six) packages for Construction of Roads & Bridges including Routine

Maintenance for 4 (four) years under Mukhya Mantrir Paki Path Nirman Achani (MMPPNA) for the

year 2023-24 in Dhubri, Hojai & Nagaon Districts of Assam amounting to Rs. 16,509 Crores

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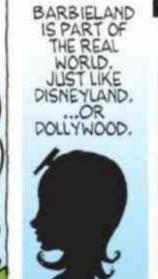
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

also at the office of the undersigned during office hours. The contractor/bidder must be registered with the Electronic Tendering System (ETS) of PWRD, Assam website www.assamtenders.gov.in. Formal work order will be issued after receipt of Administrative Approval from competent authority. Note: N.I.T Value is inclusive of GST (12%), Labour cess (1%) etc.

> Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads) Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3



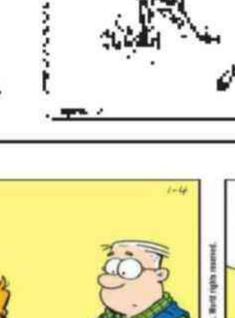


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Shreyas Iyer: AWOL

Proficient player of spin, the batsman's game has deserted him this series, as has several other facets

SRIRAM VEERA

MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 8

KEVIN PIETERSEN was raging, "Listen, when Kohli comes back and other guys come back [KL Rahul and Ravindra Jadeja] and these are the days these boys are going to look back and go, 'oh why did I not get a hundred? I had the opportunity to get the hundred'. And when you are sloppy like that, getting out doesn't impress me at all," the former England batsman, and now television pundit, fumed after the first innings in the second Test at Vizag. His anger was directed at India's No.4 for the game Shreyas Iyer

Now, even without Virat Kohli playing, but the "other guys" returning, the pressure is still on lyer. Luckily for him, his contender Rajat Patidar didn't make it count either and the shootout between the two for a spot in the team when the third Test swings into action in Rajkot on February 15 will be interesting. With Rahul's return, India might want the more overtly aggressive lyer in the mix but you never know. That it has come to this is lyer's own making.

One thing is clear from his brief Test career. He is not going to look 'composed' or show 'hunger' or notbe 'sloppy' intraditional terms as Pietersen wishes. That doesn't seem his way. As a batsman he puts himself in unique positions that can bewilder even former cricketers, let alone the fans.

In Visakhapatnam, he started to shuffle outside leg before the left-arm spinner Tom Hartley released the ball and returned to his original position to tap away the balls. That too irked Pietersen. "On this wicket, why are you doing that? What you are doing is you are messing yourself up, losing where your stumps are as a batter. I am more comfortable if you are coming towards the bowler, this here does nothing for me."

The thing that might have grated Pietersen is that Iyer is considered a good attacking batsman of spin: twinkling feet, the dare, the imagination, and the skill to pull it off, but it hasn't come off yet in this series. But that shuffle move, we have seen in the subcontinent before, usually in the whiteball cricket.

Pakistan's Salim Malik would do it to spinners, but he wouldn't retreat to the crease but remain there and slash-slice-cut through the off side. It seems lyer triggers himself for some dare, but doesn't quite go the whole hog. When he went towards the bowler in the second innings, as Pietersen wished, he went for an almighty heave against the turn and miscued it towards long-off.

Or take that position he adopted against James Anderson on a relatively placid track when the short-pitched stuff began. For a short while, he was pulling them down, but

AFTER BATTLING injuries and taking time

away from the game to be with his ailing fa-

ther, Deepak Chahar has set sights on a strong

IPL to remain in fray for a T20 World Cup berth.

Since Chennai Super Kings' win over Gujarat

Titans in the IPL final last year, the medium

pacer has only featured in eight matches across

formats - including a T20I against Australia -

Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Chahar has overcome

a tough couple of years. Despite the injuries

and the time he has spent away from the

game, that the selectors and the team man-

agement haven't shut the door on him was

evident when he was picked for the recent

T20Is against Australia. However, with his fa-

Earmarked as a perfect replacement for

before he sought a break for family reasons.

VENKATA KRISHNA B

CHENNAL FEBRUARY 8



It'll likely be a shootout between Shreyas Iyer and Rajat Patidar, who made his debut in Vizag, for a spot in the third Test. PTI

suddenly vanked to an approach he has used in the past. Moving outside leg stump, trying to swat balls over the off side. He didn't connect with any; once even nearly dragged on to his stumps, triggering smiles from Ollie Pope and co.

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Interestingly, that's the approach that Don Bradman took in the famous Bodyline series. With the field behind square on the leg packed (the rules would later be changed to not more than two men), and Larwood and Co. opened the dam of bouncers, Bradman had enough of trying to keep the ball down or sway away. As there were nothing but

moved outside leg and tried to slash them to the off side, Once, he even dragged a ball onto his stumps. The interesting approach divided the cricketing world. Some, like his own

ther suffering a brain stroke, Chahar was

granted a break. After returning to the game,

important. After that, I've started practising

and generally, you don't get one and a half or

two months' time to train properly because

you are playing some series or the other. It

was a great time to work on my body because

the next six months are crucial with the IPL

and a World Cup," Chahar said on the side-

lines of an event where Etihad Airways was

ness over the last few years (back and ham-

string), he made an impact in the matches

that he featured in. In the recent Syed

Mushtaq Ali T20s, he took 10 wickets in five

matches, and also scored at a strike rate of

171.79 in the cameos he played. It is this all-

round ability that has kept the team man-

Though Chahar has struggled with his fit-

announced as CSK's official sponsor.

"I'd to be with my family, which was more

he is set to use the IPL as a launch pad.

short balls to face, and he wanted runs, he

team-mate Jack Fingleton, saw it as the great batsman turning 'yellow', a minority saw it as a prudent way to get some runs against that line of attack.

On a flat track at Visakhapatnam, it was a

41-year old James Anderson, a swing great who has reinvented himself with seam bowling in the subcontinent and a man not known for bowling pacy-high-intense bouncers. And England didn't have any other medium pacer, forget paceman, in the XI. But that's how lyer likes to bat. For some reason, he is loath to sway or duck away. Neither is there a confidence that

he can continue to keep the ball down on the leg side with waiting English palms near the

It's not as if he hasn't worked in conventional ways in the recent past. As

agement and selectors interested in him as

India don't have many other seamers capa-

ble of contributing with the willow with

Shardul Thakur also falling out of favour. A

good outing for CSK in the IPL could make

Chahar an exciting prospect, more so as he

is capable of striking early in the Powerplay.

"It's an important IPL for everyone because

DEEPAK CHAHAR. Reuters

Mohammad Kaif would point out on Star Sports during the World Cup, he tweaked with his bat-lift. Previously, where he was holding the bat almost vertically up in his stance and tilting it further past the ears before the commencement of the downswing, he held it behind him, not quite parallel to ground but not extremely up. The whole swing had become tighter and smoother.

"If I can leave or keep it down, I definitely won't have a problem," he had said but lyer clearly doesn't want to do it. Does he feel it will encourage more bouncers, or thinks it's not the aggressive way he would like to see himself bat, or does he think it's not cool? But none of his current options are going to make the pacers, even a forty-plus medium pacer, not try the short stuff.

In the end, whether conventional or his own way, it would come down to success. If he backs away and collects fours on the untenanted off side, the critical world might shut up. Until then, forget them, the opposition fast bowlers and spinners are going to keep whirling away at him. He will have to make Rajkot count at all costs.

Chahar keen to swing into action again after tough years this is the first time everyone knows that the Indian squad (for the World Cup) will be decided based on the performance in the IPL You know the set-up - these are the players they're going to look for. Whoever performs well in this IPL will get the chance, Obviously, it puts additional extra pressure, but I believe in my strengths. Whichever team I've played for, I've contributed with bat and ball. It doesn't mat-

ter who is ahead of me," Chahar said. For a bowler who was touching the mid-140kmph during the 2018 and 2019 seasons, the constant injuries meant he lost a few yards of pace. And having spentthe last few months only on training and getting the strength back, Chahar said skill-wise, he is feeling at his best. "This is the right time for me to increase my pace. I'm trying to develop a few shots with the bat too because when you come in at No.8 or No.9, you only get to play 3-4 balls. So you have to utilise those balls with different shots."

U-19 WC: Australia edge out Pakistan but 15-year-old Raza has world at his feet

PRATYUSH RAJ

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8

THREE YEARS ago, Muhammad Masroor, Pakistan U-19 assistant batting coach saw a 12-year-old with torn shoes bowling his heart out in the nets at Rana Naved-ul-Hasan cricket academy in Sheikhpura. The boy was Ali Raza, who on Thursday, almost took Pakistan into the final of the U-19 World Cup.

"Raza is a future prospect," Masroor had told The Indian Express on the eve of the semifinal. "He hails from Nankana Sahibin Sheikhpura. He has played most of his cricket in the village. He hates going to the gym. He just loves bowling in the nets; you have to literally pull him out. That part of Pakistan has always produced good pacers such as Mohammed Asif, Aaqib Javed, and Rana Naved-ul-Hasan. All three were masters of their craft," said Masroor.

It was Masroor, who spotted Raza's potential and in November 2022, selected the youngster in a home series against Bangladesh.

"We were playing a three-day game at the Rana Naved Cricket Academy. In the morning, I saw a young boy wipe and clean the nets with the broom, and bowl for two hours on the trot. During lunch, he rested for an hour and started bowling again. He is that lambi race ka ghoda (in for a long haul). He knows how to bowl long spells that you don't see in the current pacers. He is not a T20 bowler," Masroor had said.

All the traits Masroor had spoken about were visible in the semi-final clash. The 15year-old bowled with cramps, hobbled off after bowling his last over, but only after conjuring one of the finest spells of the tournament picking up 4 for 34. But it was not enough as the last wicket stand between Raf MacMillan (19 not out) and Callum Vidler (2 not out) took Australia home and set up the final clash against India. He is so tiny but I can

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FORMER WEST INDIES PACER

they (Pakistan)

their hands.

IANBISHOP

"I will remember this spell from this young man for a long time,' former West Indies fast bowler Ian Bishop gushed in commentary. "He is a super star!"

Chasing Australia were in control with their openers negotiating the early burst from Ubaid Shah. Raza provided Pakistan the first breakthrough after he cleaned up Sam

Konstas. A mini-collapse reduced Australia to 59 for in 16. 3 overs before Harry Dixon (50) and Oliver Peake (49) put on a 43-run stand for the fifth wicket. But left-armspinner Arafat Minhas (2/20) castled both the set batters with rapid arm-balls to turn the tide again.

Raja turned in figures of 4-0-9-3 in his second spell to almost seize a victory. "This is absolute gold from Ali Raza," Bishop screamed in his iconic way after Raza dismissed Australia's No 10 Mahli Beardman.

Ubaid Shah and Mohammed Zeeshan failed to repeat the performances that they showed against Bangladesh and Australia's last wicket partnership sneaked to the final.

Unearthing a gem

Despite the loss, in Raza, Pakistan has unearthed a gem that Bishop feels if nurtured carefully can become an all-time great for the country. "He is so tiny but I can tell you from what I can see that this kid is quick. For the next three years, he needs to be nurtured. He should get the world's best strength conditioning coach. He is a finished product that just needs a little bit of



Ali Raza took four wickets but Pakistan lost to Australia in the semifinals. ICC

fine-tuning. If they (Pakistan) would do that, they have a real talent on their hands," Bishop said.

Masroor, who has seen the boy from close guarters in Pakistan U-19 set up as well as at Rawalpindi Raiders in the Pakistan Junior League (PJL), believes it is Raza who will play for Pakistan before Ubaid and Zeeshan.

"Ubaid and Zeesahan have injury-prone actions. If they will bowl in the pressure situation in the PSL or any match, they will succumb. But not Raza, this boy has got a big heart. When Ubaid and Zeeshan play first-class cricket, they will break down The training in Pakistan is all gym-oriented nowadays. They are not bowling too many overs in the nets. Raza can bowl long spells. All three of them are good talents but it is work ethics after the U-19 World Cup that matters the most," said Masroor.

Raza had developed a passion for the sport while playing in the school cricket tournaments.

"To participate in any local tournament, would personally finance my trips to neighbouring areas and try to play. However, the participating teams would not give me a chance but I stayed dedicated and waited for my opportunity. On one occa-

sion, they gave me a couple of overs and I impressed them with my skills. From thereon, I earned the respect of my peers and would often win my local team tournaments," Ali had said on PCB's YouTube channel.

"Masroor bhai has supported me a lot. He sat down with me to analyse my bowling and expand my armoury with variations. Additionally, he supervised a consistent run for me at the Pakistan Junior League as well."

At 15, Raza has the world on his feet as Bishop said he can still play two U-19 World Cups. but he needs to be taken care of, which Masroor feels is going to be a challenge.

"Sadly, we don't have that system for the fast bowlers. We don't have a proper rehab system. We don't have good bowling coaches. The biomechanics labs are also not working. Raza indeed is a future superstar but we all have to take care of him like our own kids."

BRIEF SCORES: Pakistan Under-19s 179 (Awais 52, Minhas 52; Straker 6/24 lost to Australia Under-19s 181/9 (Peake 49; Raza 4/34) by one wicket

FINAL: India vs Australia, Sunday

Why fans are angry with Messi and don't want him to return to Hong Kong

SAYAK DUTTA FEBRUARY 8

THE UNIVERSALLY adored Argentine superstar Lionel Messi has always stayed away from controversy for most of his glittening career. Until



Sunday when Messi, InterMiami and owner David Beckham was booed mercilessly in Hong Kong when the Argentine World Cup winner did

not come off the

bench due to an injury in a match against a local side. The anger turned into vitriol when a few days later Messi played 30 minutes in a match in Japan against Vissel Kobe.

Why did Lionel Messi opt to sit out the match in Hong Kong?

According to Inter Miami head coach Gerardo "Tata" Martino, Messi was deemed unfit to play in Sunday's match in the Hong Kong friendly. This was the second match Messi missed after he pulled out of playing against Al Nassr in Saudi Arabia which Miamilost 6-0.

What was Messi's reaction in not playing the Hong Kong friendly?

Lionel Messi's official Weibo account had already apologized to the Chinese fans after not playing in the Hong Kong match. "Anyone who knows me knows that I always want to play... especially in these games where we travel so far and people are excited to see our games. Hopefully we can come back and play a game in Hong Kong," the post read.

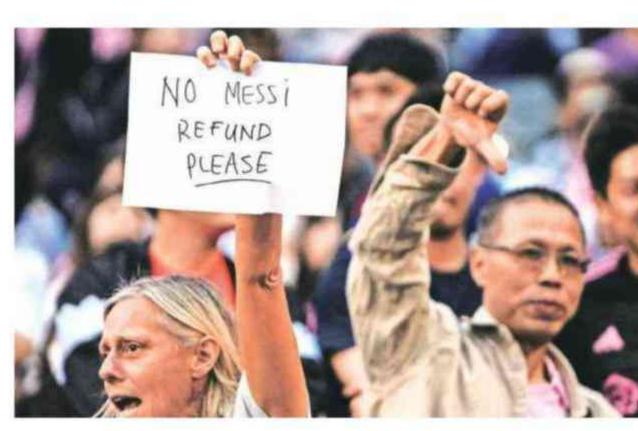
How has the government reacted to the controversy?

Global Times, China's state-controlled mouthpiece lashed into Messi and Inter Miami accusing them of meting out a differential treatment towards Hong Kong. "The match in Hong Kong became the

only one in Messi's six pre-season friendly matches on this trip where he was absent. The situation...has magnified these doubts and suspicions on the integrity of Inter Miami and Messi himself. Some mainland fans travelled 12 hours from Xinjiang to Hong Kong to see Messi with the disappointment of the government and fans entirely understandable. The impact of this incident has far exceeded the realm of sports," it wrote.

Sports lawmaker Kenneth Fok said the

incident "sprinkled salt wounds" on Hong



Fans in Hong Kong react after Lionel Messi sat on the bench during a friendly. AP

Kong fans while senior government advisor Reginalp wrote on Xthat "Hong Kong people hate Messi, Inter-Miami and the black hand behind them, for the deliberate and calculated snub to Hong Kong." "Messi should never be allowed to return to Hong Kong. His lies and hypocrisy are disgusting," she added.

What was the aftermath of the controversy?

In addition to over 40,000 fans not getting their tickets' worth with each costing HK\$5,000 (\$640), Messi's absence on the pitch led to Tatler Asia, who were the organizers of the event, forfeiting HK\$16 million

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GLOBALTIMES

CHINA'S STATE-CONTROLLED DAILY

(\$2 million) worth of government funding. According to Time, Tatler's CEO Michel Lamuniere said that Inter Miami had told them that Messi was fit to play but when it was time for him to, Miami had ignored appeals for Messi to address the fans.

Do the western clubs allegedly treat the Asian market as their biggest cash cow?

With the footballing landscape in Asia having undergone a paradigm shift over the last decade, most western clubs are eyeing the continent just to make a quick buck and nothing else. With the pre-season tour of Inter Miami again reopening the debate, the

Asian fans are slowly and steadily starting to see through the veneer. The best example of that will be of the recent match that Miami had against Kobe, with entire blocks of seating at the Japan National Stadium remaining unoccupied and just 28,614 tickets sold for the game.

Did China and Japan's uneasy relations add fuel to the Messi fire?

With a long history of strained relationships between China and Japan which dates to the second world war. Messi's decision to play 30 mins in the match in Japan opposed to no-show in Hong Kong has opened up some old wounds.

Even now, government ships from Japan and China have been in loggerheads over the issue of the disputed islands in the East China Sea. "Smiling in Japan but sulking in China, what can I say? He has picked a side and shown his politics. Don't come back again,' read one of the most popular comments at Weibo, according to Time.

What's next for Messi and Inter Miami?

Inter Miami will wrap up their pre-season with a match with Messi's old club Newell's Old Boys before beginning the MLS season proper with a clash against Real Salt Lake on February 22.

What is freestyle chess, format that excites Carlsen

AMIT KAMATH FEBRUARY 8

WORLD NO 1 Magnus Carlsen will face off against world cham-



across the chess board in a new. innovative tournament starting Friday. It will be the first time the duo will com-

mand their miniature armies of carved pieces against each other since the Chinese GM sat down on the throne abdicated by Carlsen without a shot being fired. The duo will face off in a

unique format with a twist — a format popularised by the American chess legend Bobby Fischer called freestyle chess. The format promotes creativity from players by having unique starting positions on the board rather than having pieces on the back ranks in the same positions.

Besides the reigning world champion Liren and the current world no 1, the invitational tournament — called the Freestyle Chess G.O.A.T. Challenge — will also have six other players: with veterans Fabiano Caruana and Levon Aronian joined by young stars like Alireza Firouzja, Vincent Keymer, Nodirbek Abdusattorov, and Gukesh Dommaraju, who will be India's only representative.

What makes the tournament interesting is Carlsen has handpicked the rest of the seven challengers, who will face off at an expansive nature retreat in Germany called Weissenhaus Private Nature Luxury Resort. The resort previously played host to the G7 Foreign Ministers Summit in 2022.

The tournament will start with a round-robin event in the rapid format (with a time control of 25

minutes, 10-second increments for every move) on Friday and Saturday. This will be followed by the knockout stages: where all eight players will play quarters on Sunday and Monday, semis on Tuesday and Wednesday, and final on Thursday and Friday (time control will be 90 minutes for the first 40 moves with 30 more added minutes and a 30-second increment per move after move 30).

While the winner of the event stands to take home approximately Rs 50 lakh, the player finishing last also bags a cheque for approximately Rs 6.6 lakhs. Freestyle chess goes by multiple names: Fischer Random Chess, Chess 9LX, and Chess 960 (960 is the number of possible starting positions on the board when you shuffle your pieces on the last ranks of the board).

How this form of chess differs from the other forms is in the placement of the pieces on the board at the start of the game. While all the eight pawns of each colour remain in the second and the seventh ranks on the board like in regular chess, the position of the rest of the pieces - the rooks, the bishops, the knights, the queen, and the king - on the first and the last rank changes randomly at the start of the game. It must be noted that the pieces still retain their regular characteristics in action: rooks travel in straight lines, bishops saunter diagonally, and so on.

The purpose of changing the position of the pieces in the far ends of the board is to throw the meticulous opening preparations that chess players do, running into several moves, out of the window. Players only find out what the board position is before the game..

While promoting the event, Carlsen had called it "the format I have been waiting for".

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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE / CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

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Total income from Operations	2,792.14	2,883.64	2,236.86	8,301.42	6,251.27	9,921.20	2,884.22	2,986.83	2,346.51	8,588.20	6,587.27	10,367.93	
Net profit / (loss) (before tax & exceptional items)	245.97	299.10	212.95	772.67	598.73	883.19	313.79	328.36	177.92	905.20	590.29	891.00	
Net profit / (loss) (before tax & after exceptional items)	245.97	299.10	212.95	772,67	598.73	883.19	313.79	328,35	177.92	905.20	590.29	891.00	
Net profit after tax	185.12	230.44	227.42	577.22	528.65	776.83	244.70	250.78	190.00	682.85	508.75	765.23	
Profit is attributable to :													
Owners of the Parent	185.12	230.44	227.42	577.22	528.65	776.83	244.54	250.73	189.99	682.73	508.74	765.23	
Non Controlling Interest				3.53			0.06	0.05	0.01	0.12	0.01		
Total comprehensive income	182.85	237.01	225.87	582.03	537.79	787.94	242.40	257.35	188.45	687.63	517.84	776.29	
Equity share capital	188.10	188.10	188.10	188.10	188.10	188.10	188.10	188.10	188.10	188.10	188.10	188.10	
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(Face Value of ₹2/- each)													
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(b) Diluted (in ₹)	1.97	2.45	2.42	6.14	5.62	8.26	2.60	2.67	2.02	7.26	5.41	8.14	

- 1. The above standalone and consolidated financial results were reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and approved and the Company does not foresee any impairment in the value of investment at this stage. limited review of the financial results for the Quarter and nine months ended 31" Dec. 2023.
- notified under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with relevant rules thereunder and in terms of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Usting obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (as Amended) and other recognised accounting practices and
- 3. The above is an extract of the detailed format of the financial results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended. The full format of the aforesaid financial results are available on the Stock Exchanges website of BSE (https://www.bseindia.com), NSE (https://www.nseindia.com) and Company's website Date: 8th February, 2024
- 4. Ministry of Railway (MoR) vide letter dated 18.10.2021 has decided in principle for closure of Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Limited, a joint venture company and transfer of its assets and liabilities to RLDA/Railways. The transaction pricing and
- 5. Ministry of Railway (MoR) has granted in-principle approval for closure of Bastar Railway Private Limited, a joint venture company and
- transfer of its assets and liabilities to MoR. The legal formalities, pricing and related modalities are in process.
- 6. It has been decided to handover Phase- I (Angul Balram, 14 KM already operational) and Phase- II (Balram-Putgadia-Tentuloi,54 KM under construction) of MCRL Project to Ministry of Railways (MoR). The legal formalities, pricing and related modalities are in process
- by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 8° February 2024. The Statutory Auditors of the company have conducted 7. Interim Dividend of Rs. 1.80 per equity share on face value of Rs 2/- per share for the year 2023-24 was approved in BoD held on 8" February, 2024.

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